

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

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

9:30 P.M.

Roslyn High School – North Gym

MINUTES

Meryl W. Ben-Levy, President
Michael Levine, Vice President
David Dubner
Alison Gilbert
Robert Koonin
Leigh Minsky
David Seinfeld

ALSO PRESENT

Michael Goldspiel	Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education
Susan Warren	Assistant Superintendent for Business and Administration
Nancy Carney Jones	District Clerk
Blake Sohmer	Student Delegate

ABSENT

Allison Brown	Superintendent
Karina Báez	Assistant Superintendent for Primary Education

8:00 p.m. – Executive Session

Pursuant to Public Officers Law, Section 105, duly moved, seconded, and carried by a vote of 7-0, that the Board of Education adjourns to Executive Session at 8:16 p.m., to discuss personnel issues. Ms. Ben-Levy moved, seconded by Mr. Minsky to executive session at 8:55 p.m.

**9:30 p.m. - Board of Education Meeting -
Immediately following the Budget Vote**

Ms. Ben-Levy called the board meeting to order at 9:42 p.m.

Preliminary Announcements
Emergency Procedures
Cell Phones

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 21, 2024

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 21, 2024 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Meryl Waxman Ben-Levy was appointed by the Board of Education to be the Chairperson of the Meeting.

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 2024-2025 school year in the amount of \$132,567,170 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>
517	192

Proposition #2

BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed budget of the Bryant Library in the amount of \$5,165,450 as prepared by the Trustees of said Library for the 2024-2025 school year and that the amount of \$5,165,450 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>
565	142

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 \$622,000; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$622,000 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

\$622,000 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>
511	181

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Three (3) -Three (3) year terms commencing July 1, 2024 and expiring June 30, 2027

Michael Levine (552)

David Seinfeld (530)

David Dubner (541)

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District hereby accepts the results of the **May 21, 2024 Budget Vote and Board Trustee Election** by roll call vote:

Meryl W. Ben-Levy	Yes
David Dubner	Yes
Alison Gilbert	Yes
Robert Koonin	Yes
Michael Levine	Yes
Leigh Minsky	Yes
David Seinfeld	Yes

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

Ms. Ben-Levy spoke of how gratified she is the budget passed; the district has a spending plan for next year and a community that supported it. She expressed how proud she is of her board colleagues, Vice-President Michael Levine, David Dubner and David Seinfeld for their devotion to the children of Roslyn and for their willingness to devote three more years of their life to the service of the Roslyn Public Schools.

Recommendation to accept the Claims Auditor's Report for April 2024

Ms. Ben-Levy moved, seconded by Mr. Minsky, carried by a vote of 7-0, to accept the Claims Auditor's Reports for April 2024.

Recommendation to accept the minutes from the following meeting:
May 13, 2024

Ms. Ben-Levy moved, seconded by Dr. Gilbert, carried by a vote of 6-0, (Mr. Levine abstained) to accept the minutes for May 13, 2024.

Board President's Comments

Ms. Ben-Levy announced Ms. Brown is ill this evening and will not be attending the meeting and thanked Ms. Brown for her leadership. In addition, she thanked Mr. Goldspiel, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education for his assistance in Ms. Brown's absence.

Superintendent's Comments

Mr. Goldspiel, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education spoke on behalf of Allison Brown. He spoke of the dedication and synergy of the members of the school district and the community who worked together all day to get the budget vote passed.

Ms. Ben-Levy thanked Susan Warren, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Administration and Ed Joyce, Assistant Business for their hard work on creating the budget. In addition, she thanked Carrie Anne Tondo, District Counsel for her legal support.

Student Delegate's Comments

Mr. Sohmer announced this would be his last meeting due to his schedule. He congratulated Messrs. Levine, Seinfeld and Dubner on their win this evening and thanked them on behalf of the students for all that they do for the students of Roslyn.

He outlined for the Board some of the recent activities at the High School: Orchestra and Band's Spring Concert, senior's final break together and AP Exams.

He spoke about this being the best athletic season with the number of teams making it to the playoffs:

Varsity Girls' Badminton, Varsity Girls Lacrosse, Varsity Boys Track and Field, Varsity Girls Track and Field, Varsity Girls Flag Football, Varsity Boys Lacrosse and

Varsity Boys Tennis.

Additional activities at the High School are the Junior class field day, INCubator final pitch night, ACCEerator final pitch night and the OCC Election.

Upcoming events for the senior class include the Senior Party, Senior Community Awards, Senior Prom, the Senior Walk and Graduation.

Mr. Sohmer thanked the Board of Education for an amazing year.

On behalf of the Board of Education, Ms. Ben-Levy presented Mr. Sohmer with a certification of recognition for his participation as the student delegate.

PUBLIC COMMENT Limited to Agenda Items ONLY

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

Though not required by law, the Roslyn Board of Education invites public comment during its meetings. Please fill out an index card with your name, address and comment topic. Citizens will be recognized by the presiding officer. Please 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 public comment.

Ms. Ben-Levy requested to take an agenda item out of order.

Ms. Ben-Levy moved, seconded by Dr. Gilbert, and carried by a vote of 7-0, to take agenda addendum item P.1 #10 out of order.

Ms. Ben-Levy moved, seconded by Mr. Dubner, and carried by a vote of 7-0, to adopt the agenda addendum item P.1 #10

Addendum
P.1 Professional

Item	Name	Action	Position / Replacing	Location	From	To	Tenure Area	Certification / Class / Step / Salary
10	Rachel Barshak	Probationary Appointment	Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Education Services (C.Samide)	DW	10/1/24	Prob. Ends 9/30/27*	Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Education Services	\$155,000 ,Per RASA Contract

On behalf of the Board of Education, Ms. Ben-Levy welcomed Rachel Barshak to the Roslyn Public Schools.

Ms. Barshak thanked the Board, and spoke of how excited she is to become part of the Roslyn team.

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

Ms. Ben-Levy moved, seconded by Mr. Levine, and carried by a vote of 7-0, to move the agenda and agenda addendum as a consent agenda.

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

P.3. Recommendation to increase the daily rate of pay to \$120.00 for Substitute Teaching Assistants effective 7/1/24.

P.4. Recommendation to increase the daily rate of pay to \$150.00 for Substitute Teachers effective 7/1/24.

P.5. Recommendation to increase the daily rate of pay to \$160.00 for Substitute Teacher Retirees effective 7/1/24.

BUSINESS/FINANCE:

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

B.1. Recommendation to approve **2023-24** general fund appropriation requests:

<u>FROM BUDGET CODE</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
2110-448-08-1900-801	FIELD TRIP EXP- MUSIC	\$8,843.93
	Subtotal	\$8,843.93

<u>TO BUDGET CODE</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
5510-163-03-9000-303	TRANS N C SAL SUPLM	\$8,843.93
	Subtotal	\$8,843.93

REASON FOR TRANSFER REQUEST: To cover transportation costs associated with trips to multiple schools for this year's Nassau Music Educators Association All-County events.

B.2. Recommendation to approve **2023-24** general fund appropriation requests:

<u>FROM BUDGET CODE</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
1670-200-03-9000-311	CENT PRINTING EQUIP	\$ 8,763.47
1680-440-03-9000-311	TRAV CONF WKSHP	\$ 2,297.65
	Subtotal	\$11,061.12

<u>TO BUDGET CODE</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
2630-450-03-1100-311	COMP SUPPLIES DW	\$11,061.12
	Subtotal	\$11,061.12

REASON FOR TRANSFER REQUEST: To cover the cost of security camera supplies and Chromebooks.

- B.3.** BID: #12686 UNIFORMS
Bid to Education Data Services, Inc.
Bid advertised – May 3, 2024
Bid opened – May 15, 2024
Number of bids emailed - 3
Number of bids received - 1

Recommendation: That, award based on low cost satisfactorily meeting specifications be made to Woods Mens & Boys Clothing, 658 Suffolk Avenue, Brentwood, NY, 11717 for an approximate total of \$40,000.00.

Estimated total cost is within the 2024-2025 budget. **(Attachment B.3.)**

- B.4.** Recommendation by Dr. Michael Brostowski, Director of Health, Physical Education, and Athletics, to declare as obsolete the attached item which is no longer of use in the district. It is not functioning and cannot be repaired. This item

may be sold as scrap, put up for auction, or discarded as is deemed appropriate.
(Attachment B.4.)

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 February 28, 29, 2024; March 5, 11, 2024 April 3, 8, 12, and 15, 2024.

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 February 28, 2024, March 4, 8, 11, 12, 15, 18, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 2024, April 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17,18, 2024 and May 7, 2024.

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

BOE.1 WHEREAS, on May 16, 2023, the Roslyn Union Free School District conducted its annual budget vote and election; and

WHEREAS, the District Clerk is currently in possession of all cast ballots resulting from such election; and

WHEREAS, the Record Retention and Disposition Schedule LGS-1 provides for the destruction of such ballots after one (1) year from the date of the election; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District orders the destruction of all cast ballots resulting from the May 16, 2023 election.

Addendum

BOE.2 BE IT RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the settlement agreement between the Roslyn Union Free School District, Baruti Construction Corp., All County Block & Supply Corp., All County Equipment Rental, Inc., and Unitech Services Group.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, Ms. Ben-Levy moved, seconded by Dr. Gilbert carried by a vote of 7-0, to adjourn at 9:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Carney Jones
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District Clerk