

Farmingdale Union Free School District

50 Van Cott Avenue
Farmingdale NY, 11735

DATE: September 13, 2017

KIND OF MEETING: Regular Meeting

PLACE: Howitt Middle School Library, Howitt Middle School East Cafeteria, Howitt Middle School

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Goldberg, Mrs. D'Amico, Mr. Espinosa, Mr. Giordano, Mrs. Lively, Mr. Morales, Mrs. Soete

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Lorentz, Mr. Defendini, Mr. Zakian, Richard Guercio, Esq., Mrs. Rogers

OTHERS ABSENT: Dr. Ripley

Call to Order Meeting called to order at 6:15 p.m. in the Howitt Middle School Library by Mr. Goldberg, President of the Board of Education.

Pledge of Allegiance Motion made by Mrs. Lively, seconded by Mr. Espinosa, to meet in executive session to discuss specific collective bargaining issues in accordance with Open Meetings Law.

Motion carried 7-0

Meeting recessed for executive session at 6:15 p.m.

Meeting reconvened in the Howitt East Cafeteria at 8:15 p.m.

Board President Michael Goldberg welcomed those present and announced that the Board of Education is interested in encouraging all members of the public to share their ideas, comments and questions. He noted that public participation opportunities would be available at the beginning of the meeting and again at the end of the meeting and, as stated in Board Policy, no person shall speak for more than three minutes and each period of public participation would be limited to thirty minutes. If there were questions or concerns regarding matters on the Consent Agenda through the Items for Discussion (Items I-IV), it would be important to utilize the first public participation opportunity as the Board would act on those items immediately. Mr. Goldberg pointed out the emergency exit. The public session began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Superintendent's Update

Opening of School

Board President Michael Goldberg introduced Superintendent of Schools John Lorentz and asked for his monthly update. Mr. Lorentz reported on the two Superintendent Conference meeting days, including the opening day event which featured nineteen Grade 2-12 students. Their presentation to staff focused on their own expectations for the upcoming school year. Students arrived on September 6 eager and ready to learn.

Public Participation

Board President Michael Goldberg opened the meeting for the first public participation.

A Woodward Parkway resident expressed his frustration with the school's Open School Night on the same evening as a local primary election.

An Albany Avenue parent questioned district Physical Education program delivery. Mr. Lorentz responded, outlining the NYSED requirements and the district's compliance. He suggested that the parent participate in the work of the district's Wellness Committee.

A parent raised concerns regarding the need for additional crossing guards near Howitt Middle School.

A parent questioned the district's Chromebook initiative.

Mr. Capobianco reported on REFIT's September meeting. He reminded Board trustees that REFIT meets on the second Tuesday each month. He also reported on the Village events, congratulating Fran Rotondo and Amanda Sharp-Gusz on their work coordinating the student art show. The Committee is looking for a student liaison for their future events.

A Saltzman East Memorial parent questioned the changes in program delivery for the GATE and Enrichment program.

Board Correspondence

Board President Michael Goldberg asked the District Clerk if there was any correspondence for the record. Mrs. Rogers reported that the Board had received updates from New York State Comptroller DiNapoli, from the POLITCO organization, and from Assemblywoman Jean-Pierre. She also stated that the Board had received a letter from the Woodward Parkway PTA asking for continued membership support.

Board Committee Reports

Board President Michael Goldberg asked the trustees for their monthly Board Committee reports.

Mr. Espinosa reported on the Farmingdale Remembers September 11 ceremony at the Farmingdale Public Library. He stated that Mrs. Tucker and the student performers were wonderful. Mr. Espinosa also reported on a PAL meeting, outlining the various sports registrations. Mr. Morales included information on deck hockey registration.

Mrs. Lively reported on the Farmingdale Chamber of Commerce meetings. She provided information on the Abigail Leonard home at 9 Hallock Street.

Mrs. Lively also reported on the Farmingdale Youth Council meeting and their focus on updating their constitution and bylaws.

Mr. Goldberg reported on this month's Audit Committee meeting wherein Don Hoffmann (Cullen and Danowski) presented findings from the district's most recent financial audit. Mr. Hoffmann will report to the Board of Education in October.

Consideration of Consent Agenda

Motion made Mr. Morales, seconded by Mrs. Lively, that the Consent Agenda consisting of Items I (a)-(g) and II (a)-(d) be approved as a whole with action recorded separately.

Business Report

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ralph Morales, Vice President
SECONDER:	Kathy Lively, Trustee
AYES:	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

Acceptance for File of Financial Reports

Acceptance of Claims Auditor Report - August 2017 RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept for file the Claims Auditor Report for the month of August 2017 pursuant to the authority contained in Section 170.2 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education and in accordance with Board Policy 6600.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report - July 2017 RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept for file the Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2017 pursuant to the authority contained in Section 170.2 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education and in accordance with Board Policy 6600.

Acceptance of Revenue and Expenditure RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept for file the Revenue and Expenditure Report for the months of July & August 2017 pursuant to the authority contained in 170.2 of the

Report - July & August 2017 Regulations of the Commissioner of Education and in accordance with Board Policy 6600.

Approval of Contracts and Agreements

Approval of a Special Education Contract RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale UFSD Board of Education approve the following contract for Special Education and General Education services for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 and that the Board President be authorized to sign said contract.

The May Institute, Inc.

Approval of Consultants Services Contract with Education Protocols for Evaluation and Research and Research RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve a Consultant Services Contract with Education Protocols for Evaluation and Research for ENL professional development services and to authorize the Board President to sign the appropriate agreement.

Approval of Verizon Corporate Services Group Inc. Amendment to Letter Agreement RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve a letter agreement dated August 31, 2017 between the Farmingdale Union Free School District and Verizon Corporate Services Group Inc. for the purpose of producing and exhibiting select sports games and other events for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 and that the Board President be authorized to sign said agreement.

Declaration of Obsolete Equipment - September 2017 RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education declare the attached items as obsolete and disposed of in accordance with Board Policy 6900.

Approval of Transfer of Funds from the Debt Service Reserve Fund to Increase the General Fund Appropriations RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education adopt the following resolution:
WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District authorized bond refund resolutions dated February 3, 2010 and September 14, 2011 for the purpose of refinancing serial bonds; and
WHEREAS, premiums in the amount of \$1,605,000 were received by the district as part of the refunding proceedings; and

**for 2016/17
School Year**

WHEREAS, the aforementioned premiums were transferred to the Debt Service Reserve as part of 2010/11 and 2011/12 year end activities; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned funds are to be used to amortize debt service premiums in the amount of \$166,310 for the 2016/17 school year; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District authorizes a transfer from the Debt Service Reserve to the General Fund in the 2016/17 school year totaling \$166,310 for the purpose of amortizing debt service premiums.

**Approval of
Transfer of
Funds from the
EBALR Fund
to Increase the
General Fund
Appropriations
for the 2016/17
School Year**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of the Comptroller, Division of Local Government and School Accountability has issued a bulletin entitled *Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve Funds*, dated October, 2008 ("Comptroller's Bulletin") which discusses the Comptroller's Audit of the Employee Accrued Liability Reserve Funds (EBALR) of certain school districts pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the New York State Constitution, and the State Comptroller's authority as set forth in Article 3 of the General Municipal Law; and

WHEREAS, the contract between the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District and the Farmingdale Federation of Teachers, Inc. (FFT), and the contract between the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District and CSEA, Inc., Local 1000 AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Clerical/Custodial Unit (CSEA), and the contract between the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District and the Farmingdale Association of Administrators and Supervisors (FAAS), and the contract between the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District and the United Public Service Employees Union (Farmingdale Registered Nurses) provide certain benefits related to payment for unused sick days and that bargaining unit members that elected to retire were entitled to such benefits; and

WHEREAS, the eligible aforementioned staff members retired and received the one-time terminal allowance payment pursuant to the aforementioned contracts; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the retirement of the FFT, CSEA, FAAS and Farmingdale Registered Nurses staff members, the payments to such former employees, which represented current liabilities for compensated absences totaled two million eight hundred thirty-six thousand seven hundred two (\$2,836,702) dollars; and

WHEREAS, a transfer from the EBALR Fund to the General Fund was necessary for the 2016/17 school year in order to pay for such current liabilities for compensated absences totaling two million eight hundred thirty-six thousand seven hundred two (\$2,836,702) dollars; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District transfer two million eight hundred thirty-six thousand seven hundred two (\$2,836,702) dollars from the EBALR Fund to the General Fund effective June 30, 2017 in accordance with Section 6-P of the General Municipal Law and Comptroller's Bulletin.

Approval of Transfer of Funds from the Workers' Compensation Reserve Fund to Increase the Capital Reserve Fund for the 2016/17 School Year

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the text of the resolution "Authorizing General Reserve Fund Reserves for the Period Ending June 30, 2017" (Consent Item ID # 4223), be amended to read as follows:

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the attached reserves are authorized for the period ending June 30, 2017 by the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education in accordance with General Municipal Law and Education Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes and ratifies the District's transfer and deposit of funds on June 30, 2017, in the amount of \$57,941 from the Workers' Compensation Reserve Fund into the Capital Reserve Fund.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED that such language shall be attached to the minutes of the July 12, 2017 meeting.

Approval of a Donation to the Kevin J. Armstrong Memorial Scholarship Fund

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education acknowledge, accept and thank Ms. Margery Armstrong for a monetary donation to the Kevin J. Armstrong Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Superintendent's Report

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ralph Morales, Vice President
SECONDER:	Kathy Lively, Trustee
AYES:	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

Personnel Items -- Instructional

**Instructional:
Appointment** RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve an instructional personnel action: "Appointment", in accordance with Board Policy 9230. Appointment does not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

**Instructional:
Regular
Substitute
Appointments** RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve a schedule of instructional personnel actions: "Regular Substitute Appointments", in accordance with Board Policy 9230. Appointments do not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

**Instructional:
Appointment
of On Call,
Per Diem
Substitute
Teacher** RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve an instructional personnel action: "Appointment of On-Call, Per Diem Substitute Teacher", subject to termination at any time.

Personnel Items -- Non-Instructional

**Non-
instructional:
Resignation /
TASM** RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District accept a non-instructional personnel action: "Resignation", effective on the date noted hereon.

**Non-
instructional:
Leaves of
Absence /
TASM** RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District accept a schedule of non-instructional personnel actions: "Leaves of Absence", effective for the dates noted hereon and for the reasons stated.

**Non-
instructional:
Change in
Assignment /
TASM** RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve a non-instructional personnel action: "Change in Assignment", in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service Commission regulations. Appointment does not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

**Approval of
Committee
on Special
Education
Placements** RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Farmingdale UFSD Board of Education approve and accept for file the Committee on Special Education Placements Report by the Director of Special Education dated August 20, 2017, in accordance with New York State Education Part 200 Regulations.

**Report and
Acceptance
for File of
Said Report**

**Approval of
Committee
on Preschool
Special
Education
Placements
Report and
Acceptance
for File of
Said Report**

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Farmingdale UFSD Board of Education approve and accept for file the Committee on Preschool Special Education Placements Report by the Director of Special Education dated August 20, 2017, in accordance with New York State Education Part 200 Regulations.

Items for Discussion and Action

**Adoption of
the Board
Committee
Assignments
for the 2017-
18 School
Year**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Board of Education adopt the Board of Education Standing Committee Assignments for the 2017-18 school year. Committee Members will serve until a new membership is established.

Discussion:

Board President Michael Goldberg reviewed with the Board trustees the Board Committee membership and alternate assignments for the 2017-2018 school year. Each trustee selected their representation assignments. A copy of the final Board Committee Assignment listing is available in the Office of the District Clerk.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ralph Morales, Vice President
SECONDER:	Kathy Lively, Trustee
AYES:	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

Items For Discussion

**2017
Proposed
NYSSBA
Bylaw
Amendments
&
Resolutions**

Board President Michael Goldberg stated that the New York State School Boards Association would be holding its annual convention in Lake Placid. He reviewed the recommended resolutions and asked if the Board was interested in sending feedback to the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association. The Board reviewed select resolutions.

RESULT:**DISCUSSED**

Public Participation Board President Michael Goldberg opened the meeting for the second public participation.

A parent requested information about Board of Education minutes.

A Northside parent requested information about the Special Education program.

Mrs. Toma asked for the district's testing program schedule.

Adjournment On a motion by Mrs. Lively, seconded by Mr. Giordano, the Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Motion carried 7-0

Mary E. Rogers, District Clerk