

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Hicksville Union Free School District
Town of Oyster Bay, Hicksville, NY
Administration Building Boardroom
And Video Conference via Zoom

March 15, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS: Brenda Judson, Sunita Manjrekar, Linda Imbriale, Phil Heckler, Irene Carlomusto, Annette Beiner, and Danielle Fotopoulos arrived during Executive Session

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Marianne Litzman, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Mary Bediako, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Personnel; Marcy Tannenbaum, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Anthony Lubrano, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum; Christopher Shishko and Ashley Pope, School Attorneys; John O'Brien, District Clerk.

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Judson at approximately 6:04 PM.

NO. 1 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Judson requested a motion to go into Executive Session *for updates on a DASA complaint, Non-represented employee benefits, tenure track for a particular employee, an HCT complaint and an update on hiring various administrative positions. Legal items to be discussed include Willet lease, update on a particular person, Policy discussion, nurses contract negotiations, status of an RFP, school registration practices, printing contracts, administrator to board communications, Board evaluation, Special Education and Advice of Counsel in regard to action items on the March 15th Agenda.*

Ms. Imbriale moved and Ms. Carlomusto seconded that the board move into Executive Session.

Voting on No. 1: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board went into executive session at 6:06pm.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:34PM having taken no action. The meeting resumed at 8:36PM

PLEDGE

Ms. Manjrekar led the pledge.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Ms. Litzman recognized two Hicksville students who were selected as All Eastern Ensemble, Samantha Mason and Brandon Baade. This ensemble, made up of the top high school musicians from across the northeastern United States, will be performing at the annual conference of the National Association for Music Education.

Parental Concerns

Due to parental concerns Ms. Litzman provided an overview of Hicksville's curriculum development, our professional development programs, hiring practices, and DEI – Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Ms. Litzman stated, "We have strong practices here embedded in Board of Education policies in implementing curriculum. We have a Board of Education Curriculum Committee, which has membership from school community constituents, which includes parents. We have monthly curriculum presentations where parents outside of the committee membership may attend and ask questions, and all information is discussed in the curriculum committee meetings are brought forth to the full Board of Education for approval during the monthly meetings. No employee can present curriculum that is not approved in this manner. All school districts within New York State are also under the supervision of the New York State Education Department, which provides directions for school district. New York State curriculum is still presented for the community during monthly curriculum committee meetings here locally at our Board of Education curriculum committee meetings. While Mr. Lubrano will speak to DEI in greater detail, please, this evening, please understand, DEI is not a curriculum. Grade level academic standards are the same for all children, and we strive to ensure that all students feel comfortable and included in their school environment, whether it be a special education student, a student with a physical disability, a student speaking a different language, or a student of a different race or gender."

Mr. Lubrano spoke about DEI, "The Board of Regents launched an initiative to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion, DEI, in schools across New York State. The board expects that all school districts will develop policies that advance diversity, equity, and inclusion. DEI is not a curriculum, as Mrs. Litzman pointed out, but ways to make all students feel comfortable and included in their school environment. One aspect is digital equity, which we are proud to provide all students with one-to-one devices. All of our local curriculum and courses are developed through a process that involves site-based curriculum counsel and the Board of Education Curriculum Committee. The public can attend any of these meetings and participate in the process. This fall, our district will form a subcommittee to begin the work of discussing the New York State DEI framework to determine the path we should take here in Hicksville as a community. All stakeholders will be involved. And if you would like to participate, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will find you in the fall. EDCAMP professional development or PD sessions are privately funded, free, and usually occur on Saturdays or during the summer. Participants collaboratively determine topics for discussion on the day of the event. In Hicksville, we provide targeted professional development, mostly in reading and literacy, and whenever possible, job embedded staff development. PD should align with our district goals and be informed by data analysis. I look forward to supporting teachers with professional development so that all students reach their full potential."

Ms. Judson asked the district clerk if there were any questions from the public. There were No questions submitted to the clerk.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Budget Review Workshop

Ms. Tannenbaum reported the following, "The district held a budget workshop on March first. The workshop reviewed revenue, including calculated tax cap and projected state aid, as well as the proposed expenditure budget to date. The workshop also reviewed proposals that are included the first draft and proposals that are not. This was the draft where we looked at revenue and expenditures together as we tried to balance the budget. The district continues to hold staffing meetings and we've

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made proposals for the next draft, Draft 2, as we balance the budget. The next budget workshop is Tuesday, March 21st at 7 PM.”

Upcoming Budget/BOE Trustee Timeline

Mr. O’Brien reported that the Board seats of Ms. Manjrekar, Ms. Carlomusto and Ms. Fotopoulos were up for election this year. Persons wishing to run can get a nominating petition from the district clerk’s office. Petitions were due back by Monday, April 17, 2023. Other important dates include the Budget Adoption on April 18, 2023, Voter registration on May 2 at all elementary schools from the hours of 3pm to 8pm. the Budget Hearing on May 3, 2023.

Mr. O’Brien also said Absentee Voting applications can be found online and in his office. And the day of the vote is May 16, 2023. Polls are open from the hours of 7:00AM to 9:00PM

Traffic Safety

Ms. Litzman displayed the Flyers and social media posts that were created as part of the district traffic safety program.

Ms. Litzman said, “Future things that are coming out is that we do have a traffic survey that we have requested of the state for Newbridge Road, and we've already had our town of Oyster Bay come on our local roads and look at some things. We are looking forward to involving our pop officers and speaking with our students on driver safety as well. So this think of March as Traffic Safety Month because parents, you're going to hear a lot from us about that so thank you very much for your cooperation.”

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum

Mr. Lubrano stated, “The Board of Ed Curriculum committee met on March first. The call to order was at 6 PM. We approved the minutes and there was a roll call. Mr. McGowen, along with Ms. Rossi and Ms. Swanson, presented an overview of goal one on literacy instruction. Ms. Mishiev spoke about team mental health. Ms. Mishiev and I will take a course to see if this is a program we would like to bring into the district or suggest. The training is April 18th, and we'll bring that information back to the committee. Ms. Rafaelides spoke about the Wings program. The Wings program is a partnership with BOCES help support students who are struggling in high school. We are projecting 18 students will graduate this June. Ms. Janet Surez-Lovett, spoke about the seal of bilateral literacy. So far we have student responses. 192 students are interested in working towards the seal. Mr. O'Connell spoke about the Lego challenge. Our middle school team of 28 students. And the first time in this year, our elementary students participated under the direction of Coach Temps. And it was a very exciting time to see them building a city to help provide energy solutions. The Hicksville High School hosted the event on March fifth. We also spoke about restorative practices in the middle school, and there are five middle school staff members who are receiving training. We also spoke about junior achievement. Ms. Powers, our work-based learning coordinator, would like to bring this program back to the district. The meeting ended at 7:07, and our next meeting is April 4th.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Sunita Manjrekar

Ms. Manjrekar reported the following, “So I'm going to piggyback on what Anthony was talking about, the first Lego League that was held for the very first time at a high school. And Brenda, myself, Linda, Irene, we attended the opening ceremony. It was absolutely wonderful. Seven elementary

schools, as Anthony mentioned, for the first time took part in this competition, and each of our elementary schools won different awards. I'm going to read them out because I'm very proud of the little ones. And we actually went to their display tables and it was just amazing to see the little cities made up of Legos. My mind was blown how these elementary school kids were able to make these little trucks move and up and down and whatever. It was just amazing. The Challenge Solution Award, Burns Avenue and Fort Lee, won the Challenge Solution Award. The Coding Award was won by East Street. The Team Poster Award was won by Dutch Lane and Woodland Avenue. The Core Value Award was won by Old Country Road, and the Team Model Award was won by Lee Avenue. It was just an amazing thing for us to see. I do want to mention that I cannot thank Ms. Temps enough because the way she has nurtured this program now in our elementary schools and seeing the high school kids mentor. Every elementary school has mentors, and it was nice to see the high school kids mentoring the little elementary kids. I'm hoping that we are able to continue this tradition at the high school by hosting the Lego League. In addition to that, we had three elementary school or three middle school teams take part in the first Lego League as well. We had team 16, 17, four meteorites. They won the Innovation Project Finalist Award. Team 23785 won the Meteorite Square robot design award. They were the first finalist in that award. In addition to all the security staff, they were such a well-organized event. It went smoothly. It was very exciting to be here. I'm very glad that the board decided to support and allow Ms. Temps to have the first Lego League challenge experience in Hicksville. Thank you so much."

Linda Imbriale

Ms. Imbriale provided the following report, "To pick you up off of what Sunita said, it was it was absolutely fantastic to see the students work together, the pride that they had, the mentoring that plays in it. It was amazing. I want to roll that into the robotics. I had the opportunity to be at the high school yesterday, the robotics, the J team, display their robot in front of Optimum, one of their sponsors and elected officials, Mrs. Rose Walker, so they could see firsthand the hard work that they created. Watching the students mentor each other at this level, it was just amazing to see how they spoke to each other, how they interacted with each other to teach each other and build each other up to become leaders."

Ms. Imbriale displayed photos of the robot and the participants.

Ms. Imbriale also spoke the School Musical, the Wedding Singer, "I was able to attend the musical production of The Wedding Singer. It was not only the theater students, but also the music department and the video production student all working together to put together such an awesome show. The talent of our students is so impressive and certainly makes our district shine. I was just blown away by this musical. I have to say, the theater itself is great. Initially, I sat up front and you could actually hear them singing along with the speakers and whatnot. Then towards the second half, I sat in the back and the sound, no matter where you are in that theater, the sound is amazing. The staff that was so talented... And the students were so talented. I felt like I was at a real Broadway show. So kudos to the kids and to everyone that worked so hard together to put this in the movie to work together. Thank you. I'm very proud of all our students and staff.

Irene Carlomusto

Ms. Carlomusto added, "If I could just add to the Lego conversation a little bit more. I was blown out of the water of how many students at all levels participated. But by the same token how it's growing our program, our high school kids from 1468, the Jay Birds who have my heart as always. Also, five students went to Regal Eagles at Bethpage High School on the same day. I had inquired of Ms. Temps what was

going on, only because I knew it was the same day because my kids used to participate in it. She said, Don't worry, we got it covered. I sent five students, along with one of the art teachers and three other adult certified mentors because she obviously could not be running the event in Hicksville, running the elementary school kids who had never been in that type of an environment before. Kudos to you, Ms. Temps, as always for making sure that everybody got involved and was there to represent. Back to our Regal Eagles in Bethpage, like always, and I look forward to more robotics competitions. Thank you."

Phil Heckler

Mr. Hecker said, "I would just like to add I was super impressed also by the robotics presentation as well as the musical. Thank you. The one thing I would add on the robotics, it was mentioned that the I think it's the championships will be next Wednesday and Saturday, whether two days they suggested if anybody wanted to see them."

Brenda Judson

Ms. Judson reported, "I'm going to add two things. One, I just wanted to say, first of all, I thought the play was phenomenal also, and the choreography was terrific. And I had seen the same production about three weeks ago, the Gateway Playhouse in Bellport. And I have to say this was just as good. So that's a big tribute. That's a very well-known and respected community theater out on Long Island. I wanted to talk about Founders Day for a minute and basically say a big thank you to all the organizers of Founders Day. It was a lovely evening. One of the best Founders Day I think I have been to. There was a very respectful audience. There were some wonderful additions in terms of those little stations where you could put on your whatever. And the wine bottles. Yes, the wine bottles and also the awesome chocolate covered Orcs. Yes. And it was just a lovely night through the whole community to come together. So I thought it was just fantastic. And I wanted to say thank you on behalf of the entire board. And the last thing, really quickly, I just want to provide, there'll be something in writing tomorrow, but I wanted to provide a very quick update for those here as well as those online with regards to the superintendent search. Basically, at this point, the board is in the process of interviewing candidates. That process is going to continue in the next couple of days and weeks, and we're hoping that we can bring things to the community and bring a selection forward sooner rather than later. And that's the update for now.

WARRANT REPORT

Ms. Judson said The Board of Education has received the Warrant Report from the Claims Auditor for the period of ending February, 2023.

GENERAL PUBLIC

No Public Comments

NO. 2 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Judson requested a motion to approve the minutes.

- The Board of Education Curriculum Committee Meeting on February 1, 2023
- The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education on February 15, 2023
- The Special Meeting of the Board of Education on February 22, 2023
- The Special Meeting of the Board of Education on March 11, 2023

Ms. Beiner moved and Ms. Carlomusto seconded that the minutes be approved.

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Voting on No. 2: 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.

NO. 3 OMNIBUS MOTION

Ms. Judson requested an Omni motion to approve the personnel agenda, Business and Finance items A1 to A12, New Business A1 to A5 and Curriculum B1 and B2.

Ms. Imbriale moved and Ms. Fotopoulos seconded that the OMNIBUS motion be approved. (Items included are below) that the Personnel Agenda be approved.

Personnel

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HICKSVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS Hicksville, New York

To: Marianne Litzman
Superintendent

From: Dr. Mary Bediako
Interim Assistant Superintendent for Personnel

Date: March 15, 2023

Re: CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS:

Recommended Action: It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board of Education approve leaves of absence for the following certified staff members:

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| A. | Lauren Cardello | Teacher – Social Studies
Middle School | Revised FMLA
1/3/23 – 3/31/23 |
| B. | Kelli McCutchan | Teacher
Dutch Lane | Intermittent FMLA
2/15/23 – 6/30/23 |
| C. | Donna Scala | Teacher – SPED
Middle School | FMLA
3/23/23 – 5/5/23 |

2. TERMINATION OF SERVICES:

Recommended Action: It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board of Education approve the termination of the following certified staff members:

- A. Cigdem Puzantyan, Part-Time Teaching Assistant, Burns Avenue, effective close of business March 16, 2023.
- B. Annette Corrente, Part-Time Teaching Assistant, High School, effective close of business March 16, 2023.

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3. RESIGNATIONS:

Recommended Action: It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board of Education approve the resignation of the following certified staff members:

- A. Caitlin Sickler, Permanent Substitute Teacher, High School, effective close of business March 7, 2023.
- B. Kristina Meadows, Instructional Interventionist, Dutch Lane, effective close of business March 3, 2023.

4. RETIREMENT:

Recommended Action: It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board of Education approve the resignation, for the purpose of retirement, of the following certified staff member:

- A. Madeline Akins, Teaching Assistant, effective at the close of business, March 10, 2023.

5. APPOINTMENTS:

Recommended Action: It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board of Education approve the following appointments:

- A. **Name:** Richard DiLorenzo
Type: Probationary
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant
Assignment: Special Education
Effective Date: March 6, 2023
Ending Date: March 5, 2027
***Location:** Dutch Lane
Certification: Teaching Assistant Certification for this position
Salary: \$25.29 per hour
- B. **Name:** Munjung Lim
Type: Leave Replacement
Assignment: ESL
Effective Date: April 17, 2023
Ending Date: June 23, 2023 (or earlier based upon the needs of the District)
***Location:** Lee Avenue
Certification: Certification for this position
Salary: \$354.49 per diem
Replacing: K. Lau

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C. Name: Ryan Boabout
Type: Leave Replacement
Assignment: School Psychologist
Effective Date: March 13, 2023
Ending Date: June 23, 2023 (or earlier based upon the needs of the District)
Location: Burns Avenue
Certification: Certification for this position
Salary: \$392.56
Replacing: J. Doherty

APPOINTMENTS – INSTRUCTIONAL INTERVENTIONISTS

Recommended Action: It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board of Education approve the following appointments:

NAME	SCHOOL	INSTRUCTIONAL INTERVENTIONIST SALARY (.5 of Annual Salary)	PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE SALARY
Iana Shapiro	Lee Avenue	BA \$30,635.50 (.5 of \$61,270)	\$130.00 per diem
Rosanna Appice	Dutch	MA \$35,449.50 (.5 of \$70,899)	\$130.00 per diem

APPOINTMENTS – PERMANENT SUBSTITUTES

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following Permanent Substitute Teachers. They will be compensated \$130 per day. All possess valid NYS Teacher Certification.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS **SECONDARY SCHOOLS**
Munjung Lim

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HICKSVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS Hicksville, New York

To: Marianne Litzman
Superintendent of Schools
From: Dr. Mary Bediako
Interim Assistant Superintendent for Personnel
Date: March 15, 2023
Re: CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

1. RESIGNATION:

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following resignation:

Suzanne McCartney, Typist-Clerk, Middle School, effective close of business March 3, 2023.

2. APPOINTMENTS:

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following appointments:

Name: Philip Wood
Title: School Monitor Part-Time
Location: High School
Salary: \$18.50
Effective Date: Pending Civil Service Approval
Replacing: S. Gallina

Name: Sanjida Tasnim
Title: School Monitor Part-Time
Location: OCR
Salary: \$18.50
Effective Date: Pending Civil Service Approval
Replacing: C. O'Neill

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6. RESOLUTION:

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attached Employment Agreement between the Board of Education and Mr. Jack Lenson, as Acting Middle School Principal, effective March 16, 2023 and to conclude no later than June 30, 2023, or earlier based upon the needs of the district.

7. ASSIGNED SERVICES:

Recommended Action: It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board of Education approve the following Assigned Services for the 2022-2023 school year:

1. Extra Classroom Activity Positions, HS Supervision, Schedule No. P-2223-088.
2. CPSE Coordinator, Summer, 2023, Schedule No. P-2223-089.
3. CSE Coordinator, Summer, 2023, Schedule No. P-2223-090.
4. HS Graduation Ceremony, June, 2023, Nurse, Schedule No. P-2223-091.
5. CSE Summer Meetings, Summer, 2023, Nurse, Schedule No. P-2223-092.
6. Sports Clearance, Summer, 2023, Nurse, Schedule No. P-2223-093.
7. Summer 2023 Elementary Program, Nurse, Schedule No. P-2223-094.
8. Summer 2023 ESY Program, Monitors, Schedule No. P-2223-095.
9. Summer 2023 ESY Program, Full-Time Teaching Assistants, Schedule No. P-2223-096.
10. Summer 2023 ESY Program, Full-Time Teaching Assistants, Schedule No. P-2223-097.
11. Summer 2023 ESY Program, Part-Time Teaching Assistants, Schedule No. P-2223-098.

*Information Items – not part of the appointment

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3. LEAVE REQUEST:

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the leaves of absence for the following classified staff member:

Frances Venezia Registered Nurse FMLA
Middle School 3/2/23 – 3/30/23

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HICKSVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS Hicksville, New York

To: Marianne Litzman
Superintendent

From: Dr. Mary Bediako
Interim Assistant Superintendent for Personnel

Date: March 15, 2023

Re: CERTIFIED PERSONNEL - ADDENDUM

1. APPOINTMENTS:

Recommended Action: It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board of Education approve the following appointments:

- A. **Name:** Gail Gomula
Type: Leave Replacement
Assignment: Reading
Effective Date: April 17, 2023
Ending Date: June 30, 2023 (or earlier based upon the needs of the District)
***Location:** Fork Lane
Certification: Professional Certification for this position
Salary: \$354.49 per diem
Replacing: M. Alves
- B. **Name:** Lauren Carlson
Type: Leave Replacement
Assignment: Guidance Counselor
Effective Date: April 23, 2023
Ending Date: June 30, 2023 (or earlier based upon the needs of the District)
***Location:** High School
Certification: Provisional Certification for this position
Salary: \$354.49 per diem
Replacing: P. Lozoya

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- C. **Name:** Lauren Carlson
Type: Per Diem Substitute
Effective Date: March 30, 2023
Ending Date: April 20, 2023 (or earlier based upon the needs of the District)
***Location:** High School
Certification: Initial Certification for this position
Salary: \$125.00 per diem

2. ASSIGNED SERVICES:

Recommended Action: It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board of Education approve the following Assigned Services:

- Extra Classroom Activity Positions: Regents Review, High School, Schedule No. P-2223-099.
- Extra Classroom Activity Positions Regents Review, Middle School, Schedule No. P-2223-0100.
- Elementary Summer Academic Program July, 2023, Burns Avenue, Schedule No. P-2223-0101.

*Information Items -- not part of the appointment

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HICKSVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS Hicksville, New York

To: Marianne Litzman
Superintendent of Schools

From: Dr. Mary Bediako
Interim Assistant Superintendent for Personnel

Date: March 15, 2023

Re: CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL ADDENDUM II

1. APPOINTMENT:

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following appointments:

Name: Megan Larson
Title: Administrative Assistant I
Location: Personnel Department
Salary: \$70,070
Effective Date: March 31, 2023 (Pending Civil Service Approval)
Replacing: M. Vail

Attachment: Personnel Addendum II 3-15-2023 (5915 : Personnel Agenda)

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

A. Finance – Action Items

1. Treasurer's Report

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to approve the Treasurer's Report including Extra-Curricular reports for the Middle School and High School, for the period ending February 28, 2023.

2. Transfer Reports

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to accept the Transfer Report for the period ending February 28, 2023.

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to accept the Requests for Transfer of Funds in Excess of \$10,000/\$100,000 for the period ending February 28, 2023.

3. Health and Welfare Services Agreement Payable-Hicksville UFSD

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to approve the Health and Welfare Services Agreement which reimburse individual school districts for health services provided to students who reside in Hicksville and attend private/parochial schools in other school districts for the 2022-2023 school year. The Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized to execute said contract(s) on behalf of the Board of Education.

4. Health and Welfare Services Agreement-Receiveable-Hicksville UFSD

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to approve the Health and Welfare Services Agreement for individual school districts for health services provided by Hicksville to students from other districts that attend private/parochial schools in Hicksville, for the 2023-2023 school year. The Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized to execute said contract(s) on behalf of the Board of Education.

5. Contract-Seneca Consulting Group-Affordable Care Act

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to renew its contract for Affordable Care Act Administration and Consulting to Seneca Consulting group from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, backup attached.

6. Special Education Contract(s)-SEDCAR (GRANT) ACDS, Cleary School for the Deaf Amendment, United Cerebral Palsy Assn. of NC. Amendment, Just Kids Early Childhood Learning Center Amendment, QSAC, Inc. Amendment, Martin DePorres School Amendment; Henry Viscardi School Amendment; Eden II/Genesis Amendment, Brookville Center for Children's Services Contract and Amendment;

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to approve the contract(s) with above named service provider(s) as Approved Special Education Providers, pursuant to Federal 611 and 619 IDEA Flow-through funds for preschool and/or school age students for the 2022-2023 school year, backup attached. The Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized to execute said contract(s) on behalf of the Board of Education.

7. Special Education Services Contracts-New Directions Youth & Family Services, Inc.:
The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to approve the special education services contract(s) (IESP) for above named school district(s) and the Board of Education of the Hicksville Public Schools from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, backup attached. The Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized to execute said contract(s) on behalf of the Board of Education.
8. ST-3 Report
The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to accept the ST-3 Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. Backup will be provided.
9. Donation-Nadler-Recind and Accept
WHEREAS, the Board of Education on October 19, 2022 accepted a donation of \$25,000 on behalf of Adam and Rachel Nadler for the purpose of purchasing and/or replacing musical instruments for the Hicksville Fine Arts Department; and

WHEREAS, the donor has indicated a desire that the donation be made available for the additional purposes of purchase of new instruments, supplies, and/or equipment for the Hicksville Fine Arts Department;

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby rescinds its resolution adopted on October 19, 2022 accepting a donation of \$25,000 on behalf of Adam and Rachel Nadler for the purpose of purchasing and/or replacing musical instruments for the Hicksville Fine Arts Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts a donation of \$25,000 on behalf of Adam and Rachel Nadler for the purpose of purchasing of new instruments, supplies, and/or equipment for the Hicksville Fine Arts Department, backup attached.
10. Donation Hicksville Music Parents Association
The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to accept a donation in the amount \$8,807.50 from the Hicksville Music Parents Association for the purpose of offsetting the total cost of \$15,607.50 for a new twenty four foot trailer for the Hicksville High School Marching Band. The Board of Education authorized the Business Office to increase code 2850.200.12.0000 by \$8,807.50 to complete this purchase, backup attached.
11. IKEA - Promotion Agreement
The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to sign, in a form acceptable to general counsel, a promotion agreement and parent release form. This agreement gives IKEA permission to market and promote Hicksville High School Artwork.
12. Donation-John Maniec
The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to accept a donation from John Maniec in the amount of \$325.00, in recognition of the work of students in Ms. Andolina's art class, who created promotional materials for the

Hicksville Alumni Association's production of Dr. K's MoTown Revue. The funds are to be used as follows: awards to three (3) students who created promotional material selected by the Hicksville Alumni Association as first place (\$100.00), second place (\$75.00) and third place (\$50.00); \$100.00 for a pizza party in appreciation of all who participated. Backup attached.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Committee on Special Education

Resolved, that the Board of Education hereby accepts, and shall through the Administration, arrange for the provision of the appropriate special education programs and services for students enumerated in the CSE reports.

2. Committee on Preschool Special Education

Resolved, that the Board of Education hereby accepts, and shall through the Administration, arrange for the provision of the appropriate special education programs and services for students enumerated in the CPSE reports.

3. Section 504

Resolved, that the Board of Education hereby accepts, and shall through the Administration, arrange for the provision of the appropriate special education programs and services for students enumerated in the Section 504 reports.

4. Notice of Public Hearing, Budget Vote & Election

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to adopt the Notice of Public Hearing, Budget Vote and Election of the Hicksville Union Free School District, backup attached.

5. Scholars Dinner

The Board of Education is asked to approve the attendance of 7 Board Members to the 2023 Scholars Dinner on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Crest Hollow Country Club at a cost of \$65 per person, backup attached.

A. Curriculum

1. Consultant Services Contract – Heinemann

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to approve the consultant services contract with Heinemann to provide ARP Grant Funded Opportunity: Professional Development - Fountas & Pinnell Classroom follow-up support.

2. SCOPE Before and After School Care Program

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to approve the SCOPE 2023-24 Before and After School Child Care Program Renewal of License Agreement waiving the Facility Use Charge to SCOPE.

Voting on No. 3: 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Use of Athletics Fields/Aquatic Center

Ms. Imbriale stated, “The use of the athletic field, prior to COVID, we had started discussions about renting out some of the fields, not the turf field, but the elementary field. Everything got shut down with COVID because there was no more access to the schools. Right now, our current policy is anyone that gets a permit needs to be at 50 % or more in total residents. We currently have organizations that are required to use the fields that are not 50 % and I'm asking to change the policy so that it could be at the discretion and we can charge a fee for them to rent the field of the elementary school.

Ms. Imbriale said the Board was closing to having a policy with the expanding the use of elementary school fields but then COVID hit. Those using the fields would have to pay the fees involved for field usage.

The Board agreed that this should be moved to the policy committee for consideration.

Mr. Heckler spoke about expanding the pool usage to Hicksville Fireman during senior swim hours.

Ms. Beiner spoke about renting the Aquatic Center Pool to outside organizations which would provide revenue with the district and it would not impact public swim hours.

Ms. Litzman added, “What I would propose and Mr. Calarco would like to do is to give to the board a full plan at the end of this week to look at all of these opportunities for our community and for our district in using our Aquatic Center.”

- Committee Participation

Ms. Judson stated, “Volunteers to the committee and appointees to the committee, sometimes as the year goes on, drop out and they don't necessarily tell us. It's just all of a sudden. I just was going to ask the various committee chairs, and everybody here is a committee chair, at least one committee or maybe more, to keep an eye on that. And I don't know what makes sense at this juncture, we're almost into April, we will be soon enough to consider new blood. But eventually, when we move into the next year, I think it's something that needs to be considered and maybe just reaching out to committee members that haven't been present for a while and finding out what's going on would be helpful because I feel like all of our committees need parent and community support and involvement and that we don't want to just take up space for somebody who's not there.

Cafeteria Visits

Ms. Judson stated, “So the last thing I just want to mention, and please, let me make this clear, this is not an indictment on the cafeteria, the cafeteria workers, or the principals, the teachers, but we have been asking part of the wellness discussion group to be allowed to come in, and we haven't finalized how we're going to do this, but to come in and see the wonderful enhancements that have been made through the cafeteria, particularly at the elementary school. There's more work to be done, but we're in a lot better shape at this point this year than we were last year. And soon, I think I have it here buried somewhere, yes, soon you should be receiving in your mail boxes this mental health and wellness newsletter with this wonderful insert in the middle that talks all about our cafeterias and strides we're making. It also has, like somebody old like me, and I'm starting to learn how to use it, one two of these QRs codes. I probably got my app to work and I can open these things up. So I just wanted to let you know that if you encounter a parent or somebody says, Why are people coming into the cafeteria to look around? It's all positive. We just want to see the improvements. You know by now, I'm sure the board knows, but I'm addressing the public as well, that we have a lot of great things coming our way. New serving stations, whatever you want to call them, new refrigerators. And we've

also done, as much as we could, to revamp the menus, improve the menus. I think there's been more improvement even at the secondary level than at the elementary level, but we are excited to see more and more come."

Mr. Calarco

Mr. Calarco said the following regarding the aquatic center, "I just want to make sure that everyone understands that the public swim, we're looking for Saturday and Sunday, four hours a day. So it's eight hours and we still can open during the week after 8:30 PM, which many pools do at night. It would be actually almost double the hours we're currently providing for public swim.

"Sundays would also provide opportunities for rentals. Now, I did send Ms. Litzman this afternoon, late this afternoon, the Boy Scouts of Hicksville have called. I'm not going to publicly say the name of the school, but one of the schools that many of the people rent is no longer renting. So we are getting calls each day from organizations. The Boy Scouts of Hicksville now want to use a pool once a year, which I think is outstanding. We should make it their home. They are our kids. The lifeguard we booked already because it didn't affect anything anyway, regardless of the plan. We have school districts that are looking for the fall to swim in our facility for the fall season, and we're looking for a team for the winter season as well. So we're talking about a lot of money."

Mr. Calarco was asking for the Board's approval to make rental agreements with these outside organization. The Board said it would do so at its next meeting.

GENERAL PUBLIC

Ms. Sullo, HCT President said, "This past weekend, the Nassau County NICU Office held a leadership conference and 5 HCT Officers attended.... The title of it was the impact of changing demographics on Long Island Public Schools. We really came back with a great deal of information on different programs that we would love to partner with you guys to bring to Hicksville. We're working on it right now, so I'm just like a preview, we're working on getting all the pieces together before we bring it totally to you because we feel that that would be the best way we do it. The other thing I just want to share with you is, speaking of partnerships, the HCT has once again partnered with Mr. Williams and Hicksville High School to do a reading day for the students. We didn't do Dr. Seuss, but we're going to do Read Across Hicksville. On April 5, we're going to do similar that we've done before. So check your emails by the end of the week. You will all be getting emails to letting you know when it is and what's happening so that if you want to participate."

NO. 4 MOTION TO RECESS BACK INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Judson requested a motion to enter back into executive session. Ms. Carlomusto moved and Ms. Manjrekar seconded.

Ms. Judson announced the Board would not be returning back to public session.

Voting on No. 4: 7-0. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 9:51PM.

John O'Brien,
District Clerk

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