

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

Tuesday, April 21, 2020

6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The follow participants were present via ZOOM videoconference.

Meryl W. Ben-Levy, President
Clifford Saffron, Vice President
David Dubner
Michael Levine
Steven Litvack

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

David Seinfeld
Bruce Valauri
Andrew Antenberg Student Delegate

Ms. Ben-Levy called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

6:00 p.m. - Board of Education Meeting

Preliminary Announcements

Ms. Ben-Levy read the following 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 and waiving any applicable policies or common practices with respect to the conduct of the meeting. The public participation portion of the meeting will be suspended. The meeting will be video broadcasted in order to provide the public 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, carried by a vote 5-0, (Mr. Seinfeld and Dr. Valauri absent) to conduct the meeting and agenda items as a consent agenda.

Pledge of Allegiance

Recommendation to accept the Claims Audit Report for February 2020

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Ms. Ben-Levy, carried by a vote of 5-0, (Mr. Seinfeld and Dr. Valauri absent), to accept the Claims Audit Report for February 2020

Recommendation to accept the minutes from the following meetings:
March 26, 2020 and April 2, 2020

Ms. Ben-Levy moved, seconded by Mr. Saffron, carried by a vote of 5-0, (Mr. Seinfeld and Dr. Valauri absent), to accept the minutes for March 26, 2020 and April 2, 2020

Board President's Comments

Ms. Ben-Levy read the following statement:

"We have reflected quite a bit about this year—where we have been—where we are and where we are going. While we reflect, every year— there has never been anything like this year.

Little could we ever have even imagined when we started our school year that our world would be in the situation in which we find ourselves today?

That said—I looked back at my remarks on Superintendent's Conference Day and I would like to share some of them again now.

On August 29, 2019, I had three things in mind.

1-HumansofRoslyn.org

This initiative was created in December 2018 by a group of our students searching to understand the world beyond our community through personal interviews and photos and looked within to learn about the worlds inside of the individuals in our community. As we get lost in our own routines and day-to-day we would be wise to remember that

we are more, than the jobs we do and the titles we hold. Brad Meltzer said: Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about. Be kind always.”

2 -Are we truly serving our purpose? My oath as a Board Trustee, along with my Board of Education colleagues, is to provide contemporary students with a contemporary education. Is the curriculum alone serving our students serving our purpose serving our future? Why are we here? What are we doing this for? Are we doing things because this is the way they have always been done, or have we asked the why question? Can we do it better? Can we serve better? Can we literally and figuratively as Ralph Waldo Emerson said: “build a better mousetrap?”(if we do, as Emerson opined, “the world will beat a path to your door”). I asked that we look to some of our innovations—exemplified by Incubator and now Accelerator—and build a better mousetrap!

3-Finally, I asked: Who is your person? Last year I asked you what’s your word? Love? Loyalty? Passion? Tenacity? This year I challenged you to tell me “Who is your person?” Who inspired or inspires you? Who was that mentor who connected you with that spark inside of you? Who will you be that person for? Reflect for sure and share if you are willing.

So today in looking back at those thoughts and the tone and goals set for this year we take note as we work tenaciously every day to align these with our new and inconceivably challenging circumstances —

I have some new thoughts.

Humans of Roslyn. Our administration faculty and staff, our students our parents our counsel are all struggling a struggle we never could have predicted. We see tremendous energy, drive, cooperation, and yes, kindness, compassion, patience and understanding. In these difficult times, the best of us shines through.

Building a better mousetrap—well as Plato philosophized, “necessity is the mother of invention.” We are incredibly proud that we are adapting from our physical environment to a virtual one and I firmly believe that from this emergent need will forge limitless possibilities for the future, which I continue to believe is bright and that our best is yet to come.

Who is your person? I cannot count just one but if I had to, she would be our instructional leader Superintendent Allison Brown who inspires and leads every single day with vision, grace, energy and compassion which is unequaled anywhere on the landscape. We are so very fortunate. We are so blessed. These days we count our blessings, which are many despite the horrors. We think of our Administration, our faculty, our staff—all ready, willing and able to do whatever it takes to be “us”—and stay Roslyn Strong throughout delivering our brand through new modalities in a climate of uncertainty with ever changing government and health directives. We weep for those we have lost and for those who have lost loved ones. We are blessed by each of you along with all in the healthcare field working so hard in impossible conditions to save life and to heal the sick. We hope for your strength, safety and skill each day that you will have enough of whatever you need to persevere. We appreciate beyond measure all of those

who are keeping our supply chain as well as our society going. We hope for the wisdom of our leaders. We count our many blessings every day and take nothing for granted. We live in preparation for the day when we can move beyond this challenge.

*On behalf of the Board of Education and the entire Central Administration.
We love you always Roslyn.”*

Superintendent’s Comments

Ms. Brown thanked Ms. Ben-Levy for her remarks.

Ms. Ben-Levy acknowledged the appointments of Staff and Tenure.

On behalf of the Board of Education, Ms. Ben-Levy offered heartfelt congratulations to the new staff and tenured appointments. She stated that the tenure appointments will be celebrated at a future date “when we can physically celebrate together”. She further expressed how very grateful the District is for their service and will welcome them “with open arms” into their continuing and different rolls.

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 5-0, (Mr. Seinfeld and Dr. Valauri absent), to move to a consent agenda.

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. 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.3)**

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: South Huntington Union Free School District
Services: Health and Welfare Services for 4 students attending out of district schools for the 2019-2020 school year.
Fees: \$800.63 per student
Total estimated to be \$3,202.52

B.2. BID: PLAYGROUND RECONSTRUCTION AT HEIGHTS AND HARBOR HILL SCHOOLS BBS FILE 18-349

Bid advertised – March 9, 2020

Bid Mailed – March 9, 2020

Bid opened – March 30, 2020

Number of invitations to bid mailed - 9

Number of bids received - 6

Recommendation: That, award based on low cost satisfactorily meeting specifications be made to **Louis Barbato Landscaping, Inc. 1600 Railroad Ave Holbrook, NY 11741** for the amount of \$597,000.00 (Base Bid SC-3).

Estimated total cost is within budget allocation for the 2019-2020 budget. **(Attachment B.2.)**

B.3. Recommendation to approve Capital Budget Appropriation Transfers as per attached. **(Attachment B.3.)**

B.4. Recommendation to approve **2019-20** general fund appropriation requests:

<u>FROM BUDGET CODE</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
9060-800-03-9000-303	MEDICAL INS ADM	\$175,000.00
	Subtotal	\$175,000.00

<u>TO BUDGET CODE</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
2250-472-03-9000-307	PRIVATE SCH TUITION	\$175,000.00
	Subtotal	\$175,000.00

REASON FOR TRANSFER REQUEST: To cover costs associated with new Special Education students being placed in private schools.

- B.5.** Recommendation to approve a payment in the amount of \$30,770.44 to Ingerman Smith, L.L.P. for legal services rendered to the district for the period ending 02/29/2020.
- B.6.** **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby awards the Roslyn High School Girls Locker Room Renovations Project to RENU Contracting and Restoration pursuant to an Inter-municipal Agreement between the District and the Bay Shore Union Free School District approved by the Board of Education on May 30, 2019 in the total amount of \$1,246,500.00, which includes: (1) the base bid amount of \$1,198,700.00; (2) Alternate #1 - Multi-Purpose Room Duct Enclosures in the amount of \$7,500.00; (3) Alternate #2 – Multi-Purpose Room Wall Painting in the amount of \$8,200.00; and, (4) Alternate #4 - HVAC Alternate #1 in the amount of \$32,100.00, subject to the terms of an agreement to be prepared by District counsel;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said agreement between the District and RENU Contracting and Restoration on behalf of the Board of Education. **(Attachment B.6.)**

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 April 1, 2020.
- 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 27; March 9 and 12, 2020.

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

BOE.1 NASSAU BOCES BUDGET & TRUSTEE DISCUSSION & RESOLUTIONS:

[a] BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District hereby approves the Nassau BOCES Proposed Administrative Operations Budget for the 2020-2021 school year in the amount of \$22,810,873.00.

[b] BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District hereby casts its votes to fill these three (3) BOCES Board seats effective July 1, 2020 from the candidates so nominated, Deborah Coates,

Lawrence Greenstein and Eric B. Schultz

BOE.2 Recommendation to adopt the 2020-2021 Board of Education Calendar of Meetings (**Attachment BOE.2**).

BOE.3 WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order 202, the Governor of the State of New York issued a declaration of emergency for the entire State of New York as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the extraordinary and unprecedented circumstances that caused the State as well as Nassau County to issue declarations of emergency, has resulted in a critical need for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for our State and local first responders and medical providers; and

WHEREAS, the State has called for the conveyance to the State of needed PPE and the materials used in the manufacture of such equipment and in particular it has done so by way of Executive Order 202.14; and

WHEREAS, the emergency declarations have also ordered the closing of schools for student instruction; and

WHEREAS, in following the Executive Orders and as a consequence of the school closure as well as the overwhelming community need for PPE, the District Administration has determined that the following is surplus/obsolete and/or no longer useful for current District purposes:

1. Nitrile Gloves
 - Small 74 boxes of 100
 - Medium 20 boxes of 100
2. Goggles
 - 41 chemical splash 3M goggles
3. Safety Glasses
 - 18 Sellstrom x300 Safety Glasses
4. Approximately 20 spools of filament

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby adopts the aforementioned Administrative determination relative to the above items; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board has determined that it is in the interest of the District, its students and the health and welfare of the local community that these items be deployed to the N.Y. Department of Health so that these items may aid first responders and medical providers. The Superintendent is authorized to facilitate the transfer of these items from the District to the N.Y. Department of Health.

Ms. Ben-Levy moved, Mr. Saffron seconded and carried by a vote of 5-0, (Mr. Seinfeld and Dr. Valauri absent), to accept the Personnel Agenda items P.1 – P.3, Business/Finance Agenda Items B.1 – B.6, Curriculum and Instruction Agenda Items C&I.1 – C&I.2 and Board of Education BOE. 1- BOE.3 as a consent agenda.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, Mr. Saffron moved; seconded by Ms. Ben-Levy carried by a vote of 5-0, (Mr. Seinfeld and Dr. Valauri absent), to adjourn at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Carney Jones
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District Clerk