

**Commack Union Free School District
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 11, 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, Laura Newman, Dr. Michael Inforna
Counsel Present: Mrs. Mara Harvey

A. OPENING OF MEETING

Meeting called to order by Mr. Hartman at 5:45 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 Baumann/Acme vs. Commack Union Free School District
- Negotiations conducted pursuant to the Taylor Law involving CTA, Local 237 (Buildings and Grounds), CSSA
- Employment history of a particular administrator
- Matters leading to the discipline of a particular teacher
- In order to obtain legal advice.

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

Motion to exit Executive Session and return to the Public Meeting at 7:00 pm made by William Hender, second by Jarrett Behar and carried unanimously (5-0)

A. OPENING OF MEETING – PUBLIC MEETING

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance

B. OPENING CERMONIES

1. Roll Call

C. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

1. Community Outreach and Updates

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

E. DONATIONS

None

F. BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING STATEMENT

G. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Commack did not have the best plan so it is impossible to fix the High School schedule to go back full time.
- Allow senior to stream their classes when they need to visit colleges.
- Roll out next year's plan earlier.
- Going back every day for High School is not a positive option. There would be a sense of unfamiliarity.
- From a high school student perspective, it is not advisable to go back every day. This senior year is a preview of next year for college.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from W. Berbert regarding returning to school after breaks and virtual classes

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from R. Taveras regarding mid-year survey and issues returning full-time

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from L. Papazoglou regarding issue with COVID

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from S. Ramsay regarding issues with the primary model

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from M. Kurtz regarding getting school back full-time for secondary students

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from C. Schultz regarding bringing students back full time

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from J. Edwards regarding science video and Honor Society Induction

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from D. Eder regarding opening schools full time

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from N. Perez thanking the BOE and Dr. James for adhering to regulations and guidelines with respect to the students being in school

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from J. Carpenter regarding NYS Assessments

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from J. Mann regarding car allowance for Superintendent

I. MINUTES

1. The Board of Education approved the minutes of the February 11, 2021 Board of Education Meeting.

Motion by Justin Varughese, 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 Susan Hermer

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 2-14

2. Adopted the Board of Education Meetings Schedule for 2021-2022.

3. Nominated incumbent Jim, Kaden as a candidate for trustee on the Western Suffolk BOCES Board of Education for a three-year term (2021-2024).

4. Board of Education of the Commack Union Free School District 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. Adopted the revised 2020-2021 District-Wide Emergency Response Plan which has been amended in accordance with Labor Law §27-c (public employers must prepare for the continuation of operations in the event that the Governor declares a public health emergency involving a communicable disease).

6. Approved the Hold Harmless Agreement with Town of Smithtown for use of the Hoyt Farm facility by the Boys and Girls Cross-Country teams for practice during the spring 2021 season, and authorize the President of the Board to sign same.

7. 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. Brentwood Union Free School District

b. Smithtown Central School District

c. South Huntington Union Free School District

- d. Syosset Central School District
- e. West Islip Union Free School District
- f. Mineola Union Free School District

8. Approved the following bids as recommended:

BID #	Name of Bid	Award Recommendation	Reason
21-1	Replacement of Cooling Tower at CHS	Blue Diamond Air Systems	Low bidder

The Board of Education approved the following Department of Public Works contracts:

Contract #	Commodity	Vendor Name	Expiration Date
DS-031819	Door – Steel Doors	East Islip Lumber Co., Inc	03/17/22
F030421	Flags and Accessories	Conserv Flag Company	03/03/22
HER012220	Heavy Equipment Rental	H O Penn Machinery Co., Inc.	01/21/22
HER012220	Heavy Equipment Rental	All Island Equipment Corp	01/21/22
HER012220	Heavy Equipment Rental	Hoffman Equipment	01/21/22
JCS041820	Janitorial Cleaning Solutions	I Janvey & Sons	04/17/22
LBS021521	Lumber & Building Supplies	East Islip Lumber Co. Inc	02/14/22

Board of Education approved the following BOCES BIDS:

Bid #	Name of Bid
2020-011-1022	Audio Visual Supplies and Equipment
2019-019-1025	Boiler, Kitchen Exhaust and Duct Cleaning Services
2021-073-1027	Custodial Equipment Pads
2020-008-1121	Industrial Technology Supplies
2020-006-1010	Physical Education Athletic First Aid Supplies

9. Approved the Non-Resident Tuition Contract for the 2020-2021 school year. This contract is for General Education Services.

10. 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. Island Therapies - Consultation and Related Services
- b. McTighe & Associates Consulting, LLC - Designing and Implementing Performance-based Assessments

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

Item	Tag #
Wood Chair	31-0304
Wood Desk	31-0767
Cart	31-1596/31-0406
Copier	0006311

Equipment	Commack Tag #	Reason
Germicon Germicidal Goggle Cabinet	58-0506, 96-00543, 100351	Item is outdated and non-functional; replacement parts are not cost-effective.

12. Approved contract with Munistat Services for completion of the Official Statement for 2021-2022 Tax Anticipation Notes from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, and authorize the President of the Board to sign same.

13. Board of Education approved the below-listed field trip:

- a. Six Flags Great Adventure
1 Six Flags Blvd.
Jackson Township, New Jersey 08527
June 11, 2021
Commack High School

14. Board of Education hereby approved the attached Memorandum of Agreement between the Commack UFSD and the Commack Teachers Association

Motion to approve consent agenda items K, 2-14
Motion by William Hender, 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

Board of Education approved the first reading of Policy #6440 - Negotiations. Board of Education approve the 2nd reading and moves to adopt the policy tonight.

N. BOARD BUSINESS

1. Acknowledge receipt of the Financial Reports listed below:

- Trial Balances: January 2021
- Revenue Status Reports: January 2021
- Budget Status: January 2021
- Budgetary Transfer: January 2021
- Cash Flow Report: January 2021
- CD Rates Report: February 2021
- Treasurer Reports: January 2021
- Collateral Statement Summary: January 2021

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

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 February 28, 2021 in the amount of \$46,707.09

4. Acknowledge receipt of Committee on Special Education: 2/1/21; 2/8/21; 2/9/21; 2/11/21; 2/12/21; 2/22/21; 2/23/21; 2/24/21; 2/25/21; 2/26/21; 3/1/21; 3/2/21; 3/3/21; 3/4/21; 3/5/21; 3/8/21; 3/9/21; 3/10/21; 3/11/21.

Acknowledge receipt of Committee on Preschool Special Education: 2/23/21; 2/24/21; 3/2/21; 3/3/21; 3/9/21; 3/10/21.

5. Board Discussion Items

None

6. Announcement of Upcoming Board Meeting/Budget Workshop, Audit Committee Meeting & Informal Budget Hearing

- The Board of Education of the Commack Union Free School District shall hold an Audit Committee Meeting/Internal Audit Planning on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at Hubbs Administration Center, 480 Clay Pitts Road, East Northport, NY.
- The Board of Education of the Commack Union Free School District shall hold Budget Workshop #2 on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. at Hubbs Administration Center, 480 Clay Pitts Road, East Northport, NY.
- The Board of Education of the Commack Union Free School District shall hold an Informal Budget Hearing on Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. at Hubbs Administration Center, 480 Clay Pitts Road, East Northport, NY.
- The Board of Education of the Commack Union Free School District shall hold its Regular Meeting/Budget Adoption on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at Hubbs Administration, 480 Clay Pitts Road, E. 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 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 – 8:05 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