



Farmingdale School District

DATE: May 8, 2018

KIND OF MEETING: Special Meeting/ Public Hearing

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, Mrs. Rogers

Call to Order

Michael Goldberg, President of the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the A. Terry Weathers Board Room at the Howitt Middle School.

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

Motion carried 6-0

The meeting recessed for executive session at 7:30 p.m.

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

The meeting reconvened in the Howitt East Cafeteria at 8:10 p.m.

Board President Michael Goldberg welcomed those present and stated that the purpose of this meeting was a Public Hearing session prior to the Budget Vote and Election on May 15, 2018. He stated that Superintendent of Schools Lorentz and his administrative team had presented to the Board of Education and the community a comprehensive budget that allowed for the continuation of programs and services. Mr. Goldberg encouraged those present to share their ideas, comments and questions during the two scheduled public participation opportunities. As stated in board policy, public participation would be limited to topics on the agenda. No person would be able to speak for more than three minutes and each period would be limited to thirty minutes. Mr. Goldberg thanked all for their anticipated courtesy and cooperation. He pointed out emergency exits. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Participation

Board President Michael Goldberg opened the meeting for the first public participation. No one came forward at this time.

Public Hearing

2018-2019 Proposed Budget Board President Goldberg introduced Superintendent of Schools John Lorentz for his final budget presentation. Mr. Lorentz stated that this is the Public Hearing. Mr. Defendini has a summary of the work accomplished during the last three months.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Paul Defendini provided a short presentation that focused on summaries of budget information provided during the recent budget workshops. He reviewed the proposed revenue budget, explaining that there was a failure on the state's part to provide state aid to the district as there is a slight decrease in funding this year. Decreases in state aid puts a lot of stress and burden at the local level. PILOT payments are stable; tuitions and property rentals do not have any significant changes. The application of fund balance allows for stabilization and the continuation of programs.

Mr. Defendini also explained the cost element summary, detailing some of the drivers for the district budget increases with an emphasis on those categories that are outside of local control.

His presentation outlined potential program impacts under a contingent budget, including increases in elementary class size, decreases in electives at the secondary level, and reductions in extra-curricular activities. His presentation concluded with the final budget figures, which fall within the tax levy cap calculation. Examples of the two propositions were detailed, along with the trustee candidate names. The Budget Vote and Election will take place on May 15, 2018 from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Item for Action

Approval of a Resolution to Prohibit a Resident from Entering School Grounds **BE IT RESOLVED** That The Board Of Education Prohibits The Resident Identified In Confidential Schedule "A" From Entering The District's Buildings And Grounds, From Attending School Board Meetings And Committee Meetings, And From Having Personal Or Other Contact, Or Communicating With Any Member Of The Board Of Education Or Any District Administrators Or Employees, Except To The Extent That The Aforementioned Resident May Contact The Superintendent Or His Designee In Writing To Request District Records Pursuant To The Freedom Of Information Law. Such Prohibition Shall Be Effective May 9, 2018 Up Through And Including June 30, 2020. The President Of The Board Of Education Is Hereby Directed To Notify The Resident By Certified And Regular Mail Of Such Prohibitions And Restrictions, And Such Notification

Shall Identify The Basis For The Action And The Scope Of The Restrictions.

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.

A resident described the hardships associated with tax increases for senior and disabled residents.

A second resident expressed concerns over the salary portion of the budget. Mr. Defendini explained that this is the result of contractual obligations.

Adjournment

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

Motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned 8:25 p.m.

Mary E. Rogers, District Clerk