

# Farmingdale School District

DATE: August 29, 2018

KIND OF MEETING: Board Meeting/Set Tax Levy

PLACE: A. Terry Weathers Board Room, Howitt Middle School East

Cafeteria, Howitt Middle School

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Goldberg, Mrs. D'Amico, Mr. Espinosa, Mr. Giordano, Mrs.

Lively, Mr. Morales, Mrs. Soete

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Defendini, Dr. Ripley, Mr. Zakian, Dr. Brennan, Dr Olsen, Mr.

Motisi, Randy Glasser, Greg Gillen, Mrs. Rogers

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the A. Terry Weathers Board Room at the Howitt Middle School by Mr. Goldberg, President of the Board of Education.

Motion made by Mr. Morales, seconded by Mrs. Lively, to meet in executive session to discuss specific personnel issues in accordance with Open Meetings Law.

Motion carried 6-0

Meeting recessed for executive session at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Giordano arrived at 6:15 p.m.

Meeting reconvened in the Howitt East Cafeteria at 8:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance Board President Michael Goldberg welcomed those present and announced that the Board of Education was interested in encouraging all members of the public to share their ideas, comments and questions. He noted that public participation opportunities would be available at the beginning of the meeting and again at the end of the meeting and, as stated in Board Policy, no person should speak for more than three minutes and each period of public participation would be limited to thirty minutes. If there were questions or concerns regarding matters on the Consent Agenda through Discussion and Action (I-IV), it would be important to utilize the first public participation opportunity as the Board would

act on those items immediately. He stated that charges and complaints should follow procedures listed under Policies 1400, 1410 and/or 1440, which were included on the materials table. Mr. Goldberg pointed out the emergency exit. The public session began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Superintendent's Update

Board President Michael Goldberg introduced Superintendent of Schools Paul Defendini and asked for his most recent update.

Status of Athletic Complex and Aquatic Center

Mr. Defendini provided an update on the athletic field, parking lot and aquatic center Bond 2016 work at the Howitt Middle School. The work on the athletic fields and parking lot is substantially complete, with an anticipated opening date of Tuesday, September 4. The baseball and softball fields should be completed in early December. The district is waiting for approvals from the New York State Education Department on the aquatic center; it is not unusual for the approval process to take time.

Security Upgrades

Mr. Defendini also updated the Board of Education on security measures that were the result of parent meetings throughout the spring. Mr. Zakian reported that the daytime secure perimeter status would be extended into the evening hours, with additional monitor and security staff presence throughout all district buildings. Mr. Defendini stated that additional meetings would take place, noting the importance that community members, groups and parents understand that their voice matters.

Preparations for Opening Day

Mr. Defendini reported on a very active Summer 2018. Summer work included the construction of new learning spaces for students and curriculum writing by teachers across the grade level continuum. In addition, the Districtwide Operations Department renovated classroom restrooms, worked on building maintenance projects and focused efforts on the building readiness for the return of staff and students.

Public Participation

Board President Michael Goldberg opened the meeting for the first public participation. No one came forward at this time.

#### **Board of Education Minutes**

Board of Education - Organizational Meeting - Jul 11, 2018 7:00 PM

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Ralph Morales, Vice President
SECONDER: Mario Espinosa, Trustee

AYES: Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

Board of Education - Regular Meeting - Jul 11, 2018 8:00 PM

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Ralph Morales, Vice President
SECONDER: Anthony Giordano, Trustee

AYES: Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

Board of Education - Special Meeting - Jul 26, 2018 7:00 PM

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS] MOVER: Ralph Morales, Vice President

SECONDER: Kathy Lively, Trustee

AYES: Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

## **Board Correspondence**

Board President Michael Goldberg asked the District Clerk if there was any correspondence since the last regular meeting. Mrs. Rogers reported that the Board had received the usual updates from the Politico NY Education group, the New York State Comptroller and Assemblywoman Jean-Pierre. In addition, the Board received a series of emails regarding zoning changes at Conklin Street and Route 110, previews of the Long Island Weekly newspaper, the Arts Council of Freeport regarding a mural arts project, information regarding a school district climate survey, a Long Island Arts Council Community challenge grant program and an article regarding bullying.

# **Board Committee Reports**

Board President Michael Goldberg asked the Board trustees if they had any committee reports. The trustees reported that there were no committee meetings over the summer.

## **Consideration of Consent Agenda:**

**Business Report** 

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Ralph Morales, Vice President

SECONDER: Kathy Lively, Trustee

AYES: Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

## Acceptance for File of Financial Reports

Acceptance of Claims RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept for file the Claims Auditor Report for the months of June & July 2018 pursuant to the authority contained in Section 170.2 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education and in accordance with Board Policy 6600.

## Approval of Contracts and Agreements

Approval of Special Education Contracts RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale UFSD Board of Education approve the following contracts for Special Education and General Education services for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 and that the Board President be authorized to sign said contracts.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, PSYCHIATRIC CARE, PC. BELLMORE-MERRICK SCHOOL DISTRICT BRENTWOOD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT BROOKVILLE CENTER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES, INC. COMMUNITY CARE COMPANIONS d/b/a INTERIM HEALTH CARE OF NY GAYLE E. KLIGMAN THERAPEUTIC RESOURCES HELPING HANDS CHILDREN SERVICES, INC. HENRY VISCARDI SCHOOL STANLEY M. HERTZ, M.D. MILESTONES IN HOME CARE, INC. MILL NECK SERVICES CENTER FOR HEARING HEALTH PKL PHYSICAL THERAPY & WELLNESS PC. PLAINEDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT ROCKVILLE CENTER UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT FAMILY OF SERVICES/MADONNA HEIGHTS SCHOOL FAMILY OF SERVICES/WESTBROOK PREPARATORY SCHOOL ST. JAMES TUTORING TOP GRADE UNIONDALE UFSD WORLD CLASS LANGUAGE SOLUTIONS, INC.

Approval of a Nursing Affiliation Agreement with SUNY Farmingdale State College for 2018-2019 RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve an agreement between the Farmingdale Union Free School District and SUNY Farmingdale State College for the purpose of internship hours under the supervision of school district nurses for the period September 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 and that the Board President be authorized to sign said agreement.

Approval of an Agreement with Princeton Healthcare System for Home Tutoring Services for the 2018-19 School Year RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve an agreement between the Farmingdale Union Free School District and Princeton Healthcare System for home tutoring services for special education and general education students for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 and that the Board President be authorized to sign said agreement.

Approval of an Agreement with EI US, LLC dba LearnWell for Home Tutoring Services for the 2018-19

School Year

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve an agreement between the Farmingdale Union Free School District and EI US, LLC dba LearnWell for home tutoring services for special education and general education students for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 and that the Board President be authorized to sign said agreement.

Approval of an Agreement with Tutoring For Life dba Tutors 4 Life for Home Tutoring Services for the 2018-19 School Year RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve an agreement between the Farmingdale Union Free School District and Tutoring For Life dba Tutors 4 Life for home tutoring services for special education and general education students for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 and that the Board President be authorized to sign said agreement.

Approval of a Scantron Loan Program Agreement for 2018-2019 RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale School District Board of Education approve a loan program agreement with Scantron for 2018-2019 and to authorize the Board President to sign the appropriate agreement.

Approval of Verizon Corporate Services Group Inc. Letter RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve a letter agreement dated July 1, 2018 between the Farmingdale Union Free School District and Verizon Corporate Services Group Inc. for the purpose of producing and exhibiting select sports games and other events for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 and that the Board President be authorized to sign said agreement.

Agreement for 2018-19

Approval of a Facility Use Agreement with the American Red Cross for the 2018/19 RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve a Facility Use Agreement between the Farmingdale Union Free School District and the American Red Cross to provide emergency shelter services during a disaster for the 2018/19 school year, and that the Board President be authorized to sign said agreement.

Approval of Health & Welfare Services Agreement for

Resident

School Year

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve a Health & Welfare Services Agreement with the following school district for resident students attending non-public schools outside of the district for the 2017/18 school year, and to authorize the Board President to sign the appropriate agreement.

Students
Attending
Non Public
Schools
Outside of the
District for
the 2017/18

School Year (Bellmore)

(Bellmore)

Approval of a Donation to the Alana Krumenacker Memorial

Fund

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education acknowledge, accept and thank the following individuals for a monetary donation to the Alana Krumenacker Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Memorial Name of Donors: Scholarship

Joanne Kelly, Susan Barger, Ann Milonas, Janice Carvo, Mary Jean Guercio, Debbie LaVista, Cynthia Gehlbach and Michelle Horbach.

Authorization to Close Various Inactive Scholarship Accounts RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Farmingdale Union Free School District's Board of Education hereby authorizes to close the following inactive scholarship accounts, and transfer the below stated account balance to the Fran Monaco Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Approval of Award of Bid to Southeast RESOLVED that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education award a bid on Special Education and out-of-district transportation for the 2018-2019 school year per the attached computation sheet, at the prices

Nassau indicated, these companies being the lowest qualified bidders at the bid opening on August 14, 2018.

Cooperative (SENTCO) Bids on Special Education and out-of-district transportation for the 2018-2019 school year for the Southeast Nassau Transportation Cooperative (SENTCO)

for school year for the Southeast Nassau Transportation of were solicited from the following prospective bidders:

2018-2019 School Acme Bus

Educational Bus

First Student

We Transport

Acceptance of Additional Summer Drivers' Education Program. WHEREAS, the Farmingdale Union Free School District accepts an additional Summer Drivers' Education Program.

Increase the BE IT RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education authorizes an increase in the 2018/19 budget in accordance with the fees collected.

Summer Drivers' Education Program

Approval of

Transfer of

**Funds** 

Year

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the attached transfer of funds for the purposes noted.

Approval of Declaration of Obsolete Squipment RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education declare the attached items as obsolete and disposed of in accordance with Board Policy 6900.

Items for Action

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Ralph Morales, Vice President
SECONDER: Kathy Lively, Trustee

AYES: Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement with CSEA

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the CSEA Employee Benefit Fund for a Retiree Vision Program for the District's Teacher Aides & School Monitors Bargaining Unit, contingent upon such plan being

Benefit Fund for Retiree Vision Program for the District's Teacher Aides & School Monitors Bargaining fully paid by the employees, and that the Board President be authorized to sign said agreement.

Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement with the Farmingdale Registered Nurses Unit

Unit

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the United Public Service Employees Unit (Farmingdale Registered Nurses Unit) for July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020 and that the Board President is hereby authorized to sign said agreement pending ratification by the unit.

Approval of the Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) for the 2018-2019 School Year RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale UFSD Board of Education approve the Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) for the 2018-2019 school year in accordance with 3012-d of Education Law.

Approval of Declaration of Obsolete Library Books RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale School District Board of Education declare the attached items as obsolete and disposed of in accordance with Board Policy 6900.

Appointment of Members to the Committee on Special Education and Preschool Special Education RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education appoint members to the Committee on Special Education and Committee on Preschool Special Education in accordance with Board Policy 4321.14.

# Superintendent's Report

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] MOVER: Ralph Morales, Vice President

SECONDER: Kathy Lively, Trustee

AYES: Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

## Personnel Items -- Instructional

Instructional: Confirmation of Start Date

and

Probationary Period / Assistant Principal RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve an instructional personnel action: "Appointment / Confirmation of Start Date and Probationary Period", in accordance with Board Policy 9230. Appointments do not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

Instructional: Salary Correction RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve an instructional personnel action: "Salary Correction". Appointments do not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

Instructional: Leaves of Absence RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District accept a schedule of instructional personnel actions: "Leaves of Absence", effective for the dates noted hereon and for the reasons stated.

Instructional: Appointments / Returns from Leaves of Absence RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve a schedule of instructional personnel actions: "Appointments / Returns from Leaves of Absence". Appointments do not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

Instructional: Amend Tenure Date RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education amends the tenure date of the employee named in the attached Confidential Schedule "A" as a result of an unpaid leave of absence during the period September 1, 2018 to September 30, 2018. The employee's new tenure date is September 17, 2019.

Instructional: Appointments

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District

/ Regular Substitutes

approve a schedule of instructional personnel actions: "Regular Substitute Appointments", in accordance with Board Policy 9230. Appointments do not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

Instructional: Appointments / Project Read (Hourly Positions) RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve a schedule of instructional personnel actions: "Appointments: Project Read (Hourly Positions)", at the stated rates per hour, in accordance with Board Policy 9230. Appointments do not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget. Part time positions are annual appointments.

Instructional: Coaching and Extra Curricular Appointments RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve a schedule of instructional personnel actions: "Coaching and Extra Curricular Appointments", in accordance with Board Policy 5200. Appointments do not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget. Stipends are contingent upon completion of assignments.

Instructional: Appointment of On Call, Per Diem Substitute

**Teachers** 

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve a schedule of instructional personnel actions: "Appointment of On-Call, Per Diem Substitute Teachers", subject to termination at any time.

## Personnel Items -- Non-Instructional

Non-instructional: Confirmation of Start Date / Return from Leave of Absence RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve a schedule of non-instructional personnel actions: "Confirmation of Start Date / Return from Leave of Absence", in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service Commission regulations. Appointments do not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

Instructional: Appointments / Registered Professional School Nurse RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve a schedule of instructional personnel actions: "Appointments / Registered Professional School Nurse", in accordance with Board Policy 9230. Appointments do not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

Non-instructional:

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District

Resignations / TASM

accept a schedule of non-instructional personnel actions: "Resignations", effective on the dates noted hereon.

Non-instructional: Leave of Absence / TASM RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District accept a non-instructional personnel action: "Leave of Absence / TASM", effective for the date noted hereon and for the reason stated.

Non-Instructional: Retirement / School Lunch Program RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve a non-instructional personnel action: "Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement - School Lunch Program", effective on the date noted hereon and adopt the corresponding retirement resolution.

Noninstructional: Appointment of On-Call, Per Diem Substitute Registered Professional School Nurses RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve a schedule of non-instructional personnel actions: "Appointment of On Call, Per Diem Substitute Registered Professional School Nurses", subject to termination at any time.

Non-instructional: Appointment of Lifeguards Grade 1 / Lifeguard Trainees RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve a schedule of non-instructional personnel actions: "Appointment of Lifeguards Grade 1 / Lifeguard Trainees", subject to termination at any time.

Noninstructional: Appointment of On Call, Per Diem Seasonal Typist Clerks RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve a schedule of non-instructional personnel actions: "Appointment of On Call, Per Diem Seasonal Typist Clerks", subject to termination at any time.

Noninstructional: Appointment of On Call Per Diem RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve a schedule of non-instructional personnel actions: "Appointment of On Call, Per Diem Substitute Teacher Aides", subject to termination at any time.

Substitute Teacher Aides

Noninstructional: Appointment of On-Call, Per Diem Substitute

School Monitors RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve a schedule of non-instructional personnel actions: "Appointment of On Call, Per Diem Substitute School Monitors", subject to termination at any time.

Noninstructional: Appointment of On Call Per RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve a non-instructional personnel action: "Appointment of On Call, Per Diem Substitute Food Service Helper", subject to termination at any time.

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools

Diem Substitute Food Service Helper

Approval of Committee on Special Education Placements

that the Farmingdale UFSD Board of Education approve and accept for file the Committee on Special Education Placements Report by the Director of Special Education dated July 22, 2018, in accordance with New York State Education Part 200 Regulations.

Report and Acceptance for File of Said Report Approval of

Committee on

Preschool

Special

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Farmingdale UFSD Board of Education approve and accept for file the Committee on Preschool Special Education Placements Report by the Director of Special Education dated July 22, 2018, in accordance with New York State Education Part 200 Regulations.

Education Placements Report and Acceptance for File of Said Report

Items for Discussion and Action

Authorization to Set Tax Levy for the

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District authorizes to set the tax levy for the 2018/19 school year subject to adjustment based upon the application of the final equalization rates and

2018/19 School Year assessed values from the Town of Oyster Bay, Nassau County and Town of Babylon, Suffolk County.

## Discussion:

Assistant to the Superintendent Michael Motisi stated that the district had received the tax figures from the Town of Babylon, but had not yet received finalized figures for Nassau County. Those figures are usually provided the last week of August / first week of September. Mr. Motisi explained that this resolution allowed the district to set the levy once the figures are in from the two counties and once the equalization rates are received from the state.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] MOVER: Ralph Morales, Vice President

SECONDER: Kathy Lively, Trustee

AYES: Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

Approval of Property Tax Exemption -

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education adopt the attached Property Tax Exemption motion for Senior Citizens with Limited Income for the 2019/20 school year.

Senior

Citizens with Discussion:

Limited Income

Assistant to the Superintendent Michael Motisi summarized each of the 2019-2020 property tax exemption categories. This first exemption provided tax relief for senior citizens with limited incomes. A 5% to 50% reduction in

assessed value is available based on prescribed income levels.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Ralph Morales, Vice President
SECONDER: Anthony Giordano, Trustee

AYES: Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

Approval of Property Tax Exemption -

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education adopt the attached Property Tax Exemption motion for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income for the 2019/20 school year.

Exemption - Persons with Disabilities

Discussion:

and Limited Income

Assistant to the Superintendent Michael Motisi stated that the second resolution was similar to the first in that it provided for a 5% to 50% reduction in assessed value for persons with disabilities and limited income. A similar income level scale was provided.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] MOVER: Ralph Morales, Vice President

SECONDER: Kathy Lively, Trustee

AYES: Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

Approval of Property Tax Exemption - Exemption - Volunteer

Note: Approval of RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education adopt the attached Property Tax Exemption motion for Volunteer Firefighters & Ambulance Workers with Five Years of Service for the 2019/20 school year.

Volunteer school year.

Firefighters &

Ambulance Discussion:

Workers with Assistant to the Superintendent Michael Motisi continued with the exemptions Five Years of for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers. The first is for those

Service volunteers with at least five years of service in good standing.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] MOVER: Ralph Morales, Vice President

SECONDER: Kathy Lively, Trustee

AYES: Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

Approval of Property Tax Exemption - RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale UFSD Board of Education adopt the attached Property Tax Exemption motion for Volunteer Firefighters & Ambulance Workers with Un-remarried Spouses of Deceased Members for the

Volunteer 2019/20 school year.

Firefighters &

Members

Ambulance Discussion:

Workers with Un-remarried Un-remarried spouses of deceased members.

Spouses of Deceased

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Ralph Morales, Vice President
SECONDER: Mario Espinosa, Trustee

AYES: Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

Approval of Property Tax Exemption - RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education adopt the attached Property Tax Exemption motion for Firefighters & Ambulance Workers with Un-remarried Spouses of those Killed in the Line

Firefighter & of Duty for the 2019/20 school year.

Ambulance
Workers with Discussion:

Un-remarried The third firefighter exemption is for un-remarried spouses of those volunteers

Spouses of killed in the line of duty.

those Killed in Line of Duty

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Ralph Morales, Vice President
SECONDER: Mario Espinosa, Trustee

AYES: Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

Approval of Property Tax Exemption -Alternative

Veterans

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education adopt the attached Property Tax Exemption motion for Alternative Veterans for the 2019/20 school year.

Discussion:

Assistant to the Superintendent for Business Michael Motisi stated that there were a number of 2019-2020 school tax exemptions available to veterans and their families. The first exemption provides for a 15% reduction for those who had served in non-combat roles, 25% for those who served in conflict zones and a 75% reduction for disabled veterans.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] MOVER: Ralph Morales, Vice President

SECONDER: Kathy Lively, Trustee

AYES: Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

Approval of Property Tax Exemption -

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education adopt the attached Property Tax Exemption motion for Capital Improvements to Residential Buildings for the 2019/20 school year.

Capital

Improvements Discussion:

to Residential Buildings

A school tax exemption category is also available for those residents making capital improvements to their residences. This would provide for a graduated increase in property taxes over an eight year period. This resolution was

defeated.

RESULT: DEFEATED [0 TO 7]

MOVER: Ralph Morales, Vice President

SECONDER: Kathy Lively, Trustee

NAYS: Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

Approval of Property Tax Exemption -Capital RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education to Commercial or Business Properties for the 2019/20 school year.

**Improvements** 

to

Commercial Discussion:

an Dusiness A manager

or Business A property tax exemption is available to commercial and/or business Properties Properties. This also would provide a graduated increase in taxes for capital

improvements. This resolution was also defeated.

RESULT: DEFEATED [0 TO 7]

MOVER: Ralph Morales, Vice President

SECONDER: Kathy Lively, Trustee

NAYS: Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

Approval of RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of

Property Tax Education adopt the attached Property Tax Exemption motion for Cooperative

Exemption - Corporation Veterans for the 2019/20 school year.

Cooperative

Corporation Discussion:

Veterans Assistant to the Superintendent for Business Michael Motisi stated that this

exemption was a continuation of the veterans' exemptions categories and

specifically addresses those who live in cooperative residences.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] MOVER: Ralph Morales, Vice President

SECONDER: Kathy Lively, Trustee

AYES: Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

Approval of

Property Tax

**Parents** 

Exemption - Parents for the 2019/20 school year. Gold Star

Discussion:

Property tax exemptions are available to those parents whose child lost their

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of

Education adopt the attached Property Tax Exemption motion for Gold Star

lives in the line of duty.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Ralph Morales, Vice President

SECONDER: Kathy Lively, Trustee

AYES: Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

Approval of Property Tax

Exemption -

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education adopt the attached Property Tax Exemption motion for First Time Home Buyers of Newly Constructed Primary Residential Property for the

First Time 2019/20 school year.

Home Buyers of Newly

Constructed

Discussion:

Primary Residential Property Assistant to the Superintendent Motisi provided a description of the property tax exemption provided to first time home buyers of newly constructed primary residential properties. This would allow for a 50% reduction in school taxes in the first year, with a five year schedule towards full implementation of the

expense.

RESULT: DEFEATED [0 TO 7]

MOVER: Ralph Morales, Vice President

SECONDER: Kathy Lively, Trustee

NAYS: Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

Approval of Property Tax Exemption -Cold War

Veterans

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education adopt the attached Property Tax Exemption motion for Cold War Veterans for the 2019/20 school year.

Discussion:

The final veterans property tax exemptions provides for a reduction of up to 15% in school taxes for those cold war veterans who served between September 2, 1945 and December 26, 1991.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] MOVER: Ralph Morales, Vice President

SECONDER: Kathy Lively, Trustee

AYES: Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

Request for Exemption to the Mandated School Zone RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve an exemption to the mandated school zone assignment by reason of a demonstrated personal and/or family hardship in accordance with Board Policy 5110.

## Discussion:

Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Administration Glen Zakian provided an overview of a parents' request for an exemption to a mandated school zone assignment based on family hardship.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] MOVER: Ralph Morales, Vice President

SECONDER: Kathy Lively, Trustee

AYES: Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

Public Board President Michael Goldberg opened the meeting for the second public

Participation participation. No one came forward at this time.

Adjournment On a motion made by Mr. Morales and seconded by Mr. Espinosa, the meeting

was adjourned.

Motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Mary E. Rogers, District Clerk