



Farmingdale School District

DATE: April 7, 2020

KIND OF MEETING: Special Meeting

PLACE: Virtual Meeting

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., Mrs. Rogers

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m. in by Mr. Goldberg, President of the Board of Education. In accordance with Governor Cuomo's Executive Order related to temporary modifications to Public Officers Law, the meeting was conducted in a virtual format to allow for the uninterrupted continuation of our important work. The Board meeting notice indicated that access to the meeting would be posted on the district's website at www.farmingdaleschools.org and a live feed would be available on www.youtube.com.

Board President Michael Goldberg opened the meeting with the following statement:

Pursuant to Executive Order 202.1 (and subsequent orders closing District schools) issued by the Hon. Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, signed March 12, 2020, and due to the concerns of the Board of Education for the Health and Safety of the community emanating from the current COVID-19 pandemic, there would be no in-person public access to the board meeting and instead the meeting will be live streamed and recorded. Access to the live stream could be had by accessing the school district's website for a link that will bring you to a youtube site and the recording of the meeting can be accessed on www.farmingdaleschools.org. In addition, the public participation portion of the meeting was suspended by board resolution.

Motion to Suspend Public Participation

On a motion made by Mrs. D'Amico, seconded by Mr. Espinosa, pursuant to the aforementioned Executive Orders, the Board suspended the public participation portion of the meeting and therefore, accordingly, there would be no public participation at this Board meeting.

Motion carried 7-0.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Goldberg continued, stating that the Board of Education was interested in encouraging members of the public to share their ideas, comments and questions. Feedback and questions should be directed to the Board's email account at boe@farmingdaleschools.org. Questions and comments would be publicly addressed at the next Board meeting. Mr. Goldberg thanked everyone for their anticipated courtesy and cooperation. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Items for Action

Approval of the Cancellation of the Recess Period Scheduled to Occur on April 9 - April 19, 2020

RESOLVED, in accordance with the Executive Orders issued by the governor, the recess period previously scheduled to occur on April 9, 2020 - April 19, 2020 is hereby cancelled and distance learning, provision of meals, and plans for child care shall continue in accord with the District plan approved by State Education Department.

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

Executive Session

On a motion made by Mrs. D'Amico, seconded by Mr. Espinosa, the meeting moved into executive session to discuss specific legal and collective bargaining issues in accordance with Open Meetings Law.

Motion carried 7-0

Meeting recessed for executive session at 4:05 p.m.

On a motion made by Mrs. D'Amico, seconded by Mr. Espinosa, the meeting was reconvened in public session.

Motion carried 7-0

Meeting reconvened in public at 5:00 p.m.

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 5:00 p.m.

Mary E. Rogers, District Clerk