

**Commack Union Free School District  
Board of Education Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, May 6, 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, Laura Newman, Dr. Michael Inforna  
Counsel Present: Mr. Eugene Barnosky, Mrs. Mara Harvey

**A. OPENING OF MEETING**

Meeting called to order by Mr. Hartman at 6:30 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:

Justin Varughese attended at 7:40 pm

- Negotiations conducted pursuant to the Taylor Law involving CTA, Local 237 (Buildings and Grounds), CSSA
- The financial history of particular members of the non-aligned staff
- The employment history of particular administrators and clerical staff members
- In order to obtain legal advice.

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

Motion to exit Executive Session and return to Public Meeting made by Jarrett Behar, seconded by Susan Hermer and carried unanimously (5-0)

**A. OPENING OF MEETING – PUBLIC MEETING**

Meeting called to order by Mr. Hartman at 8:04 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

**B. OPENING CERMONIES**

1. Roll Call

2. Recognition of Boys Varsity Soccer Team

**C. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

1. Budget Review for Adoption

**D. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

#### **E. DONATIONS**

The Board accepted, on behalf of the District, donations by the following to be applied as requested, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District will deposit these funds as listed, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorize an increase, as necessary, to the listed Budget Code for use of these funds.

a. **Commack High School Junior IB Students** - Handmade bookshelf and new books for the Mandracchia-Sawmill Intermediate School Library - books are valued at \$100.00.

b. **Island Photography** - \$4,361.31 to Commack Middle School - \$2,361.31 to 038005-2110-450-50 (Yearbook) and \$2,000.00 to TA038.27 (Trust and Agency)

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

#### **G. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- Meet the Candidates Night and remind people to Vote on May 18<sup>th</sup>
- Questions about vaccinations. What are the rules regarding the 3 feet distance and what is going to happen to the sneeze guards?
- Not one member of the Board reached out to the community. Dr. James says we are not behind, we are ahead of last year, this is not true.
- Share your plan for educating students for next year.
- High School girls need assistance, communication with social/emotional issues.
- Sorry to see Ms. Goldberg leaving. She appreciates Ms. Goldberg and Ms. Newman.
- Happy Teacher Appreciation Week. Thank you to Mr. Hender for speaking with her. Regarding the consultant who is paid \$750.00 a day, how many days will they be working?
- Looking at other neighboring districts, their plan was much better than ours
- Focus on the kids, social and emotional issues. We need to know the plan for next year.

#### **H. CORRESPONDENCE**

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from H. Moyssiadis regarding regents exams

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from S. Ramsay questions regarding the budget

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from M. Brodsky regarding Reconnecting & Discovery Summer Camp

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from V. Cavaleri regarding blocking driveway by Sawmill

#### **I. MINUTES**

1. Approved the Minutes from the April 22, 2021 Board of Education Meeting and the Minutes from the April 27, 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, William Hender, Justin Varughese, Susan Hermer

Abstain: Steve Hartman

**K. CONSENT AGENDA - NEW BUSINESS**

1. Approved all Consent Agenda Items 2-16

2. The 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.

3. Adopted the BOCES Joint Municipal Cooperative 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 and Benefits Managements Services, and authorize the President of the Board to sign same.

Acknowledge receipt of the following grant:

4. Commack High School received a \$720.00 mini-grant from the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) for the purpose of enhancing support of Commack High School's Project Lead the Way program. Acceptance of this grant will require the Board to authorize \$720.00 to Special Aid Budget Code Lead21-2110-450-000.

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

<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Tag #</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Platforms	54-0204 / 54-0206 / 54-0207 / 75-00554 / 75-00555 / 75-00556 / 75-00559	Equipment is broken beyond repair.
Patton Electric Company Stand-Up Fan	102748	Equipment is broken beyond repair.

6. Approve the following bids:

The administration recommends that the Board of Education approve the following bids as recommended:

<b>BID #</b>	<b>Name of Bid</b>	<b>Award Recommendation</b>	<b>Reason</b>
--------------	--------------------	-----------------------------	---------------

20-13	Purchase of Automotive Parts	Any Part of Huntington	renewal
20-2	2019 Bond Phase 3 (contract 5)	APS Contracting	Low bidder
	Contracts 1-4	Reject all bids	Rebid in fall
21-7	Fire Alarm Service/Management	New York Fire Service	low bidder
21-8	Septic & Storm Maintenance	B&R Cesspool LLC	low bidder
21-12	Event Tents	Camelot Party Rentals	low bidder

Approval of the following BOCES BIDS:

Bid #	Name of Bid
2021-030-0202	Music Instruments and Supplies
2021-002-0223R	Fine and Recycled Paper
2021-037-0126	Custodial Liners and Gloves

Board of Education approved the following Request for Proposal:

RFP	Award Recommendation
Actuarial Audit of District Worker's Compensation Reserve	Pinnacle Actuarial Resources, Inc.
Residency Monitoring Services	Multiple – Global Intelligence Associates; Accurate Investigative Services; Alpha Group

7. Approved the Proposal for an Eagle Scout Project at Commack Middle School and authorize the President of the Board to sign same.

8. Approved Stipulation of Agreement School Year 2021-2022 for Student # 102011098

9. Approved contract, and rider where applicable, with the listed vendors for their services for the 2021-2022 school year (unless otherwise indicated) and authorize the President of the Board to sign same.

- a. All About Kids SLP, OT, PT, LMSW, Psychology, PLLC - Evaluations, Consultation and Therapy Services
- b. Glen Davis (2020-2021) - Technical Consultation for 2021 Spring Musical at CHS
- c. The Devereux Foundation, d/b/a Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health - Educational and Residential Services
- d. Dr. Eugene Gerardi - School Physicals and Health Education Services
- e. Health Source Group - Substitute Nurse Coverage
- f. Kenny Kamping (2020-2021) - Musician for 2021 Spring Musical at CHS
- g. Chery Manniello (2020-2021) - Costume Services for 2021 Spring Musical at CHS
- h. N SSA Tuition - Martin C. Barell School - Educational Programs for Students with Autism
- i. New York Therapy Placement - Consultation and Related Services
- j. Princeton Review - Access to SAT and ACT Prep Courses for CHS Students
- k. Serene Home Nursing Agency - Nursing Services

- l. William Sierra - School Physicals and Health Education Services
- m. id Unleashed Productions (2020-2021) - Live Streaming of 2021 Spring Musical

10. Approved Change Order Nos. 1-7 – Palace Electrical – Fire Alarm Reconstruction at Various Buildings Project in the deduction amounts listed below and authorize President of the Board to sign same.

Building	Project No.	Deduct Amount
North Ridge Primary School	007-014	\$5,000.00
Commack High School	008-025	\$7,500.00
Wood Park Primary School	009-015	\$3,126.00
Indian Hollow Primary School	014-015	\$5,000.00
Commack Middle School	027-021	\$7,500.00
Burr Intermediate School	035-020	\$7,446.60
Sawmill Intermediate School	036-019	\$6,286.20

11. Approved the R.S. Abrams & Co. Internal Auditor engagement letter for the 2021-2022 school year and authorize the President of the Board to sign same.

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

- a. Hauppauge UFSD
- b. Northport-East Northport UFSD
- c. Three Village CSD

13. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approved the Memorandum of Agreement between the Commack Union Free School District and the Commack Schools Secretarial Association/United Public Service Employees Union

14. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the School Board voted on the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association Proposed Budget and Slate of Officers for the 2021-2022 year

15. Approved the 2021-2022 Tax Anticipation Notes

16. Approved the Internal Claim Auditor's engagement letter for the 2020-2021 school year and authorize the President of the Board to sign same.

Motion by Jarrett Behar second by Susan Hermer

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

**L. LEGAL**

None

**M. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

None

## **N. BOARD BUSINESS**

1. Acknowledge receipt of the Financial Reports listed below:

- Trial Balances: March 2021
- Revenue Status Reports: March 2021
- Budget Status: March 2021
- Budgetary Transfer: March 2021
- Cash Flow Report: March 2021
- CD Rates Report: April 2021
- Treasurer Reports: March 2021
- Collateral Statement Summary: March 2021
- Extra Class Quarterly Report - CHS: 1/1/21 - 3/31/21
- Extra Class Quarterly Report - CMS: 1/1/21 - 3/31/21

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approved the attached contracts with the State University of New York at Stony Brook, Country Fair Entertainment & Event Park, and Six Flags Great Adventure, LLC and authorize Laura Newman to sign the three contracts.

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

4. Acknowledge receipt of Committee on Special Education: 4/23/21; 4/26/21; 4/27/21; 4/28/21; 4/29/21; 4/30/21; 5/3/21; 5/4/21; 5/5/21; 5/6/21.

Acknowledge receipt of Committee on Preschool Special Education: 4/23/21; 4/27/21; 4/28/21; 5/5/21; 5/6/21.

5. Board Discussion Items

6. The Board of Education of the Commack Union Free School District shall hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at Commack High School, 1 Scholar Lane, 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 7:30 p.m. the Board will reconvene in Public Session for the purpose of holding its Regular Business Meeting.

## **O. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Comments on why questions cannot be answered at Board of Ed Meetings

Reasons why they are running for Board of Ed trustee. There is erosion of public trust, we need truth, a plan, direction, honesty and transparency. Education is a people business.

We love our children, but the continuing to wear a mask if abuse.

We need a Town Hall Meeting to help mend the divide. Why don't we have a 7-member board?

**P. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 10:16 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

