

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

February 15, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS: Brenda Judson, Linda Imbriale, Phil Heckler, Irene Carlomusto Annette Beiner, and Danielle Fotopoulos

ABSENT: Sunita Manjrekar

ALSO PRESENT: Marianne Litzman, Superintendent of Schools; Rosemarie Coletti, 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 6:02 PM.

NO. 1 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Judson requested a motion to go into Executive Session *to discuss a DASA investigation, ICT Options, a Middle School Incident Update, Non-Represented Benefits, specific employee's tenure, a 913 update, specific personnel matter and update on administrative hiring. Legal items to discuss include Willet Lease extension, ligation hold and notice of claim, a particular person update, Policy 9500 & 2250, Narcan Policy development, nurses contract negotiation, PreK RFP and other items to include the 2023-2024 Instructional Calendar, Printing Contract, BOE Communications from Administrators, Strategic Goals, Special Education and Advice of Counsel in regard to action items on the February 15th Agenda.*

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

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

The Board went into executive session at 6:04pm.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:34PM having taken no action. The meeting resumed at 8:39PM

PLEDGE

Ms. Fotopoulos recited the pledge.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Scholastic Art & Writing Awards: Alliance for Young Artists & Writers

Ms. Litzman recognized three students for their achievements.

Marion Rai earned two Gold Key awards for her poetry submissions titled *An Elegy to Understand (Me)* and *The Art of Blending In*.

Katelyn Suarez was honored with a Silver Key for the short story *Smile*.

Beau Flay received an Honorable Mention for the poem *Sour 16*,

The Board Education, Ms. Litzman, Mr. McGowan, Supervisor of English, Reading and Libraries, and Eva Shtein, teacher all congratulated the award winners.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Budget Review Workshop

Ms. Tannenbaum reported the following, “As we've been building the budget, we've been concentrating on the expenditure side. We've been meeting with the budget builders. We've been meeting in our workshops. We've been reviewing the budget, but now it's time to take a look at the revenue side. Of course, you have to have balance your budget. Your revenue has to equal your expenditure. We're going to see tonight- talk a little bit about the tax levy cap and also some other sources of revenue.”

The full PowerPoint presentation is available both on the website and in the district clerks office.

2023-2024 Instructional Calendar

Ms. Litzman stated that on the Agenda for the Board's approval is the 2023-2024 Instructional Calendar. The proposed calendar includes the following highlights:

- School begins after Labor Day
- 182 Days of Instruction (Schools are required to have 180 days of instructions)
- 2 snow days

Once approved the Instructional Calendar will be posted on the district website.

HMS Safety

Ms. Litzman made the following statement, “I would like the community to know that I sent out a message Friday to our middle school community that was received by all. I know how concerning this message is to you, and I do understand. What I can share with you about this message is that Mr. Lubrano is supervising the responsibilities of the middle school principal's office. He is working closely with the assistant principals and the staff, and our teaching and learning are going on interrupted in our middle school. So I just wanted our whole community to know that. Thank you.”

High School Traffic Safety

Ms. Litzman said, “One of the exciting things we have going on is working together with our communications advisory committee and our PTAs on traffic safety. And we have a couple of exciting things coming on we expect to launch A campaign for traffic safety in the month of March.”

The campaign will include flyers created by our art students which will be distributed to students and parents. Social Media posts which will focus on traffic safety.

The committees have also been examining the traffic at the arrival and dismissal times at the high school and determine what we improve upon. Ms. Litzman also said she has been in communication with the Town of Oyster Bay and the State to see how they can assist us with improving the district's

traffic safety. Ms. Litzman said she will continue to keep the Board and the public update on Traffic Safety.

Ms. Fotopoulos added, "Our subcommittee worked really well together. And I thank everyone again who helped on it because I'm sure in the upcoming months we'll have a little bit more information to share. But we did create a flyer that will be going out, and I'm very proud of it. So it was a good group effort and definitely encouraging the student along with their parents to just look at other options. Maybe take the bus to school. I know it's not the coolest idea out there, but it would just help alleviate crossing the street. And we don't want anyone getting hurt getting to school. I think that's really it. I was looking forward to it. Thank you.

Hicksville Alumni Foundation

Mr. John Maniec, from the Hicksville Alumni Foundation, thanked the Board for accepting the foundations application to hold the Dr. K's Motown Review Fundraising concert. He informed the Board that the students and the staff have donated their time to help promote the event. Mr. Maniec said he would be donating prize money for the students who create the best flyer. Music students have also volunteered to practice and perform with the band.

Mr. Maniec said the monies raised at the concert would be used to fund college scholar shops for Hicksville students and he thank the Board of Education for their continued support.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications Advisory Committee

Ms. Judson stated, "Two committee reports tonight. The first is on communications. We had a slight delay for our communications meeting. It ended up occurring on January 31st, as opposed to the 26th. We had a good meeting. I am a co chair, along with Mrs. Litzman, and Mrs. Fotopoulos. Briefly, I just want to cover some of the things that we talked about. Obviously, you already heard about traffic safety, which was a good topic and a big topic of discussion. And very pleased with the work that the district did for us to create... I don't have a black and white copy, but it's beautiful, the flyer that's on the website and is hopefully going to be available in lots of other places. But just common sense tips, really, about how to drive safely. In addition, we had a budget update from the superintendent, basically some of the community communication venues like visiting our civics, which we do every year and PTA.

We talked about the revised strategical goal five communications, which means obviously directly connected to the communications committee. We went over the milestones and timelines associated with that particular strategic goal. We also, we talked about reaching out again to our Asian community. We've had two successful partnerships meetings with them, one in the fall and one last spring, and we're due to have another one shortly. We also had some discussion with regards to getting a finalized version of a mental health communications newsletter out, which does go to one of the strategic goals.

Curriculum

Mr. Lubrano stated, "The Board of Ed curriculum committee met on February 1, 2023. The minutes were approved from January. We looked at our approach to achieving our goals, and we're working with a professional developer to help us develop an action plan. We also spoke about the middle school ELs and looked at how we can support students in social studies where there appears to be a gap in instructional support there. We recommended a 0.4 total increase for support for those students, and that was passed along. The committee passed that along to the budget committee. We spoke about the seal

of biliteracy. Mr. Williams and others spoke about their work as part of the core administrative team. They met with the school counselors and teachers, and they have a plan for next year, beginning this February, surveying the 11th graders to see if they want to participate in the program. This program would culminate in students being able to demonstrate their skills in a culminating project and reading, writing, listening, and speaking. We also spoke about the AC TFL language standards, and the timeline was displayed for implementation. We also had a conversation about executive functioning and how important it is, and we're exploring where that can possibly live in the curriculum and pilot for this coming September.

Mr. Lubrano displayed a PowerPoint regarding a district wide survey which is on file at the district clerk's office.

Mr. Lubrano said, "So this is a survey that we put out two years ago. And as a target district, I apply for a grant funding that we use for professional development, and an outside vendor coordinates this survey so we do not see who participated in this survey. It is anonymous, but this information really helps us plan improvement for the future. The survey is translated into multiple languages. The password is displayed here for you. The survey closes February 28, and we do plan this week to resend out the survey with a brief description so that parents can participate in this survey."

Mr. Lubrano said the survey questions focuses on five areas and they include leadership, curriculum, teachers, social and emotional, and family.

Ms. Lubrano said the committee also discussed the annual evaluation of all of our programs, and we mentioned that the ICT program will be part of that annual evaluation. The meeting adjourned at 6:59.

INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Irene Carlomusto

Ms. Carlomusto reported the following, "I attended New York State School Board Association's Capital Conference this past Friday, and it normally deals with the overall budget from the Governor's office and implementations and priorities and things of that nature. But the one thing at the very end of the conference which I found to be very interesting and I thought maybe our PTA units could also utilize it for their own use would be the advocacy section by Danielle Grasso. She's the grassroots advocacy manager for New York State School Board. She said that they're doing federal and local advocacy, like we all as school board members get our surveys to take and our things to participate in where you can sign your name to the letter that goes to your proper legislator and things of that nature. She said the New York State School Board has a new advocacy page dealing with key issues, and it's called the New Voter Voice Page. And a Take Action page, which she thought would be very interesting for all the schools in the region to know about. This way, if they wanted to take part in an action and wanted to get their community members to take part in action, they'd be able to publicize it, and they're giving you the keys in order to publicize it. So if you go on the New York State School Board Association's website, they have public document topics page, and they have the links that you can copy and paste. They have community pages that allow any community member to take action right there and then from their page on any current advocacy actions that's taking part in the state of New York. They have school board budget priorities. They have the 2023 New York State School Board lobby day \going on to continue free meals and with all in New York State, regardless of any other background. You can find your official's page by your zip code for your federal and state officials, and it will populate based on the zip code that you enter as to who you'd like to contact to find out any more information that's relative to your direct district and area. They were going to

reiterate this again at the next conference that's coming up in Albany.

Brenda Judson

Ms. Judson provided the following report, "I have, of course, a couple of short updates, and I'll try to keep them on point. One, I think, it's the superintendent search. You will see tomorrow posted on the website the section that we have where we continue to update once a month our superintendent search. But for those of you that are online or here in person, here is pretty much where we stand. The announcements for the position, which were advertised in many different venues, lots of professional associations and other venues, all closed January 30th. Our consultant, Mr. David Feller, has been very busy reviewing all of the applications received. He's done screening. We received over 40 applications. He screened a number of the applicants. He's presently going to do reference checks. And we expect as a board that in March we will be doing some initial interviews of a smaller pool of candidates. So if all goes according to plan, it's our hope that we may be able to announce an appointment certain time in the late spring or early summer, certainly before June 30th.

Ms. Judson, "The next thing I wanted to talk about really briefly, and I'm not going to go into a lot of detail, I will provide more input to the board next month. I sat in on a webinar last Thursday, I think it was, February the ninth, and it was really fascinating. I sent the link to everybody. If they wanted to listen to it, it's only one hour, and it's an interesting hour. It was all about an initiative that's underway in New York state and is underway in several other states and was actually approved in the state of California to mandate a school start time that is later, basically 8:30 in the morning. And it's tied back to everything that's going on with regards to mental health, looking at sleep deprivation and the results of it for teenagers not getting enough sleep. They have on their website, I looked at it myself, and I'm happy to report that I am getting a decent amount of sleep now. I didn't get it for all the years I was working in Manhattan, but I'm getting it now. It was a very interesting survey or calculator and a lot of good information. I'll bring more information forward next month, including the legislation out of California and the bills that are being sponsored in New York, this doesn't happen overnight. It could take lots of tries. And they basically said that if this is going to happen in New York state, it's probably going to be through state legislation. I have known of some districts out in Westchester, and I just heard yesterday a district in New Jersey that approved a later start time with their Board of Education, but it's highly unusual. And there are lots of concerns, transportation, whatever. But there was something said that those concerns should not deprive students of sound mental health and physical wellbeing. I'll provide more information next month. And if anybody's interested, feel free to reach out to me. And next month I'll provide, as I said, more information. Last thing I just wanted to mention is, and I'm going to see if with the permission of Anthony and Phil, Sunita, who's not here tonight, but will be here by the time of our next curriculum meeting, and Linda, if we could again raise some of the mental health issues. I shared this morning an email that was sent to me from somebody within the district that an article that appeared in Newsday today, and it's mental health crisis among teenage girls. The statistics are shocking and extremely upsetting about the rise in suicide. There's also an incident that occurred, I'm sure many of you heard about it, about a young girl, 11 years old in New Jersey that took her own life. This is not stuff that we can ignore. I know we're not, but I think we need to really have focus on this and understand what's going on with our psychologists, social workers, and how they're trying to address this. I know the coalition has been disbanded, I believe, and it seems like there's not a lot of communication. So I am asking that the curriculum committee consider its part of our strategic goals that this be like a permanent part of our curriculum meeting, an update, what have you. The article is here. I have copies of it. I believe it went out to everybody this morning, but I have hard copies if you'd like to see it. And it's right in today's Newsday. And again, mental health crisis among teenage girls, top stories. And it's frightening. It's frightening for any of us. So that's pretty much my update.

WARRANT REPORT

Ms. Judson said The Board of Education has received the Warrant Report from the Claims Auditor for the period of ending December 31, 2023.

GENERAL PUBLIC

No Public Comments

NO. 2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Judson requested a motion to approve the minutes.

- Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education on January 4, 2023
- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education on January 18, 2023
- Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education on January 19, 2023
- Minutes of the Communication Advisory Committee meeting on January 31, 2022
- Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education on February 8, 2023

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

Voting on No. 2: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.

NO. 3 PERSONNEL

Ms. Judson requested a motion to approve the personnel agenda as modified in Executive Session.

Ms. Carlomusto moved and Ms. Imbriale that the Personnel Agenda be approved.

Certified

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:

A.	Lauren Cardello	Teacher – Social Studies Middle School	Revised FMLA 1/3/23 – 3/31/23
B.	Laurie Alexander	Teacher – Science Middle School	Revised FMLA 1/6/23 – 2/3/23
C.	Christina Abate	Teacher – Social Studies High School	Revised FMLA 11/4/2022 – 2/9/23 LOA 2/10/23-4/14/23
D.	Ada Boehme	Teacher – Special Education Burns Avenue	Unpaid LOA 4/20/23 – 6/2/23
E.	Regina Daniel	School Psychologist	FMLA

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F.	Patricia Lozoya	Guidance Counselor High School	FMLA 4/23/23 – 6/30/23
G.	Linda Pfaffe	Supervisor Math & Business Administration	Revised FMLA 1/30/23 – 3/17/23
H.	Jeanette Perrotta	Director of Personnel Administration	FMLA 2/9/23 - 3/3/23
I.	Bianca Pizzo	Teacher – Elementary Old Country Road	FMLA 5/15/23 – 6/30/23

2. RESIGNATIONS:

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

- A. Jennifer Marasco, Full-Time Teaching Assistant, Woodland, effective close of business February 7, 2023.
- B. Theresa Biasi, Full-Time Teaching Assistant, Woodland, effective close of business November 28, 2022.

3. RETIREMENTS:

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

- A. Anne-Marie Geandomenico, Lee Avenue, Elementary Education teacher, effective at the close of business, June 30, 2023.
- B. Michelle Lombardi, Burns Avenue, Elementary Education teacher, effective at the close of business, June 30, 2023.
- C. Bernadette Massa, Mathematics Teacher, Middle School, effective at the close of business, June 30, 2023.
- D. Kathleen Nicolich, Elementary Education Teacher, Middle School, effective at the close of business, June 30, 2023.
- E. Andrea Maxeiner, Social Studies Teacher, High School, effective at the close of business, June 30, 2023.
- F. Lynn Oliviero, Art Teacher, Elementary, effective at the close of business, June 30, 2023.
- G. Jan Siegel, Mathematics Teacher, Middle School, effective at the close of business, June 30, 2023.

4. APPOINTMENTS:

Recommended Action:

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

- A. Name: Jamie Ruppert Type:
Probationary
Tenure Area: Elementary (**REVISED**) Assignment:
Elementary Teacher Effective Date: August 31, 2022
Ending Date: August 30, 2026

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*Location: Middle School

Certification: Initial Certification for this position Salary: MA Step 2 \$73,626

Replacing: A. Mazziotti

- B. Name: Rubina Chowdhury Type:
Probationary
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant Assignment: Special
Education Effective Date: February 8, 2023
Ending Date: February 7, 2027
*Location: Dutch Lane
Certification: Teaching Assistant Certification for this position Salary: \$25.29 per hour
- C. Name: Amy Yeung Type: Regular
Substitute
Assignment: Mathematics Teacher Effective Date:
February 27, 2023
Ending Date: April 16, 2023
*Location: High School
Certification: Initial Certification for this position Salary: \$391.16 per diem
Replacing: A. Valanzano
- D. Name: Jacqueline Gaynor Type:
Probationary
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant Assignment: Special
Education Effective Date: February 15, 2023
Ending Date: February 14, 2027
*Location: Woodland
Certification: Teaching Assistant Certification for this position Salary: \$25.29 per hour Name:
Humaira Jafri Type: Probationary
Tenure Area: Teaching Assistant Assignment: Special
Education Effective Date: February 27, 2023
Ending Date: February 26, 2027
*Location: Woodland
Certification: Teaching Assistant Certification for this position Salary: \$25.29 per hour
- E. Name: Claire Ezratty
Type: Long Term Substitute Teacher Assignment:
Music Teacher Effective Date: April 17, 2023
Ending Date: June 19, 2023 (or earlier based upon the needs of the District)
*Location: High School
Certification: Initial Certification for this position Salary: \$306.35 per diem
Replacing: J. Weiss
- F. Name: Emily Markakis
Type: Long Term Substitute Teacher Assignment:
Special Education Teacher Effective Date: March 24,
2023
Ending Date: June 30, 2023 (or earlier based upon the needs of the District)
*Location: Fork Lane
Certification: Initial Certification for this position Salary: \$306.35 per diem
Replacing: L. Colavito
- G. Name: Claire Ezratty
Type: Per Diem Substitute Teacher Effective Date:
March 20, 2023
Ending Date: June 30, 2023 (or earlier based upon the needs of the District)
*Location: Districtwide

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Certification: Professional Certification for this position Salary: \$125.00 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

Amy Yeung

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, MS & HS Supervision, Schedule No. P-2223- 082.
2. Winter Concert Chaperone, Lee Avenue, Schedule No. P-2223-083.
3. Coaching Position 2022-2023, High School, Schedule No. P-2223-084.
4. Extra Classroom Activity Positions, SAT Review, HS, Schedule No. P-2223-085.
5. Curriculum Writing 2022-2023, Fine Arts, Schedule No. P-2223-086.
6. Extra Classroom Activity Positions, HS Club, Schedule No. P-2223-087.

CLASSIFIED

1. RESIGNATIONS:

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

Maureen Lane, Typist Clerk, High School, effective close of business, February 3, 2023.

James Borbee, Jr. Cleaner, High School, effective close of business, February 15, 2023.

2. CHANGES OF STATUS:

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

Name: Maureen Lane
Title: Senior Typist Clerk
Location: High School
Salary: \$57,915
Effective Date: Pending Civil Service Approval
Previous Title: Typist Clerk
Replacing: M. Pugliese

Name: Christine Waters
Title: Administrative Assistant 1
Location: Administration Building
Salary: \$88,174
Effective Date: Pending Civil Service Approval
Previous Title: Senior Typist Clerk

Name: James Borbee, Jr.
Title: Custodian
Location: High School
Salary: \$71,644
Effective Date: Pending Civil Service Approval
Previous Title: Cleaner
Replacing: T. Andreiuolo

3. APPOINTMENTS:

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

Name: Stefanie O'Donnell
Title: Administrative Assistant 1
Location: Administration Building
Salary: \$77,797
Effective Date: Pending Civil Service Approval
Replacing: M. Vail

Name: William Thomsen
Title: Maintainer
Location: District Wide
Salary: \$70,172
Effective Date: Pending Civil Service Approval
Replacing: P. Franco

Name: Lorraine Fahy
Title: School Monitor Part-Time
Location: Burns Avenue
Salary: \$18.50 per hour
Effective Date: Pending Civil Service Approval
Replacing: Y. Rodriguez

Name: Joseph Ferrara
Title: Cleaner Part-Time Substitute
Location: District Wide
Salary: \$15.00 per hour
Effective Date: Pending Civil Service Approval

4. PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT:

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

Name: Scott Gliniak
Title: Provisional Head Custodian II
Location: Middle School
Salary: \$84,174
Effective Date: Pending Civil Service Approval
Previous Title: Custodian
Replacing: M. Bendjy

5. LEAVE REQUESTS:

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

Jodi Audette	Administrative Assistant	FMLA
	Business Department	1/19/23 – 2/28/23

Sharon Brewer	Senior Typist Clerk	FMLA
	East Street	2/6/23 – 3/17/23

Debra Thaw-Tetens	Typist Clerk	FMLA
	High School	1/30/23 – 4/21/2023

Classified Addendum

1. APPOINTMENT:

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

Name:	Vito Belcastro
Title:	School District Auditor
Location:	Administration Building
Salary:	\$175,477
Effective Date:	Pending Civil Service Approval
Replacing:	E. Reilly

Voting on No. 3: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.

NO. 4 BUSINESS & FINANCE

Ms. Judson requested a motion to approve Business and Finance items A1 to A8. Ms. Beiner moved and Ms. Carlomusto seconded that the Business and Fiances be approved

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 January 31, 2023.

2. Transfer Reports

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to accept the Transfer Report for period through January 31, 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 through to January 31, 2023.

3. SEDCAR (GRANT) – Just Kids Early Learning Center, Woodward Mental Health Center (Amended Contract)

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.

4. Disposal of Obsolete Equipment

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to approve the disposal of obsolete equipment, backup attached.

5. Donation of Varsity Girls Basketball Uniforms

The Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to accept a donation of \$5,000 from Dr. Joseph Zuckerman, an alumni of Hicksville High School and former basketball player, for the purchase of new Hicksville High School Girls’ Varsity Basketball uniforms, and authorizes the Business office to increase code A2855.450.12.0000. Backup attached

6. SEQRA Resolution

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to approve the attached SEQRA Resolution for the Removal and replacement of original building UV's with new UV's that provide heating, cooling and mechanical fresh air ventilation at East Street Elementary School and Woodland Elementary School. SED#28-05-17-03-0-003-036 East Street & SED# 28-05-17-03-0-008 Woodland.

7. 2022-2023 Health Services Rate

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to establish the health services rate of \$1,073.02, for the 2022-2023 school year. This rate is used to bill other school districts for health services provided to their students attending non-public schools located in Hicksville, backup attached.

8. Award of RFP – Special Education Related Services – 2023-2024

The Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to approved the award of the RFP for Special Education Related Services to:

Access 7	Horizon Health Staffing
Achieve Beyond	Kidz Education Services
All About Kids	Long Island Tutorial Service
Behavior Analysts of Oregon	Mill Neck Interpreter Services
Career & Employment Options, Inc. (CEO)	MKSA, INC.
Dr. Karl Friedman	New York Therapy Placement Services
Dynamic Tutoring	Paul Zlatniski
Eden II Programs (Genesis)	Perfect Playground
Frontier Behavioral Services LLC	ProCare
Hagedorn Little Village School	Tanya Linzalone
Health Source Group	Variety Child Learning Center
Helping Hands Children Service	

Voting on No. 4: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.

NO. 5 MOTION TO ADD A RESOLUTION TO THE AGENDA

Ms. Judson requested a motion to amend the agenda with the following resolution:

C1. Retainer Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Joady Benjamin Feiner, Esq., as Special Counsel for the purpose of conducting an independent investigation, and authorizes the Board President and/or Superintendent of Schools to execute a Retainer Agreement on behalf of the Board with Joady Benjamin Feiner, Esq.

Ms. Fotopoulos moved and Ms. Carlomusto seconded that C1 be added to the agenda.

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NO. 5 NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Judson requested a motion to approve New Business Items 1 through 5.

Ms. Carlomusto moved and Mr. Heckler seconded that the following items be approved:

New Business

A. Action Items

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. 2023-2024 School Instructional Calendar

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to approve the Instructional Calendar for the 2023-2024 school year, backup attached.

5. Check Signatures

The Board of Education is asked to authorize the District Treasurer to sign all checks pertaining to school funds, general organization funds, and those checks of general accounting, and that the Assistant Superintendent for Business be authorized as an alternate signature for the 2022-2023 school year.

Voting on No. 5: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.

NO. 6 CURRICULUM B1

Ms. Judson requested a motion to approve Curriculum item B1. Ms. Imbriale moved and Ms. Fotopoulos seconded that the following resolution be approved.

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 Guided Reading and Classroom follow-up support.

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

NO. 7 CURRICULUM B2

Ms. Judson requested a motion to approve Curriculum Item B2. Ms. Imbriale moved and Ms. Carlomusto seconded that the following resolution be approved.

2. Consultant Services Contract – ReThink Ed

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, is asked to approve the consultant services contract with Rethink Ed. Rethink Ed is to provide PLCs/PDs on the following topic areas: Creating a Trauma-Aware Climate, Educational Equity and Inclusion, Awareness of Self and Others, Self-Management, Social Skills, Social Awareness, Self-Care and Mental Health. The goal is to empower educators with the skills needed for creating teaching environments that are for all students, where ongoing, open and respectful dialogue is cultivated and nurtured.

Voting on No. 7: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.

NO. 8 OLD BUSINESS – OMNIBUS MOTION

Ms. Judson requested an OMNIBUS MOTION to approve OLD Business Items 1 through 8. Ms. Beiner moved and Mr. Heckler seconded that the following items be approved.

1. Committee on Special Education (January Reports)

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 (January Reports)

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 (January Reports)

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. Founders Day Tickets

The Board of Education is asked to approve the attendance of 7 Board Members to the Hicksville Council of PTAs Founders Day Dinner on Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 6:00PM at the Crest Hollow Country Club at a cost of \$65 per person, backup attached.

5. The NSBA 2023 Annual Conference and Exposition

The Board of education is asked to approve the attendance of Sunita Manjrekar to the 2023 National School Board Associations Annual Conference and Exposition in Orlando, FL from April 1 to April 3 at a cost not to exceed \$2,700, backup attached.

6. Founders Day Journal Ad

The Board of Education is asked to approve the purchase of a Founders Day Journal Ad for the March 2, 2023 Hicksville Council of PTAs Founders Day Dinner at a cost not to exceed \$80 backup attached.

7. Middle School and High School Yearbook Ads

The Board of Education is asked to approve the purchase of two yearbook ads one for the Hicksville High School yearbook and the other for the Hicksville Middle School yearbook

for the 2022-2023 school year at a cost not to exceed \$225.

8. Memorandum of Agreement – HCT

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a Memorandum of Agreement between the Board of Education and the Hicksville Congress of Teachers, as more fully discussed in executive session, dated January 13, 2023, and hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent to execute said Agreement and a contract setting forth said terms on behalf of the Board.

Voting on No. 8: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Technology

Ms. Judson thanked Ms. Litzman and the technology department for the technology update the Board had received. Ms. Judson suggested rather than a lengthy report the technology department could use a tracker instead much like the Curriculum committee uses. Ms. Judson said the tracker would include, “A status update, a brief description of the issue, how it's being handled, who it's being handled, and anticipated conclusion.”

The Board agree with Ms. Judson that use of a tracker rather than a report would be more helpful and less time consuming for the tech department.

GENERAL PUBLIC

Ms. Reinhart expressed her concerns about the principal position and spoke about a locker incident that happened to her child. Many of the lockers have the same ID Number.

Ms. Moran also expressed her concern regarding the principal position and the lack of information regarding the situation.

NO. 9 MOTION TO ADJOURN

Ms. Judson requested a motion to Adjourn. Ms. Carlomusto moved and Ms. Fotopoulos seconded.

Voting on No. 9: 6-0. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 9:51PM.

John O'Brien,
District Clerk

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