

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

**Thursday, March 26, 2020**

**7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

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

Meryl W. Ben-Levy, President  
Clifford Saffron, Vice President  
David Dubner - Joined the videoconference at 7:03pm  
Michael Levine  
Steven Litvack  
David Seinfeld - Joined the videoconference at 7:03pm  
Bruce Valauri

**ALSO PRESENT**

Allison Brown	Superintendent
Joseph C. Dragone	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	District Counsel

**ABSENT**

Andrew Antenberg                  Student Delegate

**7:00 p.m. - Board of Education Meeting**

**Ms. Ben-Levy called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.**

Preliminary Announcements

**Ms. Ben-Levy read the following new preliminary announcement:**

The Roslyn Union Free School District continues to take steps to reduce the potential for exposure to the coronavirus (COVID-19). The District's efforts in this regard are made in furtherance of federal, state, and local mandates to limit any and all public gatherings.

As authorized by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's Executive Order No. 202.1, issued on March 12, 2020, this meeting is being held remotely by videoconferencing and the public

will not be permitted to attend the meeting in-person. The Board of Education will make a motion setting forth the manner in which the meeting will be conducted with the ability to view the meeting. This meeting will also be recorded and later transcribed in accordance with Executive Order 202.1.

**Ms. Ben-Levy moved, Mr. Saffron seconded and carried by a vote of 5-0, (Messrs. Dubner and Seinfeld had not joined the videoconference) to conduct our Board Meeting via this manner in accordance with the Executive Order and suspend our common practices with regard to the conduct of this meeting.**

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

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

Ms. Ben-Levy read the following statement:

“My remarks are offered on behalf of the Board of Education and the Superintendent and Central Administration at this time. There is nothing that I can say on our behalf that would not be an underestimation of the challenges we are facing in the midst of this public health crisis. It is the opposite of comforting that we are not alone in this but struggling along with the whole county, state, country and world. That New York City, Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester counties sit at the epicenter in our nation of this global pandemic tests our strength and resolve every minute of every day and has changed life as we know it for now and for the foreseeable future. Having said that, our incredible staff led by our Superintendent and her central office team is working tirelessly to ensure that we are meeting the needs of our students and our community. We are incredibly proud of her and the team in central office, the entire school administration, our principals, our assistant principals, our teachers, teaching assistants, aides, custodians, bus drivers, security, clerical, food service, nurses, psychologists, social workers, counselors, all assistants and support staff, our PFA our OCC and frankly our general counsel who helps guide us working together to do whatever this ever changing situation calls for on even a moment's notice. You are each dear to us. We are as always a community that pulls together especially in challenging times. While this may prove to be our toughest challenge yet, we remain steadfastly focused on the day when we are able to gather together again in our brick and mortar spaces. As the Superintendent stated in her message to staff this morning—we may not be AT school, but we are definitely IN school. We will get through this, together, and when we do we will be stronger and closer and ever more grateful and appreciative. We are thinking of everyone who is ill and suffering, who has been lost or lost someone dear, who is without work or financially impacted, who is a healthcare worker on the front line, who is in public service at every level local, state and federal, those remotely isolated, those who are elderly or with compromising health issues, those who are doing jobs and or community service at this time in service of all of these and we wish that all are able to meet and master these struggles and that these horrific days pass quickly with treatments, supplies, equipment, strength and ultimately cures and vaccines. For our community, and for our children we remain positive and devoted to the light that will shine after this darkness passes.”

## Superintendent's Comments

Ms. Brown had no additional comments.

## 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.

**Ms. Ben-Levy moved, Mr. Saffron seconded and carried by a vote of 7-0, to consider our agenda as revised with its addendum as a consent agenda.**

## Addendum

## BUSINESS/FINANCE:

**B.1. BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorizes the District to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with any school district(s) located in Nassau County hosting Emergency Child Care Programs for children of first responders and medical personnel through Scope Education Services;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board of Education or the Superintendent of Schools to execute the inter-municipal agreement(s) with any Host School District located in Nassau County on behalf of the Board of Education.

**B.2. BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorizes the District to enter into an agreement with Scope Education Services for Emergency Child Care Program for children of first responders and medical personnel residing in the District; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board of Education or the Superintendent of Schools to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

## **Revision of Agenda Items BOE.3 and BOE.4**

The actual date of the upcoming annual budget vote was removed from Agenda Items BOE.3 and BOE.4, in anticipation of the vote being delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION:

**BOE1** Recommendation to conduct the *Third reading* of the Board of Education Policies:

1900 Parental Involvement

5151 Homeless Children

9645 Disclosure of Wrongful Conduct (**Attachment BOE.1**)

**BOE.2 BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Public Schools hereby abolish the following *policies*:

1900 Parental Involvement  
5151 Homeless Children  
9645 Disclosure of Wrongful Conduct

And hereby *adopts the following policies:*

1900 Parental Involvement  
5151 Homeless Children  
9645 Disclosure of Wrongful Conduct

**BOE.3 BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District hereby authorizes the following proposition to be placed on the ballot of the annual vote:

Proposition No. 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 \$529,866.67; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$529,866.67 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 \$529,866.67 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.

Note: (If the 2020-21 budget is approved, the funds for the first year of payments would be available in that budget and therefore no additional increase in the tax levy would occur with the passage of this proposition)

**BOE.4 Proposition No. 4 to establish a 2020 Capital Reserve**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District hereby authorizes the following proposition to be placed on the ballot of the annual vote:

**Proposition No. 4: 2020 Capital Reserve Fund**

SHALL the Board of Education, pursuant to Education Law section 3651, be authorized to establish a Capital Reserve Fund known as the “2020 Capital Reserve Fund” for the following purposes: performing capital improvements at the District’s facilities, including: masonry renovation, plumbing upgrades, electrical

upgrades, mechanical upgrades (including heating, ventilation and air conditioning), replacement of underground storage tanks, security upgrades, technology upgrades, telephone upgrades, roof replacements, door replacements, window replacements, site work, classroom and corridor renovations, furnishings and equipment, purchase of real property, purchase of district vehicles, all of the foregoing to include all labor, materials, equipment, apparatus and incidental costs related thereto.

The maximum amount of the aforesaid 2020 Capital Reserve Fund shall be \$25,000,000.00, plus investment income. The probable term is to be twenty-five (25) years; the funds are to be transferred from surplus monies, if any, remaining in the general fund including a sum not to exceed \$5,000,000 from the 2019-2020 budget and thereafter in an annual amount of not more than \$5,000,000 for each remaining year of the probable term. Upon the establishment and funding of said reserve, the Superintendent of Schools or her designee shall be directed to deposit monies of this reserve fund in a separate bank account to be known as the "2020 Capital Reserve Fund."

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the District Clerk is directed to include in the legal notice of the annual meeting the text of the afore-described proposition and to take all necessary steps to include this proposition on the ballot for said election.

**Ms. Ben-Levy moved, Mr. Saffron seconded and carried by a vote of 7-0, to adopt Addendum Items B.1 and B.2, Agenda Items BOE.1 - BOE.2 and Revised Agenda Items BOE.3 – BOE.4 as a consent agenda.**

#### **Adjournment**

**There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, Ms. Ben-Levy moved; seconded by Mr. Saffron carried by a vote of 7-0, to adjourn at 7:07 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Nancy Carney Jones*  
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**District Clerk**