

**Commack Union Free School District
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 11, 2024
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Board Members Present: Justin Varughese, Sue Herman, Steve Hartman, William Hender, Gus Hueber

Board Members Absent: None

Administration Present: Dr. Jordan Cox, Laura Newman, Tim Russo, Scott Oshrin

Counsel Present: Ms. Mara Harvey, Ms. Alyson Mathews (Executive session only)

OPENING OF MEETING

Meeting called to order by Mr. Varughese at 6:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Pending litigation in the matter(s) of Conroy v. Commack Union Free School District
- b) Negotiations conducted pursuant to the Taylor Law involving CSGA
- c) The employment history of particular civil service employee
- d) Matters leading to the potential discipline of a particular employee
- e) In order to obtain legal advice

Motion to approve executive session made by William Hender, seconded by Gus Hueber and carried unanimously (5-0)

Motion to exit Executive Session and return to Public Meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Motion made by Steve Hartman, seconded by Sue Hermer and carried unanimously (5-0).

A. OPENING OF MEETING - PUBLIC MEETING

Meeting called to order by Mr. Varughese at 8:00 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

B. OPENING CEREMONIES

1. Roll Call

C. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

1. School Tax Assessment and Collection/Property Tax Exemptions - Public Hearing
2. State of the District – Secondary Education

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Multi-Cultural Committee
2. Legislative Advocacy

E. BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING STATEMENT

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

- None

G. CORRESPONDENCE

- Acknowledged Correspondence

H. DONATIONS

The Board accepted, on behalf of the District, donations by the following:

a. Joseph Weiss and Frances R. Weiss Family Trust - \$20,000.00 to assist and educate those students suffering from ADD, Autism or other developmental disabilities at North Ridge, Indian Hollow, Rolling Hills and Wood Park Primary Schools, as Mrs. Frances R. Weiss taught at each of these schools and arranged for this gift in the interest of furthering the special education programs in which she taught - Deposit \$20,000.00 to Gifts and Donations A2705

b. Mark Burr Music Scholarship - \$5,000.00 to a graduating senior at Commack High School - Deposit \$5,000.00 to CM 105039

c. Janice Samuels - ProBasics K3 Lightweight Wheelchair to Sawmill Intermediate School to assist with transporting injured or sick students and staff - valued at \$381.97

Motion made by Steve Hartman, seconded by William Hender

Aye: William Hender, Justin Varughese, Steve Hartman, Susan J. Hermer, Gus Hueber

Final Resolution: Motion Carried (5-0)

I. MINUTES

Approved the Minutes from the December 14, 2023 Board of Education meeting.

Motion made by Sue Hermer, seconded by Steve Hartman

Aye: William Hender, Justin Varughese, Steve Hartman, Susan J. Hermer, Gus Hueber

Final Resolution: Motion Carried (5-0)

J. PERSONNEL

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approved the Personnel Matters.

Motion by William Hender seconded by Gus Hueber

Aye: William Hender, Justin Varughese, Steve Hartman, Susan J. Hermer, Gus Hueber
Final Resolution: Motion Carried (5-0)

K. CONSENT AGENDA-NEW BUSINESS

1. Approved Consent Agenda items as presented and/or amended 2-14
2. Approved the Resolution Agreement between the Commack School District and the Commack Schools Secretarial Association/United Public Service Employees and employee #00151
3. The Board of Education approved the following field trips:
 - a. Varsity Baseball Team Scrimmage Trip
Monroe Woodbury High School
155 Dunderberg Road
Central Valley, NY 10917
March 30, 2024
Commack High School
 - b. York College Field Trip
York College
34-20 Guy Brewer Blvd.
Jamaica, NY 11451
February 11, 2024
Commack High School
 - c. UCA Cheerleading Nationals
ESPN Wide World of Sports
700 S. Victory Way
Orlando, FL 34747
February 7 - February 12, 2024
Commack High School
4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the agreement with the Commack Teachers Association (CTA) and the Commack School District regarding the number of days of instruction and the number of days of staff development.
5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approved the 2024-2025 school calendar.
6. The Board of Education approved the lease agreement with the Commack Soccer League and authorize the President of the Board to sign same.
7. Approved the contract with the listed provider for 2023-2024 IDEA Flow Through Funds and authorize the President of the Board to sign same.

8. Approved the obsolescence or obsolescence and disposal of the listed items as indicated.

a. Projector - Broken and Unrepairable

Model #3850A / Serial #9208157

Tag #995040

Located in Indian Hollow Basement

b. Project Cart - Not Useable without Projector

Tag #96-05833

Located in Indian Hollow Basement

c. Wheelchair Model - Broken and Unrepairable

Model #A8F221H5 / Serial #80310

Tag #35-0087

Located in Indian Hollow Basement

d. Kyvak Machine - Broken and Unrepairable

Tag #770618

Located at Commack Middle School

e. Cafeteria Tables - Broken and Unrepairable

Tag #023406, 027755, 014995, 023390, 023401, 027757

Located at Commack Middle School

9. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Debra Muller as a Deputy Purchasing Agent for the 2023-2024 school year, without additional remuneration.

10. Approved the 2023-2024 contracts with the listed districts for special education students who reside in the Commack UFSD and attend private/parochial schools in the listed districts, and authorize President of the Board to sign same.

a. South Huntington UFSD

11. Approved the contract, and rider where applicable, with the listed vendors for their services for the 2023-2024 school year and authorize the President of the Board to sign same.

a. Always Compassionate Home Care Inc. - Nursing Services for Rolling Hills

b. Maxim Healthcare Staffing Services Inc. - Nursing Services, OT and PT Services

12. Approved the Resolution - Tax Exemption for Fire Company, Fire Department and Ambulance Worker Real Property

13. Approved the Resolution - Tax Exemption to Certain Qualified Persons with Disabilities

14. Approved the Resolution - Tax Exemption to Certain Qualified Persons Sixty-Five (65) Years of Age or Older

Motion made by Steve Hartman, seconded by Susan Hermer

Aye: William Hender, Justin Varughese, Steve Hartman, Susan J. Hermer, Gus Hueber

Final Resolution: Motion Carried (5-0)

L. CONSENT AGENDA – LEGAL

None

M. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

N. NEW BUSINESS

O. BOARD BUSINESS

1. Acknowledged Statement of Professional Services rendered by Lamb & Barnosky, LLP for the month ending November 30, 2023 in the amount of \$19,127.05

2. Acknowledge receipt of the Financial Reports for the month of September 2023 (unless otherwise noted) listed below:

- Budget Status - Detail
- Budget Status – Function Code
- Budgetary Transfer
- Revenue Status Reports
- Trial Balances
- CD Rates Report: December 2023
- Treasurer Reports
- Collateral Statement Summary

3. Acknowledged receipt of the Internal Claims Auditor's Monthly Update for 11/6/23 – 12/15/23

4. Acknowledge receipt of Committee on Special Education: 12/15/23; 12/18/23; 12/19/23; 12/20/23; 12/21/23; 1/3/24; 1/4/24; 1/5/24; 1/8/24; 1/9/24; 1/10/24; 1/11/24.

Acknowledge receipt of Committee on Preschool Special Education: 12/15/23; 12/20/23; 1/3/24; 1/10/24.

5. Announcement of upcoming Board Meeting:

- The Board of Education of the Commack Union Free School District shall hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Hubbs Administration Building, 480 Clay Pitts Road, East Northport New York. It is anticipated that the Board will make a motion for the purpose of adjourning into Executive Session at this time and at 8:00 p.m. the Board will reconvene in Public Session for the purpose of holding its Regular Business Meeting.

P. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- None

Q. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:58 p.m.

Motion made by Steve Hartman, seconded by Gus Hueber

Aye: William Hender, Justin Varughese, Steve Hartman, Susan J. Hermer, Gus Hueber

Final Resolution: Motion Carried (5-0)