



Farmingdale School District

DATE: March 6, 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, Mrs. Soete

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Morales

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Defendini, Mr. Zakian, Dr. Brennan, Dr. Olsen, Mr. Motisi, Richard Guercio, Esq., Greg Gillen, Esq., 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.

Pledge of Allegiance Motion made by Mrs. D'Amico, seconded by Mrs. Soete, to meet in executive session to discuss specific legal, collective bargaining and legal issues in accordance with Open Meetings Law.

Motion carried 5-0

Meeting recessed for executive session at 6:05 p.m.
Mr. Giordano arrived at 6:15 p.m.

Meeting reconvened in the Howitt Middle School Auditorium at 7:35 p.m. for a Fine Arts Recognition Ceremony.

Board President Michael Goldberg welcomed parents, administrators and teachers to the annual Fine Arts Recognition Ceremony. He stated that the Board of Education is extremely proud of the accomplishments in the Fine Arts department, including the All County and All State Music achievements, the participation in the Long Island String Festival, PEAK Festival, SCMEA Day of Horn and NafME event and the achievement in the Long Island Scholar

Artist program. Mr. Goldberg congratulated the teachers for their efforts, the parents for their support and the students for their hard work. Mr. Goldberg pointed out the emergency exits. The ceremony began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Goldberg introduced Paul Defendini, Superintendent of Schools, who expressed his admiration of the student work and, especially the levels of achievement. He presented a clip from the movie Mr. Holland's Opus, which highlighted a scene where the main character helped a struggling student. Mr. Defendini then introduced Rose Marvel, the Director of Fine Arts, who presented the pins to students in each of the categories of achievement.

After a short recess, the meeting reconvened in the Howitt East Cafeteria at 8:00 p.m.

Board President Michael Goldberg again 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

Bond 2016 Board President Michael Goldberg introduced Superintendent of Schools Paul Defendini and asked for his monthly update to the Board of Education. Mr. Defendini began with a summary of the work accomplished in Bond 2016. At the Howitt Middle School campus, the multipurpose field is open and fully operational. The baseball stadium and softball fields are nearing completion. He was pleased to announce that the approvals from NYSED had been received for the aquatic center; plans and specifications for the bidding process are underway. We anticipate that the construction work should begin in the fall 2019.

**2019-20
Budget** Mr. Defendini continued his update with an overview of the 2019-2020 budget calendar. He announced that the budget workshops would begin on March 13 and detailed each of the Board meetings associated with this process. The budget vote and election will take place on May 21, 2019 at the Howitt West gymnasium from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Public Participation

Board President Michael Goldberg opened the meeting for their first public participation. Three Farmingdale High School students addressed the issue of having their ice hockey team program sanctioned by the Farmingdale School District. The program runs under the auspices of the New York Islanders Youth Hockey League. Mr. Defendini congratulated the students and parents on their thoughtful, well presented statements. He suggested that they meet with him to discuss this program.

Board of Education Minutes

Board of Education - Board of Education Meeting - Feb 6, 2019 8:00 PM

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

Board of Education - Special Meeting - Feb 11, 2019 6:30 PM

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

Board Correspondence

Board President Michael Goldberg asked if there was any correspondence. Mrs. Rogers reported that the Board had received a parent letter regarding a student incident.

Board Committee Reports

Board President Michael Goldberg asked for board member committee reports. Mr. Goldberg and Mr. Espinosa reported on the winter sports team program, including the competitive cheerleading team and both the girls' and boys' Varsity basketball teams. They congratulated the coaches on terrific seasons. Mr. Goldberg also reported on the kindergarten round-up for new parents. He also attended the Chamber of Commerce networking event and was pleased to report that the business community is very supportive of the school district. Mr. Goldberg had attended PTA meetings and the SEPTA Smile program. This group began with just five student members; it now has over 60. Mrs. Soete reported on recent classroom visits. She and Mrs. D'Amico had visited fourth grade classrooms, math inquiry labs and art classrooms in two elementary schools. Of note was the engagement of the children in the programs and the fact

that despite two separate buildings, they saw an equitable curriculum delivery that was differentiated across the learning continuum.

Mrs. D'Amico and Mrs. Lively reported on the Legislative Action Committee's trip to Albany. Students, teachers, administrators and support staff participated in this annual event, which celebrates the programs available to our children so that our elected officials have an understanding of the impact their decisions in Albany make for our community.

Mrs. Lively reported on a parent meeting she attended at Northside wherein Dr. Olsen and Mr. Febbraro addressed the NYSED's CSI designation. She provided information on the Farmingdale Youth Council scholarship program. She also discussed the PTA's regional "LEG-CON" event.

Consideration of Consent Agenda:

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

Business Report

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

Acceptance for File of Financial Reports

Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report - January 2019 RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept for file the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2019 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 the Revenue and Expenditure Report - January 2019 RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept for file the Revenue and Expenditure Report for the month of January 2019 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 the Extra Curricular Report - January 2019 RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept for file the extracurricular 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 January 2019

pursuant to the authority contained in Section 170.2 of the regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

Acceptance of the Claims Auditor Report - January 2019 RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept for file the Claims Auditor Report for the month of January 2019 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 Health & Welfare Services Agreements for Resident Students Attending Non Public Schools Outside of the District for the 2018/19 School Year (Amityville & Bay Shore) RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the Health & Welfare Services Agreements with the following school districts 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 agreements:

(Amityville & Bay Shore)

Approval of Infinite Campus End User License Agreement RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale School District Board of Education approve the Infinite Campus End User License Agreement and authorize the Board President to sign the appropriate agreement.

Approval of Special Education and General Education Contracts for the 2017-2018 School Year RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale UFSD Board of Education approve the following contracts 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 contracts.

HALF HOLLOW HILLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
LOCUST VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Approval of Special RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale UFSD Board of Education approve the following contracts for Special Education and General Education services for

**Education
and General
Education
Contracts for
the 2018-
2019 School
Year**

the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 and that the Board President be authorized to sign said contracts.

CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, INC.
HALF HALLOW HILLS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Approval of
an
Agreement
with East
Meadow
Driving
School for
2019-2020**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale School District Board of Education approve an agreement with the East Meadow Driving School for the purpose of providing a summer driver's education program during the 2019-2020 school year and to authorize the Board President to sign said contract.

**Approval of
an
Agreement
with Nassau
BOCES for a
Regional
Summer
School
Program -
Summer
2019**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale School District Board of Education approve an agreement with Nassau BOCES for the purpose of providing a Regional Summer School Program for the summer of 2019 and to authorize the Board President to sign said contract.

**Acceptance
of Funds and
Increase the
2018/19
Budget for
NYSSMA
Participation**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale School District Board of Education approve the following:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District accepts \$12,500 for the purpose of student participation in NYSSMA.

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

**Approval of a
Variance to
Board Policy
1500 to
Waive Fee
Schedule for
the Town of
Oyster Bay
Drama**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve a variance to Board Policy 1500 to waive the fee schedule for the Town of Oyster Bay Drama Club's Rehearsal & Play to be held at Farmingdale High School on May 2, 2019 and May 3, 2019.

**Club's
Rehearsal &
Play to be
held at
Farmingdale
High School
on May 2,
2019 and
May 3, 2019**

**Approval of
Transfer of
Funds -
March 2019**

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

**Acceptance
of a
Donation of
Funds to the
Ginny Jim
Scholarship
Fund**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education acknowledge, accept and thank Mr. Jim Riordan for a donation of funds to the Ginny Jim Scholarship Fund.

Items for Action

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

**Approval of
an Additional
Impartial
Hearing
Officer to the
District's
Rotational
List**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the addition of a Hearing Officer to the District's Impartial Hearing Officer Rotational List in accordance with Board Policy 4321.8.

JAMES BILIK

**Approval of a
New Course:
Theatre 4 -
Theatre for
the
Community**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale School District Board of Education approve a new course:

Theatre 4 - Theatre for the Community

Approval of a New Course: RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale School District Board of Education approve a new course:
Theatre 4A - Acting for the Community **Theatre 4A - Acting for the Community**

Approval of a New Course: RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale School District Board of Education approve a new course:
Theatre 5 - Portfolio **Theatre 5 - Portfolio**

Approval of Voter Registration Schedule RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education adopt a resolution regarding a schedule for voter registration for the May 21, 2019 Budget Vote and Election.

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 Tuesday, March 26, 2019, 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.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that voter registration shall also take place on Saturday, May 11, 2019, from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. 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 16, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Superintendent's Report

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

Personnel Items -- Instructional

Instructional: RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District place a staff member on tenure in accordance with Education Law / **Administrative** of the State of New York and Board Policy 9251. In recommending tenure,

the Superintendent has based his decision on the record of performance of the staff member during the probationary period as reported by the Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Administration, the Assistant Superintendent for Innovation and Organizational Development, the Assistants to the Superintendent and others in supervisory positions. Tenure becomes effective on the date noted heron contingent upon continued satisfactory performance in the job until said date tenure become effective.

Instructional: Resignations 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 schedule of instructional personnel actions: "Resignations for the Purpose of Retirement", effective on the dates noted hereon and to adopt the corresponding retirement resolutions.

Instructional: Resignations 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 instructional personnel actions: "Resignations", effective on the date noted hereon and for the reasons stated and to approve the termination of employment.

Instructional: Acknowledgement of Service with Thanks / Temporary Dean RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District acknowledges with thanks and appreciation the service of the named teacher who held a Temporary Dean appointment during the 2018 / 2019 school year.

Instructional: Acknowledgement of Service / Administrative Regular Substitute RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District acknowledge with thanks and appreciation the service of the named administrator who held a regular substitute / secondary assistant principal appointment during the 2018-2019 school year.

Instructional: Appointment of On Call, Per Diem Administrative Elementary Assistant Principal 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 Administrative Elementary Assistant Principal", subject to termination at any time.

Instructional: Appointment / Committee on Unstoppable Learning 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 / Committee on Unstoppable Learning". 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: "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 / CSEA 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 / CSEA", effective on the date noted hereon.

Non-instructional: Changes in Assignment / CSEA 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: "Changes in Assignment / CSEA", in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service Commission regulations. Appointments do not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

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 / TASM", effective on the date noted hereon.

Non-instructional: Leave of 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: "Leave of Absence", effective for the date noted hereon and for the reason stated.

**Absence /
TASM**

**Non
Instructional:
Rescind
Appointment
/ 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, "Rescind Appointment / TASM", in accordance with Board Policy.

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

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

**Non-
instructional:
Change in
Assignment /
School Lunch
Program** 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 / School Lunch Program", 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 Substitute Cleaners 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 Cleaners", subject to termination at any time.

Non-instructional: Appointment of On Call, Per Diem Substitute 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 Monitor 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 School Monitor", 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 February 3, 2019, in accordance with New York State Education Part 200 Regulations.

Approval of the Committee on Preschool Special Education Placements Report and Acceptance 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 February 12, 2019, in accordance with New York State Education Part 200 Regulations.

**for File of
Said Report**

Items for Discussion and Action

**Adoption of
Draft Policy
and
Regulation #
5151,
Homeless
Children** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education adopt Policy and Regulation No. 5151, Homeless Children, in accordance with Board Policy 2410.

Discussion:
Board President Michael Goldberg introduced Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Administration. Mr. Zakian stated that this policy amendment had been reviewed by the New York State School Boards Association, the district's counsel and the Policy Committee. Changes were made to the policy related to the updates associated with the Every Student Succeeds Act and the McKinney-Vento Act. The district is in full compliance with the policy and regulation.

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

Items for Discussion

**Draft Policy
#5140,
Entrance Age** Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Administration Glen Zakian addressed draft policy No. 5140, Entrance Age. Of note is that the policy needed to be updated to state that the Farmingdale Universal Pre-Kindergarten program is available to the children of Farmingdale residents. In addition, district counsel recommended that entrants to kindergarten must meet the age requirement on or before December 1, even if they were enrolled in a kindergarten program in another district or school.

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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**Draft Policy
#5150, School
Admissions** Assistant Superintendent Zakian also reviewed Policy No. 5150, "School Admissions." This policy has been updated to reflect the new laws associated with enrollment regulations, proof of age, records of immunizations, proof of district resident, proof of parental relationships and the enrollment window for admission in our schools. These requirements are aligned with policy No. 5151, "Homeless Children" and the McKinney-Vento Act.

RESULT:**DISCUSSED****Public
Participation**

Board President Michael Goldberg opened the meeting for their second public participation. A parent had questions regarding homework policies during school breaks and response time expectations for questions raised to building administration. Mr. Andriopolous provided information to the Board of Education on the Massapequa Mens' Club.

Adjournment

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

Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Mary E. Rogers, District Clerk