

**ROSLYN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Meeting of the Board of Education**

**Tuesday, May 17, 2022**

**9:30 P.M.**

**Minutes**

**BUSINESS MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ELECTION RESULTS**

**The follow participants were present via ZOOM videoconference.**

Meryl W. Ben-Levy, President  
David Dubner  
Alison Gilbert after taking the Oath of Office  
Robert Koonin after taking the Oath of Office  
Michael Levine  
David Seinfeld  
Bruce Valauri

**ALSO PRESENT**

Allison Brown	Superintendent
Susan Warren	Assistant Superintendent for Business and Administration
Karina Báez	Assistant Superintendent for Primary Education
Michael Goldspiel	Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education
Nancy Carney Jones	District Clerk
Carrie Anne Tondo	School Attorney

**ABSENT**

Jaideep Grewal	Student Delegate
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**9:30 p.m. - Board of Education Meeting**

**Ms. Ben-Levy called the board meeting to order at 10:56 pm. She thanked everyone for their patience as to the late start of the meeting, the count of the vote needed to be finalized.**

**Preliminary Announcements**

*As authorized by Legislation, signed by Governor Kathy Hochul on September 2, 2021, and as amended and extended, by subsequent Executive Order, this meeting is being held remotely by videoconferencing and the public will not be permitted to attend the meeting in-person. The meeting will be video broadcasted in order to provide the public with the ability to view or listen to the meeting. This meeting will also be recorded and later transcribed in accordance with Chapter 417 of the New York Laws of 2021*

## Pledge of Allegiance

### **ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE & ELECTION:**

EDUCATION LAW REQUIRES THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE CLOSING OF THE POLLS.

Annual Budget Vote and Election of Trustees

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

In accordance with the NOTICE duly published for four weeks in The Roslyn News and Long Island Business News, the vote upon the budget, and selection of three members of the Board of Education was held at the Roslyn High School on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Copy of the Official Ballot is attached to the official minutes of this meeting.)

Meryl Waxman Ben-Levy was appointed by the Board of Education to be the Chairperson of the Meeting. Ms. Ben-Levy opened the polls at 7:00 a.m. and Ms. Ben-Levy announced the closing of the polls at 9:00 p.m. The results of the vote on Propositions 1, 2, 3 and 4 were as follows:

#### **Proposition #1:**

BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed budget of expenditures adopted by the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District for the 2022-2023 school year in the amount of \$122,145,193 be approved, and the amount thereof shall be raised by a levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the school district, after first deducting the monies available from State Aid and other sources as provided by law.

#### VOTES

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
487	150

#### **Proposition #2**

BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed budget of the Bryant Library in the amount of \$5,093,169 as prepared by the Trustees of said Library for the 2022-2023 school year and that the amount of \$5,064,369 be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable real property in the Roslyn Union Free School District be and hereby are approved.

#### VOTES

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
522	119

#### **Proposition #3:**

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to: (a) purchase various school buses and vans for use by the District, including related equipment and apparatus, and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$396,000.00; (b) that a tax

is hereby voted in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$396,000.00 to pay such cost, said tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; (c) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of not to exceed \$396,000.00 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable, and (d) that, in lieu of bonds, the District is authorized to enter into one or more installment purchase contracts for the purchase of some or all of said buses and vans, for a term not to exceed five (5) years; and a tax is hereby voted to pay each installment on any such contract.

VOTES

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
484	149

**Proposition #4:**

SHALL the Board of Education be authorized to expend a sum not to exceed \$2,139,116.50 from the 2015 Construction Capital Reserve fund established in May 2015 and \$2,314,573.89 from the 2017 Construction Capital Reserve fund established in May 2017 for the purpose of performing the following projects: (1) new walk-way and stair to existing press box, (2) replace perimeter fencing and install screen plantings and gates, (3) renovate existing scoreboard, (4) resurface existing track, (5) replace synthetic turf fields, (6) replace perimeter drain covers, (7) install track and field runways, pits and jumps, (8) furnish and install track equipment storage building (with screen plantings), (9) furnish and install field lighting and (10) High School Classroom Upgrades and all labor, materials, equipment, apparatus, and incidental costs associated therewith.

VOTES

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
486	141

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

To elect three (3) members of the Board of Education. One (1) term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 2022 and terminating June 30, 2025; the remainder of one (1) unexpired term commencing May 17, 2022 and terminating June 30, 2022 followed by a three (3) term commencing July 1, 2022 and terminating June 30, 2025, and the remainder of one (1) unexpired term commencing May 17, 2022 and terminating June 30, 2023.

The results of the Election of Trustees as announced by the Chairperson of the Meeting were:

Robert Koonin (478)                      Alison Gilbert (470)                      Bruce Valauri (470)

Write – In Votes:

Rachel Bloom -2 votes, Jeff Borowick, Robert M. Brill, Donald Duck, Ron Gerber -3 votes, Pam Gluckin, Slash Green,Axl Green, Adam Haber, Kamala Harris, Helen Kim,

Darren Klein, Benjamin Klein, Mitchell Klein, Steven Litvack, Jordan Mathis, Janice Mathis, Mickey Mouse – 6 votes, Elon Musk, Scott Nussbaum – 2 votes, David Pelton, Diane Plotnisky -2 votes, Adam Russ, Robert Spitalnik, Frank Tassone, Judy Winters Omid Zareh

### **Board Members**

**Ms. Ben-Levy introduced the following new board members:**

Robert Koonin will begin his term this evening as the remainder of one (1) unexpired term commencing May 17, 2022 and terminating June 30, 2022, followed by a three (3) year term commencing July 1, 2022 and terminating June 30, 2025.

**In lieu of a runoff election due to the tie between Dr. Alison Gilbert and Dr. Bruce Valauri the following agreement has been reached:**

In lieu of a run off due to a tie vote, the parties hereby agree that: Bruce Valauri will serve as Trustee of the Board of Education for the remainder of one unexpired term commencing from May 17, 2022 through June 30, 2023 and Alison Gilbert will serve as Trustee of the Board of Education for the term of office commencing from May 17, 2022 through June 30, 2025.

They entered into this agreement of their own free will and without any coercion or duress.

**Ms. Ben-Levy congratulated the new and returning board members.**

WITH A QUORUM OF THE BOARD BEING PRESENT AT THIS TIME, I ASK THAT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE TRUSTEES PRESENT:

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District hereby accepts the results of the **May 17, 2022 Budget Vote and Board Trustee Election.**

**Meryl W. Ben-Levy**

**David Dubner**

**Michael Levine**

**David Seinfeld**

**Bruce Valauri**

CHAIRPERSON: **Meryl W. Ben-Levy**

**Administration of Oath of Office to Newly Elected Board Members on May 17, 2022**

Ms. Ben-Levy administered the Oath of Office to the following board trustees: Robert Koonin, Alison Gilbert and Bruce Valauri.

## **Business Meeting**

Recommendation to accept the minutes from the following meeting(s):  
May 5, 2022

**Ms. Ben-Levy moved, seconded by Mr. Dubner, carried by a vote of 6-0, (Mr. Levine abstained) to accept the minutes for May 5, 2022.**

### **Board President's Comments**

Ms. Ben-Levy thanked the community for supporting our schools by voting to pass the budget with such high numbers. She thanked the school Administrators for their hard work on this budget. She spoke of how the budget reflects the goals of the Board of Education and the initiatives of the Administration. Ms. Ben-Levy credited Ms. Brown for achieving the balance between the goals and initiatives of the district within the budget. Ms. Ben-Levy thanked all those involved with the budget. Ms. Ben-Levy also recognized Mr. Steve Litvack who will now be the Chairperson of the Citizen Audit Committee.

### **Superintendent's Comments**

Ms. Brown thanked the community for their support in passing the budget. She thanked the members of her Administration for their outstanding work. She welcomed Robert Koonin, Alison Gilbert to the Board and thanked Bruce Valauri for his continued work on the Board of Education. In addition, Ms. Brown thanked Ms. Ben-Levy for all her continued support and for everything she does for the children of Roslyn.

### **Student Delegate's Comments**

Mr. Grewal was not in attendance this evening.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT Limited to Agenda Items ONLY**

(Will be limited to ½ hour, no more than 2 minutes per speaker).

Though not required by law, the Roslyn Board of Education invites public comment during its meetings. Citizens will be recognized by the presiding officer. Please state your name and address before speaking and direct all comments to the Board. This is not a time for citizen to citizen exchanges. We ask that comments not include the names of students or staff members, and comments are not permitted with respect to confidential matters. Please also be reminded that Board meetings are designed by law to facilitate the school district's business and provide for public Board deliberations. Thank you

No comments.

**Ms. Ben-Levy made a motion to move agenda items BOE.1 and BOE.2 out of order.**

**Ms. Ben-Levy moved, Dr. Valauri seconded and carried by a vote of 7-0 to move agenda items BOE.1 and BOE.2 out of order.**

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION:**

**BOE.1 WHEREAS**, Board Policy Number 2300 includes provision for the election of Board Officers at the annual reorganization meeting held in July, including the Office of the Vice President;

**WHEREAS**, the Office of the Vice President of the Board of Education is currently vacant;

**WHEREAS**, the Board wishes to suspend Board Policy 2300 as it relates to the election of the Office of the Vice President at the annual reorganization meeting for the purpose of immediately electing a Board Member to fulfill the vacancy of the Vice President from May 17, 2022 through July 13, 2022, the date of the Board's annual reorganization meeting; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby suspends Board Policy 2300 as it relates only to the election of the Office of the Vice President at the annual reorganization meeting in July in order to immediately elect a Board Member to fulfill the vacancy of the Office of the Vice President from May 17, 2022 through July 13, 2022, the date of the annual reorganization meeting.

**BOE.2** Nomination for the Office of Vice President of the Board for May 17, 2022 through July 13, 2022

Election of Vice President: Name: Michael Levine  
Motion: Ms. Ben-Levy                      Second: Mr. Seinfeld                      Vote 7-0

Ms. Ben-Levy administered the Oath of Office to the Mr. Levine, Vice President

**Ms. Ben-Levy made a motion to move the agenda as a consent agenda.**

**Ms. Ben-Levy moved, Dr. Valauri seconded and carried by a vote of 7-0, to move the agenda as a consent agenda.**

**Ms. Ben-Levy moved, Mr. Dubner seconded and carried by a vote of 7-0, to adopt the consent agenda.**

**ACTION ITEMS**

Action may be taken for each individual resolution or by the titled subgroups. Bracketed information following resolutions is not part of the Board's official action and does not become part of the official record.

**PERSONNEL:**

**ALL PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS LISTED ARE FUNDED IN THE CURRENT BUDGET UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED**

**P.1.** It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the following resolution be adopted:

**RESOLVED**, that the Roslyn Board of Education approves the appointments, resignations, terminations, elimination of positions, transfers, and leaves of absence as detailed in the Personnel Action Reports attached as **(Attachment P.1 Professional)**

**P.2.** It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the following resolution be adopted:

**RESOLVED**, that the Roslyn Board of Education approves the appointments, resignations, terminations, elimination of positions, transfers, and leaves of absence as detailed in the Personnel Action Reports attached as **(Attachment P.2 Classified)**

**BUSINESS/FINANCE:**

**ALL ITEMS ON THE BUSINESS/FINANCE PORTION OF THE AGENDA ARE WITHIN THE BUDGET UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED**

**B.1.** Recommendation to approve the following contracts and to authorize the Board of Education President to execute (those contracts marked with an asterisk have been prepared pursuant to a previous award of an RFP or bid):

- (i) Contractor: Fifth Asset, Inc. d/b/a DebtBook  
 Services: GASB 87 Compliance Analysis for the District  
 Fees: Total estimated not to exceed \$8,900.00  
 (Agreement is subject to review and approval by District counsel)

**B.2.** Recommendation to approve **2021-22** general fund appropriation requests:

<u>FROM BUDGET CODE</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
1621-443-03-9000-310	MAINT PROF/TECH SVCES	\$44,819.56
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$44,819.56</b>

<u>TO BUDGET CODE</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
1620-423-04-9000-310	FUEL OIL – EH	\$15,548.11
1620-423-07-9000-310	FUEL OIL – HH	\$29,271.45
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$44,819.56</b>

REASON FOR TRANSFER REQUEST: To cover costs associated with an increase in heating oil prices.

**B.3.** Recommendation to approve **2021-22** general fund appropriation requests:

<u>FROM BUDGET CODE</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
2110-200-08-2200-801	TCHG EQUIP – SCIENCE	\$89,345.80
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$89,345.80</b>

<u>TO BUDGET CODE</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
2110-490-08-2200-801	OUTDOOR ED – BOCES TRIPS	\$89,345.80
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$89,345.80</b>

REASON FOR TRANSFER REQUEST: To cover the cost of the Anatomage Table installed in the high school in order to be eligible for BOCES aid.

**B.4.** Recommendation to approve **2021-22** general fund appropriation requests:

<u>FROM BUDGET CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
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1420-442-03-9000-303	LEGAL SVCES		\$22,032.00
		<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$22,032.00</b>

<u>TO BUDGET CODE</u>			<u>AMOUNT</u>
2110-473-03-9000-301	TCHG TUITION CHARTER SCH		\$22,032.00
		<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$22,032.00</b>

REASON FOR TRANSFER REQUEST: To allow for the eventual movement of the expense incurred for a student attending a charter school.

**B.5.** Recommendation to approve **2021-22** general fund appropriation requests:

<u>FROM BUDGET CODE</u>			<u>AMOUNT</u>
2070-430-03-9000-301	CONTR SVCES PROF DEVEL		\$10,000.00
		<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>

<u>TO BUDGET CODE</u>			<u>AMOUNT</u>
2060-490-03-9000-301	RESEARCH-BOCES SVCS		\$10,000.00
		<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>

REASON FOR TRANSFER REQUEST: To cover Curriculum & Instruction costs incurred through BOCES.

**B.6.** Recommendation to approve **2021-22** general fund appropriation requests:

<u>FROM BUDGET CODE</u>			<u>AMOUNT</u>
2280-490-08-5400-308	BOCES OCC ED		\$20,000.00
		<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>

<u>TO BUDGET CODE</u>			<u>AMOUNT</u>
2110-490-08-5600-308	BOCES CULT ARTS PGM		\$20,000.00
		<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>

REASON FOR TRANSFER REQUEST: To reallocate funds within the BOCES system to allow for payment from the appropriate budget codes.

**B.7.** Recommendation to approve revisions to the Cooperative Transportation Contract Bid for 2021-2022, which was initially approved on February 3, 2022 (item B.7.), amended first on March 3, 2022 (item B.1. (v)), and again on April 26, 2022 (item B.6.) to accommodate two additional students attending new schools traveling via vans provided by Everywhere Transportation.

**B.8.** Recommendation to accept, pursuant to receipt by the Roslyn UFSD Board of Education, a donation from the Class of 2012, Friends of Evan Friedlander, in the amount of \$1,827.58, to be appropriated to 1621.450.03.9000.310 in order to purchase a bench and plaque to be placed on the high school fields to commemorate their classmate, with the understanding that this increase in



appropriations is the result of unanticipated revenue and therefore will result in no impact on the tax levy.

### **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION:**

**C&I.1** Recommendation to accept the confidential stipulations of the CPSE for the dates listed below as well as the implementation plans for the corresponding special education programs, services and parent notification as previously approved by the Committee on March 14, 17, 22, 24 and 29, 2022, April 11 and 27, 2022.

**C&I.2** Recommendation to accept the confidential stipulations of the CSE for the dates listed below as well as the implementation plans for the corresponding special education programs, services and parent notification as previously approved by the Committee on March 23, 25 and 28, 2022, April 1, 5, 7, 8, and 13, 2022.

**C&I.3** Recommendation to approve Winsome Ware to attend the ASBO New York Education Summit & Expo in Saratoga Springs, New York from June 5 through 8, 2022 at an estimated cost to the district of ~~\$1,454.97~~ \$1,634.97.  
**Trip approved at April 7, 2022 board meeting. Agenda item C&I.6.**

**C&I.4** Recommendation to approve 180 students and 16 chaperones to attend Marching Band Camp at Camp Taconic in Hinsdale, Massachusetts from August 15, through August 21, 2022 at an estimated cost to the district of \$53,165.00 [Total cost of trip: \$162,775.00. Student contribution: \$109,610.00; district contribution: \$53,165.00] *\*Provisional approval is contingent upon Federal, State and Local conditions and guidelines regarding COVID-19 regulations.*

**C&I.5** Recommendation to approve Dr. Allyson Weseley and three students to attend the NYS Science Congress in Syracuse, NY from June 10 through June 11, 2022 at an estimated cost to the district of \$3,546.54.

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION:**

**BOE.1 and BOE.2** were moved to earlier in the meeting

**BOE.3 WHEREAS**, the Board of Education operates the Hilltop Academy which provides educational services to both resident and non-resident students; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education wishes to set the tuition rate to be paid for non-resident students for the 2022-2023 school year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby sets the tuition rate for the Hilltop Academy for the 2022-2023 school year at \$85,000.

**BOE.4** Recommendation to revise the 2022-2023 Board of Education Calendar of Meetings that was adopted on May 5, 2022 agenda. **(Attachment BOE.4).**

**Ms. Ben-Levy moved, seconded by Mr. Dubner and carried by a vote of 7-0, to accept the Personnel Agenda Items P.1 - P.2, Business/Finance Agenda Items B.1 – B.8, Curriculum and Instruction Agenda Items C&I.1 – C&I.4, and Board of Education Agenda Item BOE.3 – BOE.4 as a consent agenda.**

**Adjournment**

**There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, Ms. Ben-Levy made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Valauri, carried by vote of 7-0, to adjourn at 11:21 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
*Nancy Carney Jones*  
Nancy Carney Jones  
District Clerk**