



Farmingdale School District

DATE: July 14, 2021

KIND OF MEETING: Organizational 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., Mrs. Rogers

Call to Order Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mrs. Rogers, District Clerk pro tem of the Board of Education in the A. Terry Weathers Board Room.

Executive Session Motion made by Mrs. D'Amico, seconded by Mr. Giordano, to meet in executive session to discuss specific legal and personnel issues in accordance with Open Meetings Law.

Motion carried 7-0.

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

Reconvene Meeting Meeting reconvened in the Howitt East Cafeteria at 7:00 p.m.

District Clerk Mary Rogers welcomed those present and congratulated Mrs. Lively, Mr. Espinosa and Mr. Giordano on their reelection to the Board of Education. She stated that the evening's meeting would begin with the organization of the school district's business functions for the 2021-2022 school year.

Mrs. Rogers stated 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. Mrs. Rogers thanked everyone for their anticipated courtesy and cooperation. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Oath of Office Administered to Newly Elected Board Members by Attorney Mrs. Rogers asked Attorney Reesa Miles to administer the Oath of Office to Mrs. Lively, Mr. Espinosa and Mr. Giordano.

I (name) do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitutions of the United States and the State of New York and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of Board of Education trustee of the Farmingdale Union Free School District, Towns of Oyster Bay and Babylon, according to the best of my ability.

Mrs. Rogers, the Board of Education trustees, and central administrative team congratulated Mrs. Lively, Mr. Espinosa, and Mr. Giordano.

Oath of Office Administered to the Superintendent of Schools by the Attorney Attorney Paul Defendini administered the oath of office to Superintendent of Schools

I, Paul Defendini, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitutions of the United States and the State of New York and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of Board Superintendent of Schools of the Farmingdale Union Free School District, Towns of Oyster Bay and Babylon, according to the best of my ability.

Mrs. Rogers, the Board of Education trustees and central administrative team congratulated Mr. Defendini.

Election of Officers Mrs. Rogers, Chairperson of the organizational meeting, called for nominations for President of the Board of Education for the 2021-2022 school year. Mrs. Soete nominated Michael Goldberg for this office; Mrs. Lively seconded. After the closing of nominations, a roll call vote was presented.

Mrs. D'Amico Aye
Mr. Giordano Aye
Mr. Morales Aye
Mrs. Soete Aye
Mrs. Lively Aye
Mr. Goldberg Aye

The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Goldberg was duly elected President of the Board of Education for the 2021-2022 school year.

Mrs. Rogers called for nominations for Vice President of the Board of Education for the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Giordano nominated Mrs. D'Amico for this office; Mr. Espinosa seconded. After the closing of nominations, a roll call vote was presented.

Mr. Giordano Aye

Mr. Morales Aye
Mrs. Soete Aye
Mrs. Lively Aye
Mr. Goldberg Aye
Mrs. D'Amico Aye

The motion carried 7-0

Mrs. D'Amico was duly elected as Vice President of the Board of Education for the 2021-2022 school year.



Oath of Office Administered to the President and the Vice President by the Attorney

Attorney Reesa Miles administered the Oath of Office to President Goldberg and Vice President D'Amico:

I, (name), do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitutions of the United States and the State of New York and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the President (Vice President) of the Board of Education of the Farmingdale Union Free School District, Towns of Oyster Bay and Babylon, according to the best of my ability.

Mrs. Rogers congratulated Mr. Goldberg and Mrs. D'Amico. She handed the meeting over to Mr. Goldberg.

Appointment of District Clerk

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that Mary E. Rogers be appointed District Clerk for the 2021-22 school year at a salary of \$ 24,286.00.

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

Appointment of Assistant District Clerk

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that Patricia Celano be appointed Assistant District Clerk for the 2021-22 school year at a salary of \$300.77 per meeting.

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

Appointment of District Treasurer RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that Brian Ernst be appointed as Treasurer for the 2021-22 school year at a salary of \$ 13,502.00 and that she be authorized to be the signatory on Farmingdale UFSD checks and that a facsimile signature of the Treasurer may be used in accordance with New York State Education Law §1720.

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

Appointment of Deputy Treasurer RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that Jeanne Buckley be appointed as Deputy Treasurer for the 2021-22 school year at a salary of \$ 64.12 per hour and that she be authorized to be the signatory on Farmingdale UFSD checks in the absence of the Treasurer and that a facsimile signature of the Deputy Treasurer may be used in accordance with New York State Education Law §1720.

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

Appointment of Claims Auditor RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that Rosemarie Perl be appointed as Claims Auditor for the 2021-22 school year for all Farmingdale UFSD funds at a salary of \$ 9,667.00 and to approve an agreement for Claims Auditor services.

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

Appointment of Deputy Claims Auditor RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that Ellen Carrigan be appointed as Deputy Claims Auditor for the 2021-22 school year for all Farmingdale UFSD funds at a salary of \$47.46 per hour.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ralph Morales, Trustee
SECONDER:	Kathy Lively, Trustee
AYES:	Lively, Morales, Goldberg, Espinosa, Giordano, D'Amico, Soete

Oath of Office Administered to the District Clerk, Assistant District Clerk, Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, Claims Auditor and Deputy Claims Auditor Attorney Reesa Miles administered the Oath of Office to District Clerk Mary Rogers, Assistant District Clerk Patricia Celano, District Treasurer Brian Ernst, Claims Auditor Mrs. Perl, and Deputy Treasurer Jeanne Buckley. Ms. Miles noted that Mrs. Rogers would administer the Oath of Office to the Deputy Claims Auditor the next morning.

Appointment of Other Positions

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

Appointment of General Counsel RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the appointment of Guercio & Guercio as General Counsel School Attorney at an annual retainer fee of \$66,950.00 for the 2021-22 school year with additional remuneration at a rate of \$275.00 per hour for attorney, \$160.00 for Law Clerks and \$135.00 for paralegals to be rendered as per contractual agreement.

Appointment of School Medical Director RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the appointment of the School Medical Director for the 2021-22 school year and to authorize the Board President to sign the appropriate agreement.

Approval of Per Diem Medical Director Services Rates RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the rates for per diem Medical Director Services for the 2021-22 school year at the rates designated:

- \$15.75 for each adult physical
- \$10.50 for each student physical
- \$63.00 for participating in CSE when Medical Director is unavailable
- \$165.00 for each football game

Appointment of Central Treasurers for Extra-Curricular Activities Funds RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the appointment of the following Treasurers for the Extra-Curricular Activities Funds for the 2021-22 school year at the rates designated:

Diane Pedicini	Elementary Treasurer/ Extra Curricular Claims Auditor	\$ 9,245.00
Mary Driscoll	Howitt Middle School	As per CBA
Theresa Kevan	Farmingdale High School	As per CBA

Appointment Attendance Officer RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the appointment of Michael Hungerford as Attendance Officer for the 2021-22 school year.

Appointment of Independent Auditor RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the appointment of Nawrocki Smith as independent auditors for the 2021-22 school year in accordance with Board Policy #6660 and to approve an agreement for audit services, contingent upon a written contract, contracts or addenda reviewed and approved by the District's counsel and Audit Committee and to authorize the Board President to sign the appropriate agreement.

Appointment of Internal Auditor RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the appointment of Cullen & Danowski internal auditors for the 2021-22 school year in accordance with Board Policy No. 6680 and to approve an agreement for audit services, contingent upon a written contract, contracts or addenda reviewed and approved by the District's counsel and Audit Committee and to authorize the Board President to sign the appropriate agreement.

Appointment of Purchasing Agent and Assistant Purchasing Agent RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the appointment of Judy Sorrentino as Farmingdale UFSD Purchasing Agent for all bids and purchases for the 2021-22 school year.

RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the appointment of Anita Dazzo as Assistant Purchasing Agent for all bids and purchases for the 2021-22 school year.

Other Appointments RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the attached appointments for the 2021-22 school year.

Appointment of Insurance Consultant RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the appointment of Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. as insurance consultant for the 2021-22 school year.

Appointment of Bond Counsel RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the appointment of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP as Bond Counsel for the 2021-22 school year on an as needed basis.

Appointment of Hearing Officers RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the appointment of Arthur Riegel, Esq., and Howard Edelman, Esq., and Martin Scheinman Esq. as Hearing Officers for the 2021-22 school year in accordance with Section 75 of the New York State Civil Service Law with respect to any disciplinary action referred against a civil service employee.

Appointment of District Architect RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the appointment of H2M architects and engineers as district's architect for the 2021-22 school year in accordance with Board Policy No. 6741, contingent upon a written contract, contracts or addenda reviewed and approved by the District's counsel and to authorize the Board President to sign the appropriate agreement.

Appointment of Dignity for All Students Act Coordinators (DASA) RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the appointment of the Dignity for All Students Act Coordinators (DASA) as follows for the 2021-22 school year.

Recommendation:

Jed Herman	Farmingdale High School
Cheryl DePierro	Howitt Middle School
Giulia Marano	Howitt Middle School
Victoria LoRusso	Albany Avenue Elementary School
Christopher Peterson	Northside Elementary School
Anjany Samar	Saltzman East Memorial Elementary School
Jennifer DeHayes	Woodward Parkway Elementary School

Appointment of Financial Advisor RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the appointment of Capital Markets Advisors, LLC as Financial Advisor for the 2021-22 school year and to approve an agreement contingent upon a written contract, contracts or addenda reviewed and approved by the District's counsel on an as needed basis and to authorize the Board President to sign the appropriate agreement.

Appointment of the Wall of Fame Committee Members RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the appointments to the Wall of Fame Committee for the 2021-22 school year as follows:

Beth Garvey
Laurie McLaughlin
Mike Hungerford
Ivelysse Powers
Ehson Elminabavy
Christopher Bergersen
Jed Herman

Selection of Newspapers RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District Board of Education approve the designation of the Farmingdale Observer and the Massapequa Post as official newspapers for legal advertising and notices for the Farmingdale School District and other publications for supplemental advertising during the 2021-22 school year.

Adoption of Eligibility Criteria for Free and Reduced Price Meals/Milk RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District adopt the 2021-22 New York State eligibility criteria for free and reduced price meals/milk .

Designations

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

Appointment of Bank Depositories RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District designate the following as Banks of Deposit for the 2021-22 school year.

Capital One, N.A.
J P Morgan Chase Bank, N.A.
TD Bank, N.A
Flushing Bank

Establishment of the Budget Meeting Schedule RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District establish the following budget vote calendar for the 2021-22 school year. All meetings begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Howitt Middle School East Cafeteria.

Establishment of the Organizational Meeting RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District establish July 13, 2022 as the 2022-23 Organizational Meeting date. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Howitt Middle School East Cafeteria.

Establishment of the Board of Education Meeting to Adopt the BOCES RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District establish April 26, 2022 as the Board of Education Meeting to adopt the BOCES Administrative Budget. The meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. in the Weldon E. Howitt Board Room.

**Administrative
Budget**

Establishment of the Board Meeting Schedule RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District establish the monthly meetings schedule for 2021-22. Meetings will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Howitt Middle School East Cafeteria.

Approval of Mileage Reimbursement RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District reimburse all authorized travel expenses involving the use of a personal vehicle at the IRS mileage rate for the 2021-22 school year.

Establishment of Hours for the Annual Budget Vote and Election RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District establish the hours for the annual budget vote and election as 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. for the 2021-22 school year.

Authorizations

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

Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officers RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District authorize the Board President to appoint Impartial Hearing Officers during the 2021-22 school year.

Authorization for Polling Places RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District grant permission to Nassau County Board of Elections to use the Farmingdale Schools for polling places for the 2021-22 school year.

Approval of Board Conference Attendance RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve board member participation and attendance at conferences and workshops and to authorize expenditures in accordance with Policy # 2521 for the 2021-22 school year.

Approval of Staff Conference Attendance RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve staff member participation and attendance at conferences and workshops and to authorize expenditures in accordance with Policy # 6830 for the 2021-22 school year.

Approval of Petty Cash Funds RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District authorize the establishment of a schedule of petty cash funds and custodians for the 2021-22 school year in the amounts stated as designated:

Authorization to Make Budget Transfers	RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District authorize the Assistant to the Superintendent for Business or his/her designee to make transfers, provided that the aggregate amount of each transaction for an object of expense does not exceed \$30,000, and balance payroll accounts to accommodate Board of Education appointments and contractual obligations, and transfer of funds necessary to balance accounts as of June 30 each year.
Affirmation of Records Retention Schedule	RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District affirm the Records Retention and Disposition Schedule LGS-1 for the 2021-22 school year.
Approval of School Musical Instrument Fee Schedule	RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District approve an instrument use fee for the 2021-22 school year at \$35 for the school year, and \$40 for the school year inclusive of summer in accordance with Policy 4320.2.
Approval of Salaries for Part-Time Employees	RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District establish the hourly salaries for the positions listed below for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 as per the attached schedule.
Adoption the Provisions of Public Officers Law §18	RESOLVED, that as a “public entity” pursuant to Public Officers Law §18 1(a), the Farmingdale Union Free School District hereby confers the benefits of Public Officers Law §18 upon the employees and officers of the Farmingdale Union Free School District, provided said employees and officers are eligible for same; and said benefits shall supplement those contained in other statutes providing for indemnification and/or defense.
Affirmation of Board Policies	RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District affirm existing School Board Policies #0000-9999 for the 2021-22 school year.
Review of Specific Board Policies	RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District review existing School Board Purchasing Policy #6700, School Board Investment Policy # 6240 and School Board Policy #5300, Code of Conduct during the 2021-22 school year.
Designated to Receive Legal Documents	RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District designate Mary Rogers, Patricia Celano, and Annamaria Callan to receive service of legal documents for the 2021-22 school year.
Participation in New York School	RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District participate in New York Schools Insurance Reciprocal (NYSIR) for property and casualty insurance for the 2021-22 school year.

**Insurance
Reciprocal**

Authorization to Apply for Grants- in- Aid RESOLVED, that the Farmingdale Union Free School District authorize the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee to research and apply for grants consistent with district goals and objectives for the 2021-22 school year.

VII Consideration of Consent Agenda

Motion made by Mrs. D'Amico, seconded by Mr. Espinosa that the Consent Agenda consisting of items IV (1-18), V (1-7), and VI (1-15) be approved as a whole with action recorded separately.

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

Motion carried 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m.

Mary E. Rogers, District Clerk