

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

*Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 7:30pm*

Saddle Rock Elementary School (livestreamed to YouTube)

**PRESENT**

Ms. Rebecca Sassouni, President

Mr. Jeffrey Shi, Vice President

Ms. Barbara Berkowitz, Trustee

Ms. Donna Peirez, Trustee

Mr. Grant Toch, Trustee

**ALSO PRESENT**

Dr. Teresa Prendergast, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. John O’Keefe, Assistant Superintendent–Business

Dr. Stephen Lando, Assistant Superintendent–Secondary

Ms. Jennifer Kirby, Director of Human Resources

Ms. Carrie Anne Tondo, Counsel to the Board

Mr. Neil Block, Counsel to the Board

Mrs. Kuniko Langel, Assistant District Clerk

**1. Meeting Opening**

**A. Call to Order and Enter Executive Session**

Ms. Sassouni called the meeting to order at 5:00pm in the Saddle Rock Elementary School Library.

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

**2. Enter Public Meeting**

**A. Enter Public Session**

At 7:55pm, 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: 133

YouTube Viewers: 50/20

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**A. Approval of Minutes from December 14, 2022 and December 20, 2022**

Motion to approve the Minutes from December 14, 2022 and December 20, 2022 as presented.

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

#### **4. Communications**

##### **A. Acceptance of Communications Received**

None

#### **5. Superintendent's Report**

##### **A. Superintendent's Report**

The Board will be accepting the retirements of several of our esteemed teachers and staff members including Samantha Tarantola, the Director of Community Education. I wish my colleagues many years of happiness and good health in their retirement and look forward to recognizing each of them later in the year.

*Regeneron Competition:* Three South High School students have been named 2023 Regeneron Science Talent Search Scholars. Dana Kagan, Amit Sa-ha, and Amber Sun are among 300 students to achieve this honor in one of the nation's most prestigious science competitions. Great Neck's three Scholars are among 300 semifinalists nationwide, who were selected from an applicant pool of 1,949 high school seniors. Each Scholar will receive \$2,000, with a matching amount for their schools. Congratulations are extended to South High science research teachers/advisors are Nicole Spinelli and Dr. James Truglio.

*GNPS Musicians Perform in the All-County Music Festival:* The Great Neck Public Schools was well-represented at the 2023 All-County Music Festival. The All-County ensembles included 124 GNPS musicians in grades 5-12 from across the district. Congratulations to all our participants and their music educators!

*Kindergarten Online Registration is Now Open:* The 2023–24 Kindergarten Online Application for public and private school opened on Jan. 17 and will remain open throughout the year. All parents of eligible students are encouraged to register their children during this time. Students must be five years old on or before Dec. 1, 2023, without exception. All students currently enrolled in the District's Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) at Parkville School, Kennedy School, or Great Neck Community School do NOT need to re-register for kindergarten if they will be attending the public schools.

*E-Newsletter:* Colleen Bowler, the district public information specialist, has been working on the development of a monthly e-newsletter to showcase district accomplishments and to provide additional information to parents and staff. Our inaugural newsletter was shared with the school community today and we look forward to providing you with yet another forum in which you remain engaged with so many of the great opportunities offered by our school district. Of course, don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

#### **6. Board/Administrative Affairs**

##### **A. Donation(s) Scholarships/Awards**

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

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.

<b>Name of Donor Scholarship</b>	<b>Name of Donor</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Bonnie Mamiye Memorial Fund	Marjorie Hoffman	\$36
Bonnie Mamiye Memorial Fund	Ronald Klempner	\$250
Jenny Spielman Scholarship	Jeffrey Barber	\$100
Jenny Spielman Scholarship	Howard Berman, DMD, PC	\$100
Jenny Spielman Scholarship	Jane Gural-Senders	\$500
Jenny Spielman Scholarship	Dave & Linda Kane	\$500
Jenny Spielman Scholarship	Rita & Sheldon Kwiat	\$500
Jenny Spielman Scholarship	Mittlemann Family Foundation	\$1,000
Jenny Spielman Scholarship	Sale & Weintraub, P.A.	\$500
Jenny Spielman Scholarship	Sandra Dinnsen	\$300
Jenny Spielman Scholarship	Bruce & Phyllis Young	\$500
Jenny Spielman Scholarship	Neil and Touran Weissman	\$2,500
Jenny Spielman Scholarship	Jane & Frances Stein Foundation	\$5,000
Jenny Spielman Scholarship	Howard Feurstein	\$500
Jenny Spielman Scholarship	Amy & Charles Spielman Family Foundation	\$10,000

Motion by Donna Peirez, second by Barbara Berkowitz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**B. Donations to South High School's Robotics Club**

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

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.

<b>Name of Donor</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Chef D's Kitchen	\$85
Gold Coast - Lake Success Rotary Club	\$7,340
Ayaka & Kaoru Tatsumi	\$1,000

Motion by Donna Peirez, second by Barbara Berkowitz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**C. Donation to North Middle School's Student Council Organization**

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

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.

<b>Name of Donor</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Jovia Financial Credit Union's "Funding Your Ideas" Teacher Grant Program	\$500

Motion by Donna Peirez, second by Barbara Berkowitz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**D. Donation to Great Neck Public Schools from the Lewis E. Love Scholarship Fund**

WHEREAS, the Love Memorial Committee has authorized a \$10,000 donation to the District from the Lewis E. Love Scholarship Fund:

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

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

Purpose	Amount	To Account
Dolan DNA Lab Membership	\$3,000	A2110-4900-090-0000
An additional Science Olympiad Team	\$2,883	A2110-1304-000-0000
Two additional class trips to a science research facility	\$2,200	A2110-4900-090-0000
Engage disadvantaged students, particularly English Language Learners, in a science-based activity	\$1,917	A2110-4000-215-0000

Motion by Donna Peirez, second by Barbara Berkowitz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**E. School Calendar 2023-2024 Adoption**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby adopts the 2023-2024 school calendar as attached.

**GREAT NECK PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
School Calendar  
2023-2024 Draft for Adoption

SHADED DATES INDICATE SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED.

VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION WILL BE USED IF SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED FOR MORE THAN FOUR "INCLEMENT WEATHER" DAYS.

OUTLINED DATES INDICATE SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAYS: SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR STUDENTS.

2023-2024 Draft for Adoption

Teachers Report	184	Days
Students Report	182	Days

Motion by Jeff Shi, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**F. Memorandum of Agreement - Great Neck Teachers Association**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Agreement dated January 18, 2023 between the Great Neck Union Free School District and the Great Neck Teachers Association;

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 Barbara Berkowitz, second by Donna Peirez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**G. Policy 5110 (Revision) School Attendance Areas (First Read)**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has hereby reviewed Policy 5110 (Revision) School Attendance Areas for a first reading, in accordance with Policy 2400 Board Policy Development.

Motion by Jeff Shi, second by Barbara Berkowitz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**H. Policy 5140 (Deletion) New Student Eligibility (First Read)**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has hereby reviewed Policy 5140 (Deletion) New Student Eligibility 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, Barbara Berkowitz, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

**I. Policy 5150 (Revision) School Admissions (First Read)**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has hereby reviewed Policy 5150 (Revision) School Admissions 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, Barbara Berkowitz, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

**J. Policy 6010 (New) Fiscal Controls (First Read)**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has hereby reviewed Policy 6010 (New) Fiscal Controls for a first reading, in accordance with Policy 2400 Board Policy Development.

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**K. Policy 6640 (Revision) Asset Accounting and Inventory (First Read)**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has hereby reviewed Policy 6640 (Revision) Asset Accounting and Inventory for a first reading, in accordance with Policy 2400 Board Policy Development.

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**L. Policy 6670 (Revision) Petty Cash Funds (First Read)**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has hereby reviewed Policy 6670 (Revision) Petty Cash Funds 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, Barbara Berkowitz, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

**M. Policy 6800 (New) Payroll Procedures (First Reading)**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has hereby reviewed Policy 6800 (New) Payroll Procedures 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, Barbara Berkowitz, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

**N. Policy 6150 (Revision) Budget Transfers (Second Reading)**

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

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**O. Policy 6410 (Revision) Authorization for Single Signature Checks (Second Reading)**

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

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Rebecca Sassouni.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**P. Policy 6710 (Deletion) Formal Contracts (Second Reading)**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has hereby reviewed Policy 6710 (Deletion) Formal Contracts for a second reading, in accordance with Policy 2400 Board Policy Development.

Motion by Jeff Shi, second by Rebecca Sassouni.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**Q. Policies 1050, 1235, 2100, 2120.1, 2250, 2300, 2350, 2410, 2550, and Bylaws Adoption (Third Reading)**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby adopts the following Policies in accordance with Policy 2400 (Board Policy Development).

- 1050 (Revised) Annual District Meeting and Election
- 1235 (Deletion) Written Communications to the Board of Education
- 2100 (New) Board of Education Legal Status
- 2120.1 (Deletion) Candidates and Campaigning
- 2250 (New) Board of Education Committees
- 2300 (New) Board of Education Membership
- 2350 (New) Board of Education Meetings
- 2410 (New) Appointed Board of Education Officers
- 2550 (Revised) Board of Education Contingent Costs
- Bylaws of the Board of Education of the Great Neck Public Schools (Deletion)

Motion by Jeff Shi, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**7. Finance and Operations**

**A. Treasurer's 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: October 2022
- 2) Monthly Treasurer's Report: November 2022

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Barbara Berkowitz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**B. 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 November 2022 claims audit report, as presented.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Barbara Berkowitz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**C. Acceptance of Fund Balance/Reserve Plan**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the Fund Balance/Reserve Plan, updated December 14, 2022.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Barbara Berkowitz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**D. Backflow Prevention Devices**

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health is the authority with oversight of the Bureau of Public Water Supply Protection, which requires backflow prevention devices on water service;

WHEREAS, the addition at the Elizabeth M. Baker Elementary School requires new water service for the fire sprinkler system for the health and safety of the occupants;

WHEREAS, BBS Architects, Landscape Architects and Engineers has reviewed and approved that the installation of a backflow prevention device meets New York State Department of Health guidelines for public water supply;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the “Application for Approval of Backflow Prevention Devices” with the New York State Department of Health, on behalf of the Board of Education.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Barbara Berkowitz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**E. Ingerman Smith Invoice**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the payment of \$39,212.49 for November 2022 as per the invoice submitted by district counsel, Ingerman Smith, LLC, for professional services rendered.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Barbara Berkowitz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Barbara Berkowitz, 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;

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.

Vendor	Purpose	Location	Start	End	Rate
Cam Search and Consulting	Skilled Nursing Services	District-Wide	9/20/22	6/30/23	per appendix A
Fader Management, Inc.	DJ Entertainment	South High	6/8/23	6/28/23	Student Funded
Frost Valley YMCA	Field Trip-NHS	Frost Valley YMCA	10/9/23	10/11/23	Student Funded
Gold Coast TableTennis LLC	Student Table Tennis Instruction	North Middle	1/1/23	6/30/23	\$267/hr
Long Island University	Field Trip-JFK	Tilles Center	2/2/23	2/2/23	Student Funded
Queens College Foundation	Professional Development	North Middle South Middle	11/8/22	6/30/23	\$500/presentation
Rupp, Gregory^	Fencing-Additional Session	South Middle	10/1/22	6/30/23	\$125/hr ^\$1,500-additional
Sands Caterers^^	Prom Venue-North High	Atlantic Beach, NY	6/8/23	6/8/23	Student Funded
The Crescent Beach Club	Prom Venue-South High	Bayville, NY	6/8/23	6/8/23	Student Funded
The Safe Center LI, Inc	Professional Development	Parkville, E.M.Baker, J.F.Kennedy, Lakeville, Saddle Rock	1/1/23	6/30/23	\$25/class
Trusting Hands Home Care	Nursing Services	District-Wide	11/15/22	6/30/23	\$75/hr

^ Revised from approval of 9/21/22 Board Meeting.

^^Subject to final review by Counsel of written agreement.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Barbara Berkowitz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**G. Integrated Pest Management Program - Renewal**

WHEREAS, Parkway Exterminating Company, Inc. was the successful bidder in accordance with the specifications of the January 6, 2021 request for proposals at the meeting of the Board of Education held on January 19, 2021;

WHEREAS, the District wishes to retain the option to utilize this firm for the remainder of the 2022-23 school year;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby extends the award to Parkway Exterminating Company, Inc. for the period of February 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023 at the rates indicated in the vendor's original proposal.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Barbara Berkowitz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**H. Oil and Gas Burner Repair and Service - Renewal**

WHEREAS, Ultimate Power, Inc. was the successful bidder in accordance with the specifications of the December 16, 2020 bid at the meeting of the Board of Education held on April 7, 2021;

WHEREAS, the District wishes to retain the option to utilize this firm for the remainder of the 2022-23 school year;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby extends the award to Ultimate Power, Inc. for the period of February 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023 at the rates indicated in the vendor's original bid submission.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Barbara Berkowitz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**I. Disposal of District Property**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves of the disposal of three vehicles and miscellaneous technology equipment items that are obsolete and/or no longer usable by the District, in accordance with Policy 6900 – Disposal of District Property.

Description	Ref #	Model Yr	VIN	Method of Disposal
Thomas Mini-Bus	10	2012	1GB3G2AA7A1167189	Auction
Thomas Mini-Bus	14	2013	1GB0G2BA4C110822	Auction
Thomas Mini-Bus	16	2014	1GB6G5BGXD1106800	Auction

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Barbara Berkowitz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**J. CSE Contract(s) Instructional and Tuition**

WHEREAS, Great Neck has agreed to provide educational services for certain students with disabilities who are residents of other school districts;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is asked to approve the contract(s) below for tuition:

-Long Beach City School District

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approve the above contract(s) for the education of classified students attending special education programs in the Great Neck Union Free School District of Great Neck, New York September 2022 through June 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 Barbara Berkowitz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**K. CSE Contract(s) Instructional and Tuition (SEDCAR) 21-22**

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:

-Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf

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 2021-2022, 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 Barbara Berkowitz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**L. CSE Contract(s) Instructional and Tuition (SEDCAR) 22-23**

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:

-Brookville Center for Children's Services, Inc.

-Tigerman School

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 Barbara Berkowitz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**M. CSE Contract(s) Instructional and Tuition (SEDCAR-ARP)**

WHEREAS, New York State law requires that public school districts provide special education services to non-public schools located within their district. The public school may bill each student's district of residence for the services provided;

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) American Rescue Plan (ARP reimbursement):

-Ascent, Deer Park

-Brookville Center, New Hyde Park

-Harmony Heights School, East Norwich

-Quality Services for Autism Community, New York

-Tigerman School, Glen Cove

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the above contract(s) and/or payment(s) for SEDCAR-ARP reimbursement for July 1, 2021 to September 30, 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 Barbara Berkowitz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**N. CSE Contract(s) Special Education Services**

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

-East Williston Union Free School District

-Lawrence Union Free School District

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District to enter into agreements with the above listed school(s) for special education services rendered to residents of other school districts who attend a non-public school in the Great Neck Union Free School District for the 2022-2023 school year, 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 Barbara Berkowitz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**O. CSE Contract(s) Tuition 21-22**

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 2021-2022 school year:

-Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf

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 Barbara Berkowitz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**P. CSE Contract(s) Tuition 22-23**

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:

-Quality Services for the Autism Community

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 Barbara Berkowitz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**8. 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 Barbara Berkowitz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Barbara Berkowitz, 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 Barbara Berkowitz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

## **9. 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 Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Barbara Berkowitz, 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 Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Barbara Berkowitz, 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 Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Barbara Berkowitz, 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 Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

### **E. 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 Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**F. Termination(s): None**

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 Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Barbara Berkowitz, 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 Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**10. 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 Jeff Shi, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**B. Change(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 Jeff Shi, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Barbara Berkowitz, 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 Jeff Shi, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Barbara Berkowitz, 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 Jeff Shi, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**E. Termination(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 Jeff Shi, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**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 Jeff Shi, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Barbara Berkowitz, 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 Jeff Shi, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**11. Open Time**

**A. Open Time**

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

**12. Board Discussion**

**A. Board Discussion**

Comments were made by Rebecca Sassouni and Grant Toch.

**Motion to Enter Executive Session**

At 8:31pm a motion was made to enter executive session for the purposes of discussing the employment history of a specific individual.

Motion by Jeff Shi, second by Rebecca Sassouni.

Motion Carries

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

At 9:40pm, the Board reconvened in public session in the auditorium

**Walk-in Resolution-Resignation of Superintendent of Schools**

WHEREAS on January 18, 2023, the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Teresa Prendergast submitted her letter of resignation for the purposes of retirement to the Board of Education, effective at the close of business on July 21, 2023.



NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education herewith accepts the resignation of Dr. Teresa Prendergast from her position of Superintendent of Schools for the purposes of retirement, effective at the close of business on July 21, 2023.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Barbara Berkowitz.

Motion Carries

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

Comments were made by Rebecca Sassouni, Jeff Shi, Barbara Berkowitz, Donna Peirez, and Grant Toch.

### **13. Adjournment**

#### **A. Next Meeting(s)**

<b>Day*</b>	<b>Date*</b>	<b>Meeting Type</b>	<b>Time*</b>	<b>Location*</b>
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**

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

At 9:47pm a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Barbara Berkowitz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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



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Patricia McShane-Connolly  
District Clerk