

**Commack Union Free School District
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 7, 2023
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Board Members Present: Justin Varughese, Sue Herman, Steve Hartman, William Hender, Gus Hueber

Board Members Absent: None

Administration Present: Dr. Jordan Cox, Laura Newman, Tim Russo, Scott Oshrin

Counsel Present: Mara Harvey

A. OPENING OF MEETING

Meeting called to order by Mr. Varughese at 6:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Negotiations conducted pursuant to the Taylor Law involving CTA
- b) The employment history of particular employees
- c) Matters leading to the potential discipline of particular individuals
- d) In order to obtain legal advice

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

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

Motion made by Steve Hartman, seconded by Gus Hueber 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

1. First Day of School
2. Capital Project Update
3. Staffing Highlights
4. Community Update

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Multi-Cultural Committee
2. Legislative Advocacy

E. BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING STATEMENT

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

- None

G. CORRESPONDENCE

- Acknowledged Correspondence

H. DONATIONS

None

I. MINUTES

Approved the Minutes from the August 17, 2023 Board of Education meeting.

Motion made by William Hender, seconded by Gus Hueber

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 Steve Hartman seconded by Susan Hermer

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 2-11
2. The Board of Education approves a Resolution Agreement dated September 1, 2023, with student number 102010304, and authorizes the Board president to execute same.
3. The Board of Education approved an increase in the Adult School Lunch price to \$5.38 (including tax) per the adjusted price released by the New York State Education Department. The original price of \$5.09 was approved at the July 25, 2023 Board of Education meeting.

4. Approve the contract, and rider where applicable, with the listed vendors for their services for the 2023-2024 school year and authorize the President of the Board to sign same.

- a. All About Kids - Special Education Services
- b. Building Blocks - UPK Program
- c. Five Towns College - High School Scholars Program
- d. Horizon Healthcare Staffing - Nurses Services for Students
- e. Masci, Annette - Outside Accountant
- f. Twin County Driving School - Drivers Education
- g. Melanie Scandariato - School Dude Software Consultant
- h. GB Language - Language Interpreting Services

5. Approved contracts with the listed school districts for their students to receive special education services from our district during Summer 2023 and/or the 2023-2024 school year (as indicated) and authorize the President of the Board to sign same.

- a. Harborfields CSD - Summer 2023

6. Approved the 2023-2024 Data Privacy Agreement with Lamb & Barnosky and authorize the President of the Board to sign same.

7. Approved the R.S. Abrams & Co. Internal Auditor engagement letter for additional auditing services 9/1/2023-10/31/2023.

8. Approve the Agreement between Commack UFSD and Bloomberg Finance L.P. and authorize the President of the Board to sign same.

9. Approved the Wex application for a gas credit card to be used to purchase gas.

10. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approved a Resolution Agreement dated September 1, 2023 with Student Number 120002384, and authorizes the Board President to execute same.

11. Approved the waiver of fees for Special Olympics

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)

L. CONSENT AGENDA – LEGAL

1. Approved the appointment of Steve Hartman as Voting Delegate and Sue Hermer as the alternate delegate for the 2023 NYSSBA annual Meeting.

Motion made by Gus Hueber 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. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approved the attached Agreement with Employee #13535 and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign same.

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby ratifies and approves the attached Memorandum of Agreement between the District and the Commack Teachers Association.

N. NEW BUSINESS

None

O. BOARD BUSINESS

1. Statement of Professional Services rendered by Lamb & Barnosky, LLP on non-retainer matters for the month ending July 31, 2023 for \$14,824.24

2. Acknowledge receipt on Committee on Special Education: 8/24/23; 8/28/23; 8/29/23.

Acknowledge receipt on Committee on Preschool Special Education: 8/21/23; 8/23/23.

3. Acknowledge receipt of the Internal Claims Auditor's Monthly Update 7/5/23 – 8/11/23

4. Acknowledge receipt of the Financial Reports listed below:

- CD Rates Report:

5. Announcement of Upcoming Board of Education Meeting:

- The Board of Education of the Commack Union Free School District shall hold an Audit Committee Meeting/External Audit Report/Opinion meeting on Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 6:00 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 12, 2023 at 6:00 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.

P. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Comments on special needs classes, extra-curriculum activities.
- De-escalation rooms
- Concerned about class sizes

Q. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:00 p.m. and adjourn into Executive Session for the purposes of:

- Negotiations pursuant to Taylor Law involving CTA
- To obtain legal advice

Motion by Steve Hartman, seconded by William Hender

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried (5-0)

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and return to public meeting at 10:29 p.m.

Motion by Steve Hartman, seconded by William Hender

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carried (5-0)

Motion to adjourn public session at 10:30 pm

Motion by Susan Hermer seconded by Gus Hueber

Final Resolution: Motion Carried (5-0)