

**Commack Union Free School District
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 14, 2021
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Board Members Present: Jarrett M Behar, Steve Hartman, William Hender, Susan Hermer.
Justin Varughese
Board Members Absent: None
Administration Present: Dr. Donald James, Mrs. Laura Newman, Dr. Michael Inforna
Counsel Present: Mrs. Mara Harvey

A. OPENING OF MEETING

Meeting called to order by Mr. Hartman at 6:45 p.m.

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by William Hender, second by Jarrett Behar to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of discussing the following:

- Pending litigation in the matter of Bauman and Acme v. Commack Union Free School District. (Jarrett Behar excused himself from this discussion)
- Pending litigation regarding employee #11930 v. Commack Union Free School District
- Negotiations conducted pursuant to the Taylor Law involving CTA, Local 237 (Buildings and Grounds)
- The proposed sale of real property because the publicity would substantially affect the value thereof
- Obtain Legal Advice

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

Motion to exit Executive Session and return to the Public Meeting at 7:50 pm

Motion made by Justin Varughese seconded by Susan Hermer and carried unanimously (5-0)

A. OPENING OF MEETING – PUBLIC MEETING

Meeting called to order by Mr. Hartman at 8:05 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

B. OPENING CERMONIES

1. Roll Call

C. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

1. COVID Update
2. Athletics
3. Curriculum

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Advocacy Legislative Committee Update
2. Vaping Task Force Update

E. DONATIONS

None

F. BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING STATEMENT

G. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Statements regarding quarantine support for students.
- Lack of school work on virtual days
- Commack Model Plan is not working
- Students do too much work on their own time and students should be able to zoom into core classes
- The mental health of students is the lowest they have ever been.
- We need more information than just data and test scores and the students in the middle school need to be allowed outside. There is no reason that they can't have recess.
- Why can't we video tape the classes?
- The Commack Model has more missed classes on virtual. Is there a way to track how many classes are missed?
- The Senior Year is very disappointing. "What did your yearbook look like"
- We should be live streaming every day. The Middle School students need to move around more.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

Acknowledgement of correspondence from D. Dinda thanking the school district for her daughter's wonderful experience in school this year.

Acknowledgement of correspondence from A. Petraglia regarding COVID issues

Acknowledgement of correspondence from E. Rapposelli regarding changing the name of the Middle School to Dr. Anthony Fauci Middle School

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from M. Seilback regarding COVID rate and shifting to remote learning.

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from S. Kalidas regarding Middle School lunch periods.

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from L. Fein regarding hybrid schedule, and remote learning and lack of livestream classes at the Middle School

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from email, Boston & Main regarding mandatory testing in schools

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from C. Miele regarding COVID issues in school

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from S. Hatcher regarding high level instruction during quarantining

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from D. Bailey regarding personnel matter

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from J. Romito regarding teacher vaccinations and virtual education

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from M. Kurtz regarding learning model at the High School

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from M. Walsh regarding lack of social distancing at High School back entrance

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from S. Ramsay regarding questions on education during COVID and survey results

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from J. Kauke regarding to utilize playground equipment and compare Commack Model Plan to other Districts

I. MINUTES

1. The Board of Education approved the minutes of the December 17, 2020 Board of Education Meeting.

Motion by Jarrett Behar, second by William Hender.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Jarrett M Behar, Steve Hartman, William Hender, Justin Varughese, Susan J Hermer

J. PERSONNEL

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approved personnel matters.

Motion by Susan Hermer, second by Jarrett Behar

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Jarrett Behar, Steve Hartman, William Hender, Justin Varughese, Susan Hermer

K. CONSENT AGENDA - NEW BUSINESS

1. Approved all Consent Agenda Items 2-11

2.. Approved the Settlement Agreement between the District and Employee # 11930 and authorize the President of the Board to sign same.

3. Approved the contracts with the listed school districts for students who reside in the Commack UFSD and attend private/parochial schools in the listed school districts and authorize the President of the Board to sign same.

a. Huntington Union Free School District

b. Uniondale Union Free School District

4. Approved the Tuition contract with Seaford Union Free School District for a Commack student placed in their special education program from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 and authorize the President of the Board to sign same.

5. Approved the Addendum to the Rate Sheet for Beyond Boundaries Therapeutic Services for a related service not previously specified on the Rate Sheet and authorize the President of the Board to sign same. The original Agreement and Rate Sheet were approved at the August 11, 2020 Board of Education Meeting.

6. Approved contract with the listed providers for 2021-2022 IDEA Flow Through Funds, unless otherwise noted, and authorize the President of the Board to sign same.

- a. Alternatives for Children
- b. Anderson Center for Autism
- c. County of Suffolk
- d. Developmental Disabilities Institute
- e. Developmental Disabilities Institute, 2020-2021
- f. Green Chimneys School
- g. Hagedorn Little Village School
- h. Kids First Evaluation & Advocacy Center
- i. Kids in Action of Long Island
- j. Nassau Suffolk Services for the Autistic, Inc.
- k. Variety Child Learning Center

7. Approved the obsolescence and disposal of the listed items:

Equipment	Commack Tag #	Reason
Que! USB 4x4x8x(CORW) Projector	101869 (from WSBOCES)	Item is outdated and not compatible with current technology.
SONY Video Camera Recorder	990672	Item is outdated and not compatible with current technology.
Dell Lap Top	96-06221	Item is outdated and not compatible with current technology.
Dell Front Projector 4100MP	121783 (from WSBOCES)	Item is outdated and not compatible with current technology.
Spectrometer/Spectronic 20 Baush+Lomb	90-09300	Item is outdated and not compatible with current technology.

International Equipment Co. A Division of Damon IEC Clinical Centrifuge 115VAC 50/60HZ 1.2AMP	90-08366	Item is outdated and not compatible with current technology.
Grey Metal Storage Cabinet	101238	Item has rusted base and broken shelves.

Equipment (Broken and Beyond Repair)	Tag #
5 Drawer Horizontal File	100717
Martin Yale Folding Machine (2)	102714/010089 990758
Folding Cafeteria Table	102279

8. Approved the Resolution prepared by Lamb & Barnosky declaring the suspension of the rules found in Board of Education Policies 5410 and 5411 until the next Board of Education meeting solely for the purchase of equipment, materials and supplies needed to be purchased to combat the novel coronavirus.

9. Approved the following Department of Public Works contracts:

Contract #	Commodity	Vendor Name	Expiration Date
T120620	Tools	Hilti, Inc.	12/5/2021
T120620	Tools	Colonial Hardware Corp.	12/5/2021
T120620	Tools	Malvese Equipment Co Inc	12/5/2021
T120620	Refrigeration Repairs	Kipper Tool Co	12/5/2021
RRS010116	Lighting	Commercial Instrumentation	4/1/2021
L-072817	Lighting	Kelly&Hayes Electrical Supply	7/27/2021
L-072817	Lighting	Spero Lighting East Inc	7/27/2021
L-072817	Lighting	Turtle & Hughes Inc.	7/27/2021
L-072817	Lighting	Regency Enterprises, Inc.	7/27/2021

L-072817	Lighting	City Energy Services, Llc	7/27/2021
L-072817	Lighting	Lighting & Supplies, Inc.	7/27/2021
L-072817	Tools	Techoled Llc	7/27/2021

The administration recommends that the Board of Education approve the following BOCES BIDS:

Bid #	Name of Bid
2020-015-0926	Awards and Trophies
2020-060-0926	Glazing Services and Supplies
2018-036-0914	Roof Repairs

10. Approve the Amended and Restated Grant Disbursement Agreement with the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) in connection with the Expanding Our Children's Education and Learning Program (EXCEL).

11. Approved the APPR Independent Hardship Waiver

Motion to approve consent agenda items K, 2-11

Motion by Jarrett Behar, second by William Hender

Aye: Jarrett M Behar, Steve Hartman, William Hender, Justin Varughese, Susan J. Hermer
Final Resolution: Motion Carried

L. Consent Agenda – Legal

None

M. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

N. BOARD BUSINESS

1. Acknowledge receipt of the Internal Claims Auditor's Monthly Update.

2. Acknowledge receipt of the Financial Reports listed below:

- Trial Balances: November 2020
- Revenue Status Reports: November 2020
- Budget Status: November 2020
- Budgetary Transfer: November 2020
- Cash Flow Report: November 2020
- CD Rates Report: December 2020
- Treasurer Reports: November 2020

- Collateral Statement Summary: November 2020

3. Acknowledge receipt of the statement for Professional Services rendered by Lamb & Barnosky, LLP on non-retainer matters for the month ending December 31, 2020 in the amount of \$25,227.44

4. Board Discussion Items

None

5. The Board of Education of the Commack Union Free School District shall hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at Hubbs Administration Building, 480 Clay Pitts Road, East Northport, NY. 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.

O. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

P. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting – 11:15 pm

Motion by Jarrett Behar, second by William Hender

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Jarrett M Behar, Steve Hartman, William Hender, Justin Varughese, Susan J Hermer