

**Commack Union Free School District
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 9, 2021
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Board Members Present: Steve Hartman, Justin Varughese William Hender, Susan Hermer, Gus Hueber
Board Members Absent: None
Administration Present: Dr. Donald James, Laura Newman, Dr. Michael Inforna, Jordan Cox
Counsel Present: Mr. Eugene Barnosky, Mrs. Mara Harvey, Alyson Mathews

A. OPENING OF MEETING

Meeting called to order by Mr. Hartman at 6:35 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Pending litigation in the matter of CASA v Commack Union Free School District, John Doe 3 v Boy Scouts, et al, and litigation with a particular employee v Commack Union Free School District.
- Matters leading to the discipline of a particular employee
- In order to obtain legal advice

Motion to approve executive session made by Susan Hermer, seconded by Justin Varughese and carried unanimously (5-0)

Motion to exit Executive Session and return to the Public Meeting at 7:45 pm, made by William Hender seconded by Susan Hermer and carried unanimously (5-0)

A. OPENING OF MEETING – PUBLIC MEETING

Meeting called to order by Mr. Hartman at 8:01 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

B. OPENING CEREMONIES

1. Roll Call

C. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

1. Board of Education and Superintendent Goals
2. Updates – COVID
3. Opening of School

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

E. DONATIONS

a. Approved donation of \$7,000.00 to Commack High School for a Basketball Shooting Machine from Sibhan Kelly- Deposit \$7,000.00 to Gifts and Donations A2705 and Increase Budget Code A 2855-210-08-110

b. Approved donation from **Stop & Shop** - \$136.53 to Rolling Hills through their A+ Program for supplies and programming - Deposit \$136.53.00 to CM 104008

Motion made by Susan Hermer, seconded by Gus Hueber.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

F. BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING STATEMENT

G. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Comments on the use of mask in schools
- Comments on testing sites
- Comments on mask breaks in school

H. CORRESPONDENCE

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence:

a. Acknowledged multiple correspondence regarding mask in school and school re-opening plan.

I. MINUTES

1. Approved the Minutes from the August 12, 2021 and the August 19, 2021 Board of Education Meeting,

Motion made by William Hender, seconded by Gus Hueber.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

J. PERSONNEL

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

Motion by Justin Varughese, seconded by Susan Hermer

Aye: Steve Hartman, William Hender, Susan Hermer, Gus Hueber, Justin Varughese
 Final Resolution: Motion Carried

K. CONSENT AGENDA – NEW BUSINESS

1. Approved Consent Agenda items 2-14
2. 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. Approved a Non-Resident Tuition contract for Mr. & Mrs. Peter Tine, who reside in Fort Salonga, NY and would like their children to attend school within the Commack UFSD for the 2021-2022 school year, and authorize the President of the Board to sign same.
4. Approved contracts with the following school districts for students to be placed in our special education program from July 1, 2021 to August 30, 2021, and authorize the President of the Board to sign same.

- a. Islip UFSD
- b. Massapequa UFSD
- c. West Islip UFSD

5. approve the Owner/Contractor Agreement with Renu Contracting and Restoration, Inc. for 2019 Bond, Phase 1 and Phase 3 Projects, authorize the President of the Board to sign same.

- a. Rolling Hills Primary School - 023-017 - Faculty & Restroom Reconstruction
- b. Wood Park Primary School - 009-016 - Faculty & Restroom Reconstruction
- c. North Ridge Primary School - 007-015 - Faculty & Restroom Reconstruction
- d. Commack Middle School - 027-025 - Restroom Renovation

6. Adopted the SEQRA Type II resolution for the fire alarm upgrades in conjunction with the 2017-2018 Capital Improvement Projects, as recommended by administration.

7. Acknowledge receipt of the Workers Compensation Actuarial Report from Pinnacle Actuarial Resources.

8. Approved the following bids as recommended:

BID #	Name of Bid	Award Recommendation	Reason
21-15	Purchase of Used Sedans	Chevrolet of Smithtown	Low bidder

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

Contract #	Commodity	Vendor Name	Expiration Date
GRPS070120	Grounds Keeping Parts, Service & Accessories.	Northeast Equipment, Inc.	6/30/2022
GRPS070120	Grounds Keeping Parts, Service & Accessories.	Montage Enterprises	6/30/2022

GRPS070120	Grounds Keeping Parts, Service & Accessories.	All Island Equipment Corp.	6/30/2022
GRPS070120	Grounds Keeping Parts, Service & Accessories.	Malvese Equipment Co Inc	6/30/2022
GRPS070120	Grounds Keeping Parts, Service & Accessories.	Storr Tractor Company	6/30/2022

The Board of Education approved the following BOCES BIDS:

Bid #	Name of Bid
2018R-031-0601	Doors - Repair, Maintenance, & Installation
2017-070-0316	Fire Extinguisher Maintenance
2020-022-0404	HVAC Services
2018C-035-0313	Musical Instrument Repairs
2020-044-0502	Networked Copiers
2020-025-0514	Special Education Instructional Supplies (Catalog Purchase)

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

- a. ABAskills - Consultation and Related Services for Special Education
- b. Concord Theatricals Corp. - Licensing Agreement for 2022 Spring Musical at CHS
- c. Dramatic Publishing - Licensing Agreement for 2021 Fall Play at CHS
- d. Huntington YMCA - Pool Use for CHS Swim Team
- e. The Judge Rotenberg Educational Center, Inc. - Residential Placement for Special Education
- f. SCOPE Before and After School Child Care Program
- g. St. Charles Hospital and Rehabilitation Center - Medical Coverage at District Football Games
- h. Syosset Home Tutoring - Home Instruction and Tutoring
- i. Williams Speech & Language Therapy - Related Services for Special Education

10. Approved the Hold Harmless Agreement with Town of Smithtown for use of the Hoyt Farm Facility by the Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams, and authorize the President of the Board to sign same.

11. Approved the Corrective Action Plan related to the June 30, 2020 Financial Statements and authorize the President of the Board to sign same.

12. Approved the Application for Examination and Approval of Final Plans and Specifications Forms for the Fire Alarm Upgrades in conjunction with the 17-18 Capital Improvement Program authorize the President of the Board to sign same.

13. Approved the Scope of Proposed Project for Fire Alarm Upgrades in conjunction with the 2017-2018 Capital Improvement Projects and authorize the President of the Board to sign same.

- a. North Ridge Primary School - 007-017
- b. Commack High School - 008-030
- c. Wood Park Primary School - 009-018

- d. Indian Hollow Primary School - 014-018
- e. Commack Middle School - 027-027
- f. Burr Intermediate School - 035-024
- g. Mandracchia-Sawmill Intermediate School - 036-024

14. Approved the 2021-2022 Resolution Agreement, signed by Legal and parent, for Student ID# 091120003.

Motion by William Hender, seconded by Justin Varughese

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

L. CONSENT AGENDA – LEGAL

1. Approved appointment of Justin Varughese as Voting Delegate and Steven Hartman as the alternate delegate for the 2021 NYSSBA annual Meeting.

Motion by Susan Hermer, seconded by William Hender

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

M. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approved the Memorandum of Agreement between CASA and the school district.

Motion by William Hender, seconded by Justin Varughese

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

N. BOARD BUSINESS

1. Acknowledge receipt of the Financial Reports listed below:

a. CD Rates: August 2021

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

3. Acknowledge receipt of Committee on Special Education: 8/12/21; 8/16/21; 8/17/21; 8/18/21; 8/19/21; 8/20/21; 8/24/21; 8/26/21; 8/30/21; 8/31/21; 9/1/21.

Acknowledge receipt of Committee on Preschool Special Education: 8/25/21; 8/26/21.

4. Board Discussion:

a. Dedication of 9-11 Memorial at Commack Middle School on Saturday, September 11th

b. 9-11 Candlelight Ceremony at Commack High School at 6:00 pm on Saturday, September 11th.

c. Nassau County School District Lawsuit, our district will have something posted on our website shortly

Upcoming Board of Education Meeting:

- The Board of Education of the Commack Union Free School District shall hold an Audit Committee Meeting/External Audit Planning meeting on Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hubbs Administration Building, 480 Clay Pitts Road, East Northport, New York 11731.
- The Board of Education of the Commack Union Free School District shall hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at Commack High School, 1 Scholar Lane, Commack, 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 at 9:16 pm

Motion made by Susan Hermer, seconded by William Hender

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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