



Farmingdale School District

DATE: October 3, 2018

KIND OF MEETING: Board of Education Meeting

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, Richard Guercio, Reesa Miles, 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.

Executive Session Motion made by Mrs. D'Amico, seconded by Mrs. Soete, to meet in executive session to discuss specific legal, collective bargaining and personnel issues in accordance with Open Meetings Law.

Motion carried 6-0

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

Mr. Espinosa arrived at 6:40 p.m.

Meeting reconvened in the Howitt East Cafeteria at 8:00 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, it would be important to utilize the first public participation opportunity as the Board would act on those items immediately.

Mr. Goldberg pointed out the emergency exit. The public session began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Superintendent's Update

Don Hoffmann-Cullen & Danowski

Board President Michael Goldberg asked Superintendent of Schools Paul Defendini for his monthly update. Mr. Defendini introduced Donald J. Hoffmann, a partner with the district's internal audit firm, Cullen & Danowski. Mr. Hoffmann stated that his team had worked with the district Human Resources and Business Office staff to review internal processes between the two departments to assess procedural vulnerability. He stated that the district's Audit Committee reviewed the work associated with the audit. He noted that there were no errors in processing. Mr. Hoffmann also reported on the review and follow up of previous recommendations. He stated that suggestions had been made relative to internal controls surrounding fuel use reconciliations. Those procedural updates are in place. His firm's recommendation this year is to continue to monitor written procedural handbooks in the Human Resources Department. Mr. Hoffmann stated that future audits would focus on the segregation of duties, roles and responsibilities related to the changeover in the district's administrative structure. Mr. Hoffmann thanked the district, the Business Office and the Human Resources Department for their efforts and congratulated all on a clean, exemplary audit.

Bond 2016

Superintendent of Schools Paul Defendini presented to the Board of Education an update on the status of Bond 2016. His presentation began with an overview of the tentative schedule originally presented to the Board and community. He detailed the anticipated work across the elementary, middle and high schools, providing the completed and open items with scheduled timeframes. Mr. Defendini explained the work associated with the field work at the Saltzman East Memorial and Woodward Parkway schools. He stated that the high school stadium work was complete and in use; the Howitt Middle School multi-purpose field and track were substantially complete, with additional track line work anticipated in the spring. Mr. Defendini stated that the NYSED approvals had not been received for the aquatic center, emphasizing that it is a matter of "when" not "if." He provided the anticipated timeline for this work, including the bid process, construction and completion schedules. Mr. Defendini concluded his presentation stating that the work has continued on or under budget in each phase. Mrs. Lively asked if the presentation would be included on the district's website. He stated that this, along with press releases were in process.

Public Participation

Board President Michael Goldberg opened the meeting for the first public participation. A resident asked about the status of the installation of basketball hoops at Saltzman East Memorial. Mr. Defendini stated that the hoops were on order and should be installed shortly.

Mr. Capobianco reported on the Farmingdale Village Cultural Arts Committee Art in the Park event. He also announced a Winter Wonderland event, which will include Gingerbread and Chocolate House competitions. Mr. Capobianco reported on a recent REFIT meeting. He asked if the turf management contract was FOILable. He commented on the tree trimming in Howitt. Mr. Goldberg stated that Board trustees and teachers were in attendance at Art in the Park. He congratulated Mr. Capobianco on the success of the event.

Board of Education Minutes

**Board of Education Meeting -
September 12, 2018 8:00 PM**

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
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 had been any correspondence. Mrs. Rogers reported that the Board of Education had received several pieces of correspondence, including updates from the NYS Comptroller, from Assemblywoman Jean-Pierre, from the Politico organization, from a parent regarding a Special Education student, from the Albany Avenue PTA regarding that school's recognition as a National PTA School of Excellence, from a parent regarding the district's backpack policy, and from a parent regarding transportation services on September 6.

**Board
Committee
Reports**

Board President Michael Goldberg asked the trustees if they had any Board Committee Reports.

Mrs. D'Amico stated that she had attended the Albany Avenue Open School Night and PTA meeting. She congratulated that school on their recognition as a National PTA School of Excellence. She had also attended that school's "Welcome Back Barbecue." Mrs. D'Amico and Mr. Goldberg had attended the Howitt Open School night and the Howitt Meet and Greet program. She had attended the first SEPTA meeting of the school year. She noted that there would be a November 17 event at the Farmingdale Public Library, which would provide information and resources for parents of children with special needs. She also reported on the first Districtwide Safety Committee meeting.

Mr. Goldberg stated that he attended this year's Band Camp in Erie, Pennsylvania. He remarked on the hard work of staff and students, noting the talent that would be demonstrated at the high school half-time shows.

Mrs. Lively reported on the work of the Farmingdale Youth Council, including the work of this year's nominating committee. She also reported on a Trick or

Treat event that would be hosted by the Chamber of Commerce on October 13 in the Howitt Middle School courtyard.

Consideration of Consent Agenda:

Motion made by Mr. Morales, seconded by Mr. Espinosa, that the Consent Agenda consisting of Items I (a-i), II (a-b), and III (a-d) be approved as a whole with action recorded separately.

Business Report

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ralph Morales, Vice President
SECONDER:	Mario Espinosa, Trustee
AYES:	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

Acceptance for File of Financial Reports

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report - August 2018 RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept for file the Treasurer's Report for the month of August 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.

Acceptance of Extra Curricular Report - July & August 2018 RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept for file the extra-curricular report for Farmingdale High School, Weldon E. Howitt Middle School, Albany Avenue Elementary School, Northside Elementary School, Saltzman East Memorial Elementary School and Woodward Parkway Elementary School for the months of July & August 2018 pursuant to the authority contained in Section 170.2 of the regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

Approval of Contracts and Agreements

Approval of Special Education and General 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.

ALL ABOUT KIDS SLP, OT, PT, LMSW, PSYCHOLOGY, PLLC
DEBRA BLATT, MS CCC/SLP
CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
EDUCATION AT MATHER d/b/a ST. JAMES TUTORING

ISLIP TUTORING SERVICE, INC.
KIDS FIRST EVALUATION & ADVOCACY CENTER, INC.
SYOSSET CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
THE LEARNING CENTER - FOUR WINDS HOSPITAL
THE REHABILITATION INSTITUTE
TOP GRADE

**Approval of
Special
Education
Services
Contract for
the 2017/18
School Year
(Wyandanch)**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve Special Education Services Contract for the following school district for non-resident students attending non-public schools within the boundaries of the Farmingdale Union Free School District for the 2017/18 school year, and that the Board President be authorized to sign said contract.

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**Approval of
Aimsweb
Training
Services
Agreement**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale School District Board of Education approve a Training Services Agreement with Aimsweb to provide professional development for teachers.

**Approval of
Summit
Security
Services, Inc.
Consultant
Services
Agreement**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve an agreement between the Farmingdale Union Free School District and Summit Security Services, Inc. for security guard services for the period October 4, 2018 through June 30, 2019 and that the Board President be authorized to sign said agreement.

**Approval of a
Variance to
Policy 1500
to Waive Fee
Schedule for
the
Farmingdale
High School
PTA Vendor
Fair for the
2018/19
School Year**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve a variance to Policy 1500 to waive the fee schedule for the Farmingdale High School PTA Vendor Fair for the 2018/19 school year.

**Approval of
Transfer of
Funds**

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

Acceptance of a Donation of Furniture from Waldners Business Environments RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education acknowledge, accept and thank Waldners Business Environments for a donation of furniture to be used at Woodward Parkway Elementary School.

Acceptance of a Donation to the Kevin J. Armstrong Memorial Scholarship Fund RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education acknowledge, accept and thank Ms. Margery Armstrong for a monetary donation to the Kevin J. Armstrong Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Acceptance of a Donation to the Forever Friends Memorial Scholarship Fund RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education acknowledge, accept and thank The Buyes Family for the monetary donation to the Forever Friends Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Approval of Change Order #1 with Morton Buildings, Inc., for Utility Services, Soil Bins in the Front Parking Lot, and Toilet Room Rough-In Associated with the Maintenance Building at Farmingdale High School RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept Change Order #1 to Morton Buildings, Inc., for Utility Services, Soil Bins in the Front Parking Lot, and Toilet Room Rough-In Associated with the Maintenance Building at Farmingdale High School.

This change order has been agreed to by the district's architect and contractor at our request.

Change Order #1
Additional \$86,487

Approval of a Transfer from Unappropriated Fund Balance to Increase the General Fund Appropriation for the 2018/19 School Year for the Purpose of Districtwide Security Initiatives

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education authorizes a transfer from the unappropriated fund balance to increase the general fund appropriation for the 2018/19 school year totaling \$835,000 for the purpose of districtwide security initiatives.

Items for Action

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ralph Morales, Vice President
SECONDER:	Mario Espinosa, Trustee
AYES:	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

Approval of Declaration of Obsolete Library Books

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale School District Board of Education declare a schedule of items as obsolete and disposed of in accordance with Board Policy 6900.

Approval of CR Part 154 Comprehensive ELL Education Plan (CEEP) and CR Part 154 Data/Information Report

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale School District Board of Education adopt the CR Part 154 Comprehensive ELL Education Plan (CEEP) and CR Part 154 Data/Information Report as set forth in Section 3204 of Education Law.

Superintendent's Report

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ralph Morales, Vice President
SECONDER:	Mario Espinosa, Trustee
AYES:	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

Personnel Items -- Instructional

**Instructional:
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 accept an instructional personnel action: "Leave of Absence", effective for the date noted hereon and for the reason stated.

**Instructional:
Resignation /
Secondary
School
Leadership
Team** RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School district accept an instructional personnel action: "Resignation Secondary School Leadership Team."

**Instructional:
Appointment
/ Secondary
School
Leadership
Team** RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve an instructional personnel action: "Appointment / Secondary School Teacher Leadership Team", in accordance with Board policy 5200. Designation and stipend are in accord with the approved budget.

**Instructional:
Appointment
/ CTE Event
Committee** 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 / CTE Event Committee" for the 2018/2019 school year. Stipend is contingent upon completion of assignment.

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

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

Non-instructional: Appointments / CSEA 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: "Appointments / CSEA", in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service Commission regulations. Appointments do not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

Non-instructional: Resignations / 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 schedule of non-instructional personnel actions: "Resignations / TASM", effective on the dates noted hereon.

Non-instructional: Resignation / TASM 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: "Change in Assignment / TASM", in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service Commission regulations. Appointments do not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

Non-instructional: Appointments / TASM 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: "Appointments / TASM", in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service Commission regulations. Appointments do not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

Non-Instructional: Appointment / P.O.W.E.R. 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, "Appointment / Providing Opportunities with Effective Resources (P.O.W.E.R.)"

Non-instructional: Appointment of On Call, Per Diem Substitute Cleaners 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 Cleaners", subject to termination at any time.

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

Non-instructional: Appointment of On-Call, Per Diem Substitute School Monitor 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.

Approval of the Committee on Special Education Placements Report and Acceptance for File of Said Report 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 Special Education Placements Report by the Director of Special Education dated September 16, 2018, in accordance with New York State Education Part 200 Regulations.

Approval of the Committee on Preschool Special Education Placements Report and Acceptance for File of Said Report 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 September 16, 2018, in accordance with New York State Education Part 200 Regulations.

Items for Discussion and Action

Acceptance of the Agreed Upon Procedures Audit Report RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept the Agreed Upon Procedures Audit Report related to Various Districtwide Processes and Procedures completed in the 2017/18 school year and to approve the Corrective Action Plan for the Various Districtwide Processes and Procedures Agreed Upon Procedures Audit Report.

**& Corrective
Action Plan
for the
2017/18
School Year**

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ralph Morales, Vice President
SECONDER:	Mario Espinosa, Trustee
AYES:	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

**Acceptance
of the Risk
Assessment
Update
Report &
Corrective
Action Plan
for the
2017/18
School Year**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept the Risk Assessment Update Report completed in the 2017/18 school year and to approve the Corrective Action Plan for the Risk Assessment Update Report.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ralph Morales, Vice President
SECONDER:	Mario Espinosa, Trustee
AYES:	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

**Approval of
Tax Levy for
the 2018/19
School Year**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the detailed tax levy for the 2018/19 School Year.

Discussion:

Assistant to the Superintendent Michael Motisi presented to the Board of Education a summary of the 2018-2019 tax levy calculation. He began with the basic formula used, beginning with the 2018-2019 approved budget, the application of state aid and other revenue and the use of appropriated fund balance with the application of reserves. The approved tax levy increase stayed within the district's 2.98% tax cap limit. Mr. Motisi described the process used by tax assessors in Nassau County and the Town of Babylon, the two taxing jurisdictions within the district's boundaries. He summarized the differences between the formulations along with the New York State Tax Assessment Department's role in determining the equalization rates.

Mr. Motisi's presentation detailed the four property classes in Nassau County and the changes in the base proportions. This calculation is impacted most by changes in assessed values as it relates to grievances filed by homeowners. Nassau County residents will see an average increase in taxes of 2.73%, while Town of Babylon residents will see a decrease of .07%.

Mr. Motisi's presentation included information on the continuation of the property tax cap law and the shifting of taxes due to those who grieve their taxes vs. those that do not. He provided a summary of the Basic STAR estimated tax refunds, noting that STAR refunds are based on qualified gross income levels.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ralph Morales, Vice President
SECONDER:	Mario Espinosa, Trustee
AYES:	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

**2018
Proposed
NYSSBA
Amendments
&
Resolutions**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the amended New York State School Boards' Association's resolution recommendations.

Discussion:

Mrs. Lively provided a review of the discussion and changes to the New York State School Boards' resolutions as determined during the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards' Association resolution dinner. The first change was in the resolution related to access to guns in school. The N-SSBA changed the resolution to read "efforts" rather than "legislation" as there was a concern that the original language would result in the larger debate over gun control. The second resolution change was related to increasing earning levels for retired police and other law enforcement personnel. This resolution was expanded to include retired peace officers. Mrs. Lively noted that she would be attending the New York State School Boards' convention October 26.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ralph Morales, Vice President
SECONDER:	Mario Espinosa, Trustee
AYES:	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

**Public
Participation**

Board President Michael Goldberg opened the meeting for the second public participation. A resident expressed his frustration related to the disparities between his school tax levels and that of his neighbor. He stated that both homes were the same square footage and the same plot size, yet his taxes were significantly higher. Mr. Defendini agreed with the resident's concerns. He stated that it was his hope that the new Nassau County Executive would work to develop a more equitable system that would not allow for the continual shifting of taxes based on the grievance process.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Mrs. Lively, seconded by Mr. Espinosa, the meeting was adjourned.

Motion carried 7-0

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Mary E. Rogers, District Clerk