

**Commack Union Free School District
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 9, 2023
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Board Members Present: Justin Varughese, Sue Herman, Gus Hueber, Steve Hartman

Board Members Absent: Dr. William Hender – from executive session only

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

Counsel Present: Mr. Eugene Barnosky, Ms. Mara Harvey

A. OPENING OF MEETING

Meeting called to order by Mr. Varughese at 6:20 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Pending litigation in the matter(s) of CVA cases, EEOC Complaint
- b) Negotiations conducted pursuant to the Taylor Law involving CTA, CTAA
- c) Employment history of particular employees
- d) In order to obtain legal advice

Motion to approve executive session made by Steve Hartman, seconded by Sue Hermer and carried unanimously (4-0)

Motion to exit Executive Session and return to Public Meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Motion made by Steve Hartman, seconded by Gus Hueber and carried unanimously (4-0).

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

- Special Education
- Guidance

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Multi-Cultural Committee
- Legislative Advocacy

E. BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING STATEMENT

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Thanking the Board of Education for adding Edi al-Fitr to the calendar.
- Questions regarding proposition for transportation.

G. CORRESPONDENCE

Acknowledged Correspondence

H. DONATIONS

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

a. Commack Day - \$7,000.00 to establish the Eric Spinato Foundation Scholarship for a graduating Senior who active in community service and plans to be a Communications Major - Deposit \$7,000.00 to Scholarship Fund 105035

Motion by William Hender, seconded by Sue Hermer

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 January 12, 2023 Board of Education Meeting.

Motion made by Steve Hartman, second by Gus Hueber

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 Steve Hartman

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 2-9
2. The Board of Education approved the District's School Based Management Plan.
3. The Board of Education approved the Calendar for the School Year 2023-2024
4. The Board of Education approved the following field trips:
 - a. NDA Championship
Orange County Convention Center
Orlando, Florida
March 1-6, 2023
Commack High School
 - b. New York Hall of Science
47-01 111th Street
New York, NY 11368
March 27, 2023
Commack High School
 - c. Science Competition
York College
34-20 Guy Brewer Blvd.
Jamaica, NY 11451
February 12, 2023
Commack High School
 - d. LAC Albany Trip
Albany State Capital Building
170 State Street & Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12207
March 21, 2023
Commack High School
 - e. Science Competition
The Lawrenceville School
2500 Main Street
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648
April 28-29, 2023
Commack High School

5. Approved contract with the listed provider(s) for 2022-2023 IDEA Flow Through Funds and authorize the President of the Board to sign same.

- a. Eden II Programs
- b. NYSARC., Inc.

6. Approved the listed Change Orders for the listed 2019 Bond Projects and authorize President of the Board to sign same.

- a. Corporate Electrical Technologies - Change Order No. 1 - Burr Intermediate School (035-022) - (\$338.46)
- b. Corporate Electrical Technologies - Change Order No. 2 - Sawmill Intermediate School (036-022) - (\$338.45)
- c. Roland's Electric Inc. - Change Order No. 1 - Commack High School (008-028) - \$2,440.56
- d. Roland's Electric Inc. - Change Order No. 2 - Commack Middle School (027-025) - (\$17,005)
- e. Ultimate Power Inc. - Change Order No. 1 - Commack High School (008-028) - (\$50,000)
- f. Watral Brothers Inc. - Change Order No. 1 - Commack High School (008-028) - \$52,866.95
- g. Watral Brothers Inc. - Change Order No. 2 - Burr Intermediate School (035-022) - \$25,297.72

7. Approved contract, and rider where applicable, with the listed vendors for their services for the 2022-2023 school year and authorize the President of the Board to sign same.

- a. Devereux Foundation (NY) - Residential Placement for a Student
- b. Devereux Foundation (CT) - Residential Placement for a Student
- c. DocuSign - Signature Software

8. Approved the 2022-2023 contract 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. East Islip UFSD
- b. Jericho UFSD
- c. Mineola UFSD

9. Approved the obsolescence or obsolescence and disposal of the listed items.

a. White Metal Goggle Cabinets (5) - CMS Science Rooms - to be replaced by new cabinets purchased for the renovated science labs - OBSOLETE
Tag No. 96-0316 / 96-02970 / 96-02520 / 010035 / 101998

b. Overhead Projector Carts (4) - Mandracchia-Sawmill - item no longer needed by building - OBSOLETE
Tag No. 990140 / 990136 / 990183 / 992782

c. Overhead Projector (1) - Mandracchia-Sawmill - glass is broken and unrepairable - OBSOLETE & DISPOSABLE
Tag No. 992970

d. Laminator (1) - CHS Athletic / Music Offices - item is broken and unrepairable - OBSOLETE & DISPOSABLE
Tag No. 024993

Motion by Sue Hermer, seconded by Gus Hueber
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

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approved the Memorandum of Agreement between the Commack School District and employee #12629 and authorizes the Board President to execute same.

Motion 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)

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approved the Memorandum of Agreement between the Commack School District and employee #02909 and authorizes the Board President to execute same.

Motion by Sue Hermer, seconded by William Hender
Aye: William Hender, Justin Varughese, Steve Hartman, 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 Memorandum of Agreement between the Commack School District and the Commack Teachers Association (CTA) regarding hourly rates for summer school program.

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

4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approved the Memorandum of Agreement between the Commack School District and the CTA regarding the school calendar for 2023-2024 and authorizes the Board President to execute same.

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)

5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approved the Memorandum of Agreement between the Commack School District and the CTA regarding the Retirement Incentive Agreement and authorizes the Board President to execute same.

Motion 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)

N. NEW BUSINESS

None

O. BOARD BUSINESS

1. The Board acknowledges receipt of the statement for Professional Services rendered by Lamb & Barnosky, LLP on non-retainer matters for the month ending December 31, 2022 in the amount of \$25,542.45.
2. Acknowledge receipt of the Internal Claims Auditor's Monthly Update from 11/22-1/13/23
3. Acknowledge receipt of the Financial Reports listed below:
 - Trial Balances: November 2022, December 2022
 - Revenue Status Reports: November 2022, December 2022
 - Budget Status - Detail: November 2022, December 2022
 - Budget Status - Function Code: November 2022, December 2022
 - Budgetary Transfer: November 2022, December 2022
 - Cash Flow Report: November 2022, December 2022
 - CD Rates Report: July - January 2023
 - Treasurer Reports: November 2022, December 2022
 - Collateral Statement Summary: November 2022, December 2022
 - Extra Class Quarterly Report
 - CHS - October - December 2022, CMS – October-December 2022

4. Acknowledge receipt of Committee on Special Education: 1/13/23; 1/17/23; 1/18/23; 1/19/23; 1/20/23; 1/23/23; 1/24/23; 1/25/23; 1/26/23; 1/27/23; 1/30/23; 1/31/23; 2/1/23; 2/2/23; 2/3/23; 2/6/23; 2/7/23; 2/8/23; 2/9/23.

Acknowledge receipt of Committee on Preschool Special Education: 1/18/23; 2/1/23; 2/8/23.

Board Business

None

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, March 9, 2023 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 9, 2023 will be Budget Workshop #1 immediately following the Board of Education meeting at Hubbs Administration Building.

P. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

Q. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 pm.

Motion 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)