

**Commack Union Free School District
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 17, 2020
Virtual Meeting
Generated by Debbie Virga**

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 Informa
Counsel Present: Mr. Eugene Barnosky, Mrs. Mara Harvey

A. OPENING OF MEETING

Meeting called to order by Mr. Hartman at 7:10 p.m.

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- Pending litigation in the matter of Employee #11930 v. Commack Union Free School District
- Negotiations conducted pursuant to the Taylor Law involving CTA, UPSEU (clerical), Local 237 (Buildings and Grounds)
- The proposed sale of real property because the publicity would substantially affect the value thereof
- Obtain Legal Advice

Motion made by Jarrett Behar, seconded by William Hender and carried unanimously (5-0) to exit executive session at 7:38 pm and return to public meeting.

A. OPENING OF MEETING – PUBLIC MEETING

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance

B. OPENING CERMONIES

1. Roll Call

C. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

1. Current Status of Schools

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Advocacy Legislative Committee Update
2. Vaping Task Force Update
3. Multi-racial Committee

E. DONATIONS

Accepted the donations from:

- a. **The Dale Carnegie Training Organization** - 10 Copies of the Book, "How to Win Friends and Influence People for Teen Girls" for the Commack High School Guidance Department - valued at \$129.99
- b. **Mr. Jonathan Panes** - \$13.95 towards the balance of unpaid lunches in the District - Deposit \$13.95 to School Lunch Unpaid Balances
- c. **Commack Middle School PTA** - \$4,000.00 for the purchase of picnic-type tables for outdoor classroom space - deposit \$4,000.00 to Commack Middle School Donation Account TA038.27
- d. **Suffolk Transportation Service, Inc.** - Twenty \$100.00 Holiday Gift Cards for Commack families in need - total value of \$2,000.00

F. BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING STATEMENT

G. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

H. CORRESPONDENCE

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from D. Mazz regarding Covid issues at North Ridge
Acknowledgement of Correspondence from J. Waterman regarding Covid incident at Commack Middle School

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from M. Williamson regarding Covid at Commack High School

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from E. Rapposelli regarding renaming the Middle School

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from M. Kurtz regarding education practices as it relates to COVID

I. MINUTES

1. The Board of Education approved the minutes of the November 12, 2020 Board of Education Meeting.

Motion by Justin Varughese, second by Susan Hermer.

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 Jarrett Behar, second by Justin Varughese

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 2-18

2. Approved the Memorandum of Agreement between the Commack Union Free School District and the Commack Teachers Association regarding Instruction Support Specialist.

3. Approved the appointment of Stephanie Popky, Asbestos Compliance Officer and School Pesticide Officer

4. Approved the Rescission of the Western Suffolk BOCES Multi-Year Service Agreement for the purchase of Chromebooks, originally approved at the June 17, 2020 Board of Education Agenda.

5. Approve 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.

6. Approved contract, and rider where applicable, with the listed vendors for their services for the 2020-2021 school year and authorize the President of the Board to sign same.

a. The Devereux Foundation, d/b/a Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health - Educational and Residential Services

b. The Long Island Home, d/b/a South Oaks Hospital - Vocational Services for Special Education Students

c. NYSARC, Inc., Suffolk Chapter - Educational Services

d. The Therapy Spot - OT, PT and Speech Services

e. SCOPE Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program

7. Approved contract(s) with the listed school district(s) for students to receive special education services from our district from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 and authorize the President of the Board to sign same.

a. North Babylon Union Free School District

8. Approved the contract(s) with the listed school district(s) for students who reside in the Commack UFSD and attend private/parochial schools in said district(s) and authorize the President of the Board to sign same.

a. East Islip Union Free School District

9. Approved contract(s) with the listed provider(s) for 2020-2021 IDEA Flow Through Funds and authorize the President of the Board to sign same.

a. The Opportunity Pre-School

10. Approved the contract with Troy & Banks to conduct a retro-active audit of all utility and telecommunications accounts and authorize the President of the Board to sign same.

11. Approved the obsolescence of the listed items.

Equipment	Tag #	Reason
Kitchen Serving Lines from North Ridge, Rolling Hills and Wood Park	75-05595 105534 014658 96-01491 10525 (last digit missing) 96-00980 96-01799	The items are old and mangled.
Water Reel	015124	Item is no longer needed (turf field).

12. Approved the obsolescence and disposal of the listed items.

a. IBM Typewriter - Tag #96-04280 / 103609

b. Olivetti Typewriter - Tag #75-00863 / 96-04279

c. Smith Corona PWP 2500 Personal Word Processor - Tag #96-04067 / 103446

d. Osborne-Hoffman Alarm Receiver, Model OH 2000 – Tag #015157

13. Board of Education approved the following BOCES BIDS:

BID #	Name of Bid	Award Recommendation	Reason
20-11	Graduation Needs	Various	Low Bidders By Item
20-12	Sale of Obsolete Vehicles	Gershow	High Bidder

20-13	Automotive Parts	Any Part of Huntington	Low Bidder
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The Board of Education approved the following Department of Public Works contracts:

Contract #	Commodity	Vendor Name	Expiration Date
KERS111220	Kitchen Equipment Repairs and Service	Service Masters, Inc	11/11/2021
PS111020	Photographic Supplies	W.B. Hunt Co, Inc	6/23/2021
RRS010116	Refrigeration Repairs & Service	Commercial Instrumentation	2/1/2021
PPE090220	N-95 Respirators	Henry Shein	2/1/2021
PPE090220	Liquid Disinfectant	Wb Mason Company, Inc	2/1/2021
PPE090220	Liquid Disinfectant	A&M Industrial Inc	2/1/2021
PPE090220	Child Mask - Disposable	Boundtree Medical	2/1/2021

The Board of Education approved the following BOCES BIDS:

Bid #	Name of Bid
2021-054-0818	Field Marking Equipment and Paint
2021-058-0825	Graphing Calculators
2021-072-0924	Sanitizing Classrooms and Office Space Services
2021-055-0917	Science Supplies

14. Approved the revised 2020-2021 District-Wide and Building Emergency Response Plans, which have been updated to reflect personnel changes since the plans were adopted at the August 11th and October 8th Board of Education meetings, respectively.

15. Approved to accept the NYSED findings report for the 2019-2020 IDEA Grant Fiscal Sub Recipient Monitoring Review and approved the corresponding Corrective Action Plan.

16. The Board of Education approved the Memorandum of Agreement between the Commack School District and the Commack Teachers Association, Commack Administrative and Supervisory Association, Commack Secretarial Association and Local 237, the for the unit members to have the opportunity to enroll in EmblemHealth

17. Approved the Consultant Contract with Dino Vassino for computer network support services for 2020-2021 school year.

18. Approved the 2021-2022 School Calendar

Motion to approve consent agenda items 2-18

Motion by Justin Varughese, second by Jarrett Behar

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

1. The Board of Education approved the 2nd reading and adoption of Policy #5670, #5676, and #6411.

2. The Board of Education approved the first reading of Policy #3421 - Title 1X and Sex Discrimination. The Board of Education then approved the 2nd reading and moved to adopt the policy tonight.

Motion by Jarrett Behar, second by Justin Varughese

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

N. BOARD BUSINESS

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

2. Acknowledges receipt of the statement for Professional Services rendered on non-retainer matters for the month ending November 30, 2020 in the amount of \$26,828.85.

3. Acknowledge receipt of the Financial Reports listed below:

- Trial Balances: October 2020
- Revenue Status Reports: October 2020
- Budget Status: October 2020
- Budgetary Transfer: October 2020
- Cash Flow Report: October 2020
- CD Rates Report: November 2020
- Treasurer Reports: October 2020
- Collateral Statement Summary: October 2020

4. Acknowledge receipt of Committee on Special Education: 11/2/20; 11/4/20; 11/5/20; 11/9/20; 11/12/20; 11/13/20; 11/17/20; 11/19/20; 12/7/20; 12/8/20; 12/14/20; 12/16/20; 12/17/20.

Acknowledge receipt of Committee on Preschool Special Education: 11/18/20; 11/25/20; 12/2/20; 12/9/20; 12/16/20.

5. Board Discussion Items

School calendar will be posted to our website on Friday, December 18, 2020

6. The Board of Education of the Commack Union Free School District shall hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, January 14, 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 – 8:42 pm

Motion by William Hender, second by Jarrett Behar

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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