

**Commack Union Free School District
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 10, 2022
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Board Members Present: Steve Hartman, Justin Varughese, Sue Herman, Gus Hueber,
Dr. Hender

Board Members Absent: None

Administration Present: Dr. Jordan Cox, Laura Newman, Dr. Michael Mensch, Tim Russo

Counsel Present: Ms. Mara Harvey

A. OPENING OF MEETING

Meeting called to order by Mr. Varughese at 6:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Personnel update
- b) CTA Negotiations
- c) SuperEval Mid-Year Check-in – January 26, 2023
- d) Science Teacher – Sick Bank

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

Motion to exit Executive Session and return to Public Meeting at 7:55 p.m.
Motion made by Steve Hartman, seconded by Bill Hender and carried unanimously (5-0).

A. OPENING OF MEETING - PUBLIC MEETING

Meeting called to order by Mr. Varughese at 8:03 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

B. OPENING CEREMONIES

1. Roll Call

C. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

None

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

E. BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING STATEMENT

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

G. CORRESPONDENCE

Acknowledged Correspondence

H. DONATIONS

1. Steve Hartman- Donation to Commack Schools of a Whitney Piano and seat

Motion by William Hender, second by Steve Hartman

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried (5-0)

I. MINUTES

Approve the minutes from the October 13, 2022 Board of Education Meeting

Motion made by Susan J. Hermer, second by William Hender

Aye: Steve Hartman, William Hender, Justin Varughese, 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 Gus Hueber, second by William Hender

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried (5-0)

K. CONSENT AGENDA-NEW BUSINESS

1. Approved Consent Agenda items 2-8

2. Approved Consultant/ Vendor/ Association Contracts for their services for the 2022-2023 school year.

- a. Quest Diagnostics – Medical Testing
 - b. The Summit School – Special Education Program
 - c. LIU Post – High School Scholars Program

3. Approved District of Residence Contracts 2022-2023, with the listed districts for Special Education students who reside in the Commack UFSD and attend private/parochial schools in the district and authorize the President of the Board to sign name.

- a. Huntington UFSD
- b. West Islip UFSD

4. Approved Guest Student Tuition Agreements- Approved contracts with the following school districts for students to be placed in our Special Education Program from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, and authorize the President of the Board to sign name.

- a. Bayport- Blue Point UFSD Summer 2022/ FY 2022-2023
- b. Herricks UFSD- Summer 2022/ FY 2022-2023
- c. Seaford UFSD- Summer 2022
- d. South Huntington-Summer 2022/ FY2022-2023

5. Final Approval of Memorandum of Understanding- Security Guards

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

7. Approved the following field trips:

- a. Madison Square Garden
4 Pennsylvania Avenue
New York, NY 10001
December 12, 2022
Commack High School

- b. UCA High School Nationals
ESPN Wide World of Sports
700 S. Victory Way
Orlando, FL 34747
February 9- February 13, 2023
Commack High School

- c. Metropolitan Museum
1000 5th Avenue
New York, NY 10001
April 13, 2023
Commack High School

- d. Pier 83 – Circle Line NYC

83 North River Piers
West 43rd Street
12th Avenue
New York, NY 10036
June 6, 2023
Burr and Sawmill Schools

8. Resolution for the Town of Huntington Tax Exemption

The Board of Education approved the resolution with regard to the Town of Huntington Tax Exemption for Senior Low Income.

Motion by Steve Hartman, second by Sue Hermer

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried (5-0)

L. CONSENT AGENDA – LEGAL

Approved the lease agreement for the Sagtikos School Ground for five years from November 1, 2022 through October 31, 2027.

Motion by William Hender, second by Steve Hartman

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried (5-0)

M. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

1. The resolution appointing Laura Snell at the October 13, 2022 Board of Education Meeting is hereby deleted and replaced with the resolution that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Laura Snell will receive a probationary appointment to the position of Director of Science, for the term 11/14/22 through 11/16/2026, unless terminated prior thereto, between the Commack School District and the Commack Administration & Supervisory Association at Step 6 and subject to the requirements of the Education Law and the Rules of the Board of Regents.

Motion by William Hender, second by Sue Hermer

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried (5-0)

2. The Board of Education approved the placement of District employee #02909 on suspension, including without pay for up to 30 days, following the service upon the employee of disciplinary charges, pending the final determination of those charges.

Motion by Sue Hermer, second by Gus Hueber

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried (5-0)

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approved the Grant Disbursement Agreement between the Commack Union Free School District and the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York and the Board President is authorized to execute same on behalf of the District.

Motion by Steve Hartman, second by William Hender

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried (5-0)

N. NEW BUSINESS

None

O. BOARD BUSINESS

1. The Board of Education acknowledged receipt of the statement for Professional Services rendered by Lamb & Barnosky, LLP on non-retainer matters for the month ending September 30, 2022 in the amount of \$25,464.29.
2. Acknowledged receipt of the Financial Reports listed below:
Trial Balances: June – August 2022
Revenue Status Reports: June – August 2022
Budget Status: June – August 2022
Budgetary Transfer: – June – August 2022
Cash Flow Report: June – August 2022
CD Rates Report: October 2022
Treasurer Reports: June – August 2022
Collateral Statement Summary: June – August 2022
Extra Class Quarterly Reports: 4/1/22 - 6/30/22
Extra Class Yearly Reports: 7/1/21 - 6/30/22
3. Acknowledged receipt of the Internal Claims Auditor's Monthly Update report 8-23/2022 through 10/7/2022
4. Acknowledged receipt of Committee on Special Education: 10/14/22; 10/17/22; 10/18/22 10/19/22; 10/20/22; 10/24/22; 10/25/22; 10/26/22; 10/27/22; 10/28/22; 11/2/22; 11/3/22; 11/7/22; 11/9/22
Acknowledged receipt of Committee on Preschool Special Education: 10/19/22; 10/26/22; 11/1/22
5. Board Business:

William Hender mentioned his meeting with Nassau/Suffolk Boces regarding Wind Energy Field. Steve Hartman talked about the School Board Conference in Syracuse. Sue Hermer gave a shout out to the Girls Volleyball Team.

6. Announcement of upcoming Board of Education Meeting

The Board of Education of the Commack Union Free School District shall hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 6:30 pm 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 pm the Board will reconvene in Public Session for the purpose of holding its regular Business Meeting.

P. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Concerns regarding the Special Education Integrated Program
- Concerns regarding the “calm down room/time out room”