

BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
HAUPPAUGE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TOWNS OF SMITHTOWN AND ISLIP
SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 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, Mr. James Kiley, Ms. Gemma Salvia

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; Lori DeGeorge, District Clerk

CALLING OF THE MEETING

Mr. Barshay called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Barshay made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation in the matter of Jane Doe v. Hauppauge Union Free School District; a disciplinary matter involving a particular student; and to seek legal advice from the Board’s Attorney.

Second Mr. Scarito. Motion carries 7-0.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE

Dr. Murphy thanked the Directors that came to and presented at the Board of Education Retreat which took place prior to Executive Session,

On Saturday, January 27th, Hauppauge High School hosted the 2024 Eastern Long Island Division C Science Olympiad Regional Competition. Hauppauge had two teams compete amongst 60 total teams and they did a fantastic job! The teams earned 10 medals and our Team A earned 7th place overall, earning themselves an invitation to compete at the State Competition held in Syracuse on March 16th and 17th. Coaches, Dennis Petercsak and Briana Becker are extremely proud of all the hard work the students continue to put in.

On February 3rd, the Hauppauge High School Ethics Bowl team competed in the regional competition at Hofstra University. Stevie Rosenfeld, Kairan Zhang, and Kaylah Adam bested teams from Westbury and Freeport and went toe to toe with Roslyn High School. The team represented Hauppauge proudly and gave a truly impressive performance. Congratulations!

RECOGNITION / AWARDS / PRESENTATION / ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5A. RECOGNITION AND AWARDS - None

5B. PRESENTATIONS - None

5C. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 1) Community Meeting of Tuesday, January 23, 2024

Mr. Barshay asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Education Community meeting which took place on January 23, 2024. Motion Dr. Crafa. Second Mr. Buscarino. Motion carries 6-0-1-0 with Mr. Barshay abstaining.

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.

Mr. Barshay made a motion to adjourn the Public Session and return to Executive session at this time to discuss a matter with legal counsel. Second, Dr. Crafa. Motion carries 6-1 with Mr. Scarito voting no.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.

The Board returned from Executive Session and Public Session resumed at 8:51 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

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

- A. 2024/2025 Board of Education Meeting Dates
- B. Hauppauge Workplace Violence Prevention Program
- C. Pursuant to Board Policy 6831 (Meals and Refreshments) the Board authorizes the purchase of food items for 50 college representatives for the College Fair at Hauppauge High School on Wednesday, March 13, 2024.

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) Appointment
- 2) Resignation/Termination/Leave of Absence/Retirement/Excessed
- 3) Appointment of Substitutes

B. Personnel Action Report - Civil Service Staff

- 1) Appointment
- 2) Retirement/Resignation/Termination/Leave of Absence (LOA)
- 3) Appointment of Substitutes

C. Co-Curricular Appointments

- 1) Appointment of Co-Curricular Staff - High School

7.3 BUSINESS MATTERS

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

A. Other Contracts

- 1) ECAF Charters
 - a) Girls Varsity Softball
- 2) Letter of Engagement with Cullen & Danowski for the Detailed Internal Control Testing in the area of Information Technology
- 3) American Engineer & Land Surveying P.C.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education is authorizing Dr. Laura Landor to sign the following contract:

- 4) ZFX, Inc. - REMOVED

B. Donations/Grants

- 1) Hauppauge Education Foundation - Hauppauge HS Robotics Club - \$1,100 to be used towards the purchase of a tool chest, band saw, and saw stand.
- 2) Eagle Scout Service Project at Forest Brook Elementary School donated by Andrew Congema

C. Budget Revision

- 1) Revenue Line A2705 "Gifts and Donations" shall be increased in the amount of \$1,100.00
- 2) Expenditure line A2850.5010.01.32 shall be increased in the amount of \$1,100.00

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

D. Financials

- 1) ECAF - December 2023
- 2) Warrants - December 2023

- 3) Treasurer's Report - December 2023
- 4) Collateralization - December 2023
- 5) Trial Balance Report - December 2023
- 6) Appropriation Status Report - December 2023
- 7) Revenue Status Report - December 2023
- 8) Budget Transfers - December 2023
- 9) Claims Audit - December 2023

Mr. Barshay asked if any members would like to remove any items from the Consent Agenda. Mr. Barshay removed item 7.3. A.4.

Mr. Barshay made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda minus item 7.3. A.4. Second Mr. Kiley. Motion carries 7-0.

Mr. Barshay made a motion to amend 7.3. A.4, striking from the resolution the name of Dr. Laura Landor. Second, Dr. Crafa. Motion carries 7-0.

Mr. Barshay made a motion to add to the agenda, 7.3. A.5, a resolution stating as follows:

"If the foregoing resolution 7.3. A.4. is passed, no student shall participate in the associated play without first signing a permission slip to be drafted by our attorneys prior to the commencement of the play."

Mr. Barshay added that the permission slip is going to contain a waiver and assumption of risk concerning the play *Peter Pan*, specifically risks related to any flying apparatus so that the students are aware that there may be inherent risks associated with flying around on cables. Mr. Barshay asked that counsel draft this waiver and that Board member, Mrs. Capece, take a look at counsel's recommendations. Then we will pass this along to the proper people to have it executed by the students participating in the play.

Mr. Barshay made a motion to add this resolution only. Second Dr. Crafa. Motion carries 7-0.

Mr. Barshay removed 7.3. A.5 from the Consent Agenda and called for item 7.3. A.4. which is the amended resolution in which the Board of Education is authorized to sign the contract with ZFX, Inc.

Mr. Barshay made a motion to approve 7.3. A.4. Second Mr. Buscarino. Motion carries 5-0-2-0 with Mr. Scarito and Mr. Kiley abstaining.

Mr. Barshay made a motion to approve item 7.3. A.5 regarding a new resolution concerning permission slips and waivers for students participating in the play *Peter Pan*, in any manner, including the orchestra pit. Second Dr. Crafa. Motion carries 5-0-2-0 with Mr. Scarito and Mr. Kiley abstaining.

Mr. Barshay asked that pursuant to the resolution that the District's Attorney work on the waiver with Mrs. Capece as soon as possible.

Mr. Barshay asked that with regard to Mr. Scarito expressing his concern that permission slips be required for all students involved in extracurricular activities, that Mr. Tasman review the Board policy regarding this and that we be consistent, and also that this policy be discussed at the next meeting and be proposed for amendment pursuant to a first reading.

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) FIRST Robotics Team, Lower Hudson Valley Robotics Regional Competition, Thursday, March 7th - 9th, 2024, at Rockland Community College, Suffern, NY.

8. POLICIES - NONE

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Audit Committee - Ms. Colleen Capece, Permanent Chair; Mr. James Kiley; Mr. Rob Scarito
- B. Board Policy Committee - Mr. David Barshay, Permanent Chair; Ms. Gemma Salvia; Mr. Rob Scarito; Ms. Colleen Capece, Alternate; Mr. Joseph Tasman, Deputy Superintendent; Ms. Brigid Siena, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations; Dr. Tim McCarthy, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology
- C. Islip Town School Board Association Representatives Committee - Mr. Michael Buscarino, Permanent Chair; Ms. Colleen Capece, Alternate
- D. Steering Committee - Mr. David Barshay; Dr. Donald B. Murphy, Superintendent, Permanent Chair
- E. HIV/AIDS Committee - Dr. Lawrence Crafa, Permanent Chair
- F. Code of Conduct Committee - Mr. Rob Scarito, Permanent Chair; Mr. James Kiley; Mr. Michael Buscarino; Mr. Joseph Tasman, Deputy Superintendent
- G. Safety Committee - Mr. Michael Buscarino, Permanent Chair; Ms. Gemma Salvia; Mr. James Kiley, Alternate; Dr. Christopher Smalley, Executive Administrator of Information Technology and Security Initiatives; Mr. Glenn Holm, Director of Facilities; Mr. Patrick Caffrey, Director of Security
- H. Facilities Committee - Dr. Lawrence Crafa, Permanent Chair; Ms. Colleen Capece; Ms. Gemma Salvia; Mr. James Kiley, Alternate; Mr. Glenn Holm, Director of Facilities; Ms. Brigid Siena, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations
- I. Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology - Ms. Gemma Salvia, Permanent Chair; Ms. Colleen Capece; Dr. Tim McCarthy, Assistant Superintendent of 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. Gary Fortmeyer, Parent Representative
- J. Bond Subcommittee - Co-Chairs: Mr. Barshay, Board of Education President; Dr. Donald Murphy, Superintendent; John Savastano, Traci Ryan

10. DISCUSSION MATTERS

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

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13. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Barshay made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second Mr. Scarito. Motion carries 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

14. NEXT BUDGET/COMMUNITY MEETING - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Lori DeGeorge
District Clerk