



Farmingdale School District

DATE: May 6, 2020

KIND OF MEETING: Regular Board Meeting

PLACE: Virtual Meeting Live Streamed at www.farmingdaleschools.org

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, Esq., Reesa Miles, Esq., Mrs. Rogers

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mr. Goldberg, President of the Board of Education. In accordance with Governor Cuomo's Executive Order related to temporary modifications to Public Officers Law, the meeting was conducted in a virtual format to allow for the uninterrupted continuation of our important work. The Board meeting notice indicated that access to the meeting would be posted on the district's website at www.farmingdaleschools.org and a live feed would be available on www.youtube.com.

Executive Session

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

Motion carried 7-0

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

Dr. Ripley, Mr. Zakian, Dr. Brennan, Dr. Olsen, Mr. Motisi and Mrs. Rogers joined the executive session at 6:10 p.m.

Meeting reconvened in public session at 8:00 p.m.

Board President Michael Goldberg opened the meeting with the following statement:

Pursuant to Executive Order 202.1 (and subsequent orders closing District schools) issued by the Hon. Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, signed March 12, 2020, and due to the concerns of the Board of

Education for the Health and Safety of the community emanating from the current COVID-19 pandemic, there would be no in-person public access to the board meeting and instead the meeting will be live streamed and recorded. Access to the live stream could be had by accessing the school district's website for a link that will bring you to a youtube site and the recording of the meeting can be accessed on www.farmingdaleschools.org. In addition, the public participation portion of the meeting was suspended by board resolution.

On a motion made by Mrs. D'Amico, seconded by Mr. Giordano, pursuant to the aforementioned Executive Order, the Board suspended the public participation portion of the meeting and therefore, accordingly, there would be no public participation at this Board meeting.

Motion carried 7-0

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Goldberg continued, stating that the Board of Education was interested in encouraging members of the public to share their ideas, comments and questions. Feedback and questions should be directed to the Board's email account at boe@farmingdaleschools.org. Questions and comments would be responded to by members of the central administrative team and would be publicly reviewed at the next regular Board meeting. Mr. Goldberg thanked everyone for their anticipated courtesy and cooperation. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Superintendent's Update

Monthly Report

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

Mr. Defendini began his update with thoughts on our work during the COVID-19 pandemic. He stated that the district has been working with Island Harvest in delivering thousands of meals each week which include fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, dairy products and healthy choices for our families. He spoke of the work happening to provide supplies to health care professionals and first responders. Most notably, 2,500 handmade masks have been distributed throughout our community. The instructional program continues through the end of the school year in a virtual environment; social and emotional needs of our students are being addressed during these uncertain times.

District administrators continue to review the traditions associated with year-end celebrations, including moving up, middle school graduation and high school commencement events.

Additionally, budget information and budget vote and election changes have been announced by the Governor's Office. Our annual budget vote and election has been moved from May 19 to June 9. Voting this year will be by absentee

ballot only; ballots will be mailed to all registered voters with a self-addressed, stamped return envelope.

Mr. Defendini talked with great pride about the districtwide parade. He stated that hundreds of staff members rode around the community to support students, families and residents during these trying times. He stated that this was an extraordinary event that created a great deal of joy and tears for all involved.

On the board agenda this evening the district is recommending tenure status for fifteen teachers who have all worked very hard during their probationary periods. A celebration is planned in the near future for both these staff members and for our retiring staff members as we look to the end of the school year. In addition, there are three administrative appointment recommendations on the agenda for action: Mr. Michael Gavalas will be the new principal of the Howitt Middle School beginning July 1. We also have a new Director of Fine Arts, Greg Warnokowski, and a new Chairperson of Preschool and Primary Special Education Gina Callesano. Mr. Defendini congratulated them and welcomed them to the Farmingdale family.

Mr. Goldberg thanked Mr. Defendini and the entire administrative team. He said that the Board of Education joins him in recognizing the amount of work that is happening behind the scenes and that, while the buildings may be closed during the New York Pause, the important work we do continues.

Board of Education Minutes

Board of Education - Board Meeting - Apr 1, 2020 8:00 PM

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

Board of Education - Special Meeting - Apr 7, 2020 4:00 PM

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

Board of Education - Executive Session - Apr 16, 2020 4:30 PM

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

Board of Education - Special Meeting - Apr 20, 2020 12:00 AM

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

Board of Education - Board Meeting- BOCES Budget Adoption/BOCES Vote - Apr 21, 2020 8:00 AM

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

Board of Education - Board Meeting- BOCES Budget Adoption/BOCES Vote - Apr 21, 2020 4:30 PM

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| RESULT: | ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Suzanne D'Amico, Vice President |
| SECONDER: | Mario Espinosa, 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 during the past month. Mrs. Rogers reported that the Board had not received any new correspondence.

Board Committee Reports Board President Michael Goldberg opened the meeting for Board Committee reports. Mrs. Soete began with a report of the districtwide parade. She stated that she is a lifelong Daler and this was one of the proudest days in her life. The parade began at 8:00 a.m. and continued through to 7:00 p.m.; cars were decorated, horns were blasting, people were cheering and there were a lot of tears. She stated that it was overwhelmingly beautiful.

Mrs. Lively reported on the continuing work in her role as a member of the Policy Committee. She attended the NYSSBA virtual workshop on policies related to student substance abuse. She has also attended the recent Districtwide Safety Committee meeting to review the 2020-2021 plan. She stated that she has been working with the Farmingdale Youth Council to provide timely information on their programs for the summer. She stated that

information would be posted on the group's website. She has also attended the virtual Chamber of Commerce meeting. She reminded everyone that the restaurants on Main Street are open for takeout and curbside deliveries.

Mrs. D'Amico attended the Albany Avenue virtual PTA meeting. They introduced the slate of officers for the 2020-2021 school year, including Co-Presidents Melissa Smith and Christine Salvo. She stated that there would be a Family Bingo Night on May 14. Work was continuing on teacher appreciation events, including letters, flipgrids and videos.

Mr. Espinosa also was excited to report on the Farmingdale Schools' parade. He noted that he saw students running from one corner to another so as not to miss any of it. Mr. Espinosa stated that the Republic Airport Commission did not meet in April; the next meeting is scheduled for June 11. It is anticipated that the airport is part of the fourth phase of Governor Cuomo's reentry plan.

Mr. Goldberg concluded the committee reporting with the statement that while businesses, organizations and schools are all closed, board members are still actively involved in all of their responsibilities.

Consideration of Consent Agenda:

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

Business Report

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

Acceptance for File of Financial Reports

Acceptance of the Extra Curricular Report - March 2020 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 month of March 2020 pursuant to the authority contained in Section 170.2 of the regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

Acceptance of the RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept for file the Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2020

Treasurer's Report - March 2020 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 the Claims Auditor Report - March 2020 RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept for file the Claims Auditor Report for the month of March 2020 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 the Revenue and Expenditure Report - March 2020 RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept for file the Revenue and Expenditure Report for the month of March 2020 pursuant to the authority contained in 170.2 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education and in accordance with Board Policy 6600.

Approval of Contracts and Agreements

Approval of a Hofstra MOA for the Universal Pre-K Program for the 2020-2021 School Year RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale School District Board of Education approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the Farmingdale School District and Hofstra University for the Universal Pre-K Program for the period September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and that the Board President be authorized to sign said agreement.

Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Hofstra University Regarding Hofstra Student Observers and Student Teachers for the 2020-2021 School Year RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale School District Board of Education approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Hofstra University regarding Hofstra student observers and student teachers for the 2020-2021 school year and to authorize the Board President to sign the appropriate agreement.

Approval of an Agreement with Nassau RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale School District Board of Education approve an agreement with Nassau BOCES for the purpose of providing a Regional Summer School Program for the summer of 2020 and to authorize the Board President to sign said contract.

**BOCES for a
Regional
Summer
School
Program -
Summer
2020**

Approval of an Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement between Farmingdale School District and the Syosset Central School District for Emergency Childcare Services RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve an Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement between the Farmingdale Union Free School District and the Syosset Central School District for Emergency Child Care Services and that the Board President be authorized to sign said agreement.

Approval of a Special Education and General Education Contract RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale UFSD Board of Education approve the following contract for Special Education and General Education services for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 and that the Board President be authorized to sign said contract.

Fontanetta Neuropsychology, PLLC

Approval of Contract #35 with Nassau BOCES RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the attached contract with Nassau BOCES.

Approval of Contract #36 with Nassau BOCES RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the attached contract with Nassau BOCES.

Acceptance of a Donation to the Andres F. Romay Memorial RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education acknowledge, accept and thank Thomas Palkovich, John & Yvonne O'Connor, Vincent & Tiffany Santalucia, Ira & Robin Israelski, Gail & Richard Katz, Martha Graham & Randall Nunley, Anthony & Mary Ventimiglia, Ignazio & Agatha Restivo, Raymond Madrazo, Patricia & Achille Defendini, Allyson & Mark Gross, Brian Neiheisel, Michael & Jennifer Cahill, Jessica

Scholarship Fund Ventimiglia & Paul Pfleiderer, Roberto & Maria Masson, Andres & Mariana Romay, Frank & Monika Apadula, and Wilson & Luz Domenech for a monetary donation to the Andres F. Romay Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Approval of the Extension of Award of Bid - Rubbish Removal RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the **EXTENSION OF AWARD OF BID for RUBBISH REMOVAL to WINTER BROS. HAULING OF LONG ISLAND, LLC.**, this company being the sole responsible bidder meeting specifications at the bid opening on **MAY 10, 2017.**

Farmingdale Union Free School District has the right to withdraw the award if it is not in the best interest of the Farmingdale Union Free School District.

Approval of the Extension of Award of Bid - Bagels RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the **EXTENSION OF AWARD OF BID for BAGELS to CALVERT MANOR BAGELS, INC.** at their per unit prices, this company being the only responsible bidder meeting specifications at the bid opening on **MAY 18, 2016.**

Farmingdale Union Free School District has the right to withdraw the award if it is not in the best interest of the Farmingdale Union Free School District.

Items for Action

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

Approval of Designation of Newspapers RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District designate the Farmingdale Observer, the Massapequa Post and Newsday as official newspapers for legal advertising and notices for the Farmingdale School District and other publications for supplemental advertising during the 2019-2020 school year.

Adoption of the June 9, 2020 Annual Budget Vote and Election Resolution RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education adopt the following resolution:
RESOLVED, that the Annual Budget Vote and Election of the Farmingdale Union Free School District, of the Towns of Oyster Bay, Nassau County, and Babylon, Suffolk County, New York, shall be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 and the Public Hearing shall be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2020, at 8:00 p.m.

in said district for the purposes set forth in the annexed notice.

RESOLVED, that said notice (copy attached) be published once in each of two weeks in the four weeks preceding the annual budget and election voting in Newsday, the *Massapequa Post* and/or the *Farmingdale Observer*, two newspapers having general circulation in the district. The first notice must appear at least 28 days before the date of the vote.

RESOLVED, that the school District Clerk is hereby authorized to amend and/or supplement this notice hereinafter set forth from time to time as in her discretion such amendment may be required.

RESOLVED, that Michael Goldberg is designated as Permanent Chairperson of the Election and Suzanne D'Amico will serve as the alternate Chairperson in accordance with Section 2025 of the Education Law.

Superintendent's Report

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

Personnel Items -- Instructional

Instructional: RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District acknowledges with thanks and appreciation the service of
Acknowledgement of Service with Thanks / Temporary Dean the named teacher who held a Temporary Dean appointment during the 2019 / 2020 school year.

Instructional: RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District place the named staff members on tenure in accordance with Education Law of the State of New York and Board Policy 9251. In recommending tenure, the Superintendent has based his decision on the record of performance of the staff members during the tenure period as reported by the Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Administration, principals and others in supervisory positions. Tenure becomes effective on the dates noted hereon contingent upon continued satisfactory performance in the job until said date tenure becomes effective.
Tenure Recommendations

Instructional: Appointments / Administrative 2020-2021 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 / Administrative: 2020 - 2021", in accordance with Board Policy 9230. Appointments do not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

Instructional: Appointments 2020-2021 / 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 2020-2021 / Returns from Leaves of Absence", in accordance with Board Policy 9230. Appointments do not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

Instructional: Appointment 2020-2021 / Recall from Preferred Eligibility List 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 2020-2021 / Recall from Preferred Eligible List", in accordance with Board Policy 9230. Appointments do not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

Instructional: Appointments 2020-2021 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 2020-2021", in accordance with Board Policy 9230. Appointments do not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

Instructional: Appointment of Extended School Year Principal RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve the appointment of Jeanmarie Papillo as Principal of the Farmingdale Extended School Year Program for the 2020-2021 school year, contingent upon a passed budget.

Instructional: Termination and Abolishment of Position RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approves the termination of the following named teacher as of the date indicated. This termination is based upon the termination of the least senior regular appointed teacher due to the abolishment of the position.

Personnel Items -- Non-Instructional

Non-instructional: Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement / CSEA 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: "Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement / CSEA", effective on the date noted hereon and adopt the corresponding retirement resolution.

Non-instructional: Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement / 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: "Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement / TASM", effective on the date noted hereon and adopt the corresponding retirement resolution.

Non-instructional: Termination / Date Confirmation 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 non-instructional personnel action: "Termination" in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service regulations.

Non-instructional: Appointment / On Call, Per Diem Seasonal Typist Clerk 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 Seasonal Typist Clerk", subject to termination at any time.

Approve Per Diem Work for Civil Service Retirees RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve the appointment of 2019-2020 Civil Service employee retirees for per diem work as determined by the Superintendent of Schools or his designee at the Board of Education approved daily rate.

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 April 12, 2020, in accordance with New York State Education Part 200 Regulations

**Approval of
the
Committee
on Special
Education
Placements
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 April 12, 2020, in accordance with New York State Education Part 200 Regulations

**Executive
Session**

On a motion made by Mrs. D'Amico, seconded by Mr. Espinosa, the meeting moved into Executive Session to discuss specific collective bargaining issues in accordance with Open Meetings Law.

Motion carried 7-0

The meeting moved in Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

On a motion made by Mrs. D'Amico, seconded by Mrs. Lively, the meeting returned to public session.

Motion carried 7-0.

The meeting reconvened in public session at 9:45 p.m.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Mrs. D'Amico, seconded by Mr. Giordano, the meeting was adjourned.

Motion carried 7-0

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Mary E. Rogers, District Clerk