



# Farmingdale School District

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**DATE:** April 11, 2018

**KIND OF MEETING:** Regular Meeting

**PLACE:** A. Terry Weathers Board Room, Howitt Middle School East Cafeteria, Howitt Middle School

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Goldberg, Mrs. D'Amico, Mr. Giordano, Mrs. Lively, Mr. Morales, Mrs. Soete

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Espinosa

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mr. Lorentz, Mr. Defendini, Dr. Ripley, Mr. Zakian, Richard Guercio, Esq., Greg Gillen, Esq. (Executive Session Only), Mrs. Rogers

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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.

Motion made by Mrs. D'Amico, seconded by Mr. Giordano, 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.

The meeting was reconvened in the Howitt Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. for a Fine Arts' student recognition. Board trustees distributed commemorative Daler pins to students in several music category achievements, including All County, All State, Long Island Strings, PEAK Festival / Nassau Music Educators Association and the Suffolk County Music Educators Association "Day of Horn" event. Rose Marvel, the Director of Fine Arts, introduced each of the talented students, summarizing the various levels of achievement. She, along with Superintendent of Schools John Lorentz congratulated the parents, students, teachers and the Board of Education, thanking all for their support.

At the end of the recognition ceremony, a short recess was called, and the meeting reconvened in the Howitt East Cafeteria at 8:10 p.m.

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 shall 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 Michael Goldberg introduced Superintendent of School John Lorentz and asked for his monthly update. Mr. Lorentz began his update stating that the district continues to use the collection and interpretation of data to determine academic updates, intervention needs and student achievement.

**Elementary Data Presentation** Dr. Jennifer Olsen, Assistant to the Superintendent, provided an overview of elementary ELA and Mathematics data for the first two trimesters of the 2018-2019 school year. Dr. Olsen reviewed the Fountas and Pinnell reading level expectations as students entered in September and explained each data point benchmark and their interpretations to inform, improve and support instruction. Dr. Olsen provided the practices used towards student success, including review and analysis of student ELA samples, learning walks, coach supports, AimsWeb assessments, Project Read interventions for first graders, Foundations support, and LLI supports. Dr. Olsen went on to review elementary Math data, including the work in the math inquiry labs, guided math structures, and formative math assessments across progression from kindergarten to fifth grade. Board member questions focused on grade three reading levels. Dr. Olsen reviewed the growth between grades 3 and 4, and specifically Levels M-N-O, including the strategy work around the plot and setting strands. The discussion continued with a review of interventions including: Dreambox, Razkids, Kindergarten Foundations Double Dose, and other Academic Intervention Service supports.

**Middle School Science 2018-2019** Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Dr. Ripley continued the curriculum discussion with a review of updates to the middle school Science program. In 2018, the district had allowed open enrollment into Regents level Living Environment. In 2018-2019, 67% of incoming 8<sup>th</sup> graders have enrolled in these courses; 18% are undecided and 15% will take general science. In 2019-2020 high school Science electives will

include a Biomedical CTE pathway which will allow for college credit and career readiness.

**Old Business**  
Standardized  
Test Scoring

Superintendent of Schools Lorentz stated that during the previous month's public participation a question was raised regarding school report card reports as a result of the anticipated participation rates in the state ELA, Math and Science assessments. Dr. Ripley explained that the 'Every Student Succeeds Act', which replaces NCLB, changes the formula used to determine the district's success. Each school will be given a score (1-4), which depends heavily on the attendance and participation rates. The calculation is complex; the district will provide information sessions as we move forward with this state-directed mandate.

**Public  
Participation**

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

Mr. Firmes asked for details on the settlement of the FFT Memorandum of Agreement. He also asked for information on the debt service associated with the expiring bonds and Bond 2016. Mr. Defendini responded.

Mrs. Toma asked about Chemistry program delivery and the 'flipped' classroom. Dr. Ripley explained the data and curriculum review as compared to the traditional delivery of this coursework. Mrs. Toma also asked about the participation rate this year for the ELA exams. Mr. Lorentz stated that it was between 60-70%. Mrs. Toma also asked about the quarterly assessment schedule. Dr. Ripley explained that the interruptions caused by snow closings caused issues with scheduling.

Mrs. Cloghessy stated that she is a candidate for the Board of Education. She asked about the district's efforts to reach out to local businesses in partnership with the CTE programs. Dr. Ripley responded providing details of the work Director Stanley Pelech has accomplished with the local Chambers of Commerce, Rotary organizations, student internships and externships, and business/classroom connections. Mrs. Lively also explained the work that is accomplished at the Board trustee level, including participation as an officer in the Chamber of Commerce, an advisory council with SUNY Farmingdale, and partnerships with over 200 local businesses.

Mr. Roth asked about recommendations from a recent Risk Assessment related to purchases at the Home Depot. He also asked about perimeter cameras. Mr. Defendini stated that the district does not use credit cards and has used suggested updates in purchasing small supplies, including nails and other low cost items. Perimeter cameras were installed a number of years ago in response to security updates.

## Board of Education Minutes

Board of Education - Regular Meeting - Mar 14, 2018 8:00 PM

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

### Board Correspondence

The Board President asked the District Clerk if there was any correspondence during the past month. Mrs. Rogers reported that the Board had received a parent letter, and had also received updates from the New York State Comptroller's Office and the Politico organization.

### Board Committee Reports

Mr. Giordano reported on the SEPTA dance, Woodward Parkway Pasta Night and the Long Island Connected Educators Summit, and the Farmingdale Village City Hall meeting.

Mrs. Soete commented that members of the Hampton Bays school district provided positive feedback on the Long Island Connected Educators event.

Mrs. Lively reported on the Chamber of Commerce activities, including a comedy night fundraiser with proceeds that will go towards senior scholarships. The Farmingdale Youth Council continues to work on its 2018-2019 school budget. The deadlines for two scholarships from this organization is approaching. Mrs. Lively also attended the Farmingdale Village Cultural Arts meeting; a second meeting will take place on June 11. Mrs. Lively also attended the NYSSBA Policy update meeting regarding student free speech and privacy.

Mrs. D'Amico reported on the SEPTA dance and the Howitt Middle School spring musical production of Cinderella.

Mr. Goldberg attended the high school drama. He said it was a wonderful production.

**Consideration of Consent Agenda:** Prior to Mr. Goldberg’s call for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Mr. Giordano stated that he would abstain from the action as the personnel actions included the appointment of a family member to a teacher aide/school monitor position.

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

### Business Report

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [5 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ralph Morales, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kathy Lively, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, D'Amico, Soete
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Anthony Giordano

#### Acceptance for File of Financial Reports

**Acceptance of Extra Curricular Report - February 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 month of February 2018 pursuant to the authority contained in Section 170.2 of the regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

**Acceptance of Treasurer's Report - February 2018** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept for file the Treasurer's Report for the month of February 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 Claims Auditor Report - February 2018** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept for file the Claims Auditor Report for the month of February 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** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept for file the Revenue and Expenditure Report for the month of

**Expenditure Report - February 2018** February 2018 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 Special Education Contracts for the 2016-2017 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, 2016 through June 30, 2017 and that the Board President be authorized to sign said contract.

SEAFORD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Approval of EI US, LLC Home Tutoring Contract** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve an agreement between the Farmingdale Union Free School District and EI US, LLC for home tutoring services for general education and special education students for the period January 23, 2018 through June 30, 2018 and that the Board President be authorized to sign said agreement.

**Approval of Special Education Contracts for the 2017-2018 School Year** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale UFSD Board of Education approve the following contracts 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.

MOUNTAIN LAKE ACADEMY  
SEAFORD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Approval of Health & Welfare Services Agreements for Resident Students Attending Non Public Schools Outside of the District for the 2017/18 School Year (Bay Shore, Hicksville, Massapequa, Smithtown, South Huntington & Uniondale)** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the Health & Welfare Services Agreements with the following school districts for resident students attending non public schools outside of the district for the 2017/18 school year, and to authorize the Board President to sign the appropriate agreements:

(Bay Shore, Hicksville, Massapequa, Smithtown, South Huntington & Uniondale)

**Massapequa,  
Smithtown,  
South  
Huntington  
& Uniondale)**

**Approval of  
Contract #33  
with Nassau  
BOCES**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve a contract with Nassau BOCES.

**4720 :  
Approval of  
First  
Amendment  
to Third  
Party  
Custodian  
Agreement  
with  
JPMorgan  
Chase Bank  
& The Bank  
of NY Mellon**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the First Amendment to the Third Party Custodian Agreement between the Farmingdale Union Free School District, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., and The Bank of New York Mellon, and to authorize the Board President to sign the appropriate agreement.

**Approval of  
East Meadow  
Driving  
School  
Agreement  
for 2018-2019**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve an agreement with the East Meadow Driving School for the purpose of providing a summer driver's education program during the 2018-2019 school year and to authorize the Board President to sign said contract.

**Approval of  
Memorandum  
of Agreement  
with the  
Nassau  
County Board  
of Elections  
for the  
May15, 2018  
Budget Vote  
and Election**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approves a memorandum of agreement with the Nassau County Board of Elections regarding election services for the May 15, 2018 Budget Vote and Election, pending legal review.

**Approval of a  
One Year  
Extension  
Contract**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve a one year extension at the current prices between the Farmingdale Union Free School District and Nesco Bus Maintenance, Inc. for the purpose of Department of Transportation (D.O.T.) Inspection and

**with Nesco Bus Maintenance, Inc.** Preventative Maintenance for bus vehicles for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Such extension contracts are in accordance with state law and regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

**Acceptance of a Donation of Funds to the 81 Dalergirls Scholarship Fund** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education acknowledge, accept and thank the following individuals for a monetary donation to the 81 Dalergirls Scholarship Fund:

Advisory Board Members:

Janet Moore, Eileen Nolan, Jeanne Timmons, Rosie Zipper Gilroy, Mary Ellen Zipper, AnnMarie Mansfield Franklin, Maureen Buckley Vetter, Marie Bongo Jaramillo, BettyAnn Rauff Abshire, Susan Warren, Barbara Salvia Bianco, Barbara Rice Bistany, Dawn Graves Willey, Kristine Farrell Holmes

Friends and Family:

Michael Holmes, Maureen Zipper, Donna Delano, Pam Gaffney, Maureen Novack, Helene Pacher, Beth Reilly, Susie Helmerich, Joe and Carol Warren, Marianne Loboccaro, Paul Romanelli, Bongo Family, Sue Barberi Rogers, Marie Malerba and 1042 Auto Collision, and Serafina McDonald.

**Acceptance of a Donation of L Screens and Varsity Baseball Jerseys** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education acknowledge, accept and thank the Dalers Diamond Booster Club for a donation of L screens and varsity baseball jerseys to be used by the boys' baseball team.

**Approval of Fiduciary Responsibility & Acceptance of Donation of Funds to the Forever Friends Memorial Scholarship Fund** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept the donation, create and accept fiduciary responsibility for the Forever Friends Memorial Scholarship Fund, and also to acknowledge and thank Karen & Wayne Buyes and friends for the monetary donation to the Forever Friends Memorial Scholarship Fund.

**Approval of Fiduciary Responsibility & Acceptance of Donation of Funds to** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept the donation, create and accept fiduciary responsibility for the Farmingdale Aquatics Swim Scholarship Fund, and also to acknowledge and thank the Farmingdale Aquatics Swim Club and Board of Directors for the monetary donation to the Farmingdale Aquatics Swim Scholarship Fund.



**the  
Farmingdale  
Aquatics  
Swim  
Scholarship  
Fund**

**Approval of  
Transfer of  
Funds - April  
2018**      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 [5 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ralph Morales, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kathy Lively, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, D'Amico, Soete
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Anthony Giordano

**Approval of  
Policy No.  
6900,  
Disposal of  
District  
Property**      RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education adopt Policy No. 6900, Disposal of District Property, in accordance with Board Policy 2410.

**Approval of a  
Memorandum  
of Agreement  
with the  
Farmingdale  
Federation of  
Teachers**      RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the Farmingdale Federation of Teachers for July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020 and that the Board President is hereby authorized to sign said agreement.

**Superintendent's Report**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [5 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ralph Morales, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kathy Lively, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, D'Amico, Soete
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Anthony Giordano

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:  
Appointment  
/ Leave  
Replacement-  
Evening High  
School** 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 / Leave Replacement-Evening High School", for the 2018-2019 school year.

**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  
Teacher** 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:  
Resignation /  
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 accept a non-instructional personnel action: "Resignation / Registered Professional Nurse", effective on the date noted hereon.

**Non-  
Instructional:  
Appointment  
/Leave of  
Absence  
/Appointment  
Senior 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 schedule of non-instructional personnel actions" "Appointment / Leave of Absence / Appointment-Senior Typist Clerk" in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service Commission regulations. Appointments do not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

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

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

**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: Change in Assignment / 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: Resignation / Food Service** 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: "Resignation / Food Service", on the date noted hereon.

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

**Non-instructional: Appointment of 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.

**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 a schedule of non-competitive, 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 the following of non-competitive, 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 March 11, 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 March 11, 2018, in accordance with New York State Education Part 200 Regulations.

### **Items for Discussion and Action**

**Adoption of the Proposed 2018-2019 Budget for Voter Approval** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education adopt the proposed school budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 in the amount of \$165,707,424, subject to voter approval.  
*Discussion:*  
Board President Michael Goldberg introduced Assistant Superintendent Paul Defendini, who stated that his presentation was provided as the Board of

Education prepared to adopt the 2018-2019 budget for voter approval at the May 15, 2018 Budget Vote and Election. His overview of the work associated with the budget development included summaries of the tax levy limit calculation, the proposed revenue budget, the proposed cost element summary and the impact of a contingent budget. He stated that the 2% tax cap limit calculation resulted in a 2.98% budget to budget increase. He reviewed the various categories and funding included in the proposed revenue budget and the description of the proposed cost element summary calculations. A contingent budget would include increased class sizes at the elementary level, reductions in secondary elective opportunities, and reductions in athletic teams, music performing groups, extra-curricular activities, equipment, maintenance projects and support services. Mr. Defendini also reviewed a summary of the state budget, including a modest increase in state aid from the Legislature, changes to school building level funding plans in 2019-2020, food service delivery updates, school safety increases and changes in STAR, charitable gift trust funds and payroll tax law changes. The language included on the ballots, with a “plain English” translation were provided for the two propositions. Three board trustee seats are available in this year’s election. Board member questions related to the farm-to-table initiative resulted in an explanation of the school lunch program cooperative.

<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, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

**Approval of the Property Tax Report Card for the 2018-2019 School Year**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the New York State Property Tax Report Card for the 2018-2019 school year in accordance with Education Law Section 1716(7).

*Discussion:*

Mr. Defendini explained that the 2018-2019 Property Tax Report Card has been expanded this year to included information relevant to the district’s schedule of New York State authorized reserve funds. A description of the purpose of each reserve fund, including the actual and estimated balances are required. The PTRC also includes a summary of the proposed school year tax levy, enrollment figures and the current Consumer Price Index.

<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, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

**Approval of a Request for an Exemption to the**

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:*

**Mandated School Zone Assignment** Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Administration Glen Zakian provided to the Board of Education a summary of a request for an exemption to a mandated school zone assignment in accordance with district policy. Mr. Zakian explained the family hardship and circumstances related to the request.

<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, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

**4711 : Appointment of a New Superintendent of Schools Effective July 1, 2018** RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve the following resolution to wit:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has diligently interviewed prospective candidates to fill the position of Superintendent of Schools and now has made its decision as to a successor to John Lorentz;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT, RESOLVED, that Paul A. Defendini be appointed Superintendent of Schools of the Farmingdale Union Free School District effective July 1, 2018, under the terms and conditions as stated in the Superintendent's contract and other provisions as required by New York State law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforesaid contract is hereby approved and the President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign said contract with Paul A. Defendini on behalf of the Board of Education.

*Discussion:*

Mr. Defendini thanked the Board of Education for their confidence and for the opportunity. He stated that it is an honor and privilege to serve this educational community.

<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, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

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

Mrs. Faber asked if the Budget Vote and Election could be held in the Howitt West gymnasium. Mr. Defendini stated that this would be put in effect in May 2019. Mrs. Faber also asked if the school district could grow its own food here. Mr. Defendini stated that we do grow food in the courtyard at the Farmingdale High School for the culinary program. Dr. Ripley stated that the issue had to do with the growing and harvest seasons not coinciding with the

school calendar. She spoke about the growing towers in each of the schools, which were part of a co-curricular effort by Kristen Cummings and the Science Department with Stan Pelech and the Career and Tech Ed Department.

Mr. Roth had a series of questions related to employee issues, Board trustee activities, Facilities Advisory Committee meetings and the three-minute public participation policy. Mr. Lorentz stated that the questions would be addressed as part of Old Business at the May regular meeting.

**Adjournment** On a motion made by Mrs. Lively, seconded by Mr. Giordano, the meeting was adjourned.

Motion carried 6-0

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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Mary E. Rogers, District Clerk