



Farmingdale School District

DATE: April 1, 2020

KIND OF MEETING: Regular Board Meeting

PLACE: Virtual Meeting

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., Mrs. Rogers

Call to Order Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mr. Goldberg, President of the Board of Education. In accordance with Governor Cuomo's Executive Order related to temporary modifications to Public Officers Law, the meeting was conducted in a virtual format to allow for the uninterrupted continuation of our important work. The Board meeting notice indicated that access to the meeting would be posted on the district's website at www.farmingdaleschools.org and a live feed would be available on www.youtube.com.

Executive Session Motion made by Mrs. D'Amico, 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.

Meeting reconvened in public session at 8:00 p.m.

Board President Michael Goldberg opened the meeting with the following statement:

Pursuant to Executive Order 202.1 (and subsequent orders closing District schools) issued by the Hon. Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, signed March 12, 2020, and due to the concerns of the Board of Education for the Health and Safety of the community emanating from the current COVID-19 pandemic, there would be no in-person public access to the board meeting and instead the meeting will be live streamed and recorded. Access to the live stream could be had by accessing the school district's website

for a link that will bring you to a youtube site and the recording of the meeting can be accessed on www.farmingdaleschools.org. In addition, the public participation portion of the meeting was suspended by board resolution.

On a motion made by Mrs. D'Amico, seconded by Mr. Giordano, pursuant to the aforementioned Executive Order, the Board suspended the public participation portion of the meeting and therefore, accordingly, there would be no public participation at this Board meeting.

Motion carried 7-0

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Goldberg continued, stating that the Board of Education was interested in encouraging members of the public to share their ideas, comments and questions. Feedback and questions should be directed to the Board's email account at boe@farmingdaleschools.org. Questions and comments would be publicly addressed at the next Board meeting. Mr. Goldberg thanked everyone for their anticipated courtesy and cooperation. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Superintendent's Update

Monthly Report

Board President Michael Goldberg introduced Superintendent of Schools Paul Defendini and asked for his monthly update. Mr. Defendini began with the sad news that a former Farmingdale High school graduate and current part time security aide for the district had passed away in a car accident two weeks prior. He stated that in the short time he had worked for the school district he had shown himself to be a valued member of our security staff. Mr. Defendini asked for a moment of silence to honor Anthony Cardillo.

Mr. Defendini continued in his update with comments related to the efforts of students, staff, teachers, administrators and families within the Farmingdale community as they have rallied to work together during the COVID-19 shut down of schools and businesses. He remarked on the instructional program that is on-going for our students, the efforts of the cafeteria staff as they prepare meals for the families within the district, the work of the operations, maintenance and security staff as they keep our schools clean and secure, the dedication of support staff as they keep the communication pathways open and the administrators as they consider ways to help maintain the fidelity of our work. Mr. Defendini remarked that the efforts in the greater community to support the first responders and their families is a testament to how we care for each other. This pandemic will bring us closer together and will not tear us apart. Mr. Defendini also thanked the Board of Education for their continued support of the work that we are tasked with, not just during these trying times, but always.

**Budget
Presentation
- Michael
Motisi**

Superintendent of Schools Paul Defendini introduced Assistant to the Superintendent for Business Michael Motisi, who was asked to present to the Board of Education an overview of the 2020-2021 school district budget prior to this evening's budget adoption. Mr. Motisi began with the uncertainty surrounding this year's budget vote. He stated that the Board of Education would be asked to continue with the budget calendar as established last summer, with the budget adoption scheduled for this evening and the Public Hearing scheduled for May 12, despite the fact that we already know that the May 19 vote date has been postponed to at least early June. He stated that this time frame was tentative and additional information would be provided as received through both the Governor's Office and the New York State Education Department. Mr. Motisi also stated that the budget presentation included current state aid proposals on the anticipated revenue slide; with the continued economic impact of COVID-19, the revenue may change.

Mr. Motisi presented this year's tax levy limit calculation, outlining the 2019-2020 approved budget, the calculation based on the allowable growth factor, which for this year was the CPI of 1.018%, and the addition back into the budget calculation of the capital local expenditures of just over \$5 million. This year's tax levy limit calculation is 2.78%.

Mr. Motisi provided details of the proposed revenue, which included a very small increase in state aid. As the state reviews the economic impact of COVID-19, it is anticipated that the revenue across the categories may be adjusted.

The Cost Element Summary was also provided to the Board of Education. There are increases in most categories, with larger percentage increases in transportation.

Mr. Motisi detailed the reductions in the budget that would be required based on a contingent budget. He outlined the impact that would have on the educational programs across the district.

A review of changes in state legislation, including a reduction in income limits for participation in STAR exemptions and changes in aid categories, was included in the presentation.

Mr. Motisi concluded his PowerPoint with the language included in the four propositions that will be on the ballot. There are two open seats on the Board of Education for the election side of this work.

Board of Education Minutes

Board of Education - Special Meeting - Mar 2, 2020

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Suzanne D'Amico, Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Anthony Giordano, Trustee
AYES:	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

Board of Education - Meeting - Mar 4, 2020

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Suzanne D'Amico, Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Anthony Giordano, Trustee
AYES:	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

Board of Education - Executive Session - Mar 17, 2020

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Suzanne D'Amico, Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Anthony Giordano, Trustee
AYES:	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

Board of Education - Executive Session - Mar 20, 2020

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Suzanne D'Amico, Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Anthony Giordano, Trustee
AYES:	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

Board of Education - Budget / Public Input - Mar 25, 2020

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Suzanne D'Amico, Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Anthony Giordano, Trustee
AYES:	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

**Board
Correspondence**

Board President Michael Goldberg asked the District Clerk if there was any correspondence during the past month. Mrs. Rogers reported that the Board had received an email regarding an on-going IEP issue.

**Board
Committee
Reports**

Board President Michael Goldberg opened the meeting for Board Committee reports. Mrs. Lively reported that due to the COVID-19 stay-in-place environment, board members were participating in virtual professional development opportunities in joint meetings with representatives of the New York State Education Department and New York State School Boards Association. She also stated that there were a number of webinars available to board trustees to continue their growth in their roles in the school district.

Consideration of Consent Agenda

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

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Suzanne D'Amico, Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Anthony Giordano, Trustee
AYES:	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

Items for Action

Acceptance for File of Financial Reports

Acceptance of the Extra Curricular Report - February 2020 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 February 2020 pursuant to the authority contained in Section 170.2 of the regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report - February 2020 RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept for file the Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2020 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 Claims
Auditor
Report -
February
2020**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept for file the Claims Auditor Report for the month of February 2020 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 -
February
2020**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept for file the Revenue and Expenditure Report for the month of February 2020 pursuant to the authority contained in 170.2 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education and in accordance with Board Policy 6600.

Approval of Contracts and Agreements

**Approval of
an
Agreement
with SCOPE
Educational
Services for
an
Emergency
Childcare
Program**

WHEREAS, the Governor of New York issued Executive Order 202.4, which states that school districts are required to provide Emergency Child Care Services to children of first responders and medical service providers; and

WHEREAS, the Farmingdale Union Free School District (“District”) desires to engage SCOPE Education Services to provide an Emergency Child Care Services Program (“Program”) for children of the District on the premises of another other school district or districts with children of other school districts; and

WHEREAS, the cost to the District for the Program shall not exceed \$750 per week for the duration of Executive Order 202.4 for such services to be provided by SCOPE with the final cost to be determined at the conclusion of Executive Order 202.4.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to enter into an Agreement with SCOPE Education Services (“Agreement”) to provide childcare in accordance with Executive Order 202.4 on the premises of other school districts, and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute such Agreement and/or modifications and/or amendments to such Agreement on the District’s behalf; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to enter into an Inter-Municipal Agreement (“IMA”) with other school districts participating in the Program and execute such IMA on the District’s behalf; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the

Superintendent of Schools to implement the Agreement with SCOPE Educational Services and other participating school districts and to enter into such other agreements, including modifications and/or amendments of agreements, with SCOPE Educational Services and other participating school districts in order to implement the Program.

Approval of Health & Welfare Services Agreements for Resident Students Attending Non Public Schools Outside of the District for the 2019/20 School Year (Hauppauge, Massapequa, Plainedge, Smithtown & Syosset)

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 2019/20 school year, and to authorize the Board President to sign the appropriate agreements:

(Hauppauge, Massapequa, Plainedge, Smithtown & Syosset)

Approval of Transfer of Funds - April 2020

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 81 Dalergirls Scholarship Fund

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education acknowledge, accept and thank the following individuals for a monetary donation to the 81 Dalergirls Scholarship Fund:

Advisory Board Members:

Janet Moore, Eileen & Leo Nolan, Jeanne Timmons, Rosie Zipper Gilroy, Mary Ellen Zipper, AnnMarie Mansfield Franklin, Maureen Buckley Vetter, Marie Bongo Jaramillo, BettyAnn Rauff Abeshire, Susan Warren, Barbara Salvia Bianco, Barbara Rice Bistany, Dawn Graves Willey, Kristine Farrell Holmes & Jean Farrell

Friends and Family:

Michael Holmes, Maureen Zipper, Donna Delano, Pam Gaffney, Maureen Novack, Helene Pacher, Beth & Thomas Reilly, Susie Helmerich, Tanya Haave, Marianne Loboccaro, Sue Barberi Rogers, Marie Malerba and 1042

Auto Collision, Serafina McDonald, Susan Christie, Doreen's Flowers, New York Window Film, Gary Farrell, Bill Carmen, Paul Romanelli, Tony Anzalone, Carol May, Farmingdale Iron Works, Marvin Beckett, Roli Retreads, Moose Tracks Realty, Albert Kemperle, KSI Trading.

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.

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

Items for Action

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Suzanne D'Amico, Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Anthony Giordano, Trustee
AYES:	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement with an Employee Named in Executive Session RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve a Memorandum of Agreement with an employee named in Executive Session and that the Board President is hereby authorized to sign said agreement.

Adoption of Resolution to Rescind Election Notice WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020 the Governor of the State of New York issued Executive Order No. 202.13 that, among other things, postponed any school board or library board election scheduled to take place in April or May of 2020 until at least June 1, 2020, subject to further directive as to the timing, location or manner of voting of such elections.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to EO 202.13, the Board of Education hereby rescinds its resolution dated March 25, 2020

approving the Legal Notice for the Annual Budget Vote and Election (“Legal Notice”) previously scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2020, the publication of the Legal Notice and directs the District Clerk to take all necessary steps, to the extent possible, to stop any future publications of the Legal Notice.

Superintendent's Report

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Suzanne D'Amico, Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Anthony Giordano, Trustee
AYES:	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

Personnel Items -- Instructional

Instructional: Resignation RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District accept an instructional personnel action: "Resignation", effective on the date noted hereon and for the reason stated and to approve the termination of employment.

Instructional: Acknowledgement of Service / Regular Substitute 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 Regular Substitute appointment during the 2019-2020 school year.

Instructional: Appointment / Confirmation of Start Date 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: Confirmation of Start Date", in accordance with Board Policy 9230. Appointments do not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

Instructional: Appointment / Retroactive Regular Substitute 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 / Retroactive Regular Substitute", in accordance with Board Policy 9241. Appointments do not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

Instructional: Appointment / Regular Substitute 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 / Regular Substitute",

in accordance with Board Policy 9230. Appointments do not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

**Instructional:
Appointment
/ Driver
Education
Program** RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approves the appointment of Paul Bruno as Supervisor of the 2020 Summer Driver Education Program. Salary will be on a per diem basis in accordance with the regulation of the Teachers' contract and the summer school schedule.

**Instructional:
Appointment
/Summer
Driver
Education
Teacher** RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve the appointment of Steve Messina to the 2020 Summer Driver Education program. Salary will be on a per diem basis in accordance with the regulation of the Teachers' contract and the summer school salary schedule, not to exceed 18 days.

Personnel Items -- Non-Instructional

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

**Non-
Instructional:
Appointment
/
Confirmation
of Start Date
- 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 non-instructional personnel action: "Appointment / Confirmation of Start Date - CSEA", in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service Commission regulations. Appointments do not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

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

**Non-
instructional:
Termination** 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: "Termination" in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service regulations.

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 and for the reason stated.

Non-instructional: Leave 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 non-instructional personnel action: "Leave of Absence / TASM", effective for the dates noted hereon and for the reason 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 / 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 / Food Service 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 non-instructional, personnel actions: "Changes in Assignment / Food Service Program", in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service Commission regulations. Appointment does not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

Non-instructional: Appointment / 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 / On-Call, Per Diem Substitute Cleaners", subject to termination at any time.

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

Non-instructional: Appointment / On-Call, Per Diem Substitute Teacher 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 / On-Call, Per Diem Substitute Teacher Aide", 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 March 8, 2020, 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 March 8, 2020, in accordance with New York State Education Part 200 Regulations.

Items for Discussion and Action

Adoption of the Proposed 2020/21 Budget for Voter Approval RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education adopt the proposed school budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$174,126,607, subject to voter approval.

Discussion:
Board President Michael Goldberg stated that Mr. Motisi had provided the information related to the budget adoption in his presentation earlier. He asked if Board trustees had additional questions. Mr. Goldberg thanked Mr. Motisi and the Business Office staff for their efforts in pulling together a comprehensive, responsible budget.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Suzanne D'Amico, Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Anthony Giordano, Trustee
AYES:	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

**Approval of
the Property
Tax Report
Card for the
2020/21
School Year**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the attached New York State Property Tax Report Card for the 2020/21 school year in accordance with Education Law Section 1716(7).

Discussion:
Board President Michael Goldberg asked Mr. Motisi to provide an update on the Property Tax Report Card. Mr. Motisi stated that this information is made available prior to the budget vote; it is formatted as a flyer that is mailed to each resident. Additionally, it is filed with the State Education Department. With the uncertainty related to the timing of the actual vote, the district is continuing to fulfill each phase of the work associated with the election using the usual timeline.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Suzanne D'Amico, Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Anthony Giordano, Trustee
AYES:	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

Adjournment On a motion made by Mrs. D'Amico, seconded by Mr. Giordano, the meeting was adjourned.

Motion carried 7-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Mary E. Rogers, District Clerk