

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

*Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 7:30pm*

Cumberland 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. Kelly Newman, Assistant Superintendent-Elementary

Ms. Jennifer Kirby, Director of Human Resources

Mr. Steven Goodstadt, 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 5:00pm in the Cumberland School's Multi-Purpose Room.

Motion by Ms. Sassouni and approved by unanimous consent, the Board entered Executive Session to discuss matters relating to the discipline of a particular employee, suspension of a particular person, and advice of counsel.

### **2. Enter Public Meeting**

#### **A. Enter Public Session**

At 7:47pm, 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: 111

YouTube Viewers: 172

### **3. Approval of Minutes**

#### **A. Approval of Minutes from January 18, 2023, January 27, 2023, February 6, 2023, and February 10, 2023.**

Motion to approve the Minutes from January 18, 2023, January 27, 2023, February 6, 2023, and February 10, 2023, as presented.

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Donna Peirez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

#### **4. Communications**

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

Motion to accept the Board of Education Communications as received.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Barbara Berkowitz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

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

##### **A. Student Recognition, Village High School**

##### **B. Superintendent Search Firm-District Wise Search Consultants**

##### **C. Superintendent's Report**

**Adventures in Learning:** The Board of Education will approve an agreement with Adventures in Learning, which will bring an after-school satellite program to our JFK School specifically for Great Neck students in need. Adventures in Learning is a not-for-profit, after-school educational and enrichment program dedicated to improving the lives of Long Island children in need of after-school care and instruction. The Adventure program provides a safe environment where socio-disadvantaged children develop homework skills while benefiting from computer instruction, literary and math programs, and physical and cultural activities.

**High School Chapters Recognized by DECA:** DECA has announced North High School and South High School as winners in the 2022–23 DECA Chapter Campaign Program. Each high school earned an Achievement Level award in recognition of their respective chapter's growth, involvement, engagement, and outstanding activities. Both high schools boast thriving DECA programs, which prepare emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management. This year, North High's chapter has 205 members and South High's chapter has 161 members.

**Student Artwork on Display at the State Capitol & Art Guild:** Artworks created by eight North High School students are currently on display in the New York State Capitol as part of the 2023 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Student Art and Essay Exhibition, hosted by the State Education Department (NYSED) and the Office of General Services. In addition, photography students at South High have artwork on display at the Art Guild in Manhasset.

**Four Seniors Announced as U.S. Presidential Scholar Candidates:** The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established to recognize and honor some of our nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors and each year, up to 161 students are named as Presidential Scholars. The U.S. Department of Education has announced four Great Neck Public School seniors as candidates in the 2023 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program: Benjamin Rubin from North High School, and Amit Saha, Joy Yang and Richard Zhuang from South High School.

**National Merit Finalists:** 26 seniors from North and South High Schools have been named Finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Competition. These students were previously announced as Semifinalists based on their outstanding PSAT scores. They have achieved Finalist status after completing applications with additional information and achievements, along with the full endorsement and recommendation by their high school principals.

**Two Faculty members Master Teacher Program:** Congratulations to South High biology teacher Terri Lester and South High mathematics teacher Andrea Zinn, who are among 221 teachers statewide

in this year's class of New York State Master Teachers. Master Teachers are recognized for their dedication to providing the most innovative STEM education to their students, their commitment to professional growth, and their enthusiasm for sharing their successful practices with colleagues.

**Athletics:** North High senior Jules Ahdoot was featured last week as News 12's Scholar Athlete. Jules, who has been captain of the North High girls track and cross-country team for two years, was recognized for her athletic accomplishments as well as her outstanding academic achievements and participation in extra-curricular programs.

The South High girls fencing team won their fifth-consecutive Nassau County Championship last Friday. Congratulations to Coach Catie Sagevick and all the female athletes on their impressive season. Additionally, the South High boys fencing team, led by Coach Joshua Baravarian, was runner-up at the Boys County Fencing tournament.

Congratulations to our boys' varsity basketball teams at BOTH North High and South High who are heading into the postseason. Both teams will host the first game of the postseason in their respective schools on Friday.

**D. Preparing for the Annual Budget-Presentation**

**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;

<b>Name of Donor Scholarship</b>	<b>Name of Donor</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Jenny Spielman Scholarship Fund	Jeffrey & Lisa Braun Glazer	\$360
Jenny Spielman Scholarship Fund	Susan & Paul Schulman	\$100
Jenny Spielman Scholarship Fund	Jack Gruber	\$100

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

Motion by Jeff Shi, second by Barbara Berkowitz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**B. Donation in Memory of Michael Zarin, former Board Trustee**

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;

<b>Name of Donor</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Renee Zarin	\$1,000

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

Motion by Jeff Shi, second by Barbara Berkowitz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

### **C. Inservice Institute Courses, Spring 2023**

WHEREAS, the Superintendent and her Inservice Institute designees, Jennifer Kirby and Kelly Newman, propose that the district-wide and/or intra-building courses described below be offered to District personnel as part of our ongoing staff development program;

#### **Course Titles/Descriptions # Hours**

##### **Navigating Challenging Issues in the Classroom 4 hours**

Well-constructed classrooms are a great space where young people learn to exchange perspectives with peers from diverse backgrounds, identify credible sources, and weigh evidence to inform their thinking. In this course, we will explore how to cultivate an environment of support, select authentic issues, prepare thoroughly and choose appropriate resources and pedagogy. This course will be offered with a combination of synchronous and asynchronous instruction.

##### **Educating Educators About the Dangers of Alcohol and Substance Use 4 hours**

This inservice course will provide educators with an opportunity to learn the newest trends, information and statistics, surrounding drug experimentation, use, misuse, and abuse. The instructor will provide lessons, activities, and strategies that will can be used with students in developmentally appropriate manner at all grade levels.

##### **Understanding How Forgiveness Can Improve Your Body, Mind and Classroom 4 hours**

Learning, relationships, family, and other factors can all be impacted by forgiveness. Can holding on to anger or resentment have a negative impact on our well being? This workshop will help to understand and recognize the importance of forgiveness in our lives. Strategies and materials will be explored that can be utilize at all grade levels and content areas.

##### **Benefits of Sleep for the Brain and Body 4 hours**

Are our students getting enough sleep? Is lack of sleep affecting our students' development and ability to learn? This course will dive into the importance and benefits of sleep, consequences of sleep deprivation, the cycle of sleep, sleep disorders, and research-based effective sleep routines. By the end of this course, participants will be able to reflect professionally and personally on how sleep affects learning, development, communication, and overall success.

##### **Differentiation Within Balanced Literacy Instruction 9 hours**

This class will focus on the different small group "menu" options that can be utilized during balanced literacy instruction. We will explore guided reading, strategy groups, book clubs and different types of conferences, including student led conferences. In addition, participants will how to use information from benchmarking to create goals and questioning during lessons. Lastly, participants will learn about useful ways to weave technology into lesson to better reach struggling learners as well as the importance of book choice and graphic organizers.

##### **How Do Nutrition and Movement Affect Learning 4 hours**

The phrase "mind-body connection" has become very popular in recent years. What does this really mean? How does the food we put in our body positively or negatively affect our learning? Does movement have an impact on how well we learn? This course will dive into the research that supports nutrition and movement, and how we can apply strategies to better our classroom learning for our students. Some topics include but are not limited to: nutrition education, district wellness policies, application to personal and professional lives, physical movement, brain breaks, and parent communication and involvement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves these Spring 2023 Inservice Institute courses.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Barbara Berkowitz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**D. Office Staff Association Agreement**

BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the negotiated agreement between the Great Neck Public Schools and the Office Staff Association effective July 1,2023 through June 30, 2024;

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 agreement 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. Memorandum of Agreement, Association of Supervisors and Administrators of the Great Neck Educational Staff**

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Barbara Berkowitz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**F. Policy 2410 (Revised) Appointed Board of Education Officers Adoption (One Reading)**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has hereby reviewed Policy 2410 (Revised) Appointed Board of Education Officers for one reading and adoption, in accordance with Policy 2400 Board Policy Development.

Motion by Rebecca Sassouni, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**G. Policy 5110 (Revision) School Attendance Areas (Second Reading)**

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

Motion by Rebecca Sassouni, 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 (Second Reading)**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has hereby reviewed Policy 5140 (Deletion) New Student Eligibility for a second 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

**I. Policy 5150 (Revision) School Admissions (Second Reading)**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has hereby reviewed Policy 5150 (Revision) School Admissions for a second 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

**J. Policy 6010 (New) Fiscal Controls (Second Reading)**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has hereby reviewed Policy 6010 (New) Fiscal Controls for a second 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 (Second Reading)**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has hereby reviewed Policy 6640 (Revision) Asset Accounting and Inventory 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, Barbara Berkowitz, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

**L. Policy 6670 (Revision) Petty Cash Funds (Second Reading)**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has hereby reviewed Policy 6670 (Revision) Petty Cash Funds for a second 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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has hereby reviewed Policy 6800 (New) Payroll Procedures for a second reading, in accordance with Policy 2400 Board Policy Development.

Motion by Rebecca Sassouni, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**N. Policies 6150, 6410, and 6710 Adoption (Third Reading)**

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

- Policy 6150 (Revised) Budget Transfers
- Policy 6410 (Revised) Authorization For Single Signature Checks
- Policy 6710 (Deletion) Formal Contracts

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**O. Amendment to agenda to include Item 6. P Discipline of an Employee**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education amend the agenda to include Item 6. P Discipline of a particular employee.

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**P. Discipline of a Particular Employee**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education direct a certain employee known to the Board of Education to report for an examination pursuant to Education Law 913 at a time and place to be arranged by the Superintendent of Schools or designee.

Motion by Rebecca Sassouni, second by Donna Peirez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**Q. Amendment to agenda to include Item 6. R Suspension Appeal**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education amend the agenda to include Item 6.R Suspension Appeal.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Donna Peirez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**R. Suspension Appeal**

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon reviewing the appeal of a student discipline matter, the Board of Education affirms the decision of the Superintendent in all respects, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk shall notify the parents, in writing, of the Board's determination.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Donna Peirez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

## **7. Facilities Matters**

### **A. Public Use of District Facilities**

ORGANIZATION	LOCATION	DAY	DATE	START TIME	END TIME	PURPOSE	FEE	CLASS
DQDS Dance Academy	Auditorium South High	Saturday	06/24/2023	4:00 PM	8:00 PM	Dance Recital	\$2,750.00	4
Positive Coaching Alliance	Auditorium North	Friday	03/24/2023	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Conference	Waived	1
Great Neck South Class of 1983	Building Tour South High	Sunday	06/25/2023	10:00 AM	1:00 PM	40th Reunion	Waived	1

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### **Finance and Operations**

#### **A. 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 December 2022 claims audit report, 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

#### **B. Treasurer's Report to the Board of Education**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the Treasurer's report, including bank reconciliation, collateralization report, budget and revenue status report, quarterly ECAF reports and budget transfers, as presented for December 2022.

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

#### **C. Acceptance of Report to the Board of Education; Review of Technology 2021-2022, and approval of Corrective Action Plan**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the report titled, Review of Information Technology: Inventory, Access Permissions, & Protection of Personal, Private and Sensitive Information (PPSI) on Mobile Computing Devices 2021-2022, as prepared by Cerini & Associates, LLP, and

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



Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**D. Payment of Fees to Counsel (Ingerman Smith)**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the payment of \$31,975.47 for December, 2022 as per the invoice submitted by district counsel, Ingerman Smith, LLC, for professional services rendered.

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**E. Payment of Fees to Counsel (Sokoloff & Stern)**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the payment of \$7,992 for November 2022 through mid-January 2023 as per the invoices submitted by Sokoloff Stern, LLC, for professional services rendered.

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**F. Bid Award to IJZ Associates for Elevator Reconstruction at North High School**

WHEREAS, the Great Neck School District (the “School District”) requested sealed bids for the project entitled “Elevator Reconstruction at North High School, SED No. 28-04-07-03-0-012-026”;

WHEREAS, the District received and opened bid proposals for the provision of labor and materials for Base Bid No. 1 – Single Prime GC to IJZ Associates Inc;

WHEREAS, the School District’s Architect reviewed and evaluated said bid proposals; and

WHEREAS, based upon said review and evaluation of the submitted bid proposals by the Architect and Construction Management; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the District Administration, the Board of Education awards Base Bid No. 1 – Single Prime GC as the lowest responsible bidder, for a contract amount of \$268,570.00 for Base Bid No. 1, plus add Alternate No. 1 in the amount of \$27,455.00 and add Alternate No. 2 in the amount of \$48,750.00 for a total contract amount of \$344,775.00.

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 contract on behalf of the Board of Education.

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**G. Bid Award to Patriot Organization for Reconstruction of Toilet Room and Gym Ceiling at Saddle Rock Elementary School**

WHEREAS, the Great Neck School District (the “School District”) requested sealed bids for the project entitled “Saddle Rock Toilet Room and Gym Ceiling Reconstruction, SED No. 28-04-07-03-0015-028”;

WHEREAS, the District received and opened bid proposals for the provision of labor and materials for Base Bid No. 3 – Single Prime GC (combined Base Bids 1&2) to Patriot Organization;

WHEREAS, the School District’s Architect reviewed and evaluated said bid proposals; and  
WHEREAS, based upon said review and evaluation of the submitted bid proposals by the Architect and Construction Management; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the District Administration, the Board of Education awards Base Bid No. 3 – Single Prime GC as the lowest responsible bidder, for a contract amount of \$710,000 for Base Bid No. 3, plus add Alternate No. 1 in the amount of \$67,000 for a total contract amount of \$777,000.

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 contract on behalf of the Board of Education.

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**H. Bid Award to Arrow Steel Window Corporation for Window Replacements at Grace Avenue Social Center**

WHEREAS, the Great Neck School District (the “School District”) requested sealed bids for the project entitled “Window Replacements at Grace Avenue Social Center, SED No. 28-04-07-03-7-040-019;”

WHEREAS, the District received and opened bid proposals for the provision of labor and materials for Base Bid No. 1 – Window Replacement to Arrow Steel Window Corporation;

WHEREAS, the School District’s Architect reviewed and evaluated said bid proposals; and

WHEREAS, based upon said review and evaluation of the submitted bid proposals by the Architect and Construction Management; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the District Administration, the Board of Education awards Base Bid No. 1 – Window Replacement as the lowest responsible bidder, for a contract amount of \$657,000 for Base Bid No. 1, for a total contract amount of \$657,000.

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 contract on behalf of the Board of Education.

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**I. Change Order #1: PB Contracting Corp., North Middle School**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Change Order No. 1, Ceiling and Roof Replacement at North Middle School in the amount of \$17,335.10 by PB Contracting Corp.;

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 PB Contracting Corp. in the amount of \$17,335.10.

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**J. License and Operating Agreement**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an agreement with Adventures in Learning to offer after-school enrichment program to students at John F. Kennedy School for the balance of the 2022-2023 school year;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes its President to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said agreement with Adventures in Learning Agreement 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. Contract(s) Health and Welfare Services**

WHEREAS, New York State law requires that public school districts provide health and welfare services to non-public schools located within their district;

WHEREAS, the public school may bill each student's district of residence for a portion of 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:

-Mineola UFSD

-Uniondale UFSD

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the above contract(s)

for health and welfare services rendered to student(s) of Great Neck who attend a non-public school in other districts for the 2022-2023 school year, and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said contract(s) on behalf of the Board of Education.

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**L. 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 following contract(s) for tuition:

-Mineola Union Free 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. Great Neck UFSD shall be entitled to bill the New York state Non-Resident Tuition Rate as determined by the New York State Education Department for the 2022-23 school year.

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

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, 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):

- Anderson Center for Autism
- Center for Developmental Disabilities
- Developmental Disabilities Institute
- Eden II Programs
- Hagedorn Little Village School
- Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf
- New York Institute for Special Education
- Summit School, Jamaica Estates
- Summit School, Nyack
- United Cerebral Palsy Association

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 2021-2023, and further

authorizes the President of the Board of education to execute said contract(s) on behalf of the Board of Education.

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**N. 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:

-Interdisciplinary Center for Child Development

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 2021-2023, and further authorizes the President of the Board of education to execute said contract(s) on behalf of the Board of Education.

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**O. 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;

Vendor	Purpose	Location	Start Date	End Date	Amount
American Youth Table Tennis Organization	Student Table Tennis Instruction	SHS	2/7/2023	5/23/2023	\$267/hr
CANVA	Education access for all students & teachers	District-wide	11/1/2022		No Cost
Emergency Response Technologies	Emergency Oxygen Inhalators	Phipps	12/1/2022	6/30/2023	\$3,300
Gentry, Theresa	Nursing Services	School out of district	12/8/2022	6/30/2023	\$65/hr
Herff Jones	School Yearbook	NMS	6/1/2024		Student Funded
Holocaust Memorial & Tolerance Center	Presentation	SHS	1/12/2023	6/30/2023	\$200
Inn at New Hyde Park	Junior Event	NHS	5/18/2023	5/18/2023	Student Funded
Island Photography	Graduate photos	NHS	6/22/2023	6/22/2023	Student Funded
JDL Socratic Solutions^	Professional Development -6 sessions	District-wide	2/15/2023	6/30/2023	\$1500/session

Lifetouch	Individual Photos/Yearbook	NHS	7/1/2023	6/22/2024	Student Funded
Right To Be	Presentation	SHS	1/12/2023	6/30/2023	Student Funded
Sara Schenirer Institute	Student Teacher/Observer	District-wide	9/1/2022	6/30/2023	No Cost
Singer, Andrew	Musician/Accompanist	NMS	3/12/2023	3/23/2023	\$25/hr
Touro University	Student Teacher/Observer	District-wide	1/1/2023	6/30/2023	No Cost
Transfinder	Software migration to Routefinder Plus	District-wide	1/31/2023	6/30/2023	\$16,500
Wireless Sounds	Audio system for school play	NMS	3/17/2023	3/25/2023	Student Funded

^Subject to final review by Counsel of written agreement.

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 Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**P. Inter-Municipal Agreement with Nassau BOCES**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the district to enter into an inter-municipal cooperative agreement, along with other participating school districts, with Nassau BOCES, pursuant to New York GML Section 119-o for the purpose of seeking proposals for academic tutoring services, related services and skilled nurse staffing services.

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 inter-municipal agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

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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 inter-municipal agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**Q. Data Privacy Agreements**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves of the following Confidentiality and Data Security and Privacy Standards Agreements.

-Formative

-Ursor Limited

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 agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**R. BidNet Direct Service Agreement**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the terms and conditions of the Service Agreement between the Great Neck Union Free School District and BidNet Direct, and authorizes the District to join the Empire State Purchasing Group and;

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

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**S. New York Cooperative Bid Maintenance Program**

WHEREAS, the District wishes to continue participating in the New York Cooperative Bid Maintenance Program offered by Educational Data Services, Inc., (Ed-Data) to procure supplies, equipment, and services at substantial savings;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the District is authorized to enter into an agreement with Educational Data Services, Inc., for the 2023-24 school year;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes its President to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said agreement with Educational Data Services, Inc. on behalf of the Board of Education.

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**T. 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 the Town of Huntington, "General Construction Requirements Contract" (No. ES 2022-04/O-E), and "Irrigation Equipment Supplies and Accessories for Golf Courses and Sports Fields" (No. TOH 22-06-020), for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**U. Contract Award: Coach Bus Transportation**

WHEREAS, the School District requested sealed bids for Coach Bus Services for Athletic Trips, Field Trips & Other Events;

WHEREAS, one bid was received and opened on February 3, from Regency Transportation Ltd.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the District Administration, the Board of Education awards the contract for Coach Bus Services for Athletic Trips, Field Trips & Other Events to Regency Transportation Ltd. in accordance with the bid it submitted;

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 contract between the School District and Regency Transportation Ltd. on behalf of the Board of Education.

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**V. Disposal of District Property**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves of the disposal of 28 copy machines and other miscellaneous equipment items that are obsolete and/or no longer usable by the District, in accordance with Policy 6900 – Disposal of District Property.

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**W. Bid Rejection: Ceilings, Lighting, and Fascia Reconstruction at Clover Drive Adult Center**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, in accordance with section 103 of Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law, invited sealed bids for Ceilings, Lighting, and Fascia Reconstruction at the Clover Drive Adult Center, and these bids were opened publicly at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, February 10;

WHEREAS, the best interests of the school district will be served by rejecting all of the bids that were received, and re-bidding this project; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby rejects the bids that were received for Ceilings, Lighting, and Fascia Reconstruction at the Clover Drive Adult Center.

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

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

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 Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**10. 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)**

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

**11. 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 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. Leaves(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)**

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

**12. Open Time**

**A. Open Time**

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

**13. Board Discussion**

**A. Board Discussion**

Barbara Berkowitz, Rebecca Sassouni, and Jeff Shi made comments.

## **14. Adjournment**

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

<b>Day*</b>	<b>Date*</b>	<b>Meeting Type</b>	<b>Time*</b>	<b>Location*</b>
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 9:53pm motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Jeff Shi, second by Donna Peirez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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



Patricia McShane-Connolly

District Clerk