

# Farmingdale Union Free School District

50 Van Cott Avenue  
Farmingdale NY, 11735

**DATE:** March 22, 2017 #17

**KIND OF MEETING:** Special Meeting / Budget Workshop

**PLACE:** A. Terry Weathers Board Room, Howitt Middle School East Cafeteria, Howitt Middle School

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Morales, Mrs. Lively, Mr. Capobianco, Mrs. D'Amico, Mr. Giordano, Mr. Goldberg

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Espinosa

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mr. Lorentz, Mr. Defendini, Dr. Ripley, Mr. Zakian, Mrs. Rogers  
Mr. Steven Panarelli (Executive Session Only), Mr. Len Panarelli (Executive Session Only)

## Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the A. Terry Weathers Board Room by Mr. Morales, President of the Board of Education.

Motion made by Mr. Capobianco, seconded by Mr. Goldberg to meet in executive session for the purpose of board development, in accordance with Open Meetings Law.

Motion carried 6-0

Meeting recessed for executive session at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting reconvened in the Howitt East Cafeteria at 8:10 p.m.

Board President Ralph Morales welcomed all to the special meeting of the Board of Education. He stated that the purpose of the meeting is to continue our budget workshops as the district prepares for the 2017-2018 school year. Mr. Lorentz and his administrative team would provide an overview of last week's workshop while this meeting would focus on capital work. He stated that the Board of Education was interested in encouraging members of the public to share their ideas, comments and questions. Public participation opportunities would be available at the beginning and end of the meeting and, as stated in board policy, no person should speak for more than three minutes and each period of public participation would be limited to thirty minutes. Mr. Morales requested that speakers should state clearly their name and address as they approached the microphone; during special meetings, public participation would be limited to the topics on the agenda. Mr. Morales thanked all for their

anticipated courtesy and cooperation. He pointed out the emergency exits, and the public session began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Participation** Board President Ralph Morales opened the meeting for the first public presentation. No one came forward at this time.

**Budget Presentation: 2017 -2018 Capital Presentation** Board President Ralph Morales welcomed Superintendent of Schools John Lorentz and asked for an introduction of this week's budget presentation. Mr. Lorentz then introduced Assistant Superintendent for Business Paul Defendini who began his powerpoint presentation related to the 2017-2018 budget development and, more specifically the capital work plan and a corresponding proposition for resident voters. He began his presentation emphasizing that the district would remain within the confines of the state mandated tax cap levy of .83% with a budget to budget increase of 2.15%; programs and services would remain intact during 2017-2018 and residents would receive rebate checks from the state. He reviewed the revenue expectations, the cost element summary, and the impact of a contingent budget on programs.

Mr. Defendini moved into the discussion of the capital work that has been completed, that which is currently on-going and short term plans for the future. He reviewed the work associated with the Energy Performance Contracts and the beginning stages of the Bond 2016 work. He introduced a preliminary rendering of the pool center.

Mr. Defendini reviewed the safety related facilities' projects, both at the district level and those that were specific to each of the school buildings. He outlined the in-house facility projects that have been completed in each of the buildings since the 2008-2009 school year.

Mr. Defendini reviewed the 2015 voter approved capital reserve established at a maximum not-to-exceed \$20 million. He explained that this reserve would be funded through year-end fund balances, the reallocation of reserves and/or interest. He stated that the expenditure of funds from this reserve would require voter approval. Proposition 2 on the May 16, 2017 Budget Vote and Election ballot would authorize the use of funds from this Buildings and Facilities Capital Reserve Fund for the specific purpose of districtwide bathroom renovation projects. Additional facilities work during 2017-2018 may include library and lecture hall updates at Farmingdale High School, locker room and main office renovations at the middle school, Makerspaces, ceiling replacements, lighting upgrades, locker and floor tiles replacement in the elementary schools.

Board member questions included requests for clarification on the Energy Performance Contracts, the Aquatic Center design, the scope of the bathroom renovations, the Makerspace locations, elementary school lockers, the project

prioritization process, and the changes to the rear entrance of Farmingdale High School when the original pool structure is removed. Mr. Capobianco asked if the district had received any indication of the State Assembly and State Senate's budget proposals. Mr. Defendini stated that both had been received and were under review. He also stated that there was a wide disparity between the two plans.

The presentation concluded with a summary of the budget and the developing budget presentation calendar. Mr. Defendini stated that the presentation would be posted on the district's website ([www.farmingdaleschools.org](http://www.farmingdaleschools.org)).

## **Items for Action**

**Voter  
Registration  
for the May  
16, 2017  
Budget Vote  
and Election**

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 desires to make voter registration more accessible to residents; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that voter registration shall take place on Wednesday, March 29, 2017, at the annual Community Summit Expo and Health Fair, Farmingdale High School, 150 Lincoln Street, Farmingdale, New York between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that voter registration will also take place on Saturday, May 6, 2017, from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Lobby of the East Building, Weldon E. Howitt Middle School, 50 Van Cott Avenue, Farmingdale, New York. Walk-in registration is available in the Office of the District Clerk up to and including Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 5:00 pm.

**Appointment  
of Chief  
Inspector,  
Assistant  
Clerks and  
Inspectors  
for Budget  
Vote and  
Election**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Elections of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve a resolution to appoint the Chief Election Inspector, Assistant Clerks and Inspectors of the Election for the school district Budget Vote and Election dated May 16, 2017.

**Authorization  
of Reserve  
Fund  
Expenditure  
Proposition**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District, Towns of Oyster Bay and Babylon, Nassau and Suffolk Counties, New York, as follows:

**Section 1.** The proposition hereinafter set forth is hereby authorized to be

submitted for the approval of the qualified voters at the annual school district election to be held in said School District, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.

**Section 2.** The School District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to include as a part of the notice of the annual district meeting and election notice with reference to the submission of said proposition in substantially the following form:

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that at said annual election to be held on May 16, 2017, the following proposition will be submitted:

**RESERVE FUND EXPENDITURE PROPOSITION**

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to-wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District, Towns of Oyster Bay and Babylon, Nassau and Suffolk Counties, New York, is hereby authorized to reconstruct bathrooms at various schools, including incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$5,000,000, and that said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be expended from the Buildings and Facilities Capital Reserve Fund of the District therefor.

**Section 3.** This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

**Roll Call Vote:**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Voting:</b>
Mr. Capobianco	VOTING AYE
Mrs. D'Amico	VOTING AYE
Mr. Giordano	VOTING AYE
Mr. Goldberg	VOTING AYE
Mrs. Lively	VOTING AYE
Mr. Morales	VOTING AYE

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**Adoption of  
the Annual  
Budget Vote  
and Election  
Resolution**

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

RESOLVED, that the Annual Budget Vote and Election of the Farmingdale Union Free School District, of the Towns of Oyster Bay, Nassau County, and Babylon, Suffolk County, New York, shall be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2017

between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. in the East gymnasium of the Weldon E. Howitt Middle School, 50 Van Cott Avenue, Farmingdale, New York, and the Public Hearing shall be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, at 8:00 p.m. in the East cafeteria of the Weldon E. Howitt Middle School in said district for the purposes set forth in the annexed notice.

RESOLVED, that said notice (copy attached) be published once in each of four weeks in the seven weeks preceding the annual budget and election voting in the *Massapequa Post* and the *Farmingdale Observer*, two newspapers having general circulation in the district. The first notice must appear at least 45 days before the date of the vote.

RESOLVED, that the school District Clerk is hereby authorized to amend and/or supplement this notice hereinafter set forth from time to time as in her discretion such amendment may be required.

RESOLVED, that Kathy Lively is designated as Permanent Chairperson of the Election in accordance with Section 2025 of the Education Law.

**Public  
Participation**

Board President Ralph Morales opened the meeting for the second public presentation.

Mrs. Soete asked about student recreation during the field reconstruction. She also requested information on handicapped accessibility in the Aquatic Center.

Mrs. Faber asked about roof renovations.

Mr. Defendini responded to both questions.

**Adjournment**

Motion made by Mr. Capobianco, seconded by Mrs. Lively to adjourn.

Motion carried 6-0

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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Mary E. Rogers, District Clerk