

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

Thursday, October 17, 2019

8:00 P.M.

Roslyn High School – Board Room

MINUTES

Meryl W. Ben-Levy, President
Clifford Saffron, Vice President
David Dubner
Michael Levine
David Seinfeld
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
Andrew Antenberg	Student Delegate

ABSENT

Steven Litvack

7:00 p.m. - Executive Session

Pursuant to Public Officers Law, Section 105, duly moved, seconded, and carried by a vote of 6-0; (Mr. Litvack absent) that the Board of Education adjourns to Executive Session at 7:00 p.m., to discuss real estate matters.

The Executive Session adjourned at 7:55 pm. The Board reconvened in Public Session in the High School Board Room at 8:08 p.m.

8:00 p.m. - Board of Education Meeting

Preliminary Announcements
Emergency Procedures
Cell Phones

Pledge of Allegiance

Board of Recognition Week

This evening members of the Board of Education were recognized for their outstanding support of the Roslyn Community: Ms. Brown read the following statement:

“During the week of October 21-25, communities across the state will honor the dedicated service of their local boards of education during School Board Recognition Week. The goal is to build awareness and understanding of the important function an elected board of education plays in their communities and schools.

All Roslyn citizens are asked to recognize the important contributions of these men and this woman and focus attention on the vital role these public officials play in the education of Roslyn’s children. Thank you.”

As a token of appreciation, the Board received a photo of the Horse Tamer, which commemorates the statues recent return to the district.

On behalf of the Coordinating Council of Parent Associations (CCPA), Co-President Eva Bykov, read the following statement:

“Good evening.

On behalf of my co-president, Jennifer Disanti, our Parent Faculty Association leaders, and the parents and guardians of the Roslyn school district, I would like to express our heartfelt thanks to our Board of Education.

We appreciate your tireless work on behalf of our community. We are grateful for your dedication to our children. And we are proud of the spirit of cooperation that you model for us, the spirit that makes our school district unique among our neighbors.

We thank you for everything you do and wish you continued success in your leadership.”

The CCPA provided refreshments for tonight’s celebration.

On behalf of the board of education, Ms. Ben-Levy thanked the member of Central Administration, the CCPA and Staff for this year’s board recognition. She spoke of the cohesive working relationship the Board has with each other and members of Central Administration, staff and greater community.

Ms. Ben-Levy commented on the wonderful rededication ceremony of the Horse Tamer. She thanked the members of the Class of 1969 and 2012, Friends of the Horse Tamer, staff and the community for all their hard work to bring the statue back to Roslyn.

Mr. Seinfeld commented on the return of the Horse Tamer statue and how the Horse Tamer represents the past and the future. The Horse Tamer had been in disrepair for a number of years. He compared the statue to the infrastructure of the district from 15 years ago and where the district is today.

Mr. Saffron spoke of the incredible support the Board of Education receives from the community. He commented on how every organization must have a great leader and this Board of Education has a great leader in Meryl Waxman Ben-Levy. He spoke of her passion in everything she does especially for the children of the Roslyn School District.

Ms. Ben-Levy thanked Mr. Saffron for his kind words and spoke of how grateful she is to have such a wonderful team of Board members to work with.

Recommendation to accept the Claims Audit Report for September 2019

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Dr. Valauri, carried by a vote of 6-0, (Mr. Litvack absent) to accept the Claims Auditors Report for September 2019

Recommendation to accept the minutes from the following meeting:
October 3, 2019

Dr. Valauri moved, seconded by Mr. Saffron, carried by a vote of 5-0, (Mr. Litvack absent, Mr. Seinfeld abstained) to accept the minutes for October 3, 2019

Board President's Comments

Ms. Ben-Levy thanked the CCPA for providing refreshments and the staff and students of the music department for performing at the rededication of the Horse Tamer.

Superintendent's Comments

In lieu of her comments this evening, Ms. Brown asked Mr. Dragone to speak about the recent tax rate changes imposed by the Nassau County Assessor.

Mr. Dragone presented a PowerPoint "Impact of Nassau County Assessor. Budget approved by the Voters in May vs. Tax Rate Established by the County Assessor in October".

Mr. Dragone explained the following:

The tax levy for the Roslyn School District remains at 1.97%

As of October 2, 2019, Nassau County implemented the following changes:

- 1) The portion of taxes paid by private homes Increased by .52%.
- 2) The values of homes declined by 2.44%
- 3) Tax rate increase 5.21%

Due to the decline in the value of homes and the increased tax rate, the average tax bill will now change from .44% to 2.49% an increase of more than 6 times the

estimated change.

Ms. Brown spoke of the recent Harlem Wizards fundraiser hosted by the East Hills and Harbor Hill PFA. It was a sold out event and the students had an incredible time watching their teachers play the Harlem Wizards. She thanked the PFA's for this great event.

Ms. Ben-Levy read a Nassau County Office of the Executive citation sent by Ms. Laura Curran, County Executive Nassau County to the Roslyn Public Schools to commemorate the occasion of its rededication of "the Horse Tamer" statue.

Student Delegate's Comments

On behalf of the students, Mr. Antenberg expressed his appreciation to the Board of Education for all they have done for the students of Roslyn.

This past Saturday, members of the OCC gave tours of the High School to the Class of 1969, celebrating their 50th Union. The Class of 1969 will be donating to the Horse Tamer fund.

Discussion Item(s):

High School Girls Locker room and Science Lab renovations

Kenneth Schupner and Gabriel Divone, Architects, BBS Architects, Landscape Architects, Engineers presented a PowerPoint "Proposed High School Science Room & Locker Room Renovations".

High School Science Lab Renovations

They had meet with Mr. Gary Ramonetti, Science Chairperson, science teachers and students to discuss the needs and wants of the science department. The proposed renovations are Physics Rooms 130, and 131, Biology Rooms 132 and 232 and Chemistry Rooms 230 and 231. Included in the renovations will be rooms 130a, 130b, 132a, 230a, 230b, 230c 231a, 232a and the greenhouse. The estimated cost of the renovations are approximately \$4.3 million.

The board entered into a lengthy discussion on the proposed furniture, the classroom and storage layout, the proposed flooring, the lead-time of the State Education Department for approval of the plans, the septic systems and the timeframe of the renovation.

High School Girls Locker Room Renovations

The proposed renovations to the girl's locker room include:

- New drop ceiling
- New Physical Education and Team lockers
- New epoxy flooring
- New doors, frames and walls
- New fixtures, partitions, and ceramic wall and floor tiles in the toilet

- area
- Expanded Coaches office and new storage room
- New light fixtures and fire alarm devices
- New HVAC unit

The renovation will include the replacement of ceiling and lighting in the wrestling room. The total cost for this renovation is approximately \$1.5 million.

Ms. Brown asked BBS Architects to attend the November 7, 2019 meeting to update the Board on their concerns dealing with the proposed renovations of the High School Science labs.

PUBLIC COMMENT #1 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

Ms. Liz Levin, Parent, commented on the proposed renovations of the science labs and expressed her concerns that not all science labs are to be renovated at this time and the possible issues with the septic system.

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)**

Addendum

P.1 Professional

Item	Name	Action	Position / Replacing	Location	From	To	Tenure Area	Certification / Class / Step / Salary
12	Taylor D'Ambrosio	Substitute Appointment	Per Diem Substitute Teacher		10/21/19	6/30/20		\$130/day
13	Samantha Samowitz	Appointment	IPG Teaching Assistant (not to exceed 1.5 hours/week)	MS	10/21/19	6/30/20		Per RPA Contract
14	Samantha Samowitz	Substitute Appointment	IPG Teaching Assistant Substitute	MS	10/21/19	6/30/20		Per RPA Contract
15	Delfina Hennep	Substitute Appointment	After School Instructional Teaching Substitute	HH	10/21/19	6/30/20		Per RTA Contract

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Mr. Dubner, carried by a vote of 7-0, to approve Agenda Items numbered P.1 and P.2 and Addendum P.1

BUSINESS/FINANCE:

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

B.1. Recommendation to approve Capital Budget Appropriation Transfers as per attached. **(Attachment B.1.)**

B.2. District-Wide Signage Bid 18-329

Bid Advertised – September 13, 2019

Bid Mailed – September 13, 2019

Bid Opened – September 29, 2019

Number of invitations to bid mailed - 6

Number of bids received - 5

Recommendation: That award based on low cost satisfactorily meeting specifications is made to the following:

Great Neck Signs, Inc.

332 Sagamore Ave.

Mineola, NY 11501

Base bid, including \$5,000.00 allowance

	<u>\$48,000.00</u>
Total	\$48,000.00

Total cost is within the capital budget. **(Attachment B.2.)**

- B.3.** Jessica Kemler, Harbor Hill Principal, recommends that, pursuant to receipt of a gift in the amount of \$100.00 from Wheatley Plaza Associates LP, to be used as we see fit, the Board of Education hereby accepts the gift, and increases the appropriation in *2110.450.07.9000.701 (TCHG SUPPLIES HH)* by \$100.00 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. **(Attachment B.3.)**
- B.4.** Recommendation by Thomas Szajkowski, Assistant to the Superintendent for Administration and Special Projects, to declare as obsolete the attached items which are no longer of use in the district. They are either not functioning and cannot be repaired, or have become obsolete. These items may be sold as scrap, put up for auction, or discarded as is deemed appropriate. **(Attachment B.4.)**

Dr. Valauri moved, seconded by Mr. Saffron, carried by a vote of 6-0, (Mr. Litvack absent) to approve Agenda Items numbered B.1 – 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 September 25 and 26, 2019.
- 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 September 19, 23, 25, 26 and 27, 2019; October 3 and 4, 2019.
- C&I.3** Recommendation to approve Josh Cabat to attend the 2019 National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) Annual Convention in Baltimore, MD from November 21 through November 24, 2019 at an estimated cost to the district of \$2,037.80.
- C&I.4** Recommendation to approve Larry Reiff to attend the 2019 National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) Annual Convention in Baltimore, MD from November 21 through November 24, 2019 at an estimated cost to the district of \$2,355.56.
- C&I.5** Recommendation to approve Cynthia Feinman and 4 students from Roslyn High School to attend the 2019 New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Conference in Rochester, NY from December 5 through December 8, 2019 at an estimated cost to the district of \$5,187.75.

C&I.6 Recommendation to approve Elizabeth Brown to attend the New York State School Counselor Association Conference (NYSSCA) in Ellenville, NY from November 21 through 23, 2019 at an estimated cost to the district of \$1,072.05.

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Dr. Valauri, carried by a vote of 6-0, (Mr. Litvack absent), to approve Agenda Item numbered C&I.1 - C&I.6

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

BOE.1 Recommendation to approve Nancy Carney Jones to attend the NYSASBO School Business Management Workshop in Saratoga Springs, New York from November 5 through 8, 2019 at an estimated cost to the district of \$1,111.00.

Mr. Saffron moved, seconded by Mr. Dubner, and carried by a vote of 6-0 (Mr. Litvack absent), to approve Agenda Items BOE.1

Public Comments #2

No comment

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education Mr. Levine moved, seconded by Mr. Saffron, carried by a vote of 6-0, (Mr. Litvack absent), to adjourn at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Carney Jones
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District Clerk