

Farmingdale Union Free School District

50 Van Cott Avenue
Farmingdale NY, 11735

DATE: May 9, 2017

KIND OF MEETING: Budget / Public Hearing

PLACE: Howitt Middle School East Cafeteria, Howitt Middle School

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Espinosa

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Lorentz, Mr. Defendini, Dr. Ripley, Mr. Zakian, Mrs. Rogers

CALL TO ORDER

Board President Ralph Morales opened the meeting at 8:00 p.m. and welcomed those present. He stated that the purpose of this meeting was a Public Hearing session prior to the Budget Vote and Election on May 16, 2017. 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. Morales encouraged those present to share their ideas, comment 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. Morales 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 Morales opened the meeting for the first public participation. No one came forward at this time.

2017-2018 Proposed Budget

Board President Morales introduced Assistant Superintendent for Business Paul Defendini and asked for his update on the development of the 2017-2018 proposed budget.

Assistant Superintendent Defendini's presentation was focused on the district's revenue based budget. He outlined the 2017-2018 proposed revenue, including state aid, PILOT payments, tuitions, rental property income, reimbursements,

interest and miscellaneous income. He provided a comparison of the 2016-2017 approved revenue budget to the proposed 2017-2018 data. He then outlined the 2017-2018 proposed cost element summary, which included costs associated with salaries, benefits, contracted services with BOCES and transportation, utilities expenses, materials, supplies, insurance, textbooks, equipment, legal fees and the Nassau County sewer tax. This summary included information from the approved 2016-2017 budget, the 2017-2018 proposal and the net increase/decrease in each category.

Mr. Defendini included a summary of the Building and Facilities Capital Aide Reserve Fund and the associated recommendation included in Proposition No. 2 for an appropriation approval to reconstruct bathrooms throughout the district. His budget review included an example of the types of reductions that would occur under a contingent budget should the May 16 vote be unsuccessful.

Mr. Defendini's presentation concluded with the example of the language used for the three voter propositions, including the approval of the budget, the approval of the expenditures from the Buildings and Facilities Capital Reserve Fund, the Farmingdale Youth Council Budget and finally, the election of the trustees. Two seats are available with three candidates for consideration.

Mr. Capobianco noted the silent crises facing mid-wealth school districts and REFIT's work towards sounding the alarm. He stated that low-wealth districts are hurt the most by the tax cap. Mr. Defendini stated that Farmingdale is above the median.

Mrs. Lively thanked Mr. Lorentz, Mr. Defendini and the entire administrative team for their work and for the many community presentations.

**Public
Participation**

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

Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Capobianco, seconded by Mr. Goldberg to adjourn.

Motion carried 6-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Mary E. Rogers, District Clerk