

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

*Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 7:30pm*

Great Neck South High 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 (arrived 5:50pm)

### **ALSO PRESENT**

Dr. Teresa Prendergast, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. John O’Keefe, Assistant, Superintendent-Business  
Dr. Stephen Lando, Assistant, Superintendent-Secondary  
Dr. Joseph Hickey, Assistant, Superintendent for Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services  
Ms. Kelly Newman, Assistant Superintendent-Elementary  
Ms. Jennifer Kirby, Director of Human Resources  
Ms. Carrie Anne Tondo, 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 South High School’s General Purpose Room.

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

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

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

At 7:41 pm, 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 at Student Recognition: 242

In-Person Public Session: 100

YouTube Viewers: 62

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

#### **A. Approval of Minutes from March 8, 2023 and March 17, 2023.**

Motion to approve the Minutes from March 8, 2023 and March 17, 2023, as presented.

Motion by Donna Peirez, 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**

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, South High School**

##### **B. Superintendent's Report**

**Vals & Sals:** North High and South High recently announced the Valedictorians and Salutatorians for the Class of 2023.

**LISEF High School:** 12 science research students from North High and South High received awards at the 2023 Long Island Science and Engineering Fair (LISEF), held on March 7. GNPS projects won 2 first-place awards, 1 second-place award, 1 third-place award, and 5 honorable mentions

**LISEF Middle School:** 23 students representing North Middle and South Middle shared their impressive research at the 2023 LISEF Middle School Science Fair. Great Neck students received 8 of the 21 awards presented at this year's fair

**Middle School Science Olympiads:** A team from South Middle School won the Western Long Island Regional Middle School Science Olympiad on March 11 and will advance to the state competition next month.

**South High Published Research:** South High senior Richard Zhuang had his science research published in the *Journal of Emerging Investigators*, a peer-reviewed journal for advanced high school projects.

**Brain Bee Winner:** South High sophomore Erin Wong is the winner of the fifth-annual Long Island Brain Bee, hosted by the Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell on March 4.

**Robotics:** Rebel Robotics won prestigious team and individual awards at last week's regional competition at Hofstra University, and they will advance to the FIRST World Championship in Houston, TX in April. Rebel Robotics was awarded the Engineering Inspiration Award, which automatically qualifies the team to advance to the World Championships, with the \$5,000 entrance fee paid for by NASA. The team also received the Excellence in Engineering Award, for an impressively engineered device on their robot.

**LI Spelling Bee Winner:** Congratulations to North Middle School sixth-grader Brian Liu, winner of the ScholarSkills Long Island Spelling Bee! Brian had previously won the North Middle School spelling bee in January and earned the top score on a regional vocabulary exam in February before being crowned the 2023 ScholarSkills Long Island Spelling Bee Champion

**Athletic Leadership Conference:** Last week, North High School hosted the 2023 Nassau County High School Principals' Association Athletic Leadership Conference.

**DECA:** A total of 162 students from North and South High Schools traveled to Rochester for the New York DECA State Career Conference. 60 students -- 30 from North High and 30 from South High -- earned top scores at the States and will advance to the National Competition in Orlando in April.

**Middle School Musicals:** Last week, our middle school theatre companies presented the musicals "Newsies" and "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

**High School Performances:** Coming up this week, the North High Junior Players will present their spring drama, "The Bold, The Young, and the Murdered" from Thursday through Saturday, and South High will perform their opera, "The Marriage of Figaro" on Friday and Saturday.

**Retirement of Kelly Newman:** Ms. Newman, our assistant superintendent for elementary Education has announced her decision to retire effective August 31. Kelly has admirably served the Great Neck Public Schools community for over sixteen years and I know you will join me in wishing her many years of good health and happiness in her retirement.

### C. Budget Presentation #2

#### 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;

Name of Donor Scholarship	Name of Donor	Amount
Bonnie Mamiye Memorial Fund	Lance Greiff	\$50
Bonnie Mamiye Memorial Fund	Ruth Kapiloff	\$300
Bonnie Mamiye Memorial Fund	Ellen Shinberg	\$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. 2023-2024 Board of Education Meetings

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby adopts the 2023-2024 Schedule of 2023-2024 Board of Education Meetings, as attached.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

##### C. Appointment of Director of Registrar and Chief Election Inspectors for Special District Meeting of May 16, 2023

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints:

- Theresa Murtagh as Director of Registrar/Chief Election Inspector for Election District #1;
- Susan Garfinkel as Chief Election Inspector for Election District #2;
- Anne Hartel as Chief Election Inspector for Election District #3; and
- Rosemarie Cacioppo as Chief Election Inspector for Election District #4

for the Annual District Election to be held on May 16, 2023.

Motion by Jeff Shi, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

#### **D. Establishment of Board of Registration**

WHEREAS, for the purposes of the annual district election and vote to be held on May 16, 2023, the Board shall appoint the following members as the Board of Registration as set forth below, together with the election districts in which they are to serve:

- E.M. Baker, District # 1: Berenise Roggendorf
- South High, District # 2: Ellen Shabi
- Saddle Rock, District #3: Anna Maria Reda
- Lakeville, District #4: Rosemarie Cacioppo

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints the above members as the District's Board of Registration for the annual district election to be held on May 16, 2023;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Registration shall meet during the annual district election for the purpose of preparing a register of the qualified voters of this district for subsequent district elections, at which time any person shall be entitled to have their name placed upon such register provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration, they are known, or proven to the satisfaction of the Board of Registration, to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at subsequent annual district election for which such register is prepared. The District Clerk will attend on said day with the members of the Board of Registration.

Motion by Jeff Shi, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

#### **E. Disposal of District Property**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves of the disposal of one copy machine that is obsolete and/or no longer usable by the District, in accordance with Policy 6900 – Disposal of District Property.

Motion by Jeff Shi, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**F. Policy 6640 (Revision) Fixed Asset Accounting and Inventory (One Reading and Adoption)**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby adopts revised Policy 6640 Fixed Asset Accounting and Inventory 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, Barbara Berkowitz, Donna Peirez, Grant Toch

**G. Policy 0150 AIDS (Deletion) AIDS (HIV Infection) (First Reading)**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has hereby reviewed proposed deletion of Policy 0150 AIDS (HIV Infection) 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

**H. Policy 5154 (Revision) Assignment of Students to Classes Grades K - 5 (Second Reading)**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has hereby reviewed Policy 5154 Assignment of Students to Classes Grades K - 5 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

**I. Policy 6420 (Revision) Electronic/Online Banking (Second Reading)**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has hereby reviewed Policy 6420 Electronic/Online Banking 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

**J. Policy 6600 (Revision) – Fiscal Accounting and Reporting (Second Reading)**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has hereby reviewed Policy 6600 Fiscal Accounting 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 6830 (Revision) Conference Expense Reimbursement (Second Reading)**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has hereby reviewed Policy 6830 Conference Expense Reimbursement 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 6830R (Deletion) Conference Expense Reimbursement Regulation (Second Reading)**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has hereby reviewed proposed deletion of Policy 6830-R Conference Expense Reimbursement Regulations 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

**M. Policy 6900 (Revision) – Disposal of District Property (Second Reading)**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has hereby reviewed Policy 6900 Disposal of District Property 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

**7. 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.

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**2022-2023**

Organization	Location	Day	Date	Start Time	End Time	Purpose	Fee	Class
Great Neck Park	Pool	Various	04/12/2023-04/13/2023	9:00 AM	4:00 PM	Swim Lessons	Waived	1
District	North Middle		04/22/2023-04/23/2023					
			05/06/2023-05/07/2023					
Great Neck Park	Gym	Various	04/05/2023-04/07/2023	12:00 PM	3:00 PM	Day Camp	Waived	1
District	North Middle		04/10/2023-04/14/2023					

**2023-2024**

Organization	Location	Day	Date	Start Time	End Time	Purpose	Fee	Class
Long Island Field	Parkwood Field	Saturday	09/09/2023	9:00 AM	1:00 PM	Joan Grunebaum Tournament	\$440.00	2
Hockey Association	North Middle							

## **8. Finance and Operations**

### **A. Acceptance of Report to the Board of Education; Federal Single Audit Report, as of June 30, 2022**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the Federal Single Audit Report, as on June 30, 2022, as prepared by Cullen & Danowski, LLP.

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

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 February 2023 claims audit report, as presented.

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

### **C. Treasurer's Reports 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; and budget transfers, as presented for February 2023.

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

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 \$28,900.30 for February 2023 as per the invoice submitted by district counsel, Ingerman Smith, LLC, for professional services rendered.

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

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 \$7,876.37 for services rendered from January through February as per the invoices submitted by Sokoloff Stern, LLC, for professional services rendered.

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

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 and 2023-2024 school years 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.

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Vendor	Purpose	Location	Start Date	End Date	Amount	School Year
American Youth Table Tennis^	Student Table Tennis	SHS	02/07/23	06/30/23	As per contract agreement	2022-2023
Celebrations Event & Party Rentals	Chair Rental for Graduation	NMS	06/16/23	06/26/23	As per contract agreement	2022-2023
FJC/Hidden Sparks	Professional Development	NSHA-North Shore Hebrew Academy	03/01/23	08/31/23	As per contract agreement	2022-2023
Grand Canyon University	Student Teacher/Observer/Intern	District-wide	09/01/23	06/30/24	No Cost	2023-2024
Great Neck Community School	UPK Collaborative Agency	Great Neck Community School	08/31/22	06/23/23	As per contract agreement	2022-2023
Holocaust Memorial & Tolerance Center of Nassau County, Inc.	Presentation	SMS	03/13/23	03/16/23	As per contract agreement	2022-2023
Nassau Kings Wheelchair Basketball	Adaptive Sports Presentation	SHS	01/12/23	06/30/23	No cost	2022-2023



Seneca Consulting Group, Inc.	Affordable Care Act Administration & Consulting	District-wide	07/01/23	06/30/24	As per contract agreement	2023-2024
SUNY Cortland	Student Teacher/Observer/Intern	District-wide	09/01/23	06/30/24	No cost	2023-2024
SUNY Cortland	Student Teacher/Observer/Intern	District-wide	09/01/23	06/30/24	No cost	2023-2024
SUNY Old Westbury	Student Teacher/Observer/Intern	District-wide	09/01/23	06/30/24	No cost	2023-2024
St John's University	Student Teacher/Observer/Intern	District-wide	09/01/23	06/30/24	No cost	2023-2024
Touro University	Student Teacher/Observer/Intern	District-wide	09/01/23	06/30/24	No cost	2023-2024
Western Governors University	Student Teacher/Observer/Intern	District-wide	09/01/23	06/30/24	No cost	2023-2024

^Amended end date to 6/30/2023-previously approved on 2/15/23.

### **G. Approval of Budget Transfers \$50,000 or Greater**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve budget transfers of \$50,000 or greater:

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

### **H. Change Order #1: Arrow Steel Window Corp., South High School**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Change Order No. 1, Window Replacements - Phase II at South High School in the amount of \$185,279.00 by Arrow Steel Window 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 No. 1 with Arrow Steel Window Corp. in the amount of \$185,279.00.

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

### **I. Change Order #1: Arrow Steel Window Corp., South Middle School**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Change Order No. 1, Window Replacements - Phase II at South Middle School in the amount of \$108,000.00 by Arrow Steel Window 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 No. 1 with Arrow Steel Window Corp. in the amount of \$108,000.00.

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**J. Change Order #1: Aventura Construction Corporation, Village School (Deduct)**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Change Order No. 1, ADA Ramp and Walkways at Village School in the amount of (\$6,540.00) by Aventura Construction Corporation;

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 No. 1 with Aventura Construction Corporation in the amount of (\$6,540.00).

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**K. Change Order #1: Pioneer Landscaping & Asphalt Paving, Phipps Administration Building & South Middle School**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Change Order No. 1, Site Improvements at Phipps Administration Building & South Middle School in the amount of \$22,805.00 by Pioneer Landscaping & Asphalt Paving;

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 No. 1 with Pioneer Landscaping & Asphalt Paving in the amount of \$22,805.00.

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**L. Change Order #2: Pioneer Landscaping & Asphalt Paving, Phipps Administration Building & South Middle School (Deduct)**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Change Order No. 2, Site Improvements at Phipps Administration Building & South Middle School in the amount of (\$7,479.00) by Pioneer Landscaping & Asphalt Paving;

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 No. 2 with Pioneer Landscaping & Asphalt Paving in the amount of (\$7,479.00).

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**M. Change Order #3: Relle Electric, E.M. Baker School**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Change Order No. 3, Additions and Alterations at E.M. Baker School in the amount of \$12,803.17 by Relle Electric;

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 No. 3 with Relle Electric in the amount of \$12,803.17.

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**N. Change Order #4: Relle Electric, E.M. Baker School**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Change Order No. 4, Additions and Alterations at E.M. Baker School in the amount of \$4,819.45 by Relle Electric;

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 No. 4 with Relle Electric in the amount of \$4,819.45.

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**O. CSE Contract 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):

-Kidz Therapy Services

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

**P. CSE Contracts Tuition 23-24**

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 2023-2024 school year:

- Birch Family Services
- Quality Services for the Autism Community
- The Lowell School
- The Summit School
- United Cerebral Palsy Association of Nassau County

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 Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**Q. CSE Contract 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 contract(s) with the consultants/agencies noted below, for service to be rendered as needed during the 2022-2023 school year:

- EI US, LLC dba LearnWell (Conditional Approval)
- The Children's Learning Center

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 Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**R. Settlement Agreement and General Release (Case no. 22-cv-00966)**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized to execute a Settlement Agreement and General Release resolving certain litigation in the Federal District Court under Case no. 22-cv-00966.

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**S. Settlement Agreement**

BE IT RESOLVED that the President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to execute an Agreement and Release involving parents made known to the Board of Education, which Agreement and Release have been executed by such parents on February 10, 2023.

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**T. Bid Award for Capital Projects at Clover Drive**

WHEREAS, the Great Neck School District (the "District") requested sealed bids for the project entitled "Ceiling, Lighting, and Fascia Reconstruction at Clover Drive Adult Learning Center," SED No. 28-04-07-03-0-005-012 (the "Project");

WHEREAS, the District received and opened bid proposals for the provision of labor and materials for a Single Prime General Contractor (Base Bid 1) and Replacement of Ceiling and Lighting in South Corridor (Alternate 1);

WHEREAS, the District's Architect and Construction Manager reviewed and evaluated said bid proposals;

WHEREAS, based upon said review and evaluation of the submitted bid proposals by the Architect and Construction Manager, the District Administration recommends that the Board of Education award Base Bid 1 and Alternate 1 to Ashlar Contracting, LLC as the lowest responsible bidder;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education awards Base Bid 1 and Alternate 1 to Ashlar Contracting, LLC, as the lowest responsible bidder, for a total contract amount of \$302,400; and

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 District and Ashlar Contracting, LLC 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

**U. Bid Award for Electrical Work on Fire Alarm Systems**

WHEREAS, the School District requested sealed bids for Electrical Work for Fire Alarm Systems;

WHEREAS, one bid was received and opened on March 3, from Cooper Power & Lighting Corp.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the District Administration, the Board of Education awards the contract for Electrical Work for Fire Alarm Systems to Cooper Power & Lighting Corp. in accordance with the bid it submitted; and

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 Cooper Power & Lighting Corp. 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. Bid Award for Window Glazing, Tinting, and Glass Replacement - Renewal**

WHEREAS, A & J Construction of NY, Inc. was the successful bidder in accordance with the specifications of the March 10, 2021 bid at the meeting of the Board of Education held on April 13, 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 A & J Construction of NY, Inc. for the period of April 8, 2023 through June 30, 2023, at the rates indicated in the vendor's original bid submission.

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**W. 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 a competitively solicited contract through the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District, "Hardcover/Paperback Books" (No. 23-103), for the remainder of 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

**X. SEQRA for Capital Projects**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Great Neck Union Free School District desires to embark upon the following capital improvements listed in Appendix A at the District's facilities (hereinafter the "Projects"); and

WHEREAS, said capital improvements are subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education adopted resolutions declaring itself lead agency with regard to the Projects and determined that the Projects would have no significant impact on the environment;

WHEREAS, maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(1)); and

WHEREAS, replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or a facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(2)); and

WHEREAS, routine activities of educational institutions, including expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area and school closings, but not changes in use related to such closings (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(10));

WHEREAS, the SEQR Regulations declare Type II Actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under SEQR; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, as the only involved agency, has examined all information related to the capital improvement projects and has determined that the Projects are classified as Type II Actions pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(1),(2) and (10) of the SEQR Regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby declares itself lead agency in connection with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby declares that the Projects are Type II Actions, which require no further review under SEQR; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby shall forward an official copy of this Resolution to the New York State Education Department together with a copy of the correspondence from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

in connection with its request for approval of the listed project from the New York State Education Department.

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 and 2023-2024 school years 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 Donna Peirez.

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 and 2023-2024 school years 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 Donna Peirez.

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 Donna Peirez.

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 Donna Peirez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**C. 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 Donna Peirez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

**D. 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 Donna Peirez.

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 Jeff Shi, 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 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. 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. Changes(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 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.

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**

Grant Toch, Donna Peirez, Jeff Shi, Barbara Berkowitz, and Rebecca Sassouni made comments.

**14. Adjournment**

**A. Next Meeting(s)**

<b>Day*</b>	<b>Date*</b>	<b>Meeting Type</b>	<b>Time*</b>	<b>Location*</b>
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
<b>*Dates/Times/Locations may be subject to change</b>				

**B. Adjourn the Meeting**

At 10:23 pm motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Barbara Berkowitz, second by Donna Peirez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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



Patricia McShane-Connolly  
District Clerk