# **Farmingdale Union Free School District**

50 Van Cott Avenue Farmingdale NY, 11735

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**DATE:** January 11, 2017

**KIND OF MEETING:** Regular Meeting

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

Cafeteria, Howitt Middle School

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mr. Goldberg, Mr. Capobianco, Mrs. D'Amico, Mr. Espinosa,

Mr. Giordano, Mrs. Lively, Mr. Morales

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mr. Lorentz, Mr. Defendini, Dr. Ripley, Mr. Zakian, Richard

Guercio, Esq., Reesa Miles, Esq., Mrs. Rogers

#### Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the A. Terry Weathers Board Room by Mr. Morales, President of the Board of Education.

Motion made by Mr. Espinosa, seconded by Mr. Capobianco, to meet in executive session to discuss specific legal, collective bargaining and personnel issues in accordance with Open Meetings Law.

Motion carried 7-0

#### **Executive Session**

Meeting recessed for executive session at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Espinosa excused himself from the Executive Session at 7:20 p.m.

Meeting reconvened in the Howitt East Cafeteria at 8:05 p.m.

Mr. Espinosa entered the public session at 8:20 p.m.

## Board President's Welcome

Board President Ralph Morales welcomed those present and announced that the Board of Education is 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 through the Items for Discussion (Items I-IV), it would be important to utilize the first public participation opportunity as the Board would act on those items immediately. Mr. Morales thanked all for their courtesy and cooperation and asked that residents clearly state their name and

address when coming to the microphone,. Mr. Morales pointed out the emergency exit. The public session began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

# **Superintendent's Update**

Curriculum Presentation - Secondary Regents Results

Board President Ralph Morales introduced Superintendent of Schools John Lorentz and asked for his monthly update. Mr. Lorentz introduced Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Joan Ripley, who provided a presentation entitled "A Closer Look at Secondary Level Student Achievement." She began with an overview of results of Regents, AP, PSAT examinations and class grades. Dr. Ripley connected those results with the action plans that drive curriculum improvements, instructional strategies and professional development which ultimately increase opportunities for student success. Dr. Ripley reviewed the results of the Common Core Algebra I Regents over the last three years. Data inquiry included comparative data for performance with similar school districts in Nassau County. review were the results of the Common Core Geometry, Common Core ELA, Earth Science, Living Environment, and Global History examinations. Dr. Ripley emphasized the focus on curriculum delivery that results from the review of the various examinations. Mr. Capobianco asked if the Common Core Regents questions were still developed by New York State teachers. Dr. Ripley stated that they were. He also asked if any Farmingdale teachers were part of this process. Dr. Ripley stated that we have a Special Education teacher participating at the state level. Mrs. Lively asked if there were specific criteria used to place 8th grade student in the Earth Science course. Dr. Ripley provided an overview of that process. She stated that the district encourages students to challenge themselves. Mrs. Lively asked if Earth Science would be available to all students in September 2017. Dr. Ripley stated that this goal continued to be under review. Mrs. Lively also asked about increasing achievement levels. Dr. Ripley described the process that is used to address student needs and program delivery practices.

Public Participation

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

#### **Board of Education Minutes**

Motion made by Mrs. Lively, seconded by Mr. Goldberg .to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of December 7, 2016.

Board of Education - Regular Meeting - Dec 7, 2016 8:00 PM

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kathy Lively, Vice President
SECONDER: Michael Goldberg, Trustee

**AYES:** Capobianco, Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Giordano, D'Amico

**ABSENT:** Mario Espinosa

## Board Correspondence

Board President Ralph Morales asked the District Clerk if the Board had received any correspondence. Mrs. Rogers reported that the Board received several pieces of correspondence, including an invitation from Nassau BOCES for an event celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, a second invitation from Nassau BOCES for a networking event, a meeting reminder from the Farmingdale Youth Council, a parent letter regarding the school lunch program, weekly news reports from State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, weekly updates from the POLITICO New York Education organization and weekly updates from the New York Institute of Technology Admissions Office.

# Board Committee Reports

Board President Ralph Morales asked for the trustees' committee reports. Mr. Capobianco reported on the REFIT's review of its organizational structure and the possibility of transitioning from a 501(c)(3) to an official lobbying organization. He stated that Executive Director David Little is interested in making a presentation to the Board of Education through SKYPE. Mr. Capobianco reported on the activities of the Legislative Action Committee, including a visit to New York State Assemblywoman Kimberly Jean-Pierre's office. The conversation focused on state aid and the Babylon IDA. Mr. Capobianco reported on the activities of the Farmingdale Village Cultural Arts Committee, including a September Open Mike Night on the Village Green.

Mr. Goldberg reported on the high school winter concert and a Northside PTA meeting. He provided information about a student recognition program that acknowledges student perseverance.

Mrs. D'Amico reported on the winter concerts at Albany Avenue, Howitt Middle School and Farmingdale High School. Of particular note was the opportunity to witness the evolution of student growth across the Fine Arts Musical program continuum. Mrs. D'Amico reported on the activities of the Wellness Committee. She plans to attend the Farmingdale High School January 17 PTA meeting where a presentation from the Long Island Coalition Against Bullying is scheduled.

Mrs. Lively reported on the work of the Districtwide Safety Committee, including the development of a parent brochure. Mrs. Lively reported on the Policy Committee's work on school attendance area regulations and interscholastic policies and regulations. She reported on the Farmingdale Youth Council's upcoming meeting on January 17. This organization would be reviewing their own policies. Finally, she reported on a Womens' Club event that celebrated this organization's 100th anniversary.

# **Consideration of Consent Agenda:**

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

# **Business Report**

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kathy Lively, Vice President
SECONDER: Michael Goldberg, Trustee

**AYES:** Capobianco, Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano,

D'Amico

### Acceptance for File of Financial Reports

Acceptance of the Claims Auditor Report -November 2016 RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept for file the Claims Auditor Report for the month of November 2016 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 the Treasurer's Report -November 2016 RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept for file the Treasurer's Report for the month of November 2016 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 the Extra Curricular Report -November 2016 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 November 2016 pursuant to the authority contained in Section 170.2 of the regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

Acceptance of the Revenue and Expenditure Report -November 2016 RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept for file the Revenue and Expenditure Report for the month of November 2016 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/Rates**

## Approval of Special Education SEDCAR Contracts

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale UFSD Board of Education approve the following contracts for Strategic Evaluation Data Collection Analysis and Reporting (SEDCAR) during the 2016-2017 school year and to authorize the Board President to sign said contract.

Anderson Center for Autism Brookville Center for Children's Service, Inc. Henry Viscardi School Kidz Therapy Services, PLLC

Approval of Special Education Contract for the 2015-2016 RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale UFSD Board of Education approve a contract between the Farmingdale Union Free School District for Special Education services for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 and that the Board President be authorized to sign said contract.

North Merrick Union Free School District

Approval of Special Education Contract for the 2016-2017 School Year RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale UFSD Board of Education approve a contract between the Farmingdale Union Free School District for Special Education services for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 and that the Board President be authorized to sign said contract.

West Islip Union Free School District

Approval of Health & Welfare Service Rates for 2016/17 RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education adopts a per pupil charge of \$1,027.50 for Health & Welfare service rates for the instruction of non-resident students that attend the public schools of this district for the 2016/17 school year as calculated by the New York State Education Department, pursuant to Section 174 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

Approval of Health & Welfare

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the Health & Welfare Services Agreements for the following school districts for non-resident students attending non-public

Services Agreements schools within the district for the 2016/17 school year, and to authorize the Board President to sign the appropriate agreements:

Resident

for Non

**Students** Attending **Non Public**  Amityville, Baldwin, Bay Shore, Brentwood, City of New York, Copiague, Deer Park, Levittown, Longwood, North Babylon, Roosevelt, Uniondale & Wyandanch

Schools in the District for the 2016/17 **School Year** 

Approval of

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve Health & Welfare Services Agreements with the following school districts for resident students attending non-public schools outside of the district for the 2016/17 school year, and to authorize the Board President to sign the appropriate agreements:

Health & Welfare Services Agreements for Resident **Students** Attending **Non Public** Schools Outside of the District

for the 2016/17 School Year Babylon, Seaford & West Islip

Approval of **Sales** Agreement with Steelcase Inc. & Waldner's Business **Environments** 

Inc. for an Active Learning **Pilot** 

Classroom

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve a sales agreement between the Farmingdale Union Free School District and Steelcase Inc. and Waldner's Business Environments Inc. for an Active Learning Pilot Classroom, effective through June 30, 2017, and that the Board President be authorized to sign the appropriate sales agreement.

Approval of Amendment #2 with Banc of America Public Capital Corp. for the

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve Amendment #2 between the Farmingdale Union Free School District and the Banc of America Public Capital Corp. for the Equipment Lease/Purchase Financing Agreement for the Energy Performance Contract, and that the Board President be authorized to sign said amendment.

Equipment Lease/Purchase Financing Agreement for the Energy Performance Contract

Approval of Declaration of Obsolete Equipment -

January 2017

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education declare items as obsolete and disposed of in accordance with Board Policy 6900.

Approval of Transfer of Funds -January 2017 RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve transfer of funds for the purposes noted.

Acceptance of Funds and Increase the 2016/17 Budget for Participation in PTA Arts-

in-Education

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve a resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District accepts \$10,524 for the purpose of student participation in Arts-in-Education through the PTA.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District will increase the 2016/17 budget in accordance with the fees collected.

Acceptance of Funds and Increase the 2016/17 Budget for the AP Exam RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve a resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District accepts \$60,000 for the purpose of providing the AP Exam to students.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District will increase the 2016/17 budget in accordance with the fees collected.

Acceptance of a Donation to the Mark Piven Scholarship Fund RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education acknowledge, accept and thank Mr. Mark Piven for a monetary donation to the Mark Piven Scholarship Fund.

Acceptance of a Donation of Branding Services from Downstream Manufacturing

& Outfitters

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education acknowledge, accept and thank Mr. Steve Panarelli and Mr. Len Panarelli from Downstream Manufacturing & Outfitters for a donation of branding services.

#### **Items for Action**

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kathy Lively, Vice President
SECONDER: Michael Goldberg, Trustee

**AYES:** Capobianco, Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano,

D'Amico

Approval of Stipulation of Settlement & Release Regarding a Student Named in Executive **RESOLVED,** that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve a Stipulation of Settlement and Release regarding a student named in Executive Session and that the Board President be authorized to sign said agreement.

Approval of Policy and Regulation #1500, Public Use of School Facilities

Session

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education adopt Policy No. 1500 and Regulation No. 1500-R, Public Use of School Facilities in accordance with Board Policy 2410.

Approval of Policy #8700, Insurance RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education adopt Policy No. 8700, Insurance in accordance with Board Policy 2410.

Approval of Declaration of Obsolete Non-Public Textbooks **RESOLVED,** that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education declare the attached items as obsolete and disposed of in accordance with Board Policy 6900.

**Appointment** of Impartial

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education appoint JOHN FARAGO as Impartial Hearing Officer for an Impartial Hearing for Student No. 908739, to be paid at a compensation rate

up to \$100 per hour for Pre-Hearing, Hearing, and Post-Hearing activities and Hearing

Officer other changes according to Policy No. 4321.08.

Approval of RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Board of Education approve the amended the Revised Districtwide Shared Decision Making Plan and Biennial review as attached.

Shared

**Appointment** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of of a Member/ Education appoint a member/Chairperson to the Committee on Special

Education in accordance with Board Policy 4321.14. Chairperson

to the Committee Chimene Funaro, Stanley D. Saltzman East Memorial School

on Special Education

**Decision Making Plan** 

# **Superintendent's Report**

APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] **RESULT: MOVER:** Kathy Lively, Vice President **SECONDER:** Michael Goldberg, Trustee

Capobianco, Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, **AYES:** 

D'Amico

#### **Personnel Items -- Instructional**

**Instructional:** RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School Resignations for the District accept a schedule of instructional personnel actions: "Resignations for the Purpose of Retirement - Administrative", effective on the dates noted Purpose of

Retirement hereon and to adopt the corresponding retirement resolutions.

**Administrative** 

Instructional

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, **Instructional:** that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District Resignations accept a schedule of instructional personnel actions: "Resignations for the for the Purpose of Purpose of Retirement - Instructional", effective on the dates noted hereon and

Retirement to adopt the corresponding retirement resolutions.

**Instructional:** RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Rescind that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve an instructional personnel action" "Rescind Appointment", in **Appointment** accordance with Board Policy 9230. Appointments do not exceed the number

of positions authorized in the budget.

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: Appointment of Part Time Teacher 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: "Part Time Appointment", in accordance with Board Policy 9230. Appointment does not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget. Part time positions are annual appointments.

Instructional: Continuing and Community Education Personnel 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 Continuing and Community Education Personnel." Appointments do not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

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**

Noninstructional: Resignation 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 non-instructional certified personnel action: "Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement", effective on the date noted hereon and adopt the corresponding retirement resolution.

Noninstructional: 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 certified personnel actions: "Resignations for the Purpose of Retirement", effective on the dates noted hereon and adopt the corresponding retirement resolutions.

Noninstructional: Change in Assignment -Assistant Head Custodian 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 certified personnel action: "Change in Assignment -Assistant Head Custodian", in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service Commission regulations. Appointments do not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

Noninstructional: Leaves of Absence -Cleaner 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 certified personnel actions: "Leaves of Absence - Cleaner", effective for the dates noted hereon and for the reasons stated.

Noninstructional: Appointments / Teacher Aides and School Monitors 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 non-certified personnel actions: "Appointments - Teacher Aides and School Monitors", in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service Commission regulations. Appointments do not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

Noninstructional: Retirement / School Lunch Program RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve a food service personnel action: "Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement", effective on the date noted hereon and adopt the corresponding retirement resolution.

Noninstructional: Changes in Assignments / School Lunch Program 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 food service personnel actions: "Changes in Assignments", in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service Commission regulations. Appointments do not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

Noninstructional: Appointment RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve a food service personnel action: "Appointment", in accordance with

/ School Lunch Progarm Nassau County Civil Service Commission regulations. Appointment does not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

Noninstructional: Appointment of On Call Per Diem Substitute

**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 Substitute Typist Clerk", subject to termination at any time.

Non Instructional: Appointment On-Call Per Diem Substitute Bodily Hygiene 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 Bodily Hygiene Aide", subject to termination at any time.

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

Non Instructional: Appointment of Lifeguard Grade 1 / Lifeguard Trainees 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 Lifeguards Grade 1 / Lifeguard Trainees", subject to termination at any time.

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 December 4, 2016, in accordance with New York State Education Part 200 Regulations.

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 December 4, 2016, in accordance with New York State Education Part 200 Regulations.

#### **Items For Discussion**

Draft Policy #5110-R, School Attendance Areas Regulation Board President Ralph Morales introduced Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Administration Glen Zakian and asked for an update on the work of the Policy Committee. Mr. Zakian read into the record proposed changes to the School Attendance Areas Regulation, No. 5110-R. He provided background for the Board of Education stating that siblings of classified students are often placed in the same elementary school, even when the attendance area is outside of their zone. This is accomplished through the district policy that addresses exemptions to mandated school zones based on family hardship. Mr. Zakian stated that oftentimes, as the classified student moves into the middle school, the siblings are returned to their home zoned school. The adjustment in this regulation allows for the child to continue through the elementary school they know until they move on to the middle school. Mr. Goldberg asked then this regulation change would be effective. Mr. Zakian stated that it would begin September, 2017. Mrs. Lively asked for a clarification on the transportation of these students. Mr. Capobianco asked if the Grade 6 ceremony should be adjusted from "graduation" to "moving up."

#### RESULT: DISCUSSED

Public Participation Board President Ralph Morales opened the meeting for the second public participation. Mrs. Hroch thanked Mrs. D'Amico for mentioning the high

school PTA meeting's special presentation. She invited the Board and administration to participate in this event.

# **Executive Session**

Motion made by Mrs. Lively, seconded by Mr. Goldberg to meet in executive session for the purpose of discussing specific legal issues in accordance with Open Meetings Law.

Motion carried 7-0

The meeting was moved into Executive Session at 9:05 p.m.

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

## Adjournment

Motion made by Mrs. Lively, seconded by Mr. Goldberg, to adjourn.

Motion carried 7-0

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

Mary E. Rogers, District Clerk