

BUDGET/COMMUNITY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
HAUPPAUGE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TOWNS OF SMITHTOWN AND ISLIP
SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024 AT 8:00 P.M.
THE MEETING WAS HELD IN PERSON
PUBLIC SESSION CAN BE VIEWED ON “YOUTUBE LIVE”
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Members Present:

Mr. David Barshay, President; Mr. Rob Scarito, Vice President; Mr. Michael Buscarino, Ms. Colleen Capece, Dr. Lawrence Crafa, Ms. Gemma Salvia

Members Absent:

Mr. James Kiley

Others Present:

Dr. Donald B. Murphy, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Joseph Tasman, Deputy Superintendent; Ms. Brigid Siena, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations; Dr. Tim McCarthy, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology; Ms. Rebecca Bilski, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services; Dr. Christopher Smalley, Executive Administrator of Information Technology and Security Initiatives; Mr. Eugene Barnosky, Attorney; Joanne Lyons, Acting District Clerk

Others Absent:

Lori DeGeorge, District Clerk

CALLING OF THE MEETING

Mr. Barshay called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Barshay asked for a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation in the matter of Jane Doe v. Hauppauge Union Free School District; and to seek legal advice from the Board's Attorney.

Motion Ms. Salvia, second Ms. Capece. Motion carries 6-0-0-1 with Mr. Kiley absent from the meeting.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Murphy thanked Andrew Weir, Joseph Cerulli, Ava Pagan, and Haisley Green for coming to his office this afternoon to sign his wall mural. He said it has been great to have so many students come by and sign their pictures. Please contact Mrs. Lyons at 761.8208 if you are in the mural and would like to come by to sign!

There are a couple of big events coming up that you will hear about through our multiple channels. First, on April 3rd, Hauppauge will be taking on West Islip in our first annual CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT to benefit the *WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT*. Dr. Murphy said he has been in touch with Paul Romanelli, Superintendent of West Islip, and a friendly competition is underway to not only see which team will be victorious, but which community raises the most money. There are 16 teams from HPS that will take on 16 teams from West Islip. More details to follow soon!

Dr. Murphy also said that later that week on April 5th, members of the Hauppauge SEL Committee and the Hauppauge Hometown Heroes Committee are hosting our first-ever HOOPS FOR HEROES event. The purpose of this event is to bring together our community members, staff, and families to honor all of our heroes. Tickets are \$5. Proceeds will go to the *TUNNEL TO TOWERS FOUNDATION*, *UNITED VETERANS BEACON HOUSE*, AND *HHS SHARE & CARE*.

RECOGNITION / AWARDS/ PRESENTATION / ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5A. RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

5B. PRESENTATIONS

- 1) "2023/2024 School Budget" by Brigid Siena,
Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations

5C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 1) Business Meeting of Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Mr. Barshay asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Business meeting of February 6, 2024. Motion Dr. Crafa. Second Mr. Buscarino. Motion carries 6-0-0-1.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA ONLY

Members of the public who desire to address the board on any topic that is on tonight's organizational agenda are welcome to do so at this time. Speakers are requested to limit their remarks to not more than three minutes, to appoint a spokesperson if the concern is a group concern, and to supplement verbal presentations with written reports, if necessary or desired. Twenty minutes are being scheduled for this portion of tonight's agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following be approved:

- A. Pursuant to Board Policy 6831 (Meals and Refreshments) the Board authorizes the purchase of food items for 13 Election Workers for the School Budget Vote on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, not to exceed \$383.50.

7.2 PERSONNEL MATTERS

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following personnel action report be approved as per attached.

- A. Personnel Action Report - Certified Staff
 - 1) Resignation/Termination/Leave of Absence/Retirement/Excessed
 - 2) Appointment of Substitutes
- B. Personnel Action Report - Civil Service Staff
 - 1) Appointments
 - 2) Retirements/Resignations/Termination/Leave of Absence (LOA)
 - 3) Removal of Substitutes
- C. Co-Curricular Appointments
 - 1) Appointment of Co-Curricular Staff - Middle School
 - 2) Appointment of Coaching Staff - High School

7.3 BUSINESS MATTERS

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following be approved:

- A. Special Education
 - 1) IDEA Flow-Through
 - a) Henry Viscardi School
 - 2) Long Island Music Therapy
 - 3) Henry Viscardi School
 - 4) SCO, Family of Services Westbrook Preparatory School
- B. Other Contracts
 - 1) Brisk Teaching
 - 2) CommonLit
 - 3) M&V Limousines LTD. (Rider & Contract)
 - 4) Participation in Cooperative Bid coordinated by Nassau BOCES, as per attached
 - 5) ECAF Charter
 - a) Hauppauge for Humanity

6) Discovery Education, Inc.

C. Budget Transfers

- 1) #60
- 2) #61
- 3) #62

D. Fund Balance Projections

E. Award of Bids/RFPs

- 1) Award of RFP for NYSDEC Soil Containment Testing for Bond Site Improvements at the Hauppauge High School and Pines Elementary School to J.C. Broderick Inc.
- 2) Award RFP for Soil Drilling for Bond Site Improvements at the Hauppauge High School, Hauppauge Middle School, and Pines Elementary School to J.C. Broderick, Inc.

7.4 CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATTERS

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following be approved:

A. Committee on Special Education Recommendations:

- 1) CSE Recommendations
- 2) CPSE Recommendations
- 3) 504 Recommendations

B. Overnight and Out of State Field Trips

- 1) Six Flags Great Adventure, Jackson Township, NJ - Grade 12 IB Diploma Graduating Seniors, May 23, 2024
- 2) New England College Tour, July 15-19, 2024 - College Tour of 9 Campuses in the New England Area

Mr. Barshay asked if any members would like to remove any items from the Consent Agenda. Mr. Barshay removed item 7.2. C.2. No other items were removed.

Mr. Barshay asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda minus item 7.2. C.2. Motion Ms. Capece. Second, Ms. Salvia. Prior to calling the vote, Mr. Barshay asked the Board's Attorney, Mr. Eugene Barnosky, that several of the contracts being approved tonight that had notice provisions that were no longer accurate and asked that those be amended prior to being presented to the Board President for signature. With those contracts amended, Mr. Barshay called the vote. Motion carries 6-0-0-1.

Mr. Barshay asked for a motion to approve item 7.2. C.2. Motion Mr. Buscarino. Second Dr. Crafa. Motion carries 5-0-1-1 with Mr. Barshay abstaining.

8. POLICIES - NONE

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1) Tax Exemption To Certain Qualified Persons 65 Years of Age or Older

WHEREAS, New York State Real Property Tax Law (“RPTL”) § 467 provides that a public school district may grant a partial exemption from taxation for real property which is owned by certain qualified persons with limited income who are aged 65 and over; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with RPTL § 467, the Board of Education of the Hauppauge Union Free School District (the “District”) previously adopted a resolution providing for a tax exemption to certain qualified persons 65 years of age or over to the extent of 50% of the assessed valuation thereof; and

WHEREAS, RPTL § 467 provides for a new definition of income for exemption purposes for qualifying Persons with aged 65 and over; and

WHEREAS, RPTL § 467 allows school districts the option of adjusting the income definition further by adoption of a resolution after a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held in accordance with the applicable provisions of RPTL § 467 on February 27, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with respect to the calculation of income for the purposes of the tax exemption for Persons Aged 65 and Over with Limited Income, income, which already encompasses pensions included in federal adjusted gross income (FAGI), will also consist of any distributions received from an individual retirement account or individual retirement annuity that were included in FAGI.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Clerk of the Board of Education of the District is hereby authorized and directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Assessors of the Towns upon adoption.

Close of Public Hearing

2) Tax Exemption to Certain Qualified Persons with Disabilities

WHEREAS, New York State Real Property Tax Law (“RPTL”) § 459-c provides that a public school district may grant a partial exemption from taxation for real property which is owned by certain qualified persons with limited income and disabilities; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with RPTL § 459-c, the Board of Education of the Hauppauge Union Free School District (the “District”) previously adopted a resolution providing for a tax exemption to certain qualified persons with disabilities to the extent of 50% of the assessed valuation thereof; and

WHEREAS, RPTL § 459-c provides for a new definition of income for exemption purposes for qualifying persons with disabilities and limited income; and

WHEREAS, RPTL § 459-c allows school districts the option of adjusting the income definition by adoption of a resolution after a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held in accordance with the applicable provisions of RPTL § 459-c on February 27, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, with respect to the calculation of income for the purposes of the tax exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income, income, which already encompasses pensions included in the federal adjusted gross income (FAGI), will also include of any distributions received from an individual retirement account or individual retirement annuity that were included in FAGI.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Assessors of the Towns upon adoption.

Mr. Barshay asked for a motion to approve Resolution 9.1, Tax Exemption To Certain Qualified Persons 65 Years of Age or Older, and to close the Public Hearing regarding it. Motion Mr. Scarito. Second, Ms. Salvia. Motion carries 6-0-0-1.

Mr. Barshay asked for a motion to approve Resolution 9.2, Tax Exemption to Certain Qualified Persons with Disabilities, and to close the Public Hearing regarding it. Motion Mr. Scarito. Second, Ms. Salvia. Motion carries 6-0-0-1.

DISCUSSION MATTERS

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Scarito spoke about the upcoming State mandate regarding electric school buses.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Members of the public who desire to address or question the board on any topic related to board work are welcome to do so at this time. Speakers are requested to limit their remarks to not more than three minutes; to appoint a spokesperson if the concern is a group concern, and to supplement verbal presentations with written reports, if necessary or desired. Twenty minutes are being scheduled for this portion of tonight's agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Barshay made a motion to adjourn the public session. Second, Mr. Scarito. Motion carries 6-0-0-1. The Board did not return to Executive Session.

NEXT BUDGET/BUSINESS MEETING - TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Lori DeGeorge
District Clerk