



Farmingdale School District

DATE: January 9, 2019

KIND OF MEETING: Board of Education Meeting

PLACE: A. Terry Weathers Board Room, 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. Defendini, Dr. Ripley, Mr. Zakian, Dr. Brennan, Dr. Olsen, Mr. Motisi, Richard Guercio, Esq., Reesa Miles, Esq. (Executive Session Only), Mrs. Rogers

Call to Order Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the A. Terry Weathers Board Room at the Howitt Middle School by Mr. Goldberg, President of the Board of Education.

Executive Session Motion made by Mrs. Soete, seconded by Mr. Espinosa, to meet in executive session to discuss specific legal, collective bargaining and personnel issues in accordance with Open Meetings Law.

Motion carried 7-0

Meeting recessed for executive session at 6:00 p.m.

Reconvene Meeting Meeting reconvened in the Howitt East Cafeteria at 8:00 p.m.

Board President Michael Goldberg welcomed those present and announced that the Board of Education was 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 should 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, 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

- Aquatic Center** Board President Michael Goldberg introduced Superintendent of Schools Paul Defendini and asked for his monthly update. Mr. Defendini began with an update on the approval process for the aquatic center. The New York State Education Department has begun its review of the proposed project. It is anticipated that this phase will take several weeks. Once the approvals are received, specific bid packages will be presented, followed by the award of bids, contract development with legal counsel review and approval. The district is optimistic that groundbreaking may begin later this spring.
- Computer Based Testing (CBT)** Mr. Defendini continued with updated information on the New York State Education Department's transition to computer based testing. Farmingdale Schools has the infrastructure and resources to begin this work. Information will be provided to parents prior to this year's testing sessions to allow for an understanding of this program.
- Presentation: Elementary Intervention Services** Superintendent of Schools Defendini introduced Assistant to the Superintendent for Elementary Education Jennifer Olsen, who, along with her intervention specialist team, provided a presentation on elementary intervention services. The presentation focused on reading interventions, math inquiry labs and gifted and talented services. Reading teachers Sue Cutillo and Lesley Garziano provided information on the district's work with Fountas and Pinnell leveled literacy lessons, Wilson reading phonemic awareness supports, Project Read for first graders and double dose foundations work with kindergarten students. Jane Wind continued this portion of the discussion with a focus on the additional reading strategies provided to our ENL students. The partnership between the classroom, ENL and reading teachers, along with the instructional coaches, provide individualized instructional practices for these students.
- Dina Carlucci and Janice Puglisi continued with the math inquiry lab intervention program. Academic Intervention Services are provided in fluid small groups as needed. Students may move in and out of the inquiry lab depending on the interventions required through each unit of study. The Math Specialists work to meet the needs of the students and adjust the curriculum delivery as required.
- Janet Dieso and Tracey DeTommaso provided an update on gifted and talented services and how they provide an enrichment opportunity for students to allow for additional challenges and to allow students to socialize with like-minded peers.
- Dr. Olsen concluded the presentation by reinforcing that student supports flow through the entire educational journey continuum, whether the student needs additional supports and interventions through the enrichment opportunities for student needing additional challenges.

Public Participation

Board President Michael Goldberg opened the meeting for the first public participation. Mr. Capobianco provided information on scheduled events of the Village Cultural Arts program, including Open Mic Night, Youth Open Mic Night, and Family Trivia Nights. Mr. Capobianco also asked about the Rtl program.

A parent stated that she had written a letter regarding her child. She thanked the Board of Education and central administration for their efforts in addressing her concerns and for the reassurance that she received.

Board of Education Minutes

Board of Education - Special Meeting - Nov 28, 2018 6:45 PM

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

Board of Education - Board of Education Meeting - Dec 5, 2018 8:00 PM

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

Board Correspondence

Board President Goldberg asked the District Clerk if there was any correspondence for the record. Mrs. Rogers reported that the Board of Education had received a letter from a Woodward Parkway grandparent who expressed her delight with this year's winter concert.

Board Committee Reports

Board President Michael Goldberg asked board trustees for their Committee Reports.

Mrs. Soete reported that she had attended a number of holiday concerts across the school district. She congratulated Mrs. Marvel, the Director of Fine Arts, on the success of the program. Mrs. Soete also attended the VEX Robotics competition. At the Woodward Parkway PTA meeting, it was announced that their Box Tops for Education program ranked 3rd in the county, 10th in the state and 113th in the country. Nationwide, over 98,000 schools participate in this fundraising program.

Mrs. D'Amico reported that she had attended the Saltzman East Memorial PTA meeting. Mrs. O'Regan has begun her Principal Tea program.

Mr. Goldberg attended the Northside PTA meeting. He attended many of the district concerts and commented that he met a family at the middle school who had just moved into the district. They did not have children yet enrolled in our district but wanted to participate in our school community. They were amazed with our music program.

Mrs. Lively reported on the high school holiday concert. She also provided updates on the work of the Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Lively attended the Policy Committee meeting and the Legislative Action Committee meeting. The annual trip to Albany is scheduled for February 26, with a snow date of March 19. Mrs. Lively also reported on the work of the Farmingdale Youth Council. Applications for the Gary Karp Memorial Scholarship and the Murray Tuck Scholarship are available on the Youth Council's website. She reported on the Wellness Committee's January 23 "Keep Calm and Daler On" event at the Howitt Middle School.

Mr. Giordano attended the Albany Avenue PTA meeting. He congratulated Mr. Valentine and his staff on their work.

Mr. Espinosa reported on the Nassau BOCES Budget Advisory Committee meeting. He noted that this committee focuses on a precise review of every expenditure in their budget. He stated that he was very impressed by the work involved in their budget process.

Consideration of Consent Agenda:

Motion made by Mr. Morales, seconded by Mrs. Lively, that the Consent Agenda consisting of Items I (a-g), II (a-c), and III (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 - November 2018 RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept for file the Claims Auditor Report for the month of November 2018 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 Extra Curricular Report - November 2018 RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept for file the extra-curricular report for Farmingdale High School, Weldon E. Howitt Middle School, Albany Avenue Elementary School, Northside Elementary School, Saltzman East Memorial Elementary School and Woodward Parkway Elementary School for the month of November 2018 pursuant to the authority contained in Section 170.2 of the regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

Acceptance of Revenue and Expenditure Report - November 2018 RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept for file the Revenue and Expenditure Report for the month of November 2018 pursuant to the authority contained in 170.2 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education and in accordance with Board Policy 6600.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report - November 2018 RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept for file the Treasurer's Report for the month of November 2018 pursuant to the authority contained in Section 170.2 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education and in accordance with Board Policy 6600.

Approval of Contracts and Agreements

Approval of Special Education and General Education Contracts RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale UFSD Board of Education approve the following contracts for Special Education and General Education services for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 and that the Board President be authorized to sign said contracts.

DA VINCI EDUCATION & RESEARCH LLC
LOCUST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Approval of Special Education SEDCAR Contracts RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale UFSD Board of Education approve the following contracts for Strategic Evaluation Data Collection Analysis and Reporting (SEDCAR) during the 2018-2019 school year and to authorize the Board President to sign said contract.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN
BROOKVILLE CENTER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES, INC.
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES INSTITUTE
THE CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, INC.

Approval of Health & RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the Health & Welfare Services Agreements for the

**Welfare
Services
Agreements
for Non
Resident
Students
Attending
Non Public
Schools in the
District for
the 2018/19
School Year
(Amityville,
Baldwin, Bay
Shore,
Brentwood,
Central Islip,
Copiague,
Deer Park,
East Islip,
East
Meadow,
Half Hollow
Hills,
Hempstead,
Herricks,
Hicksville,
Islip, Kings
Park,
Longwood,
Massapequa,
Middle
Country,
Miller Place,
North
Babylon, City
of New York,
Plainview-
Old
Bethpage,
Roslyn,
Sachem,
Seaford,
Shoreham-
Wading
River,
Smithtown,
South**

following school districts for non-resident students attending non-public schools within the district for the 2018/19 school year, and to authorize the Board President to sign the appropriate agreements:

Amityville, Baldwin, Bay Shore, Brentwood, Central Islip, Copiague, Deer Park, East Islip, East Meadow, Half Hollow Hills, Hempstead, Herricks, Hicksville, Islip, Kings Park, Longwood, Massapequa, Middle Country, Miller Place, North Babylon, City of New York, Plainview-Old Bethpage, Roslyn, Sachem, Seaford, Shoreham-Wading River, Smithtown, South Huntington, Uniondale, West Islip, Wyandanch

**Huntington,
Uniondale,
West Islip,
Wyandanch)**

**Approval of
Health &
Welfare
Services
Agreement
for Resident
Students
Attending
Non Public
Schools
Outside of
the District
for the
2018/19
School Year
(Seaford)**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve a Health & Welfare Services Agreement with the following school district for resident students attending non-public schools outside of the district for the 2018/19 school year, and to authorize the Board President to sign the appropriate agreement.

Seaford

**Acceptance
of a Donation
to the Mark
Piven
Scholarship
Fund**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education acknowledge, accept and thank Mr. Mark Piven for a monetary donation to the Mark Piven Scholarship Fund.

**Approval of
Health &
Welfare
Service Rates
for the
2018/19
School Year**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education adopts a per pupil charge of \$942.39 for Health & Welfare Service Rates for the instruction of non-resident students that attend the public schools of this district for the 2018/19 school year as calculated by the New York State Education Department, pursuant to Section 174 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

**Acceptance
of Funds and
Increase the
2018/19
Budget for
the All
County Art
Exhibition**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District accepts \$840 for the purpose of student participation in the All County Art Exhibition.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District will increase the 2018/19 budget in accordance with the fees collected.

**Acceptance
of Funds and**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District accepts \$114,160 for the purpose of providing the AP Exam to

Increase the 2018/19 Budget for the AP Exam students.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District will increase the 2018/19 budget in accordance with the fees collected.

Approval of Transfer of Funds RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve a schedule of a transfer of funds for the purposes noted.

Items for Action

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

Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement with the Farmingdale UFSD Cafeteria Employees Unit RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the Farmingdale UFSD Cafeteria Employees Unit for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020 and that the Board President be authorized to sign said agreement.

Approval of Stipulation of Settlement & Release Regarding a Student Named in Executive Session RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale School District Board of Education approve a Stipulation of Settlement and Release regarding a student named in Executive Session and that the Board President be authorized to sign said agreement.

Approval of the Revised Decision Making Plan RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale School District Board of Education approve the revised Districtwide Shared Decision Making Plan as attached.

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 / Temporary Elementary Dean RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve the designation and stipend, "DEAN", for the named teacher in Confidential Schedule A for the period January 10, 2019 to undetermined but not later than June 30, 2019.

Instructional: Approval of Curriculum Committee / Genre-Com 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: "Approval of Curriculum Committee / Genre-Com." Stipends are contingent upon completion of assignment.

Instructional: Coaching and Extra Curricular 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: "Appointment: Coaching and Extra Curricular Appointments," in accordance with Board Policy 5200. Appointments do not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget. Stipends are contingent upon completion of assignments.

Instructional: Appointment of On Call, Per Diem Substitute Teachers 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: "Appointment of On Call, Per Diem Substitute Teachers", subject to termination at any time.

Personnel Items -- Non-Instructional

Non-instructional: Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement 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 for the Purpose of Retirement", effective on the date noted hereon and to adopt the corresponding retirement resolution.

Non-instructional: RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District

Confirmation of Start Date approve a non-instructional personnel action: "Confirmation of Start Date", in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service Commission regulations. Appointment does not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

Non-instructional: Appointments / Districtwide Operations 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 non-instructional personnel actions: "Appointments / Districtwide Operations", in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service Commission regulations. Appointments do not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

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 / TASM", 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.

Non-instructional: Appointments / 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 schedule of non-instructional personnel actions: "Appointments / TASM", in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service Commission regulations. Appointments do not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

Non-instructional: Appointment of On-Call, Per Diem Security Aide 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: Appointment of On Call, Per Diem Substitute Security Aide", subject to termination at any time.

Non-instructional: Appointment of On-Call, Per Diem Typist Clerks 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 non-instructional personnel actions: "Appointment of On Call, Per Diem Substitute Typist Clerks", subject to termination at any time.

Non-instructional: Appointment of On-Call, Per Diem Teacher Aides

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 non-instructional personnel actions: "Appointment of On Call, Per Diem Substitute Teacher Aides", subject to termination at any time.

Non-Instructional: Appointment of On-Call, Per Diem Substitute School Monitors

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 non-instructional personnel actions: "Appointment of On Call, Per Diem Substitute School Monitors", subject to termination at any time.

Non-instructional: Appointment of On-Call, Per Diem Food Service Helpers

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 non-instructional personnel actions: "Appointment of On Call, Per Diem Substitute Food Service Helpers", subject to termination at any time.

Approval of the Committee on 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 Special Education Placements Report by the Director of Special Education dated December 9, 2018, in accordance with New York State Education Part 200 Regulations.

Approval of the 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 December 9, 2018, in accordance with New York State Education Part 200 Regulations.

Items for Discussion and Action

Approval of Policy and Regulation #0110, Sexual Harassment RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education adopt Policy and Regulation No. 0110, Sexual Harassment, in accordance with Board Policy 2410.

Discussion

Board President Michael Goldberg introduced Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Administration Glen Zakian, who presented an update on the work of the Policy Committee relative to No 0110, Sexual Harassment. Mr. Zakian explained that the policy had been revised to include recent guidance from the Department of Labor and the Division of Human Rights. The policy provides examples of prohibited conduct, mandatory information related to all types of discriminatory practices and behaviors, information on the handling of complaints, the prohibition against retaliation, and mandatory training.

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

Items for Discussion

Draft Policy #8505, Charging School Meals and Prohibition Against Shaming Assistant Superintendent Zakian continued with a first discussion of Policy No. 5254, Charging School Meals and Prohibition Against Shaming. He stated that this is a new policy which focuses on the issue of shaming students who many not have enough money to purchase school lunch. Mr. Motisi joined in the policy discussion and stated that the policy addresses accounting processes for free and reduced lunches, allows for choice of lunches when students do not have funds to pay, provides for account balance collections processes and includes a training requirement for staff.

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
----------------	------------------

Public Participation Board President Michael Goldberg opened the meeting for the second public participation. Mrs. Hroch announced the annual St. Baldrick's fund-raising event on March 24 at the Nutty Irishman on Main Street.

Mr. Capobianco provided information to the Board of Education on the most recent REFIT meeting. Their legislative breakfast will be held in March. He stated that the Legislative Action Committee had met with Assemblyman Montessano. Mr. Capobianco emphasized to the Assemblyman the importance of reviewing IDA funding.

Adjournment On a motion made by Mrs Lively, seconded by Mr. Espinosa, the meeting was adjourned.

Motion carried 7-0

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Mary E. Rogers, District Clerk