



Farmingdale School District

DATE: December 9, 2020

KIND OF MEETING: Board Meeting

PLACE: Virtual Meeting: www.farmingdaleschools.org

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 6:00 p.m. 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.

Executive Session Motion made by Mrs. D'Amico, seconded by Mr. Espinosa, to meet in executive session to discuss specific personnel matters in accordance with Open Meetings Law. Motion carried 7-0

Meeting recessed for executive session at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting reconvened in public session at 8:00 p.m. 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 would 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 On a motion made by Mrs. D'Amico, seconded by Mr. Espinosa, pursuant to the aforementioned Executive Order, the Board suspended the public participation portion of the meeting and therefore, accordingly, there would be no public participation at this Board meeting.

Public Participation Motion carried 7-0

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 responded to by members of the central administrative team and would be publicly reviewed at the next regular Board meeting. Mr. Goldberg thanked everyone for their anticipated courtesy and cooperation. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Superintendent's Update Board President Michael Goldberg introduced Superintendent of Schools Paul Defendini and asked for his monthly update. Mr. Defendini began with an update on the education system during COVID. He stated that it is the district's belief that students are better served in a live instructional environment. There are challenges in the remote learning environment. Mr. Defendini discussed the yellow zone designation in some other communities based on their rise in infection rates. Farmingdale has not been identified in this way. It is not clear if the state metrics are based on geographic regions, village boundaries, town lines or even school districts. Mr. Defendini provided an overview of the testing protocols if we were to be identified as a yellow, orange or red zone.

Mr. Defendini went on to talk about some of the fun things that are happening around the district, including athletic intramural programs, clubs across the elementary, middle and high school; the high school musical rehearsals are in place. We are keeping our Farmingdale traditions alive, including the holiday concert Hallelujah chorus. While many of those traditions may look a little bit different, they are still happening.

Mr. Goldberg thanked Mr. Defendini and the entire staff for their efforts.

Board of Education Minutes

Board of Education - Board Meeting - Nov 4, 2020 8:00 PM

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

Board of Education - Executive Session - Nov 9, 2020 6:00 PM

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

Board of Education - Special Meeting - Nov 18, 2020 6:00 PM

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

Board Correspondence Board President Michael Goldberg asked the District Clerk if there had been any correspondence. Mrs. Rogers reported that there had been a letter regarding a student interaction and the National Honor Society induction.

Board Committee Reports Board President Michael Goldberg asked the trustees if they had any committee reports. Mrs. Lively reported on the Policy Committee, which was looking at Policy No. 6700, "Purchasing." The Legislative Action Committee met to set priorities to present to our elected officials. The Chamber of Commerce had their installation dinner. Mrs. Lively will serve as the Vice President of this organization and Mrs. D'Amico will serve as a director. Mr. Defendini was presented with the Chamber's Presidents' Award in recognition of the work he has done for the community.

Mrs. Lively reported on the New York State PTA Convention, which took place on November 14, 15 and 16. The program was conducted in a virtual environment; the business of the conference was completed; resolutions, by-laws, elections of officers and workshops were all provided to the attendees.

Mrs. Lively reported on the Farmingdale Youth Council. The December meeting had been cancelled; the next meeting is scheduled for January 19. Mrs. Lively will serve as President of the Youth Council this year.

Mr. Espinosa spoke of the National Honor Society induction. Students were in attendance and families were observers in the virtual room. Mr. Hughes, Farmingdale High School Social Studies teacher, was the keynote speaker. Mr. Espinosa went on to say that he was extraordinarily impressed with the Albany Avenue reunification process that had taken place due to a school COVID shutdown.

Mr. Espinosa added that the Massapequa Farmingdale Men's Club was holding a toys for tots program. Toys will be accepted at Papallardos. Mr. Espinosa attended the Farmingdale Library trustee meeting. Staff are working in teams in order to prevent co-mingling of the staff, which will help to keep the library open. The hours have changed slightly; virtual services are available. There is a winter loan program that allows for books to be borrowed until February 28.

Consent Agenda

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

Business Report

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

Acceptance for File of Financial Reports

Acceptance of the Claims Auditor Report - October 2020 RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept for file the Claims Auditor Report for the month of October 2020 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 - October 2020 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 October 2020 pursuant to the authority contained in Section 170.2 of the regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

Acceptance of the Revenue and Expenditure Report - October 2020 RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept for file the Revenue and Expenditure Report for the month of October 2020 pursuant to the authority contained in 170.2 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education and in accordance with Board Policy 6600.

Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report - October 2020 RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept for file the Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2020 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 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 2020-2021 school year and to authorize the Board President to sign said contracts.

- ACDS INC.
- ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN
- BROOKVILLE CENTER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES INC.
- CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
- CTY OF SUFFOLK DEPT OF HEALTH SERVICES;
- DIV OF SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
- DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES INSTITUTE
- HENRY VISCARDI SCHOOL
- JUST KIDS EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER
- MARTIN DE PORRES SCHOOL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN INC.

SCO FAMILY OF SERVICES MADONNA HEIGHTS SCHOOL
THE HAGEDORN LITTLE VILLAGE SCHOOL
VARIETY CHILD LEARNING CENTER

**Approval of a
Special
Education and
General
Education
Contract for
the 2019-2020
School Year**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale UFSD Board of Education approve the following contract for Special Education and General Education services for the period September 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 and that the Board President be authorized to sign said contract.

LINDENHURST UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Approval of
Special
Education and
General
Education
Contracts for
the 2020-2021
School Year**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale UFSD Board of Education approve the following contracts for Special Education and General Education services for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and that the Board President be authorized to sign said contracts.

BROOKVILLE CENTER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES, INC.
GLEN COVE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
THE CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

**Approval of an
Agreement
with Auctions
International,
Inc.**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve an agreement between the Farmingdale Union Free School District and Auctions International, Inc., and to authorize the Board President to sign the appropriate agreement.

**Approval of a
Letter of
Agreement
with ATC
Healthcare
Testing and
Screening**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve a Letter of Agreement between the Farmingdale Union Free School District and ATC Healthcare Testing and Screening, LLC., and to authorize the Board President to sign the appropriate agreement.

**Approval of
Change Order
#1 with
Norberto
Construction,
Inc. for Work
Associated
with the
Aquatic
Center at
Howitt Middle
School**

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education accept Change Order #1 to Norberto Construction, Inc. for Work Associated with the Aquatic Center at Howitt Middle School.

This change order has been agreed to by the district's architect and contractor at our request.

Change Order #1
Additional \$11,836.80

Approval of Declaration of Obsolete Equipment - December 2020

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.

Approval of Transfer of Funds - December 2020

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the attached transfer of funds for the purposes noted.

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 to the Community Assistance Fund from Mr. Ryan Lewis and RJD Capital

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education acknowledge, accept and thank Mr. Ryan Lewis and RJD Capital for a monetary donation to the district's Community Assistance Fund.

Items for Action

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

Approval of Policy #9651, Social Media

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education adopt Policy #9651, Social Media, in accordance with Board Policy 2410.

Approval of Policy and Regulation #0100, Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education adopt Policy and Regulation #0100, Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity, in accordance with Board Policy 2410.

Approval of Revised Petty Cash Funds RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District authorize the establishment of the following revised petty cash funds and custodians for the 2020-21 school year in the amounts stated as designated:

Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement with the CSEA Clerical/Custodial Unit (2020-2021) RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the Farmingdale Union Free Board of Education and the CSEA Clerical/Custodial Unit dated November 30, 2020 for the term July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and that the Board President be hereby authorized to sign said agreement.

Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement with the CSEA Teacher Aides and School Monitors Unit 2020-2021 RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the Farmingdale Union Free Board of Education and the CSEA Teacher Aides and School Monitors Unit dated November 30, 2020, for the term July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and that the Board President be hereby authorized to sign said agreement.

Superintendent's Report

Personnel Items -- Instructional

Instructional: Resignation / FFT 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 / FFT," effective on the date noted hereon and for the reason stated.

Instructional: Leaves of Absence 2020 / 2021 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 2020 / 2021", effective for the dates noted hereon and for the reasons stated.

Instructional: Appointments / 2020-2021 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 / 2020-2021" in accordance with Board Policy 9230. Appointments do not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

Instructional: Resignation / Home Economics Lead Teacher Assignment 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 of Home Economics Lead Teacher Assignment ", effective on the date noted hereon and for the reason stated.

Instructional: Appointment / 2020-2021 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 an instructional personnel action: "Appointment / 2020-2021 Secondary School Leadership Team." Designations and stipends are in accord with the approved 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: 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: "Appointments of Continuing and Community Education Personnel." Appointments do not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

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 / 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 / CSEA", effective on the date noted hereon.

Non-Instructional: Leaves 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 approve a non-instructional personnel action: "Leave of Absence - CSEA" in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service Commission regulations.

Non-Instructional: 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 non-instructional personnel action: "Appointment", in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service Commission regulations. Appointment does not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

Non-Instructional: Appointment / Confirmation of Start Date - Registered Professional Nurse 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 / Confirmation of Start Date - Registered Professional Nurse", in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service Commission regulations. Appointment does not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

Non-Instructional: Resignation / 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 non-instructional personnel action: "Resignation / TASM", effective on the date noted hereon and for the reason stated.

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: Appointment / On-Call, Per Diem Substitute Cleaners 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 / On Call, Per Diem Substitute Cleaner", subject to termination at any time.

Non-instructional: Appointments / 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 actions: "Appointments / On Call, Per Diem Substitute Security Aides", subject to termination at any time.

Non-instructional: Appointments / On-Call, Per Diem Substitute School Monitors RESOLVED, that upon the recommendations 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 / On-Call, Per Diem Substitute School Monitors", subject to termination at any time.

Non-instructional: Appointment / On-Call, Per Diem RESOLVED, that upon the recommendations 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 / On-Call, Per Diem Substitute Teacher Aides", subject to termination at any time.

**Substitute
Teacher Aides**

**Non-
Instructional:
Appointment /
Confirmation
of Start Date
After
Provisional
Appointment -
School Lunch
Manager**

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 / Confirmation of Start Date after Provisional Appointment - School Lunch Manager", in accordance with Nassau County Civil Service Commission regulations. Appointment does not exceed the number of positions authorized in the budget.

**Approval of
the 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 November 8, 2020, in accordance with New York State Education Part 200 Regulations.

**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 UFSD Board of Education approve and accept for file the Committee on Preschool Special Education Placements Report by the Director of Special Education dated November 8, 2020, in accordance with New York State Education Part 200 Regulations.

**Approval of a
Memoranda of
Agreements
with the
Unaffiliated
Staff Members
2020-2021**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the Farmingdale Union Free Board of Education and the below named unaffiliated staff members dated December 7, 2020, for the term July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and that the Board President be hereby authorized to sign said agreement.

Principal Typist Clerk Superintendent's Office
Senior Typist Clerk Superintendent's Office
Stenographic Secretary Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Senior Typist Clerk Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Stenographic Secretary Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning
Principal Typist Clerk Assistant to the Superintendent for Business
Buyer
Information Technology Specialist II
Information Technology Specialist I

Science Laboratory Technician
Public Information Assistant

Items for Discussion

**Draft Policy
and
Regulation
#6700,
Purchasing**

Board President Michael Goldberg introduced Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Administration Glen Zakian and asked for a Policy Committee update. Mr. Zakian stated that the Policy Committee worked on updating the language that was in the current policy. Assistant to the Superintendent for Business Michael Motisi stated that most of the updates were related to the changes in regulations for the piggy banking of contracts from other public entities. Piggy backing allows for cost savings, and the policy reiterates best practices under General Municipal Law as it defines lowest responsible bidders. Mr. Zakian stated that the policy would be added to the consent agenda at the January meeting.

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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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 8:25 p.m.

Mary E. Rogers, District Clerk