



# Farmingdale School District

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**DATE:** August 14, 2019

**KIND OF MEETING:** Board of Education Meeting

**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. Defendini, Dr. Ripley, Mr. Zakian, Dr. Brennan, Dr. Olsen, Mr. Motisi, Richard Guercio, Esq., Reesa Miles, Esq., Christopher Shishko, Esq. (Executive Session Only), Mrs. Rogers

**Call to Order** 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.

**Executive Session** Motion made by Mrs. Lively, seconded by Mrs. D'Amico, to meet in executive session to discuss specific legal, 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 8:10 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance** 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 should 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**

### **Northside and Districtwide State Plan**

Superintendent of Schools Paul Defendini introduced Dr. Jennifer Olsen, Assistant to the Superintendent for Elementary Education, stating that she would provide an update to the Board of Education regarding the work she, Dr. Ripley and Principal Michael Febrarro had initiated related to the School Comprehensive Education and District Comprehensive Improvement Plans. Dr. Olsen began with a review of the timeline since the district was first notified of Northside's designation as a CSI school. They, along with a Nassau BOCES consultant and New York State Education Department representatives, worked with students, parents, staff and administrators to review the data provided by the state and to develop a plan of action. Representatives from the New York State Education Department provided a summary of school successes that should be used as a foundation towards continued improvement. Instructional, procedural and cultural improvement plans were designed. Dr. Olsen reviewed the six tenets of improvement for both the SCEP and DCIP plan of action for both Northside and for Grade 6 of the Howitt Middle School.

### **Preparations for the Start of School**

Superintendent of Schools Paul Defendini reported on Summer 2019. He talked about the Extended School Year elementary program at Albany Avenue School and the Literacy program at Saltzman East Memorial. Mr. Defendini thanked and congratulated the staff in the Districtwide Operations Department for their exhaustive work in getting the buildings ready for the opening of school. Renovation work at the learning labs at the high school continue. On the curricular side, summer curriculum writing projects have been underway as teachers prepare for the 2019-2020 school year.

### **Update on the Athletic Complex and the Aquatic Center**

Assistant to the Superintendent for Business Michael Motisi provided an update on the Athletic Complex and Aquatic Center. Ninety-five percent of the field work is complete; at this point in time, punch list items are being addressed. As to the Aquatic Center, bid openings are currently being scheduled. Mr. Motisi also talked about HVAC and bathroom work. Board of Education summer walk-through tours will take place on August 30.

### **Update on the Summer 2019 Construction Projects**

Assistant Superintendent for Innovation and Organizational Development William Brennan provided an update on the work associated with the Smart School Investment Plan. The approved spending plan is at the State Education Department for approval. Dr. Brennan spoke about the renovations in the high school classrooms and his daily walk-throughs to review the continual work progress.

**Public Participation**

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

**Board of Education Minutes**

Board of Education - Organizational Meeting - Jul 10, 2019 7:00 PM

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

Board of Education - Board of Education Meeting - Jul 10, 2019 8:00 PM

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

**Board Correspondence**

Board President Michael Goldberg asked the District Clerk if there had been any correspondence in the past month. Mrs. Rogers reported that the board had received three separate emails. The first was regarding a recent CSE meeting; the second was regarding the vaccination law changes; and the third was regarding an employee's class assignments.

**Board Committee Reports**

Board President Michael Goldberg asked the trustees if there were any committee reports.

Mr. Espinosa reported on the summer literacy program at Saltzman East Memorial. During a recent visit, he noted that there were over 80 student participants. He and Mrs. Lively congratulated Mrs. O'Regan, Dr. Anisansel and the staff on the success of this important program. Mr. Espinosa also reported on the capital work at the Farmingdale Public Library.

Mrs. Lively reported on the Farmingdale Youth Council summer program. She provided details of the work of the Chamber of Commerce, including the Thursday night "Music on Main" events. She also talked about recent ribbon cutting ceremonies and the planning associated with the Halloween event on October 19.

**Consideration of Consent Agenda:**

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

Superintendent of Schools Paul Defendini introduced new teacher Veronica Miller, who was in the audience. Ms. Miller would be joining the Math Department at the Howitt Middle School. Mr. Defendini congratulated and welcomed Ms. Miller.

### **Business Report**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Suzanne D'Amico, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kathy Lively, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

#### *Acceptance for File of Financial Reports*

**Acceptance of Claims Auditor Report - June 2019** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept for file the Claims Auditor Report for the month of June 2019 pursuant to the authority contained in Section 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 and General Education Contracts** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the following contracts for Special Education and General Education services for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 and that the Board President be authorized to sign said contracts.

COPIAGUE UFSD  
EAST MEADOW SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PLAINEDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NORTH MERRICK UFSD  
ROCKVILLE CENTRE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
THE CENTER FOR DISCOVERY  
THE DAYTOP PREPARATORY SCHOOL  
WEST HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Approval of a Nursing Affiliation Agreement with SUNY Farmingdale State College for 2019-2020** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve an agreement between the Farmingdale Union Free School District and SUNY Farmingdale State College for the purpose of internship hours under the supervision of school district nurses for the period August 28, 2019 through June 30, 2020 and that the Board President be authorized to sign said agreement.

**Approval of Declaration of Obsolete Equipment** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education declare a schedule of equipment as obsolete and disposed of in accordance with Board Policy 6900.

**Approval of Award of Bid - Woodwind/Brass Instrument Repair** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the **AWARD OF BID** for **WOODWIND/BRASS INSTRUMENT REPAIR** to **J&B MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, INC.**, at their per unit prices, this company being the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications at the bid opening on **JULY 10, 2019**.

Farmingdale Union Free School District has the right to withdraw the award if it is not in the best interest of the Farmingdale Union Free School District.

### Items for Action

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Suzanne D'Amico, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kathy Lively, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

**Approval of the Response to Intervention (RTI) Plan 2019-2020 School Year** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the Response to Intervention (RTI) Plan for the 2019-2020 school year in accordance with New York State Education Part 100.2ii Regulations.

**Approval of the Professional Development Plan (PDP) for the 2019-2020 School Year** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale School District Board of Education approve the Professional Development Plan (PDP) for the 2019-2020 school year in accordance with New York State Education Part 100.2dd Regulations.

**Approval of the Revised Districtwide School Safety Plan for 2019-2020** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education adopt the revised Farmingdale Union Free School District's Districtwide School Safety Plan as defined in the New York State S.A.V.E. Legislation for the 2019-2020 school year.

**Approval of an Additional Impartial Hearing Officer** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the addition of a Hearing Officer to the district's Impartial Hearing Officer rotational list in accordance with Board Policy 4321.8.

JEANMARIE BRESCIA

**Approval of Declaration of Obsolete Library Books** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education declare a schedule of library books obsolete and disposed of in accordance with Board Policy 6900.

**Approval of Declaration of Obsolete Textbooks** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale School District Board of Education declare a schedule of textbooks as obsolete and disposed of in accordance with Board Policy 6900.

**Superintendent's Report**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Suzanne D'Amico, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kathy Lively, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

*Personnel Items -- Instructional*

**Instructional: 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 an instructional personnel action: "Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement", effective on the dates noted hereon and to adopt the corresponding retirement resolution.

**Instructional: Resignations** 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: "Resignations", effective on the dates noted hereon and for the reasons stated and to approve the termination of employment.

**Instructional: Appointments / 2019-2020** 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: "Appointments / 2019-2020", in accordance with Board Policy 9230. Appointments do not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

**Instructional:  
Appointment  
/ Dean** RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve the designation and stipend for a Teacher on Special Assignment ("DEAN") for the named teacher effective September 1, 2019:

Kirk Mason / Farmingdale High School

**Instructional:  
Appointments  
/ Part Time  
2019-2020** 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: "Appointments / Part-time 2019-2020", in accordance with Board Policy 9230. Appointments do not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget. Part time positions are annual appointments.

**Instructional:  
Appointment  
/ Regular  
Substitute** 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 / Regular Substitute", in accordance with Board Policy 9230. Appointments do not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

**Instructional:  
Resignation /  
Elementary  
Mentoring  
Program  
Facilitator** 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: "Resignation / Elementary Mentoring Program Facilitator" for the named employee.

Kathryn Fernandez  
Elementary Mentor Program Facilitator

**Instructional:  
Appointment  
/ Secondary  
Mentoring  
Program  
Facilitator** RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve an instructional personnel action: "Appointment / Secondary Mentoring Program Facilitator." Designations and stipends are in accord with the approved budget.

Kathleen Danyko  
Secondary Mentoring Program Facilitator

**Instructional:  
Appointments  
/ 2019-2020  
Secondary  
School  
Leadership  
Team** RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve a schedule of instructional personnel actions: "Appointments / 2019-2020 Secondary School Leadership Team." Designations and stipends are in accord with the approved budget.

**Instructional: Resignation / Committee on Unstoppable Learning** 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: "Resignation / Committee on Unstoppable Learning" for the named employee.  
Merle Goess  
Remedial Reading

**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 Teachers** 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 for the Purpose of Retirement / CSEA** 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 for the Purpose of Retirement / CSEA", effective on the date noted hereon and adopt the corresponding retirement resolution.

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

**Non-instructional: Leave of Absence - CSEA** 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: "Leave of Absence - CSEA", effective for the dates noted hereon and for the reason stated.



**Non-Instructional: Appointment / CSEA** 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 / CSEA", in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service Commission regulations. Appointment does not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

**Non-Instructional: Appointment / P.O.W.E.R. 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 non-instructional personnel action, "Appointment / Providing Opportunities with Effective Resources (P.O.W.E.R.)

**Non-instructional: Resignations / TASM** 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 personnel actions: "Resignations", effective on the dates noted hereon.

**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: Rescind Resignation / 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 accept a non-instructional personnel action: "Rescind Resignation / School Lunch Program", effective on the date noted hereon.

**Non-instructional: Rescind Appointment / 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: "Rescind Appointment / School Lunch Program", in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service Commission regulations.

**Non-instructional: Resignations / 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 accept a schedule of non-instructional personnel actions: "Resignations / School Lunch Program", effective on the dates noted hereon and for the reasons stated.

**Non-Instructional: Approval of Security Aide Part Time Substitute Salary Schedule** WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools has made a recommendation that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District adjust the salary schedule for Security Aide Part-Time Substitute positions; and, WHEREAS, that Security Aide Part-time Substitute employees may be employed varied shifts based on the district's need and salary levels are based on assignments; now, therefore BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve an adjusted salary plan which shall be filed with the Nassau County Civil Service Commission.

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

**Non-instructional: Appointment of Lifeguards 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 schedule of non-instructional personnel actions: "Appointment of Lifeguards Grade 1 / Lifeguard Trainees", subject to termination at any time.

**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 Substitute Food Service Helpers** 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 of On Call, Per Diem Substitute Food Service Helpers", subject to termination at any time.

**Non-instructional:** RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District

**Appointment of On-Call, Per Diem Substitute School Monitors** approve a schedule of non-instructional personnel actions: "Appointment of On Call, Per Diem Substitute School Monitors", 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: "Appointments of On Call, Per Diem Substitute Teacher Aides", subject to termination at any time.

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

**Approval of the 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 Union Free School District Board of Education approve and accept for file the Committee on Preschool Special Education Placements Report by the Director of Special Education dated July 14, 2019, in accordance with New York State Education Part 200 Regulations.

**Approval of the Committee on Special** RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve and accept for file the Committee on Special Education Placements Report by

**Education  
Placements  
Report and  
Acceptance  
for File of  
Said Report**

the Director of Special Education dated July 14, 2019, in accordance with New York State Education Part 200 Regulations.

**Items for Discussion and Action**

**Authorization to Set Tax Levy for the 2019/20 School Year** RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District authorizes to set the tax levy for the 2019/20 school year subject to adjustment based upon the application of the final equalization rates and assessed values from the Town of Oyster Bay, Nassau County and Town of Babylon, Suffolk County.

*Discussion:*

Assistant to the Superintendent for Business Michael Motisi stated that the district had not yet received final equalization rates from the tax assessors and would not yet be able to set the tax levy for the 2019-2020 school year. This resolution would allow the district to set the tax levy when the final information is received. A future update to the Board of Education would provide the Office of Real Property Services, the Nassau County Tax Assessor and the Town of Babylon Tax Assessor data.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Suzanne D'Amico, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mario Espinosa, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

**Approval of Property Tax Exemption - Senior Citizens with Limited Income** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education adopt the attached Property Tax Exemption motion for Senior Citizens with Limited Income for the 2020/21 school year.

*Discussion:*

Assistant to the Superintendent for Business Michael Motisi provided an overview of the property tax exemption categories that would be provided for consideration by the Board of Education. Each tax exemption requires specific parameters; the tax savings that are provided to these residents is redistributed to other residents in the district. Most exemptions include annual income criteria. The first property tax exemption is for senior citizens with limited income and provides for a sliding scale of savings based on income.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Suzanne D'Amico, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kathy Lively, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

**Approval of Property Tax Exemption - Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education adopt the attached Property Tax Exemption motion for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income for the 2020/21 school year.

*Discussion:*  
The second property tax exemption is for persons with disabilities and limited income and is similar to the parameters used in the senior citizens with limited income exemption.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Suzanne D'Amico, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mario Espinosa, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

**Approval of Property Tax Exemption - Volunteer Firefighters & Ambulance Workers with Five Years of Service** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education adopt the attached Property Tax Exemption motion for Volunteer Firefighters & Ambulance Workers with Five Years of Service for the 2020/21 school year.

*Discussion:*  
There are several tax exemption categories associated with the work of volunteer firefighter and ambulance workers in the district. The first provides for those volunteers with five years of service.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Suzanne D'Amico, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mario Espinosa, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

**Approval of Property Tax Exemption - Firefighter & Ambulance Workers with Un-remarried** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education adopt the attached Property Tax Exemption motion for Firefighters & Ambulance Workers with Un-remarried Spouses of those Killed in the Line of Duty for the 2020/21 school year.

*Discussion:*

**Spouses of those Killed in Line of Duty**

The second firefighter and ambulance worker exemption is for the un-remarried spouses who were killed in the line of duty. This exemption has been historically approved by the Board of Education.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Suzanne D'Amico, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mario Espinosa, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

**Approval of Property Tax Exemption - Volunteer Firefighters & Ambulance Workers with Un-remarried Spouses of Deceased Members**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale UFSD Board of Education adopt the attached Property Tax Exemption motion for Volunteer Firefighters & Ambulance Workers with Un-remarried Spouses of Deceased Members for the 2020/21 school year.

*Discussion:*

This property tax exemption is provided for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers for un-remarried spouses of deceased members (not killed in the line of duty). The Board of Education has historically approved this exemption as well.

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

**Approval of Property Tax Exemption - Alternative Veterans**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education adopt the attached Property Tax Exemption motion for Alternative Veterans for the 2020/21 school year.

*Discussion:*

Veteran exemptions are provided to the Board of Education for consideration. There are three components to this exemption: The first level is for those who served in non-combat capacities; the second is a higher exemption for those who served in conflict zones and the third exemption is for those veteran disabled in the line of duty.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Suzanne D'Amico, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mario Espinosa, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

**Approval of Property Tax Exemption - Cooperative Corporation Veterans** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education adopt the attached Property Tax Exemption motion for Cooperative Corporation Veterans for the 2020/21 school year.

*Discussion:*  
This property tax exemption is specific to those veterans who reside in cooperative residences.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Suzanne D'Amico, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mario Espinosa, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

**Approval of Property Tax Exemption - Gold Star Parents** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education adopt the attached Property Tax Exemption motion for Gold Star Parents for the 2020/21 school year.

*Discussion:*  
This property tax exemption is provided to Gold Star Parents and specifically to those whose children paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to this country.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Suzanne D'Amico, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mario Espinosa, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

**Approval of Property Tax Exemption - Cold War Veterans** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education adopt the attached Property Tax Exemption motion for Cold War Veterans for the 2020/21 school year.

*Discussion:*  
Cold War veterans are specifically for those citizens who served during the period September 2, 1945 to December 26, 1991. The Cold War was not considered a conflict period as defined under the other property tax exemption categories. This exemption expands the tax exemption for these service veterans.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Suzanne D'Amico, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kathy Lively, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

**Approval of Property Tax Exemption - Capital Improvements to Residential Buildings** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education adopt the attached Property Tax Exemption motion for Capital Improvements to Residential Buildings for the 2020/21 school year.

*Discussion:*  
The property tax exemptions associated with capital improvements provides for a phased in increase of property taxes. The complete tax bill associated with the increase in the property tax valuation is incrementally added to the homeowner by 12% each year over eight years.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>DEFEATED [0 TO 7]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Suzanne D'Amico, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kathy Lively, Trustee
<b>NAYS:</b>	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

**Approval of Property Tax Exemption - Capital Improvements to Commercial or Business Properties** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education adopt the attached Property Tax Exemption motion for Capital Improvements to Commercial or Business Properties for the 2020/21 school year.

*Discussion:*  
The second capital improvement property tax exemption is for commercial or business property improvements.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>DEFEATED [0 TO 7]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Suzanne D'Amico, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mario Espinosa, Trustee
<b>NAYS:</b>	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

**Approval of Property Tax Exemption - First Time Home Buyers of Newly Constructed Primary Residential Property** RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education adopt the attached Property Tax Exemption motion for First Time Home Buyers of Newly Constructed Primary Residential Property for the 2020/21 school year.

*Discussion:*  
This property tax exemption provides for relief for first time home buyers of newly constructed primary residential homes.



<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>DEFEATED [0 TO 7]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Suzanne D'Amico, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kathy Lively, Trustee
<b>NAYS:</b>	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

**Public Participation**

Board President Michael Goldberg opened the meeting for the second public participation. A parent came forward to address the changes in New York State law related to vaccination requirements. She asked that the Board of Education support those families whose religious beliefs are contrary to the legal changes and asked for support in the appeal in the courts. She also requested home tutoring for the families while the court case continued.

**Adjournment**

On a motion made by Mrs. D'Amico, seconded by Mr. Espinosa, the meeting was adjourned.

Motion carried 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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Mary E. Rogers, District Clerk