

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 7:30pm

Parkville Elementary School (livestreamed to YouTube)

PRESENT

Ms. Rebecca Sassouni, President

Mr. Jeffrey Shi, Vice President

Ms. Donna Peirez, Trustee

Mr. Grant Toch, Trustee (arrived 5:45pm)

NOT PRESENT

Ms. Barbara Berkowitz, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Teresa Prendergast, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. John O’Keefe, Assistant Superintendent–Business

Dr. Stephen Lando, Assistant Superintendent–Secondary

Ms. Kelly Newman, Assistant Superintendent–Elementary

Dr. Joseph Hickey, Assistant Superintendent–Pupil Personnel Services

Ms. Carrie Anne Tondo, Counsel to the Board

Mr. Steve Goldstadt, Counsel to the Board

Ms. Patricia McShane, District Clerk

1. Meeting Opening

A. Call to Order and Enter Executive Session

Ms. Sassouni called the meeting to order at 4:50pm in the Parkville School Faculty Room 5.

Motion by Ms. Sassouni and approved by unanimous consent, the Board entered Executive Session to discuss matters relating to the employment history of a specific individual, collective bargaining, and to seek advice of counsel.

2. Public Hearing

A. Public Hearing on Partial Exemption from Real Property Taxation for Persons with Limited Incomes and Disabilities

At 7:55pm: Motion to Open Hearing.

Motion by Jeff Shi, second by Donna Peirez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

B. Comments

Comments were made by John O’Keefe, Assistant Superintendent of Business. No comments made by public.

C. Close Public Hearing

At 8:00pm: Motion to Close Public Hearing.

Motion by Jeff Shi, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

3. Public Hearing

A. Public Hearing on Partial Exemption from Real Property Taxation for Senior Citizens with Limited Incomes

At 8:01pm: Motion to Open Hearing.

Motion by Jeff Shi, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

B. Comments

Comments were made by John O'Keefe, Assistant Superintendent of Business. No comments made by public.

C. Close Public Hearing

At 8:04pm: Motion to Close Public Hearing.

Motion by Jeff Shi, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

4. Enter Public Meeting

A. Enter Public Session

B. Pledge of Allegiance

At 8:05pm, the Board reconvened in public session in the auditorium. The meeting was also livestreamed to YouTube and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

In-Person Visitors: 89

YouTube Viewers: 47

5. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes from November 16, 2022 and November 30, 2022

Motion to approve the Minutes from November 16, 2022 and November 30, 2022, as presented.

Motion by Donna Peirez, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

6. Communications

A. Acceptance of Communications Received

Motion to accept the Board of Education Communications as received.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

7. Superintendent's Report

A. Financial Statement Presentation

Jill Sanders, Cullen & Danowski presented the Auditor's Report

B. Superintendent's Report

Respiratory Viruses: The NYS Department of Health and the State Education Department issued a joint memo recognizing that a host of respiratory viruses, including influenza, RSV and COVID-19, have taken hold in our state and in most of our communities. The DOH and SED are urging a community-wide approach, inclusive of schools, to again take precautions that can prevent the spread of respiratory viruses. Commonsense precautions offered by the DOH to prevent the spread of respiratory viruses were shared.

Rebel Robotics Awarded NASA Grant: For the second consecutive year, South High School Rebel Robotics Team #2638 has been awarded a NASA FIRST Robotics Competition Grant Award. South High is one of only five schools in New York State selected to receive a prestigious \$5,000 NASA Program Growth Grant.

Community Education: Our Community Education program offers educational enrichment programs spanning a wide range of subject matter, providing opportunities for intellectual engagement and social connection. Registration for the Community Education Winter 2023 Program is now open. The course catalog may be accessed on the district website and classes begin the week of January 3.

Online Registration Dates for 2023–24 Kindergarten & UPK: Kindergarten Online Registration will open on Jan. 17, 2023. All children who will attend public or private school kindergarten in September must be registered. Universal Pre-K registration is ongoing. All applications to register for Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) and Kindergarten for the 2023–24 school year will be processed online.

GNPS/TV: Programs currently airing on GNPS/TV are- Celebrating Dr. William A. Shine; Names, Not Numbers Documentary; South High Opera; and Focus on Education. GNPS/TV programming reflects the offerings of the Great Neck Public Schools and the achievements of its students and staff. Programs may be viewed within the incorporated villages of Great Neck on Optimum Channel 75 and on Verizon Fios Channel 32. Programs are also available on-demand, 24/7, on the GNPS/TV web page.

GNPS Clothing Pantry: The Saddle Rock School hosted a free Winter Coat and Clothing Shopping Event. With the support of volunteer social workers, psychologists, teachers and support staff over 100 community members received winter coats and clothing for students. As you know, SHAI recently hosted a coat drive on behalf of the GNPS Clothing Pantry, which enabled the district to offer this meaningful event for our District's families.

I wish our entire community a joyous holiday season and a healthy, safe and happy new year.

8. Board/Administrative Affairs

A. Charge for Advisory Committee

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is authorized to establish Committees pursuant to its Bylaws and/or Board policies; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to establish a 2022-2023 Board Advisory Committee (hereinafter referred to as “Advisory Committee”), consisting in part of community and staff members, for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of this Advisory Committee is in furtherance of the Board of Education’s 2022-2023 Board Goals, which include the establishment of special committee(s) for community involvement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the formation of an Advisory Committee in accordance with its Bylaws and/or Policies as follows:

1. The Advisory Committee shall be in effect for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year. The Board may adopt a resolution extending this Committee to future school years at its sole discretion.
2. The Advisory Committee shall consist of no more than forty (40) community members and staff members who shall be appointed by the Board to serve on the Committee. Each appointment to the committee is on an annual basis only. The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for Business, and up to two (2) members of the Board of Education may serve as members of the Advisory Committee. Board members may be rotated at the discretion of the Board throughout the duration of the Committee.
3. All interested residents of the Great Neck Union Free School District and employees of the School District who are at least 18 years of age shall be eligible to apply to the Board of Education for membership on the Advisory Committee. Interested residents and staff members should contact the District Clerk for an application. All applications must be received by the District Clerk by no later than Thursday, January 19, 2023.
4. The final selection of members for the Advisory Committee shall be at the sole and exclusive discretion of the Board of Education and be capped at forty (40) members.
5. The Advisory Committee shall meet monthly. All meetings will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. The initial meetings for the 2022-2023 school year will be held on the following dates/times at the identified locations, unless otherwise modified by the District:
 - a. Wednesday, February 8, 2023 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Lakeville Elementary School
 - b. Wednesday, March 15, 2023 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the E.M. Baker Elementary School
 - c. Wednesday, April 19, 2023 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Lakeville Elementary School
 - d. Additional meetings for the remainder of the 2022-2023 may be scheduled.
6. The Advisory Committee shall report its progress to the Board on a regular basis as determined by the Board.
7. The Advisory Committee's role shall be strictly advisory and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee shall not be binding on the Board of Education. The Board of Education may accept, reject or modify any recommendations of the Advisory Committee. All actions arising from any report and/or recommendation of the Committee shall be the sole responsibility of the Board of Education.
8. Committee members may be removed by the Board of Education at any time.
9. The Advisory Committee may be dissolved by the Board of Education at any time.

Charge to the Committee

1. Make recommendations to the Board of Education of the Great Neck Union Free School District regarding matters of school and community interest, which may include: (1) community relations and modes of communication between the School District and the school community; (2) enrollment projections and the potential impact on the School District; (3) the annual budget development process and presentations to the community; (4) review of potential future capital improvements; (5) intermunicipal relations at the local and State levels; and, (6) any additional recommendations or modifications to the Committee Charge as may be requested by the Board.
2. Selected Committee Members will be expected to attend the meetings as scheduled and to have reviewed materials provided in advance, if any, prior to the scheduled meetings.

Motion by Jeff Shi, second by Donna Peirez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

B. Proposed School Calendar 2023-2024

WHEREAS, attached is the proposed school calendar for 2022-2023 for possible adoption at the January 18, 2023 Board meeting;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has hereby reviewed the proposed 2023-2024 school calendar and will consider possible adoption at the January 18, 2023 Board meeting.

GREAT NECK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
School Calendar
2023-2024 Draft 6/26 Rating Day

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Motion by Jeff Shi, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

C. Partial Exemption from Real Property Taxation for Persons with Limited Incomes and Disabilities

WHEREAS, New York State Real Property Tax Law ("RPTL") §459-c provides for a partial exemption from real property taxation for qualifying persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Great Neck Union Free School District has, by resolution, provided for the partial exemption from real property taxation for its qualifying persons with disabilities pursuant to RPTL §459-c; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature amended RPTL §459-c(5) to increase the maximum income eligibility for persons with disabilities' partial exemptions; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, on September 19, 2022, Nassau County enacted Local Law 8-2022 allowing for the increase of the maximum allowable annual household income requirements to qualify for this exemption; and

WHEREAS, a school district may opt-in to the new income maximum by resolution after a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has held a public hearing with regard to the proposed amendment to increase the income maximum; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to adopt the new income maximum consistent with RPTL §459-c and Local Law 8-2022,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the annual income of the owners or combined income of the owners for the calendar year set by RPTL §459-c(5) and Local Law 8-2022 shall determine the percentage exemption granted to persons with disabilities of the Great Neck Union Free School District commencing with the 2023-2024 tax year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the income of the owner or the combined income of the owners for the calendar year prior to the date that the application is filed, shall determine the percentage of assessed valuation which is exempt from taxation in accordance with the attached schedule; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the partial exemption shall be made in accordance with the chart contained in the attachment to this resolution.

Motion by Jeff Shi, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

D. Partial Exemption from Real Property Taxation for Senior Citizens with Limited Incomes

WHEREWHEREAS, New York State Real Property Tax Law ("RPTL") §467 provides for a partial exemption from real property taxation for qualifying senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Great Neck Union Free School District has previously, by resolution, provided for the partial exemption from real property taxation for its senior citizens pursuant to RPTL §467; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature amended RPTL §467(3) to increase the maximum income eligibility for senior citizen partial exemptions; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, on September 19, 2022, Nassau County enacted Local Law 7-2022 allowing for the increase of the maximum allowable annual household income requirements to qualify for this exemption; and

WHEREAS, a school district may opt-in to the new income maximum by resolution after a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has held a public hearing on the proposed amendment to increase the income maximum; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to adopt the new income maximum consistent with RPTL §467 and Local Law 7-2022,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the annual income of the owners or combined income of the owners for the calendar year set by RPTL §467(3) and Nassau County Local Law 7-2022 shall determine the percentage exemption granted to senior citizens of the Great Neck Union Free School District commencing with the 2023-2024 tax year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the income of the owner or the combined income of the owners for the calendar year prior to the date that the application is filed, shall determine the percentage of assessed valuation which is exempt from taxation in accordance with the attached schedule; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the partial exemption shall be made in accordance with the chart contained in the attachment to this resolution.

Motion by Donna Peirez, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

E. Memorandum of Agreement-Great Neck Buildings and Grounds Association, Inc.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Agreement dated December 14, 2022 between the Great Neck Union Free School District and the Great Neck Buildings and Grounds Association, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

Motion by Jeff Shi, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

F. Donation(s) - Scholarships/Awards

WHEREAS, the following donation(s) has been received by the District:

Name of Scholarship	Name of Donor	Amount
Bonnie Mamiye Memorial Fund	Rebecca Sassouni	\$180
Dana Spector Kimmel Memorial Fund	Laurence Naviasky	\$50
Dana Spector Kimmel Memorial Fund	Lisa Rothkrug	\$500
Dana Spector Kimmel Memorial Fund	Michael Blumstein	\$100

WHEREAS, the Administration has indicated that this donation(s) would be very much appreciated;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the donation(s) as presented.

Motion by Jeff Shi, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

G. Flexible Spending Account Renewal

WHEREAS, in January 1990, the Board adopted a Flexible Benefits Plan under Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code; and WHEREAS, this Plan allows participating District employees to set aside pre-tax earnings for eligible healthcare and dependent-care expenses; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Plan will continue to be administered by Brown & Brown of Garden City and claims submitted by District employees will be processed by FBA of Syosset; and

WHEREAS, each employee who participates in the Plan will pay the annual administrative fee of \$47.50, so there is no cost to the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves and signs the Flexible Benefits Plan Agreement for 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the agreement with Brown & Brown and authorizes the Board President to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said agreement on behalf of the Board of Education for the administration of the Flexible Benefits Plan for 2023.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

H. Policy 6150 (Revision) – Budget Transfers (First Reading)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has hereby reviewed Policy 6150 Budget Transfers for a first reading, in accordance with Policy 2400 Board Policy Development.

Motion by Jeff Shi, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

I. Policy 6410 (Revision) – Authorization for Single Signature Checks (First Reading)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has hereby reviewed Policy 6410 Authorization for Single Signature Checks for a first reading, in accordance with Policy 2400 Board Policy Development.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

J. Policy 6710 (Deletion) – Formal Contracts (First Reading)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has hereby reviewed proposed deletion of Policy 6710 Formal Contracts for a first reading, in accordance with Policy 2400 Board Policy Development.

Motion by Jeff Shi, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

K. Policy 1050 (Revision) – Annual District Meeting and Election (Second - Reading)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has hereby reviewed Policy 1050 Annual District Meeting and Election for a second reading, in accordance with Policy 2400 Board Policy Development.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

L. Policy 1235 (Deletion) – Written Communications to the Board of Education (Second Reading)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has hereby reviewed proposed deletion of Policy 1235 Written Communications to the Board of Education for a second reading, in accordance with Policy 2400 Board Policy Development.

Motion by Jeff Shi, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

M. Policy 2100 (New) – Board of Education Legal Status (Second Reading)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has hereby reviewed Policy 2100 Board of Education Legal Status for a second reading, in accordance with Policy 2400 Board Policy Development.

Motion by Jeff Shi, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

N. Policy 2120.1 (Deletion) – Candidates and Campaigning (Second Reading)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has hereby reviewed proposed deletion of Policy 2120.1 Candidates and Campaigning for a second reading, in accordance with Policy 2400 Board Policy Development.

Motion by Jeff Shi, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

O. Policy 2250 (New) – Board of Education Committees (Second Reading)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has hereby reviewed Policy 2250 Board of Education Committees for a second reading, in accordance with Policy 2400 Board Policy Development.

Motion by Jeff Shi, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

P. Policy 2300 (New) – Board of Education Membership (Second Reading)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has hereby reviewed Policy 2300 Board of Education Membership for a second reading, in accordance with Policy 2400 Board Policy Development.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

Q. Policy 2350 (New) – Board of Education Meetings (Second Reading)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has hereby reviewed Policy 2350 Board of Education Meetings for a second reading, in accordance with Policy 2400 Board Policy Development.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Jeff Shi.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

R. Policy 2410 (New) – Appointed Board Officers (Second Reading)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has hereby reviewed Policy 2410 Appointed Board of Education Officers for a second reading, in accordance with Policy 2400 Board Policy Development.

Motion by Rebecca Sassouni, second by Grant Toch.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

S. Policy 2550 (Revision) – Board of Education Contingent Costs (Second Reading)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has hereby reviewed Policy 2550 Board of Education Contingent Costs for a second reading, in accordance with Policy 2400 Board Policy Development.

Motion by Jeff Shi, second by Grant Toch.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

T. Bylaws of the Board of Education of the Great Neck Public Schools (Deletion) – (Second Reading)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has hereby reviewed proposed deletion of the Bylaws of the Board of Education of the Great Neck Public Schools for a second reading, in accordance with Policy 2400 Board Policy Development.

Motion by Jeff Shi, second by Grant Toch.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

Motion to amend agenda to include Item 8.U Appeal of Suspension

Motion by Donna Peirez, second by Jeff Shi.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

U. Suspension Appeal

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Great Neck Union Free School District having reviewed a principal suspension of a student known to the Board of Education in executive session hereby denies the appeal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education direct the district clerk to send a letter to the parent of said student notifying them of the Board's decision.

Motion by Jeff Shi, second by Grant Toch.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

9. Facilities Matters

A. Public Use of District Facilities

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the attached schedule of requests for public use of district facilities, where the fees are calculated in accordance with Board policy for the use of district facilities.

Organization	Location	Day	Date	Start Time	End Time	Purpose	Fee	Class
Great Neck Soccer	Gym EM Baker	Mon, Tu & Fri	01/03/2023-03/17/2023	6:30 PM	9:30 PM	Youth Soccer	\$700	3
Great Neck Soccer	Gym-West	Wed & Th	01/04/2023-03/16/2023	6:30 PM	9:30 PM	Youth Soccer	\$500	3
	South High	Sat	01/07/2023-03/18/2023	11:00 AM	5:00 PM		\$2,718	
Great Neck Soccer	Gym N. Middle	Tu & Fri	01/03/2023-03/17/2023	6:30PM	9:30 PM	Youth Soccer	\$500	3
Great Neck Soccer	Gym JF Kennedy	Mon & Th	01/05/2023-03/16/2023	6:30 PM	9:30 PM	Youth Soccer	\$450	3
Great Neck Soccer	Gym N. Middle	Sun	01/08/2023-03/19/2023	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	Youth Soccer	\$6,260	3
Great Neck Parks	Gym N. Middle	Tu & Th	12/27/2022-12/29/2022	12:00 PM	3:30 PM	Sports Camp	Waived	1

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Donna Peirez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

10. Finance and Operations

A. Acceptance of Report to the Board of Education; Financial Statements and Supplemental Information, as of June 30, 2022, and approval of Corrective Action Plan

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the Report to the Board of Education, the Management Letter, Financial Statements, and Supplemental Information as of June 30, 2022, as prepared by Cullen & Danowski, LLP, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Corrective Action Plan, as prepared by District Administration.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Donna Peirez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

B. Transfer of Funds from Unassigned Fund Balance to District Reserve Funds

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the transfer of \$1,000,000 from Unassigned Fund Balance to the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve Fund, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the transfer of \$1,484,587 from Unassigned Fund Balance to the Employee Retirement System Reserve Fund, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the transfer of \$1,930,000 from Unassigned Fund Balance to the Teacher Retirement System Reserve Fund.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Donna Peirez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

C. Claims Audit Report to the Board of Education

WHEREAS, each month the District’s claims auditing firm, Nawrocki Smith LLP, prepares a report of the previous month’s claims activity;

WHEREAS, this report is solely for the Board of Education’s information;

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that the submission of these monthly claims’ reports to the Board of Education and their acknowledgement of receipt be documented;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby acknowledges receipt of the October 2022 claims audit report, as presented.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Donna Peirez.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

D. Treasurer Reports to the Board of Education

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the following Treasurer's reports, including bank reconciliations, collateralization reports, budget and revenue status reports; and budget transfers, as presented:

- 1) Monthly Treasurer’s Report: June 2022
- 2) Monthly Treasurer’s Report: July 2022
- 3) Monthly Treasurer’s Report: August 2022
- 4) Monthly Treasurer’s Report: September 2022

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Donna Peirez.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

E. Access Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Access Agreement between the Great Neck UFSD and the Owner of the real property located at 15 Hampton Court, Lake Success, New York 11020;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute said Access Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Donna Peirez.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

F. Third Party Service Agreements

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District to enter into third party service agreements with the vendors identified on the list below for the provision of services for the 2022-2023 school year identified therein, subject to the terms and conditions of written third party service agreements or agreements to be prepared by District counsel;

Vendors	Purpose	Location	Start Date	End Date	Rate
Absolute Auctions and Realty	Auction obsolete materials	District-Wide	12/15/22	6/30/23	No Cost
Alley Pond Environmental Center	Presenter	South High	2/13/23	2/13/23	\$215/visit
Alley Pond Environmental Center (Amendment to Agreement)	Presenter	North Middle	2/10/23	2/10/23	\$385/visit

Cradle of Aviation	Presenter	North Middle	2/8/23	2/8/23	\$400/visit
Dave & Buster's	Field Trip-SMS	New York, NY	5/10/23	5/10/23	\$11,323.03
Dundon-Scalero, Colleen	Professional Development	North Shore Hebrew Academy	12/15/22	8/31/23	\$65/hr
Edinger, Geula	Provide AIS to students	Silverstein Hebrew Academy	8/31/22	8/30/23	\$65/hr
Health Source Group, Inc.^ (Amendment to Agreement)	Nursing Staff services	District-Wide	7/1/22	6/30/23	\$26.52/hr CAN \$41.82/hr LPN \$55.08/hr RN
J&I Consulting of NY, Inc. (Amendment)	CPR Recertification	South Middle	11/8/22	11/8/22	\$80/person
Museum of Chinese America (Subject to final review by Counsel of written agreement)	Trip: Parkville; Baker; JFK; Lakeville; Saddle Rock	New York, NY	12/14/22	6/30/23	\$150/experience
Rupp, Gregory^^	Fencing-additional sessions	South Middle	10/1/22	6/30/23	\$125/hr \$4,500-Max^^
Siegel, Etti	Professional Development	Yeshiva Bnot Yaakov	12/14/22	8/31/23	\$100/hr
The Science Museum of Long Island	Outreach Program	JF Kennedy	12/5/22	12/5/22	\$200/Class
The Science Museum of Long Island (Amendment)	Field Trip	JF Kennedy	1/27/23	1/27/23	\$175/Class
Zern, Miriam	Providing AIS to students	Yeshiva Bnot Yaakov & Yeshiva Kol Yaakov	8/31/22	6/30/23	\$85/session \$45/min session

^Amendment to Board Approval-10/19/22

^^Amendment to Board Approval-09/21/22

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said third party service agreements on behalf of the Board of Education.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Donna Peirez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

G. Renewal of Annual Cyber Liability Insurance Policy

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to approve and bind the purchase of cyber liability insurance from ACE American Insurance Company through Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., at a cost of \$60,174, for the period January 11, 2023 to January 11, 2024.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Donna Peirez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

H. Change Order #1: Bagiana Construction, North Middle School

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Change Order No. 1, Window Replacements and Masonry Reconstruction at North Middle Elementary School in the amount of \$38,005.41 by Bagiana Construction;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to execute such change order on behalf of the board of Education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves Change Order 1 with Bagiana Construction in the amount of \$38,005.41.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Donna Peirez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

I. Change Order #1: Stasi Industries, Inc., Clover Drive School

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves to deduct Change Order No. 1, Site Improvements at Clover Drive School in the amount of (\$6,306.96) by Stasi Industries, Inc.;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to execute such change order on behalf of the board of Education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves deduct Change Order 1 with Stasi Industries, Inc. in the amount of (\$6,306.96).

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Donna Peirez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

J. Contract Agreement with Nassau BOCES

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to enter into an agreement with Nassau BOCES for the period December 16, 2022 through June 30, 2023 to contract Syntax Communications through CoSer 607 for public information services;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the Electronic Letter of Intent on behalf of the Board of Education for submission to Nassau BOCES.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Donna Peirez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

K. Cooperative Purchasing

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Great Neck Union Free School District has Policy 6700, which permits the Board of Education to allow purchasing through cooperative bids and contracts whenever such purchases are in the best interests of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Great Neck Union Free School District authorizes the utilization of competitively solicited contracts through Sourcewell for the 2022-2023 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Great Neck Union Free School District authorizes the utilization of a competitively solicited contract through the Rocky Point Union Free School District, "Cesspool/Septic Tank/Waste Line/Sewer-Jet Service (Schedule No. 23-08)," for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Donna Peirez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

L. Ingerman Smith Invoice

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the payment of \$19,552.19 for October 2022 as per the invoice submitted by district counsel, Ingerman Smith, LLC, for professional services rendered.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Donna Peirez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

M. CSE Contract(s) Tuition

WHEREAS, The Committee on Special Education (CSE) has recommended that certain students with disabilities attend programs located in other public-school districts, BOCES, or approved private special education settings;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is asked to approve the following contract(s) for tuition for the 2022/2023 school year:

-Birch Family Services

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District to enter into agreements with the above listed schools for classified student(s) who attend these approved private special education schools, subject to the terms and conditions of agreements to be prepared by District counsel, and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said agreements on behalf of the Board of Education.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Donna Peirez.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

N. CSE Contract(s) Special Education

WHEREAS, the Committee on Special Education (CSE) has recommended specialized assessments and evaluations as well as resource and related services for certain students with disabilities;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is asked to approve the contracts with the consultants/agencies noted below, for service to be rendered as needed during the 2022-2023 school year:

-Blue Sea Educational Consulting, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District to enter into agreements with the above listed consultants/agencies for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said agreements on behalf of the Board of Education.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Donna Peirez.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

O. CSE Contract(s) Instructional and Tuition (SEDCAR)

WHEREAS, the Committee on Special Education (CSE) has recommended that certain students with disabilities attend programs located in other public-school districts, BOCES, or approved private special education settings;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is asked to approve the following contract(s) for Strategic Evaluation Data Collection Analysis and Reporting (SEDCAR) reimbursement:

-Anderson Center for Autism; Staatsburg, NY: \$1,419
-Henry Viscardi School; Albertson, NY: \$2,838

- Elizabeth Seton Children’s School; Yonkers, NY: \$1,419
- Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf; Mill Neck, NY: \$2,838

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the above contract(s) and/or payment(s) for SEDCAR reimbursement for the school year 2022-2023, and further authorizes the President of the Board of education to execute said contract(s) on behalf of the Board of Education.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Donna Peirez.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

P. CSE Contract(s) Related Services- District of Location

WHEREAS, New York State Law 3602-c requires that public school districts reimburse districts of location for actual costs for providing related services to non-public school students located within their district;

WHEREAS, the public school may bill each student’s district of residence for the services provided;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is asked to approve the contract(s) listed below for students who attend non-public school in other districts and reside in Great Neck:

- District: Syosset Central School District
- Location: Syosset, NY
- School Year: 2022/2023

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the above contract(s) and/or payment(s) for related services rendered to residents of Great Neck who attend/attended a non-public school, and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said contract(s) on behalf of the Board of Education.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Donna Peirez.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

11. Student Matters and Curriculum

A. Committee on Preschool Special Education Recommendations

WHEREAS, in accord with applicable regulations and law, the Board of Education is required to approve services to students with disabilities as recommended by the Committee on Preschool Special Education;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has been provided with the schedule of specific recommendations for the 2022-2023 school year made by the Committee on Preschool Special Education for students whose ID numbers appear in a Confidential Schedule provided to the Board of Education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves this schedule.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Donna Peirez.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

B. Committee on Special Education Recommendations

WHEREAS, in accord with applicable regulations and law, the Board of Education is required to approve services to students with disabilities as recommended by the Committee on Special Education;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has been provided with the schedule of specific recommendations for the 2022-2023 school year made by the Committee on Special Education for students whose ID numbers appear in a Confidential Schedule provided to the Board of Education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves this schedule.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Donna Peirez.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

12. Personnel Certificated

A. Appointment(s)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following personnel agenda items.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Donna Peirez.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

B. Change(s) In Salary/Payment/Status

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following personnel agenda items.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Donna Peirez.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

C. Retirement(s)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following personnel agenda items.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Donna Peirez.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

D. Resignation(s)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following personnel agenda items.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Donna Peirez.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

E. Termination(s): None

F. Leave(s)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following personnel agenda items.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Donna Peirez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

G. Resolution(s)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following personnel agenda items.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Donna Peirez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

13. Personnel Non-Certificated

A. Appointment(s)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following personnel agenda items.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Donna Peirez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

B. Change(s) In Salary/Payment/Status

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following personnel agenda items.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Donna Peirez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

C. Retirement(s)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following personnel agenda items.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Donna Peirez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

D. Resignation(s)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following personnel agenda items.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Donna Peirez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

E. Termination(s): None

F. Leave(s): None

G. Resolution(s): None

14. Open Time

A. Open Time

Members of the audience in attendance addressed the Board during Open Time.

15. Board Discussion

A. Board Discussion

Comment were made by Ms. Sassouni and Mr. Shi.

16. Adjournment

A. Next Meeting(s)

Day*	Date*	Meeting Type	Time*	Location*
Wed.	January 18, 2023	Public Action	07:30PM	Saddle Rock
Wed.	February 15, 2023	Village School Student Recognition; Public Action	07:30PM 08:15PM	Cumberland
Wed.	March 8, 2023	North Middle Student Recognition; 1st Informal Budget Hearing; Public Action	07:30PM 08:15PM	North Middle
Wed.	March 29, 2023	South High Student Recognition; 2nd Informal Budget Hearing; Public Action	07:30PM 08:15PM	South High
Tue.	April 18, 2023	North High Student Recognition; Adoption of Budget; Public Action	07:30PM 08:15PM	North High
Wed.	May 3, 2023	South Middle Student Recognition; Official Public Budget Hearing; Public Action	07:30PM 08:15PM	South Middle
Tue.	May 16, 2023	Budget Vote	11:00PM	Phipps
Wed.	May 31, 2023	UPTC Committee Reports; Public Action	06:45PM 07:30PM	E.M. Baker
Wed.	June 7, 2023	SDM Committee Reports	07:30PM	South High
Wed.	June 14, 2023	Year-End Recognitions; Public Action	07:30PM 08:15PM	South High
Thu.	July 6, 2023	Organizational	07:30PM	South High

***Dates/Times/Locations may be subject to change**

B. Adjourn the Meeting

At 9:02pm, a Motion was made to adjourn the Board meeting.

Motion by Jeff Shi, second by Donna Peirez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch



Patricia McShane
District Clerk