

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at 6:45pm

South Middle School (livestreamed to YouTube)

PRESENT

Ms. Rebecca Sassouni, President

Mr. Jeffrey Shi, Vice President (arrived 5:37pm)

Ms. Barbara Berkowitz, Trustee (left 8:30pm)

Ms. Donna Peirez, Trustee

Mr. Grant Toch, Trustee (arrived 5:43pm)

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Teresa Prendergast, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. John O'Keefe, Assistant Superintendent-Business

Dr. Joseph Hickey, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services

Mr. Steve Lando, Assistant Superintendent-

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 5:10pm in the EM Baker School's Library.

Motion by Ms. Sassouni and approved by unanimous consent, the Board entered Executive Session to discuss bargaining negotiations, employment history of a particular person, property and advice of counsel.

2. Enter Public Meeting

A. Enter Public Session

At 7:06 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 UPTC: 23

In-Person Visitors at Tenure Recognition: 134

In-Person Public Session: 7

YouTube Viewers: 63

3. UPTC Reports

A. UPTC Reports

Recognition of Superintendent, Dr. Teresa Prendergast's retirement

4. Recognition of Candidates for Tenure

A. candidates for Tenure (Elementary and High Schools)

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools recommends to the Board of Education that the following employees be appointed to tenure, as detailed in the Personnel Section of tonight’s agenda;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the candidates below for tenure.

School	Employee	Tenure Area
South High Administration	Adam Hopkins	High School Assistant Principal
E.M.Baker	Courtney Masone-Kyriakou	Remedial Reading
	Kathleen Murtagh	Elementary
J.F.Kennedy	Amanda Paljevic	Education of Speech & Hearing Handicapped Children
	Jill Skolnik	Elementary
	Janice Thomas	Elementary
Lakeville	Jessica Thompson	General Special Education
Saddle Rock	Christine Sammy	General Special Education
North High	Randi Albertelli	Mathematics
	Jordan Barbach	Science
	Lindsay Barrera	Home Economics - General
	Carmelo Carbone	General Special Education
	Alison Eckert	English as a Second Language
	Sarah Ketcham	English
	Alison Widawsky	Science
South High	Tamara Fernandez	General Special Education
	Ryan Fox	Mathematics
	Jennifer Koo	Social Studies

Motion by Jeff Shi, second by Barbara Berkowitz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

5. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes from May 3, 2023; May 15, 2023; May 16, 2023; May 18, 2023; May 23, 2023; May 24, 2023; and May 26, 2023

Motion to accept the minutes from May 3, 2023; May 15, 2023; May 16, 2023; May 18, 2023; May 23, 2023; May 24, 2023; and May 26, 2023, as presented.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

6. Communications

A. Acceptance of Communications Received

Motion to accept the Board of Education Communications as received.

Motion by Jeff Shi, second by Donna Peirez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

7. Superintendent's Report

A. Superintendent's Report

No Place for Hate: I'm pleased to share that all four of our secondary schools have been recognized as No Place for Hate Schools by the Anti-Defamation League.

Athletic Recognitions: The Great Neck District Girls Golf Team has won their third consecutive Long Island Championship and fourth consecutive Nassau County Championship.

The South High Girls Badminton team won the 2023 Nassau County team championship, the singles title, and the doubles title! This is the third-consecutive Nassau County Championship for the team.

Our district had several outstanding performances at the Nassau County Track & Field Championships.

The South High School Boys Tennis team is the only school to advance both a singles player and a doubles team to State Tournament.

NHS Aid to Our Troops Event: The Aid to Our Troops Club at North High School hosted its second annual Memorial Day event last week to recognize service men and women from the Great Neck community.

Lincoln Center: Seven talented musicians from Great Neck performed at Lincoln Center.

Governor's Youth Forum on Mental Health: Three student ambassadors from North High School attended the Governor's Youth Forum on Mental Health last month

Scripps Spelling Bee: I know the entire Great Neck community joins me in congratulating North Middle's spectacular speller Brian Liu, who competed at the Scripps Spelling Bee in Washington DC. Brian made it through to the semi-final round of competition.

2023-24 School Budget: I'd like to thank the school community for their overwhelming support of the 2023-24 school budget. The types of accomplishments that I'm honored to share during my reports at Board meetings are the direct result of our outstanding academic and co-curricular programs, and the community's support of our budget ensures that our programs will continue to flourish.

8. 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.

Name of Donor Scholarship	Name of Donor	Amount
Bonnie Mamiye Scholarship	Rebecca Sassouni	\$36
Evan Grabelsky Scholarship Fund	Great Neck North ACE Program- Fundraiser	\$550
Randolph Ross Study Center Award	Randolph and Mary-Anne Ross	\$150
Shirin Shakir Scholarship Fund	Khadija Shakir	\$500
Fran Harman Award for Excellence in Performing Arts	Andrea Brovetto	\$380
Marjorie Urciuoli Award	Urciuoli Family Charitable Foundation	\$1,000
Joan Grunebaum Memorial Scholarship	Richard Grunebaum	\$250
Joan Grunebaum Memorial Scholarship	Arthur & Dorothy Grunebaum	\$500
Joan Grunebaum Memorial Scholarship	Susan Grunebaum	\$250

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

B. Rescind Monetary Donation, South High School (Regeneron)

WHEREAS, the Board of Education accepted a \$6,000 donation at the April 18, 2023 meeting from the Regeneron Science Talent Search School Award for three South High School students, who were named Regeneron STS Scholars;

WHEREAS, the Administration has determined this donation would better benefit the students if it were deposited in the South High School Science Research Club Extraclassroom Activity Account;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby rescinds the above donation to the Great Neck Public Schools and reverses the following budget code adjustments:

Expenditures:

-Budget Code: A2110-4500-041-3800

-Description: Instructional Supplies-Science Dept. at South High

-Amount: \$6,000

Revenues:

-Budget Code: A2705-096

-Description: Gifts and Donations, District

-Amount: \$6,000

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

C. Donation to South High School's Science Research Club

WHEREAS, the District received the following donation for South High School's Science Research Club:

-\$6,000 donation from the Regeneron Science Talent Search School Award for three South High School students, who were named Regeneron STS Scholars;

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.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

D. Donation to Lakeville Elementary School

WHEREAS, Minted, LLC would like to donate \$94.29 raised by Lakeville PTA's holiday cards and gifts fundraiser to Lakeville School;

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.

Expenditures:

-Budget Code: 2110-4500-009-000

-Description: Instructional Supplies--Lakeville Elementary School

-Amount: \$94.29

Revenues:

-Budget Code: A2705-096

-Description: Gifts and Donations-Lakeville Elementary School

-Amount: \$94.29

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

E. Amended Election Results

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Amended Report of Votes Cast on May 16, 2023 at the Annual Budget Vote and School Board Election.

Memorandum of the District Clerk, May 31, 2023 Amended Report of Votes Cast on May 16, 2023 at Annual Budget Vote and School Board Election											
Poll Site	Prop #1: Budget		Prop #2: Library		Seat of Rebecca Sassouni			Seat of Jeff Shi			
	YES	NO	YES	NO	Niloufar Tabari	Rebecca Sassouni	Write-In	Aili Zhang	Joanne Chan	Write-In	
#1 EM BAKER											
Machine Ballot Total:	1146	656	1016	761	924	1028	5	894	1021	7	
Affidavit Ballot Total:	1			1		1			1		
Absentee Ballot Total:	192	271	174	288	281	184		282	180		
DISTRICT #1 EM BAKER TOTAL:	1339	927	1190	1050	1205	1213	5	1176	1202	7	
#2 SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL											
Machine Ballot Total:	865	174	814	203	153	874	2	153	890	2	
Affidavit Ballot Total:	3			2		3			3		
Absentee Ballot Total:	130	29	126	32	36	123		37	117		
DISTRICT #2 SOUTH HIGH TOTAL:	998	203	942	235	189	1000	2	190	1010	2	
#3 SADDLE ROCK											
Machine Ballot Total:	714	706	603	789	909	600	1	870	596	9	
Affidavit Ballot Total:	2		1	1	2	1		2	1		
Absentee Ballot Total:	112	237	95	249	254	100	0	252	99	0	
DISTRICT #3 SADDLE ROCK TOTAL:	828	943	699	1039	1165	701	1	1124	696	9	
#4 LAKEVILLE											
Machine Ballot Total:	953	165	895	201	108	1007	0	107	1021	3	
Absentee Ballot Total:	88	23	86	26	21	92		25	87		
DISTRICT #4 LAKEVILLE TOTAL:	1041	188	981	227	129	1099	0	132	1108	3	
MACHINE BALLOT TOTALS:	3678	1701	3328	1954	2094	3509	8	2024	3528	21	
AFFIDAVIT BALLOT TOTALS:	6	0	3	2	2	5	0	2	5	0	
ABSENTEE BALLOT TOTALS:	522	560	481	595	592	499	0	596	483	0	
GRAND TOTALS:	4206	2261	3812	2551	2688	4013	8	2622	4016	21	
	Yes	NO	Yes	NO	Tabari	Sassouni	Write-In	Zhang	Chan	Write-In	
	Budget	Budget	Library	Library	Seat of R. Sassouni	Seat of J. Shi					

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia McShane

Patricia McShane, District Clerk

Motion by Jeff Shi, second by Donna Peirez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

F. Stipulation of Agreement, Association of Supervisors and Administrators of the Great Neck Educational Staff

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the terms and conditions of the Stipulation of Agreement effective May 31, 2023 between the Great Neck Union Free School District and Association of Supervisors and Administrators of the Great Neck Educational Staff;

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 Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

G. Collective Bargaining Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding, Great Neck Teachers Association

WHEREAS, the 2019-2023 labor agreement between the Board of Education of the Great Neck Union Free School District and the Great Neck Teachers Association will expire on June 30, 2023;

WHEREAS, representatives of the respective parties have engaged in negotiations for a

successor agreement to the expired labor agreement; and

WHEREAS, the representatives of the District and the Association reached an agreement that has been memorialized in a Memorandum of Agreement dated May 9, 2023, which has been reviewed by the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the representatives of the District and the Association amended the Memorandum of Agreement dated May 9, 2023 in a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 30, 2023, which has been reviewed by the Board of Education.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Great Neck Union Free School District herewith approves the Memorandum of Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding hereinabove referenced and authorizes the expenditure of funds necessary to implement said Memorandum of Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools are hereby authorized to execute the new collective bargaining agreement incorporating the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

Motion by Donna Peirez, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

H. Policy 7100 (New) – Facilities Planning (Second Reading)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has hereby reviewed Policy 7100 Facilities Planning for a second reading, in accordance with Policy 2400 Board Policy Development.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Rebecca Sassouni.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

I. Policy 8100 (Deletion) – Comprehensive Public School Safety Program (Second Reading)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has hereby reviewed proposed deletion of Policy 8100 Comprehensive Public School Safety Program for a second reading, in accordance with Policy 2400 Board Policy Development.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

J. Policy 8110 (New) – School Building Safety (Second Reading)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has hereby reviewed Policy 8100 School Building Safety for a second reading, in accordance with Policy 2400 Board Policy Development.

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Rebecca Sassouni.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

K. Policies 6020, 6212, and 6241 (Third Reading & Adoption)

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

-Policy 6020 Fund Balance and Reserve Funds

-Policy 6212 Fund Balance

-Policy 6241 Capital Reserve Funds

Motion by Rebecca Sassouni, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

9. 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 claim's 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 April 2023 claims audit report, as presented.

Motion by Donna Peirez, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

B. 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 April 2023.

Motion by Donna Peirez, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

C. Payment of Fees to Counsel (Ingerman Smith)

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the payment of \$26,942.47 for April 2023 as per the invoice submitted by district counsel, Ingerman Smith, LLC, for professional services rendered.

Motion by Donna Peirez, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

D. Payment of Fees to Counsel (Sokoloff Stern LLP)

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the payment of \$3,814.95 for services rendered from April to May as per the invoices submitted by Sokoloff Stern, LLC, for professional services rendered.

Motion by Donna Peirez, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

E. 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 & 2023-2024 school years;

- Island Photography
- J&I Consulting
- Fran Langsner
- Geraldyn Marasco
- Gold Coast Arts Center
- Hunter College
- SUNY Oneonta
- Zonar Systems

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 Donna Peirez, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

F. CSE Tuition Contract 2022-2023

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 for tuition for the 2022/2023 school year.

- Lavelle School for the Blind

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District to enter into agreement for classified student(s) who attend these approved private special education schools, and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said agreements on behalf of the Board of Education.

Motion by Donna Peirez, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

G. CSE Tuition Contracts 2023-2024

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;

- Brookville Center for Children’s Services
- Center for Developmental Disabilities

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, and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said agreements on behalf of the Board of Education.

Motion by Donna Peirez, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

H. CSE - Special Education Services (DOR-DOL)

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;

- East Williston UFSD

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District to enter into an agreement with the above listed school 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, and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said agreements on behalf of the Board of Education.

Motion by Donna Peirez, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

I. CSE - Special Education Services (Related Services)

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;

- Brookville Center for Children's Services
- Frontier Behave, LLC d/b/a Frontier Behavioral Services, LLC
- The Nicholas 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, 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 agreements on behalf of the Board of Education.

Motion by Donna Peirez, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

J. CSE - Instruction Contract 2023-2024

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

- Massapequa UFSD
- West Hempstead 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 2023 through June 2024, 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 2023-24 school year.

Motion by Donna Peirez, second by Donna Peirez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

K. CSE - Instructional and Tuition 2022-2023

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

- Carle Place UFSD
- Port Washington UFSD

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 Donna Peirez, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

L. CSE - 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;

- Nassau BOCES

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 Donna Peirez, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

M. CSE - Instructional and Tuition (SEDCAR) 2023-2024

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;

- Brookville for Children's Services
- Kidz First Evaluation Center Inc.
- Lavelle School for the Blind
- The Summit 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 2023-2024, and further authorizes the President of the Board of education to execute said contract(s) on behalf of the Board of Education.

Motion by Donna Peirez, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

N. CSE Health and Welfare Agreements 2022-2023 (resident students)

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;

- Garden City UFSD
- Hempstead UFSD
- Hicksville UFSD
- West Hempstead 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 for the 2022-

2023 school year who attend a non-public school in other districts, and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said contract(s) on behalf of the Board of Education.

Motion by Donna Peirez, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

O. CSE Health and Welfare Agreements 2022-2023 (non-residents)

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;

- East Williston UFSD
- Half Hollow Hills CSD
- Hewlett-Woodmere UFSD
- Lawrence UFSD
- Long Beach City School District
- Malverne UFSD
- Manhasset UFSD
- New York City DOE
- Oyster Bay-East Norwich CSD
- Plainview-Old Bethpage CSD
- Port Washington UFSD
- Valley Stream CHSD
- West Hempstead UFSD

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the above contract(s) for health and welfare services rendered to students of other districts for the 2022-2023 school year who attend a non-public school in Great Neck and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said contracts on behalf of the Board of Education.

Motion by Donna Peirez, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

P. Data Privacy Agreements

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

- The News Literacy Project
- DroneBlocks, LLC
- High School E-Sports League
- Garbanzo
- n2y LLC

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 Donna Peirez, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Q. Cross Contract with Eastern Suffolk BOCES

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2022, the Board of Education resolved to participate in the Eastern Suffolk BOCES cooperative bidding program for the 2022-23 school year;

WHEREAS, at this time the District wishes to utilize Eastern Suffolk BOCES bid number 2022-021-0401, "Classroom Furniture and School Related Items," to purchase furniture through McHugh Institutional Furnishings;

WHEREAS, the necessary cross-contract approvals have been secured from Nassau BOCES and Eastern Suffolk BOCES.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the District may utilize this bid for the remainder of the 2022-23 school year to procure needed goods and services.

Motion by Donna Peirez, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

R. Disposal of District Property

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

Description: Mason-Hamlin Piano

Location: Saddle Rock School, Auditorium

Barcode: 2048184

Motion by Donna Peirez, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

S. 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 the following competitively solicited contracts through Sourcewell for the 2023-2024 school year:

-030321-KON, Multi-Function Copiers, Printers and Equipment Applicable to Scanned Data Management

-081419-CDW, 081419-GVC, and 081419-SHI, Technology Catalog Solutions

-032521-GPC, Fleet Parts Supply

-063022-SES, Food Service Equipment, Small Wares, & Supplies

Motion by Donna Peirez, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

T. Bid Awards for 2023-24

WHEREAS, the District has publicly advertised, in accordance with Section 103 of General Municipal Law, bids for certain supplies, materials, and services to be used during the 2023-24 school year;

WHEREAS, these bids are utilized to establish firm prices for the year;

WHEREAS, the District is under no obligation to purchase any or all of the items included in said bids; actual usage will be on an as-needed basis and may vary;

WHEREAS, the District administration has evaluated the bids listed below, and recommends that the Board of Education accept them;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts these bids for use during the 2023-24 school year, and hereby authorizes the Board president to execute any agreements related thereto.

Motion by Donna Peirez, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

U. Bid Award: North Middle School Auditorium - Electrical Construction

WHEREAS, the School District requested sealed bids for Bond and Capital Improvement Projects at North Middle School;

WHEREAS, re-bids for Electrical Construction, for the Auditorium Renovation project, were received and opened on May 26, 2023;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the District Administration, the Board of Education awards the contract for Electrical Construction (base bid EC-1 plus alternates 1, 2, 3, and 4, and base bid EC-3) to Cooper Power & Lighting Corp., in accordance with the bid this company 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 Donna Peirez, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

V. Bid Awards: North Middle School Auditorium

WHEREAS, the School District requested sealed bids for Bond and Capital Improvement Projects at North Middle School;

WHEREAS, bids for General Construction and Mechanical Construction, for the Auditorium Renovation project, were received and opened on May 8, 2023;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the District Administration, the Board of Education awards the contract for General Construction (base bid GC-1 plus alternates 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5) to RENU Contracting & Restoration, Inc. and the contract for Mechanical Construction (base bid MC-1) to Ultimate Power, Inc., in accordance with the bids these companies 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 contracts between the School District and RENU Contracting & Restoration, Inc. and Ultimate Power, Inc. on behalf of the Board of Education.

Motion by Donna Peirez, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

W. Bid Awards: North Middle School Locker Rooms

WHEREAS, the School District requested sealed bids for Bond and Capital Improvement Projects at North Middle School;

WHEREAS, bids for General Construction, Mechanical Construction, and Plumbing Construction, for the Boys and Girls Locker Rooms, were received and opened on May 8, 2023;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the District Administration, the Board of Education awards the contract for General Construction (base bid GC-3 plus alternates 1 and 2) to RENU Contracting & Restoration, Inc.; the contract for Mechanical Construction (base bid MC-3) to JNS Heating Service, Inc.; and the contract for Plumbing Construction (base bid PC-3) to Byrne & Son Irrigation, Inc. in accordance with the bids these companies 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 contracts between the School District and RENU Contracting & Restoration, Inc.; JNS Heating Service, Inc.; and Byrne & Son Irrigation, Inc. on behalf of the Board of Education.

Motion by Donna Peirez, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

X. Bid Rejections: North Middle School STEM Labs

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, in accordance with section 103 of Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law, invited sealed bids for Bond and Capital Improvement Projects at North Middle School;

WHEREAS, bids for General, Mechanical, Plumbing, and Electrical Construction, for the STEM Lab Expansion project, were received and opened publicly on May 8, 2023;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education reserves the right to reject bids as per the bid documents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the District Administration, the Board of Education rejects the bids for General Construction (GC-2), Mechanical Construction (MC-2), Plumbing Construction (PC-2), and Electrical Construction (EC-2) at North Middle School.

Motion by Donna Peirez, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Y. Bid Rejections: South Middle School Art Rooms and Toilet Rooms

WHEREAS, the the Board of Education, in accordance with section 103 of Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law, invited sealed bids for Capital Improvement Work Re-Bid at South Middle School;

WHEREAS, bids for General, Mechanical, Plumbing, and Electrical Construction, for the Art Rooms and Toilet Rooms projects, were received and opened publicly on May 8, 2023;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education reserves the right to reject bids as per the bid documents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the District Administration, the Board of Education rejects the bids for General Construction (GC-1), Mechanical Construction (MC-1), Plumbing Construction (PC-1), and Electrical Construction (EC-1) at South Middle School.

Motion by Donna Peirez, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Z. Approval of Budget Transfers Greater than \$50,000

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

Motion by Donna Peirez, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

AA. Termination of Contract for General Construction

WHEREAS, Benchmark Construction Group, Inc. was awarded the contract for General Construction for the Project entitled “Site Improvements and Building Repairs at Inland/Southland Building”; and

WHEREAS, Benchmark Construction Group, Inc. has substantially breached its contractual obligations to the School District, including but not limited to: (1) refusal and/or failure to supply sufficient skilled workers or suitable materials or equipment to complete the work in a diligent, efficiency, timely, workmanlike, skillful, and careful manner; (2) failure to make prompt payments to subcontractors for labor, material, and/or equipment; (3) failure to furnish the Owner with assurances satisfactory to evidence Benchmark’s ability to complete the work in compliance with the contract documents; (4) failure to proceed continuously with the construction and completion of the work for in compliance with the requirements of the contract documents; (5) failure to keep the project free from work stoppages or other disruptive activity; and (6) failure to otherwise fully comply with contract documents.

WHEREAS, Benchmark Construction Group, Inc. has failed to take the necessary steps to bring itself into compliance with its contractual obligations or to perform its obligations under the contract in a timely manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the provisions of Article 17 of the General Conditions of the Contract for Construction to the contract between the Great Neck Union Free School District and Benchmark Construction Group, Inc., the Board of Education hereby terminates said agreement effective June 1, 2023, without prejudice to any right or remedy which the District has pursuant to law or contract.

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

10. Facilities Matters

A. Facilities Matters

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

ORGANIZATION	LOCATION	DAY	DATE	START TIME	END TIME	PURPOSE	FEE	CLASS
St. Anastasia CYO	Field #9 (Track)	Saturday	6/3/2023	12:00 PM	4:00 PM	Youth Track	\$920.00	4
	Various	Monday-Thursday	05/25/2023-06/02/2023	5:30 PM	9:00 PM	Youth Lacrosse	\$360.00	
PARS Soccer	Field #6 (Pit Field) North Middle	Sunday	9/19/2022	9:30 AM	10:30 PM	Adult Soccer	\$2,250.00	4
United Mashadi (UMJCA)	Various North High	Monday-Friday	07/03/2023-08/25/2023	12:30 PM	3:30 PM	Youth Camp	\$36,476.00	3
United Mashadi (UMJCA)	Gymnasium North High	Sunday	7/23/2023	9:00 AM	6:00 PM	Sports Competition	\$1,150.00	3

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

11. Student Matters and Curriculum

A. Committee on Preschool Special Education Recommendations

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has been provided with the schedule of specific recommendations for the 2022-2023 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 Donna Peirez, second by Jeff Shi.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

B. Committee on Special Education Recommendations

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has been provided with the schedule of specific recommendations for the 2022-2023 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 Grant Toch, second by Donna Peirez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

12. Personnel Certificated

A. Appointment(s)

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

Motion by Grant Toch, second by Donna Peirez.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

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

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

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

C. Resignation(s)

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

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

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

13. Personnel Non-Certificated

A. Appointment(s)

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

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

B. Resignation(s)

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

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

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

14. Open Time

A. Open Time

No comments.

15. Board Discussion

A. Board Discussion

Rebecca Sassouni made comments.

16. Next Meetings

A. Next Meeting(s)

Day*	Date*	Meeting Type	Time*	Location*
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				

16. Adjourn the Meeting

At 9:25 pm motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Donna Peirez, second by Grant Toch.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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



Patricia McShane-Connolly
District Clerk