



# Farmingdale School District

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**DATE:** September 12, 2018

**KIND OF MEETING:** Board of Education Meeting

**PLACE:** Principal's Conference 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, Mr. Richard Guercio, Ms. Miles, Mrs. Rogers

**Call to Order** Meeting called to order at 7:20 p.m. in the Principal's Conference Room at the Howitt Middle School by Mr. Goldberg, President of the Board of Education.

Motion made by Mr. Espinosa, 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

Mr. Morales arrived at 7:50 p.m.

Meeting recessed for executive session at 7:20 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, 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** Board President Goldberg introduced Superintendent of Schools Paul Defendini and asked for his monthly update. Mr. Defendini reported on the opening days of the 2018-2019 school year. Staff arrived Tuesday morning and attended a district-wide presentation. Professional development continued throughout that morning and afternoon and again on Wednesday. Students arrived Thursday morning and got right to work. Mr. Defendini thanked the Transportation Department for their tireless efforts on the first days of schools.

**Opening of School**

**Public Participation** Board President Michael Goldberg opened the meeting for the first public participation. Farmingdale Federation of Teachers Second Vice President Emily Geiger invited the Board of Education and Administration to join the FFT's team in the October 21 Long Island Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk at Jones Beach.

**Board of Education Minutes**

Board of Education - Special Meeting - Aug 28, 2018 7:00 PM

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ralph Morales, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kathy Lively, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

Board of Education - Board Meeting/Set Tax Levy - Aug 29, 2018 8:00 PM

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ralph Morales, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mario Espinosa, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	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 had received the Politico updates and the New York State Comptroller's weekly reports.

**Board Committee Reports** Board President Michael Goldberg asked trustees if there were any committee reports. Mr. Espinosa reported that there would be a recreational and education program at the Farmingdale Public Library on November 17 focused on the needs of children with special needs. More details would become available when released.

Mrs. Lively reported that the Farmingdale Chamber of Commerce had its monthly meeting; the Chamber has additional members this year.

Mr. Goldberg reported on the recent Audit Committee meeting. He congratulated and thanked Mr. Motisi and the Business Office staff. He also reported on the upcoming Farmingdale Village Cultural Arts Day event.

Mrs. Soete reported on the Board of Education building readiness tour. She thanked the custodial and maintenance staff for their efforts throughout the summer.

**Consideration of Consent Agenda:**

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

**Business Report**

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

Acceptance for File of Financial Reports

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

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

ACHIEVE BEYOND  
HICKSVILLE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
HOPE FOR YOUTH  
INNER LIGHT THERAPEUTIC SERVICES, INC.  
NEW YORK INSTITUTE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION  
STONY BROOK PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES, UFPC

**Approval of a Special Education Contract for the 2017-2018 School Year** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale UFSD Board of Education approve the following contract for Special Education and General Education services for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 and that the Board President be authorized to sign said contracts.

HICKSVILLE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Approval of an Agreement with Challenge Day** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve an Agreement with Challenge Day to provide the Challenge Day Program at Farmingdale High School and to authorize the Board President to sign the appropriate agreement.

**Approval of LIU Post Letter of Agreement - LIU High School Scholars Program** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve a Letter of Agreement with LIU Post for the LIU High School Scholars Program for the 2018/2019 school year and to authorize the Board President to sign the appropriate agreement.

**Approval of Change Order #1 with Laser Industries, Inc. for Electrical Work Associated** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept Change Order #1 to Laser Industries, Inc. for Electrical Work Associated with the Athletic Fields at Howitt Middle School.

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

**with the  
Athletic  
Fields at  
Howitt  
Middle  
School**

Change Order #1  
Additional \$1,353,450

**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.

**Items for Action**

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

**Appointment of  
Committee on  
Special  
Education/Preschool** 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**

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

Personnel Items -- Instructional

**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:  
Resignation /  
Project Read** 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 / Project Read".

**Instructional:  
Appointment  
/ Hourly** 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: Hourly

**Project Read Positions** Project Read 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: 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: Resignations for the Purpose of Retirement** 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 for the Purpose of Retirement", effective on the dates noted hereon and to adopt the corresponding retirement resolutions.

**Non-Instructional: Appointment / Registered Professional 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 non-instructional personnel action: "Appointment / Registered Professional Nurse", in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service Commission regulations. Appointment does not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

**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 accept a non-instructional - personnel action: "Resignation / TASM", effective on the date 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 accept a non-instructional personnel action: "Leave of Absence", effective for the dates noted hereon and for the reason stated.

**Non-instructional: Appointment / Return from 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 approve a non-instructional personnel action: "Appointment / Return from Leave of Absence - TASM" in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service Commission regulations. Appointment does not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

**Non-  
instructional:  
Appointment  
of On Call  
Per Diem  
Substitute  
Teacher Aide**

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 Teacher Aide", 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 non-instructional personnel action: "Appointment of On Call, Per Diem Substitute School Monitor", subject to termination at any time.

**Approval of  
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 August 19, 2018, in accordance with New York State Education Part 200 Regulations.

**Approval of  
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 August 19, 2018, in accordance with New York State Education Part 200 Regulations.

**Items for Discussion and Action**

**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 a summary of a parent's request for their child to be exempt from the Mandated School Zone policy for their final year in elementary school due to a demonstrated hardship.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ralph Morales, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kathy Lively, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

**Approval of a Request for Attendance in District Schools of a Non-Resident Student** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education permit the attendance in District Schools for the 2018-2019 school year of a non-resident student who has met the criteria for such admission on a tuition basis in accordance with Policy No. 5152.

*Discussion:*  
Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Administration Glen Zakian provided a summary of a request for a non-resident student to attend Farmingdale High School.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>DEFEATED [0 TO 7]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ralph Morales, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kathy Lively, Trustee
<b>NAYS:</b>	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

**Approval of a Voting Delegate for the NYSSBA Convention** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale UFSD Board of Education appoint Kathy Lively as a voting delegate to represent the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education at the Annual Meeting of the New York State School Boards Association Convention, October 25-27, 2018 in New York City and to authorize the President of the Board of Education to appoint an alternate delegate from the Board of Education should Mrs. Lively be unable to serve in this capacity.

*Discussion:*  
Mrs. Lively will attend the New York State School Boards Association's annual conference and has agreed to serve as the voting delegate.

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

**Adoption of the Board Committee Assignments for the 2018-2019 School Year**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Board of Education adopt the Board of Education Committee Assignments for the 2018-19 school year. Committee members will service until a new membership is established.

*Discussion:*

Board President Michael Goldberg reviewed the 2017-2018 Board Committee assignments. Board trustees requested that they continue in each of the assignments through the 2018-2019 school year. Mrs. Lively requested that she be added as an alternate member of the Farmingdale Community Summit. Mr. Goldberg asked about the frequency of IDA meetings. Mr. Defendini stated that these meetings are held on an as-needed basis. Mr. Espinosa asked for the calendar of Republic Airport Commission scheduled meetings. Mrs. Lively stated that representatives from this Commission often attend CCAF meetings.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ralph Morales, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Anthony Giordano, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

**Items for Discussion**

**2018 Proposed NYSSBA Bylaw Amendments & Resolutions**

*Discussion:*

Board President Michael Goldberg explained that the New York State School Boards Association would hold its annual convention in New York City at the end of October. He stated that the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association would hold its resolutions dinner at the end of September. Mrs. Lively stated that she would attend this event and would report back to the Board of Education at the October meeting. She stated that this organization provides insight into each of the proposed resolutions and, as a group, recommends the adoption or rejection of each proposal.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>DISCUSSED</b>
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**Public Participation**

Board President Michael Goldberg opened the meeting for the second public participation. Mr. Capobianco addressed the Board of Education, providing information on the next REFIT meeting and the Farmingdale Village Cultural Arts Day. He asked for information on the Energy Performance Contract

measurement verification audit, the second phase of the Energy Performance work, the Village of Farmingdale Cornerstone project, and Regents exam results. Mr. Capobianco also suggested that a security booth be provided on Van Cott Avenue. Mr. Defendini stated that the EPC audit and related work continues and more information would be provided during the March budget workshop meetings. There has been no additional information provided to the district on the Cornerstone project. Dr. Ripley provided a summary of the Regents results across the curricular areas.

**Adjournment**

On a motion made by Mr. Morales, seconded by Mr. Espinosa, the Board of Education adjourned from the public meeting at 8:30 p.m. to enter into executive session to discuss a specific personnel issue, in accordance with Open Meetings Law.

Motion carried 7-0.

The meeting was reconvened in public session at 10:20 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Morales and seconded by Mr. Giordano.

Motion carried 7-0.

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

Motion carried 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

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Mary E. Rogers, District Clerk