



Farmingdale School District

DATE: March 28, 2018

KIND OF MEETING: Special Meeting / Public Input

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. Lorentz, Mr. Defendini, Dr. Ripley, Mr. Zakian, Richard Guercio, Esq., Mrs. Rogers

Call to Order

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

Executive Session

Motion made by Mrs. D'Amico, seconded by Mr. Espinosa to meet in executive session to discuss specific 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.

Meeting reconvened in the Howitt East Cafeteria at 8:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Goldberg welcomed all to the Board of Education's special meeting. He stated that we continue our budget workshops as we prepare for the 2018-2019 school year. The meeting was also the Public Input session, wherein residents would be invited to provide their input prior to the budget adoption later in April. Mr. Lorentz and his administrative team would provide an overview of the previous workshop while tonight's presentation would focus on capital work and financial planning. Mr. Goldberg stated that the Board of Education is interested in encouraging members of the public to share their ideas, comments and questions. Public participation opportunities would be available at the beginning and end of the meeting and, as stated in board policy, no person would be able to speak for more than three minutes and each period of public participation would be limited to thirty minutes. He asked that public participants state clearly their name and address when approaching the microphone. He also reminded the public that during special meetings, public

participation would be limited to the topics on the agenda. He thanked everyone for their anticipated courtesy and cooperation. Mr. Goldberg pointed out the emergency exit and the public session began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Participation

Board President Michael Goldberg opened the meeting for the first public participation.

Mr. Firmes congratulated Mr. Defendini on his appointment to the position of Superintendent of Schools. He also expressed his concern over increased salary expenses. He compared public expenses as related to private sector increases.

Mr. Roth expressed his concerns with statements in the 2017 Risk Assessment Report. He questioned the sign-in and sign-out procedures. Mr. Defendini responded.

2018-19 Budget Presentation

Board President Michael Goldberg asked Mr. Lorentz for this week's budget presentation. Assistant Superintendent for Business Paul Defendini provided an overview of the previous budget workshop, including a summary of the tax cap levy calculation of 2.98% with a budget to budget increase of 2.10%. The budget maintains program opportunities for students. Mr. Defendini reviewed the proposed revenue from the 2017-18 approved budget to the 2018-19 proposed revenue budget. He also provided the comparison of the 2017-18 approved cost element summary to the 2018-19 proposed budget, with corresponding increases and decreases across each cost category. He concluded the opening portion of the review with the impact of a contingent budget and anticipated program reductions of approximately \$3.5 million.

Mr. Defendini moved into a review of the completed and current capital work across the district. He was pleased to announce that the work associated with the Energy Performance Contract had been completed and that the district would move into the first measurement and verification period in July. Annual savings must exceed the cost of the debt service expense; if not, the vendor must reimburse the district for savings that were not realized.

A status update for Bond 2016 was also presented. He reviewed the work at the elementary schools with completion and anticipated completion information. He also provided information on the work at the secondary schools, including timeline associated within the anticipated time frame. A number of photographs were provided of the completed work Farmingdale High School and Saltzman East Memorial. Renderings of the Howitt Middle School athletic complex and aquatic center were reviewed.

Mr. Defendini moved on to the safety related facilities' projects, including both the districtwide cameras, sign in systems, interior upgrades and exterior doors. Building specific projects were outlined including the middle school courtyard, playground resurfacing, security lights and sidewalk/walkway upgrades. A ten-year facilities projects listing was also provided, which included updated information for this past year. Each school across the district was detailed.

Mr. Defendini described the May 2015 voter approved capital reserve fund, which allows for the accumulation of capital funds through year-end fund balance, the reallocation of reserves and interest. Expenditures from the capital reserve must also be voter approved. A capital reserve analysis outlined the funding of the capital reserve. A \$5 million draw down was voter approved for the purpose of districtwide bathroom renovations. At this time, the district is investigating a second energy performance contract, including the use of solar panels, roofing renovations, electrical upgrades, lighting upgrades and HVAC updates.

The budget presentation moved into a review of fund balance and reserve analysis with an eye on long-term planning. Mr. Defendini outlined the use of fund balance and reserves with examples of how these funds may be expensed and the types of budget expenditures that cannot be modified with reserves. He also reviewed the revenue over expenditures that have been expensed since the 2013-14 school year. Reserve accounts are proscribed by laws and limitations of funding reserves are also in law. Mr. Defendini reviewed each of the eight reserves, including workers' compensation, unemployment, encumbrances, EBALR, insurance, capital, bonded indebtedness and retirement contributions.

Mr. Defendini also reviewed the use of trends to determine projections. He outlined CPI data, state aid data, TRS and ERS fluctuating contribution rate figures, and health insurance rate changes.

Finally, a review of two budget projection scenarios were described, including the 2018-19 proposed revenue and appropriations to the 2019-20 projected figures. CPI and tax levy figures were constant across the two scenarios; the health insurance and retirement system cost projections were the variables. The two projections provided an opportunity to see the impact on budgets due to the most unpredictable expenses.

Board member questions included a request for information on the use of solar panels and the condition of the roofing. Mr. Defendini stated that the roof needs to be in good condition prior to any installation. Mr. Espinosa asked about the repurposing of the current pool building at Farmingdale High School. Mr. Defendini stated that the demolition of the structure was expensive. Additional options were under consideration and details would be forthcoming.

Mr. Defendini completed his presentation with a summary of the budget to budget increase and the corresponding tax cap levy limit and also outlined the remaining Board of Education budget meetings.

Items for Action

Approval of Voter Registration Schedule RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education adopt a resolution regarding a schedule for voter registration for the May 15, 2018 Budget Vote and Election.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District desires to make voter registration more accessible to residents; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that voter registration shall take place on Saturday, May 5, 2018, from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Lobby of the East Building, Weldon E. Howitt Middle School, 50 Van Cott Avenue, Farmingdale New York. Walk-in registration is available in the Office of the District Clerk up to and including Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

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

Appointment of Chief Inspector, Assistant Clerks and Inspectors / Budget Vote and Election RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve a resolution to appoint the Chief Election Inspector, Assistant Clerks and Inspectors of the Election for the school district Budget Vote and Election dated May 15, 2108.

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

Adoption of the 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, May 15, 2018 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. in the East gymnasium of the Weldon E. Howitt Middle School, 50 Van Cott Avenue, Farmingdale, New York, and the Public Hearing shall be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, at 8:00

p.m. in the East cafeteria of the Weldon E. Howitt Middle School in said district for the purposes set forth in the annexed notice.

RESOLVED, that said notice (copy attached) be published once in each of four weeks in the seven weeks preceding the annual budget and election voting in the *Massapequa Post* and the *Farmingdale Observer*, two newspapers having general circulation in the district. The first notice must appear at least 45 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 in accordance with Section 2025 of the Education Law.

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

Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement with the Farmingdale Federation of Teachers

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the Farmingdale Federation of Teachers.

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

Public Participation

Board President Michael Goldberg opened the meeting for the second public participation.

Mr. Roth spoke about electronic record keeping, perimeter fencing, camera systems and security staffing.

Mr. Firmes asked for information on limits to the funding of the reserves. He also asked for a description of the reserve for encumbrances. Mr. Defendini spoke of the limitations based on purported use as defined in General Municipal Law. He also described limitations on unappropriated fund balances. He defined the use of reserves for encumbered funds.

Executive Session On a motion made by Mr. Morales, and seconded by Mr. Espinosa, the meeting moved into executive session to discuss a specific personnel matter, in accordance with Open Meetings Law. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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

Adjournment The meeting reconvened in public session at 11:30 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

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

Mary E. Rogers, District Clerk