

**Commack Union Free School District
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 20, 2023
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Board Members Present: Justin Varughese, Sue Herman, Gus Hueber, Steve Hartman,
William Hender

Board Members Absent: None

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 6:15 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Negotiations conducted pursuant to the Taylor Law involving CTA, CTAA
- b) Employment history of particular employees
- c) Matters leading to the appointment of a particular individual
- d) In order to obtain legal advice

Motion to approve executive session made by William Hender, seconded by Steve Hartman and carried unanimously (5-0)

Motion to exit Executive Session and return to Public Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Motion made by William Hender, seconded by Steve Hartman 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

- Administrative Updates
- Music and Art presentation

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Legislative Advocacy
 - Student Recognition – Legislative Advocacy Committee
- Multi-Cultural Committee

E. BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING STATEMENT

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- None

G. CORRESPONDENCE

Acknowledged Correspondence

H. DONATIONS

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

- a. Lowes Middletown - Donation of garden seeds (see attached list) for CHS Biology Students and the Garden Club - Valued at \$164.60
- b. Cari Steinbach - Donation of \$500.00 to establish the Michael John Monaghan Scholarship for a graduating CHS Senior - Deposit \$500.00 to CM 105035
- c. Island Creations - Donation of 50 T-shirts to the CHS Business Honor Society Club - Valued at \$400.00

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)

I. MINUTES

Approved the minutes from the March 9, 2023 Board of Education Meeting.

Motion made 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)

J. PERSONNEL

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approved the Personnel Matters.

Motion by Susan Hermer seconded by William Hender

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 2-20
2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the OLAS Mutual Nondisclosure Agreement
3. The Board of Education adopted the Resolutions for the Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election to be held on May 16, 2023.
4. The Board of Education adopted the schedule for the 2023-2024 Board of Education Meeting Schedule.
5. Approved the Property Tax Report Card.
6. Approved Change Orders No. 1 and No. 2 in the listed amounts for Irwin Contracting, Inc. for 2019 Bond Phase 3 Projects.
 - a) Change Order No. 1 - Burr Road Intermediate School (035-022) - Deduct \$28,690.00
 - b) Change Order No. 2 - Sawmill Intermediate School (036-022) - Deduct \$30,200.00
7. Approved the Agreement with Munistat Services for the completion of the Official Statement for the 2023-2024 Tax Anticipation Notes.
8. Approved the contract with the listed districts for students who reside in the Commack UFSD and attend private/parochial schools in the listed districts.
 - a. Bay Shore UFSD
 - b. Hauppauge UFSD
 - c. Hicksville UFSD
 - d. Plainview-Old Bethpage CSD
 - e. Smithtown CSD
 - f. South Huntington UFSD
 - g. Syosset CSD

9. Approved the 2022-2023 contract with the listed district(s) for special education students who reside in the Commack UFSD and attend private/parochial schools in the listed district(s).

- a. Hauppauge UFSD
- b. Jericho UFSD
- c. Smithtown CSD

10. approve the contracts with the listed providers for IDEA Flow-Through Funds for the 2023-2024 school year (unless otherwise noted).

- a. Anderson Center for Autism
- b. Brookville Center for Children's Services, Inc.
- c. Cam-Held Enterprises, Inc. dba Just Kids Early Childhood Learning Center
- d. Developmental Disabilities Institute
- e. Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health
- f. Eden II Programs
- g. Kidz Therapy Services, PLLC
- h. Liberty resources Psychology, Physical, Occupational, Speech Therapy, PLLC (Liberty Post)
- i. Nassau Suffolk Services for the Autistic, Inc.
- j. NYSARC Inc. Suffolk Chapter Saul & Elaine Seiff Educare Center
- k. United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Suffolk, Inc.
- l. The Opportunity Pre-School - 2022-2023

11. Adopted the Western Suffolk BOCES Joint Municipal Bidding Resolution granting Western Suffolk BOCES the authority to act on our behalf to prepare and solicit bids and requests for proposals for Tutorial & Special Education Services for students.

12. Adopted the ESBOCES Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Resolution granting Eastern Suffolk BOCES the authority to act on our behalf to prepare and solicit bids and requests for generally needed services and standardized supply and equipment items.

13. Approved the Agreement with Gallagher Bassett for property insurance appraisal services as it relates the District's 2023-2024 insurance renewal.

14. Approved the Financing Agreement with DASNY for the Revenue Bond Financing Program as it relates to the Phase II borrowing for the 2019 Bond, the resolution for which was adopted January 9, 2020.

15. The Board of Education approved the following field trips:

a. Fire Island - Sunken Forest/Sailor's Haven

41 River Road (Fire Island Ferry)

Sayville, NY 11782

May 23, 2023

Commack High School

b. Six Flags Great Adventure

1 Six Flags Blvd.

Jackson, NJ 08527

June 12, 2023 **(REVISED NEW DATE)**

Commack High School

16. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approved the Resolution Agreement dated April 14, 2023 with Student Number 120000679.

17. Approved that the resolution approved at the April 13, 2023 Board of Education meeting under personnel is hereby deleted and replace with: RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Alise Pulliam will receive a probationary appointment of the position of Executive Director for Instructional Technology, in the tenure area of Executive Director of Instructional Technology, for the term May 15, 2023 through May 14, 2027, unless terminated prior thereto, at the salary of \$170,000, subject to the requirements of the Education Law and the Rules of the Board of Regents.

18. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approved the contracts dated March 9, 2023 with the following companies: Central Air Corp., Arrow Steel Window Corp., Road work Ahead, Inc. VSC Electric, Inc. (Fire Alarm Reconstruction), VSC Electric, Inc. (Electrical Reconstruction), Seaford Avenue Corp., Renu Contracting and Restoration.

19. Approved the appointment of volunteers to the District's Volunteer Program.

20. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby terminates the employment of Employee #03491, effective April 21, 2023.

Motion made 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)

L. CONSENT AGENDA – LEGAL

1. Approved the Lease Amendment with Building Blocks to allow for the installation of new playground equipment at their leased space at Sagtikos Elementary School.

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. Approved the recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools, that BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to Education Law Section 913, Employee No. 02563 is hereby directed to submit to a medical examination before a physician of the District's choosing; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby directs that Employee No. 02563 submit, at or before the examination/evaluation, all relevant records from all health care providers with whom he/she has consulted or received treatment during the last three years, or another time period deemed appropriate by the District's designated physician(s).
3. The Board of Education approved the Settlement Agreement and Release, and authorizes the Board President to sign 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)

M. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

1. The Board of Education approved the proposed 2023-2024 School District Budget
2. The Board of Education approved the Memorandum of Agreement between the Commack Union Free School District and the Commack Teacher's Association to an "Agreement for the Retirement Incentive Program for a particular employee.

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 February 28, 2023 in the amount of \$29,786.09

2. The Board of Education acknowledged receipt of the Financial Reports listed below:
 - a. Trial Balances: February 2023, March 2023
 - b. Revenue Status Reports: February 2023, March 2023
 - c. Budget Status - Detail: February 2023, March 2023
 - d. Budget Status – Function Code: February 2023, March 2023
 - e. Budgetary Transfer: February 2023, March 2023
 - f. Cash Flow Report: February 2023, March 2023
 - g. CD Rates Report: February 2023, March 2023
 - h. Treasurer Reports: February 2023, March 2023
 - i. Collateral Statement Summary: February 2023, March 2023

3. Acknowledge receipt of the Internal Claims Auditor's Monthly Update for 1/09/2023 through 3/30/2023 and 4/1/23 through 4/15/23

4. The Board acknowledges receipt of the statement for Professional Services rendered by Lamb & Barnosky, LLP on non-retainer matters for the month ending January 31, 2023 in the amount of \$27,592.46

5. Acknowledge receipt of Committee on Special Education: 3/13/23; 3/14/23; 3/15/23; 3/16/23; 3/17/23; 3/20/23; 3/21/23; 3/22/23; 3/23/23; 3/24/23; 3/27/23; 3/28/23; 3/29/23; 3/30/23; 3/31/23; 4/11/23; 4/12/23; 4/13/23; 4/14/23; 4/17/23; 4/18/23; 4/19/23.

- Acknowledge receipt of Committee on Preschool Special Education: 3/24/23; 3/28/23; 3/29/23; 4/11/23; 4/12/23; 4/18/23; 4/19/23.

Announcement of Upcoming Board of Education Meeting;

The Board of Education of the Commack Union Free School District shall hold a Board of Education Meeting on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 8:00 am for the purpose of voting on the BOCES Budget and Trustee Election.

The Board shall also hold its Regular Meeting and Budget Hearing on Thursday, May 4, 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 8:00 p.m. the Board will reconvene in Public Session for the purpose of holding its Regular Business Meeting and Budget Hearing.

P. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Comments on Security/Armed Guards
- Comments on integrated classes

Q. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting at 10:05 p.m.

Motion by William Hender, seconded by Steve Hartman

Aye: William Hender, Justin Varughese, Steve Hartman, Sue Hermer, Gus Hueber

Final Resolution: Motion Carried (5-0)