



Farmingdale School District

DATE: May 11, 2021

KIND OF MEETING: Board Meeting/ Public Hearing

PLACE: Virtual Meeting

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, Mrs. Rogers

Call to Order Meeting called to order at 8:00 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.

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 would 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.

Motion to Suspend Public Participation On a motion made by Mrs. D'Amico, seconded by Mr. Espinosa, 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

Budget Presentation- 2021/2022 Proposed Budget- Michael Motisi Board President Michael Goldberg introduced Superintendent of Schools Paul Defendini and asked for his final update on the budget vote and election for the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Defendini began his update by thanking Michael Motisi, Assistant to the Superintendent for Business, and his team for the work that was done in constructing the budget. He also recognized the efforts of this team in getting the information to the community, whether live or in a virtual environment. Mr. Defendini thanked the PTA for organizing the town hall style meeting and for their vote of confidence on the budget.

Mr. Defendini introduced Mr. Motisi and asked for his final presentation prior to the Budget Vote and Election on May 18 from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Mr. Motisi began by thanking Mr. Ernst, Mrs. Pedicini and Mrs. Fullam for their work in pulling together the presentations each week. He thanked the Board of Education and the community for their support.

Mr. Motisi explained that this evening's presentation was intended to be a summary of the information provided at prior meetings and that the previous presentations were posted on the school district's website. Mr. Motisi stated that the year over year budget was an increase of 1.06%, with a 1.51% increase in the tax levy which was within the state imposed levy limit.

Mr. Motisi reviewed the proposed cost element summary, which provided the details of the increases and decreases across the expenditure side of the budget. He noted that there were slight decreases in health insurance and retirement system costs. Increases in costs were noted in salaries for step movements and in contractual transportation obligations.

Mr. Motisi provided an explanation of the changes to the district's programs under a contingent budget should the budget be defeated at the following week's vote. He showed a draft version of the language included on this year's ballot, including Proposition 1 (the budget), Proposition 2 (the Farmingdale Youth Council appropriation), the election of three Board of Education trustees and the election of one library trustee.

Mr. Goldberg thanked Mr. Motisi and his staff for their many efforts.

Consideration of Consent Agenda:

Motion made by Mrs. D'Amico, seconded by Mrs. Lively, that the Consent Agenda consisting of Items I (a-d) be approved as a whole with action recorded separately.

Items for Action

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

Approval of a Purchase Agreement with Solution Tree RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale School District Board of Education approve a Purchase Agreement with Solution Tree for the purpose of professional development and to authorize the Board President to sign the appropriate agreement.

Instructional: Appointments / 2021-2022 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 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.

Non-Instructional: Appointment / CSEA RESOLVED, that upon the recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve a non-instructional personnel action: "Appointment / CSEA", in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service Commission regulations. Appointments do not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

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 8:25 p.m.

Mary E. Rogers, District Clerk