

**Commack Union Free School District  
Board of Education Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, February 11, 2021  
*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, 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 Jarrett Behar, second by William Hender to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of discussing the following:

- Pending litigation in the matter of CTAA Grievance
- Negotiations conducted pursuant to the Taylor Law involving CTA, Local 237 (Buildings and Grounds), CSSA
- Matters leading to the discipline of a particular teacher
- The proposed sale of real property because the publicity would substantially affect the value thereof.
- In order to obtain legal advice.

Motion to approve executive session made by William Hender, seconded by Jarrett Behar 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. Community Outreach and Mid-Community Outreach and Mid-Year Review
2. Public Hearing – Amended District-Wide Emergency Response Plan

## **D. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

## **E. DONATIONS**

- a. **Box Tops for Education Program** - \$70.20 to Commack Middle School to create a recreation/activity room for students - Deposit \$70.20 to TA 038.27
- b. **Box Tops for Education Program** - \$34.80 to Wood Park Primary School to purchase classroom supplies - Deposit \$34.80 to TA 038.21
- c. **K12 Licensing** - \$3.70 for royalties from the sale of licensed school merchandise - Deposit \$3.70 to A980.00 2770.000

## **F. BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING STATEMENT**

## **G. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- Thank you for allowing streaming for quarantine students, but would still like full live streaming for all classes. The library café is not good. Regarding yearbooks for the seniors, they appreciate waiting till August, to put more pictures in the yearbook, but that doesn't give students the chance to get teachers and friends to sign the book.
- Could we have graduation at Hofstra?
- When will we have an idea of what schools will be like for next year?
- We need to stand for our children! Are we violating HIPPA laws by having our children tested? What kind of privacy is there with "Go Guardian"?
- Where do the test kits come from?
- Thank the administration and School Board for their hard work.
- Remote days are either too little or too much
- Regarding student growth, how are we insuring quality and effectiveness?
- How much square footage is truly being utilized?
- How do we measure the level of student progress, particularly in Math?
- Commack Primary Plan is awful. The Spring was lackluster. Commack took too long. Who was involved with the planning of the Commack Plan?
- Could we have Senior Day?
- Concerns about the hybrid model
- Thank you for the focus groups.
- Implore the district to go 5 days in person for 6-12.
- We should try for fully remote learning and not listen to other school districts.
- Teachers don't take the full 54 minutes of teaching.
- Teachers are zooming in the evening and it is wonderful!

## **H. CORRESPONDENCE**

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from A. Edwards regarding an issue at the High School

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from B&T Ott regarding High School sports.

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from R. Murdocco regarding involvement in the school district

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from J. Edwards regarding Stem Class and NHS

## **I. MINUTES**

1. The Board of Education approved the minutes of the January 14, 2021 Board of Education Meeting.

Motion by Susan Hermer, 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 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 2-13

2.. Appointment of Volunteer to the District Volunteer Program

3. Approved the following bids as recommended:

BID #	Name of Bid	Award Recommendation	Reason
20-14	Bond Issue - Phase 1 & 3	low bidders by contract	
	Contract 1 (Windows & Doors)	Reject all bids and rebid	work to be done at later date
	Contract 2 (Roof Replacement)	PTS General Construction	low bidder
	Contract 3 (General Construction)	Reject all bids	rebid
	Contract 4 (Plumbing)	W.H.M. Plumbing & Heating	low bidder
	Contract 5a (HVAC)	Hirsch & Company - Rolling Hills; Wood Park; Northridge	low bidder
	Contract 5b (HVAC)	Thermo Tech - Long Acres & Old Farms	low bidder

	Contract 6 (Electrical)	Roland's Electric Inc.	low bidder
	Contract 7 (Site Work)	Watral Brothers Inc.	low bidder

4. 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.

5. The Board of Education acknowledged receipt of and President to sign same of Request for Revision of Financial Information Forms for the listed EPC II - Amendment #2 Projects (approved at the June 17, 2020 BOE Agenda):

Project Name	Project #
Commack High School	008-024
Commack Middle School	027-020
Burr Road Intermediate School	035-019
Cedar Road School	004-009
Indian Hollow Primary School	014-014
Long Acres Primary School	012-010
North Ridge Primary School	007-013
Old Farms School	006-010
Rolling Hills Primary School	002-015
Sagtikos School	017-007
Sawmill Intermediate School	036-018
Wood Park Primary School	009-014
Hubbs Administration	015-009
Maintenance Office	002-004

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

- a. Bay Shore Union Free School District
- b. Jericho Union Free School District

7. 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. Adelphi University - College Credit Courses for Commack High School Juniors and Seniors
- b. United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Suffolk, Inc. - Educational Program for Special Education Students
- c. Woods Services, Inc. - New York State Approved Residential Program

8. Approved the obsolescence / obsolescence and disposal of the listed items:

**Obsolete Items**

a. Cell Phones (Facilities Office) - see attached list - items are outdated and no longer useful to district

**Miscellaneous Outdated Cell Phones for  
Obsolete**

**Motorola V265**

- (1) Serial Number 32CCBA36EWJ
- (1) " " 32CF1779EWJ
- (1) " " 32CF15D2EWJ
- (1) " " 32CF1E42EWJ
- (1) " " 32CF1E7DEWJ
- (1) " " 32CF1ESDEWJ
- (1) " " 32CCC142EWJ
- (1) " " 32CF1C1DEWJ
- (1) " " 32CF1E64EWJ
- (1) " " 32CF1E8DEWJ
- (1) " " 32CF1785EWJ
- (1) " " 32CCC148EWJ
- (1) " " 32CF1CF7EWJ

**Kyocera DuraXV+**

- (1) MEID Number 99000610437630
- (1) " " 99000610437639
- {1) " " 99000610434458

**LG Cosmos 3**

- (1) MEID Number A10000414835D9
- (1) " " A1000041483551

**Samsung Intensity III**

**Obsolete and Disposable Items**

a. Advance Vacuum (Long Acres) - Tag #026686 - item is inoperable and beyond repair

9. Approve contract with the listed providers for 2021-2022 IDEA Flow-Through Funds and authorize the President of the Board to sign same.

- a. Brookville Center for Children's Services, Inc.
- b. Metro Therapy, Inc.
- c. NYSARC Inc.

10. Approved the District of Origin Contract between the Commack Union Free School District and the Merrick Union Free School District for a student who has been placed by a state organization into a residence house within the Merrick Union Free School District for the 2020-2021 school year, and who was residing in the Commack Union Free School District at the time of placement, and authorize the President of the Board to sign same.

11. Approved the revised Parent Bill of Rights.

12. Adopted the BOCES Cooperative Bidding Resolution granting Nassau BOCES the authority to act on our behalf to prepare and solicit bids and requests for proposals, and authorize the President of the Board to sign same.

13. The Board of Education approved the Resolution to approve Fall/Winter/Spring High Risk Sports.

Motion to approve consent agenda items K, 2-13

Motion by Justin Varughese, 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: December 2020
- Revenue Status Reports: December 2020
- Budget Status: December 2020
- Budgetary Transfer: December 2020
- Cash Flow Report: December 2020
- CD Rates Report: January 2021
- Treasurer Reports: December 2020
- Collateral Statement Summary: December 2020
- Extra Class Quarterly Reports:
  - Commack High School - 10/1/20 - 12/31/20
  - Commack Middle School - 10/1/20 - 12/31/20

3. The Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the statement for Professional Services rendered by Lamb & Barnosky, LLP on non-retainer matters for the month ending January 31, 2021 in the amount of \$27,237.38

4. Board Discussion Items

None

5. The Board of Education of the Commack Union Free School District shall hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 6:00 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 7:00 p.m. the Board will reconvene in Public Session for the purpose of holding its Regular Business Meeting.

March 11, 2021 will be Budget Workshop #1 immediately following the Board of Education meeting at Hubbs Administration Building.

#### **O. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

#### **P. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting – 10:15 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