

**Commack Union Free School District
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 10, 2020
Hubbs Administration building
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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, Mrs. Laura Newman
Counsel Present: Mr. Eugene Barnosky, Mara Harvey

A. OPENING OF MEETING

Meeting called to order by Mr. Hartman at 7:00 p.m.

Jarrett Behar left at 7:02 and returned at 7:18 p.m.

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Jarrett Behar, second by Susan Hermer to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of discussing the following:

- Pending litigation in the matter(s) of AM v. Commack UFSD and Acme V. Commack USFD
- Matters leading to the discipline of a non-aligned administrator
- In order to obtain legal advice.

Motion made by Jarrett Behar, seconded by Susan Hermer and carried unanimously (5-0) to exit executive session at 7:37 pm and return to public meeting.

A. OPENING OF MEETING – PUBLIC MEETING

Meeting called to order by Mr. Hartman at 8:02 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

B. OPENING CERMONIES

1. Roll Call

C. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

1. Detailed Overview of the Re-Opening of Schools

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

E. DONATIONS

None

F. BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING STATEMENT

G. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

H. CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from L. Koster regarding Wilson Tech.

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from S. Kasparyan regarding questions on opening of schools

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from L. Soto regarding thanking the Dr. James for all the updates regarding school opening

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from L. Gilbert regarding Special Education Services and SCOPE

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from R. MacDonald regarding Kindergarten screening

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from M. Chiraz regarding Wilson Tech

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from T. Carollo regarding if parents will be informed of COVID cases in schools

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from M. Polen regarding transportation

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from J. Carpenter regarding remote learning and thanking the district

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from J. Bhalla regarding access to lockers and Kindergarten orientation and DIAL screening

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from S. Regenbogen regarding High School opening plan

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from M. Rose regarding type of masks for school

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from R. MacDonald regarding SCOPE

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from C. Diaz Hall regarding Re-Opening plans

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from D. Bailey regarding remote learning

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from K. Wild regarding issues with re-opening

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from M. Gannon regarding new student orientation

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from J. Kavanagh thanking the District for their hard work

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from V. Aponte regarding teaching hand washing and the proper way to wear a mask

Acknowledgement of Correspondence from N. Phelan thanking the District for their hard work
Acknowledgement of Correspondence from J. Tine thanking us for the use of masks
Acknowledgement of Correspondence from M. Niedert thanking us for the excellent job of re-opening schools
Acknowledgement of Correspondence from b. Cunningham and E. Feldman regarding proposals to address Student Mental Health Needs
Acknowledgement of Correspondence from J. Waterman regarding having water tested in the schools
Acknowledgement of Correspondence from J. Diamond regarding outdoor recess
Acknowledgement of Correspondence from Parents of HS Seniors Class of 2021 requesting a meeting to discuss issues
Acknowledgement of Correspondence from J. Lampert regarding outdoor recess
Acknowledgement of Correspondence from M. Christofilopoulos regarding outdoor recess
Acknowledgement of Correspondence from J. Scully regarding advanced classes
Acknowledgement of Correspondence from D. Bailey regarding advanced classes
Acknowledgement of Correspondence from R. Rosenthal regarding AP/IB Classes
Acknowledgement of Correspondence from D. Glatz thanking the District
Acknowledgement of Correspondence from G. Cressy regarding signed letter by multiple parents regarding IB courses
Acknowledgement of Correspondence from M. Kurtz regarding high school schedule
Acknowledgement of Correspondence from G. Amari regarding UPK Program
Acknowledgement of Correspondence from J. Rizzo regarding IB Courses
Acknowledgement of Correspondence from L. Raveendran regarding 'Diversify Our Narrative' campaign
Acknowledgement of Correspondence from L. Reimann regarding Covid exposure
Acknowledgement of Correspondence from C. Hall regarding lunch and recess outside time

I. MINUTES

1. The Board of Education approved the minutes of the August 11, 2020 Board of Education Meeting.

Motion by William Hender, second by Justin Varughese.

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 William Hender, second by Susan Hermer.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

K. CONSENT AGENDA - NEW BUSINESS

1. Approved all Consent Agenda Items 1-14

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approved and/or ratifies the Re-Opening Plan developed for the Commack UFSD for the 2020-2021 school year and hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to amend, modify and or update the Re-Opening Plan as needed subject to further Board approval and/or ratification the event of substantial revisions to the plan.

3. 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.

4. Approved the revised agreement for the MealPlanner Order Management System (OMS) (originally approved by the Board of Education on August 31, 2020) and authorize the President of the Board to sign same.

5. 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. All About Kids - Evaluations and Therapy Services
- b. Developmental Disabilities Institute, Inc. - Home & Community Services
- c. Hunter EMS - Ambulance Services for CMS Football Games

6. Approved contracts with the following school districts for students to be placed in our special education program from July 1, 2020 to August 30, 2020, and authorize the President of the Board to sign same.

- a. Massapequa UFSD
- b. Northport-East Northport UFSD
- c. South Huntington UFSD

7. Approved Guest Tuition contract with Deer Park Union Free School District for Commack student(s) placed in their special education program from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 and authorize the President of the Board to sign same.

8. Approved Change Order #1 – The LandTek Group, Inc. – Commack High School Site Work for Project #008-027 in the deduction amount of (\$370,890.00) and authorize President of the Board to sign same.

9. Approved receipt of the following grant:

- a. The District received a \$1,500 grant from the School Nutrition Foundation's Help Feed Kids Program. Acceptance of this grant will require the Board to authorize \$1,500 to be deposited to the School Lunch Fund.

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

Equipment	Tag #	Reason
Cafeteria Tables (4)	96-04241/ 96-103384/ 96-04245/ 96-04244	Equipment is broken beyond repair.

11. Approved the obsolescence of the listed items:

- a. Non-operable defibrillators

12. Approved contract with the listed provider for 2019-2020 IDEA Flow Through Funds and authorize the President of the Board to sign same.

- a. Mid Island Therapy Associates, LLC dba All About Kids

13. Approved the following bids as recommended:

BID #	Name of Bid	Award Recommendation	Reason
20-10	Printing - Newsletter	Tobay Printing	low bidder

The administration recommends that the Board of Education approve the following Department of Public Works contracts:

Contract #	Commodity	Vendor Name	Expiration Date
CT041118	Ceiling Tiles	Marjam	4/10/2021
DCM110118	Drywall Construction Materials	East Islip Lumber Co. Inc.	10/31/2020
GES-030119-P	Generator - Repairs & Parts	GT Power Systems Corp.	2/28/2021
HDW-091217	Hardware - Door & Window	Brookhaven Locksmith Inc.	9/11/2021
HDW-091217	Hardware - Door & Window	Independent Hardware Inc.	9/11/2021

The administration recommends that the Board of Education approve the following BOCES BIDS:

Bid #	Name of Bid
2020-021-0425	Classroom Furniture, Seating, Risers, Lockers (Catalog Purchase)
2021-066-0430	Custodial Matting (with or without logo)
2018R-031-0601	Doors - Repair, Maintenance, & Installation
2020-022-0404	HVAC Services

2017C-059-0516	Musical Instrument Rentals
2020-044-0502	Networked Copiers
2020-025-0514	Special Education Instructional Supplies (Catalog Purchase)
2017C-034-0503	Third Party Administrator for Tax Sheltered Annuity 403(b) & 457(b)

The administration recommends that the Board of Education review the following Request for Proposal:

Name of Proposal: Commercial Real Estate Broker (Sale of Smith’s Lane); Award: TBD

14. Approved the Memorandum of Agreement with the Commack Teachers Association regarding Interim Substitute Teachers.

L. Consent Agenda – Legal

None

M. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

1. Appointed on behalf of the Commack Board of Education, Justin Varughese as Voting Delegate and Steven Hartman as the alternate delegate for the 2020 NYSSBA annual Meeting.

Motion by Jarrett Behar, second by William Hender

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

N. BOARD BUSINESS

1. Financial Reports

Acknowledge receipt of the Financial Reports listed below:

a. CD Rates Report: August 2020

2. Internal Claims Auditor’s Monthly Update

Acknowledge receipt of the Internal Claims Auditor's Monthly Update, September 2020.

3. Board of Education Meeting Announcement

- The Board of Education of the Commack Union Free School District shall hold an Audit Committee Meeting/External Audit Planning meeting on Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hubbs Administration Building, 480 Clay Pitts Road, East Northport, New York 11731.
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- The Board of Education of the Commack Union Free School District shall hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Hubbs Administration Building, 480 Clay Pitts Road, East 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 7:30 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 – 10:45 pm

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