Great Neck Public Schools
Board of Education

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2021
SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

PRESENT
Ms. Rebecca Sassouni, President
Ms. Donna Peirez, Vice President
Ms. Barbara Berkowitz, Trustee
Mr. Jeffrey Shi, Trustee
Mr. Grant Toch, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT
Dr. Teresa Prendergast, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Carrie Anne Tondo, Counsel to the Board
Ms. Kuniko Langel, Secretary to the Board

Ms. Rebecca Sassouni called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm at the South High School Library Classroom.

On a motion by Ms. Sassouni and approved by unanimous consent, the Board went into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

Ms. Kiera Meehan of Sokoloff Stern, joined from 6:37 pm to 7:05 pm.

Ms. Candace Gomez of Bond, Schoeneck and King, joined from 7:06 pm to 7:35 pm via Zoom.

At 8:11 pm, the Board reconvened in public session in the South High School Library.

Visitors: 2

1. BOARD/ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS

a. Resolution Amending Letters of Engagement with Outside Counsel, Sokoloff Stern, LLP

WHEREAS, the Board of Education previously appointed the law firm of Sokoloff Stern, LLP as special outside counsel by resolution on January 13, 2021 and April 13, 2021 and authorized the Board President to execute letters of engagement with Sokoloff Stern, LLP for the specified litigation matters referenced therein;

WHEREAS, the parties desire to amend the terms of said letters of engagement;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Great Neck UFSD hereby approves the amended letters of engagement with Sokoloff Stern, LLP dated July 26, 2021 and hereby authorizes the Board President or her designee to execute the letters of engagement on behalf of the Board of Education.

Motion: B. Berkowitz	Vote: 5-0

b. Resolution to Extend Contract with Security Consultant

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Great Neck UFSD hereby approves an amendment to the Contract for Security Consulting Services with Thomas Slade extending said Contract term until September 30, 2021 and authorizes the Board President or her designee to execute said amendment on behalf of the Board of Education.

Motion: B. Berkowitz	Vote: 5-0

c. Resolution for Participation in the Nassau BOCES Cooperative Bidding Program for 2021-22

WHEREAS, the Great Neck Union Free School District would like to continue our participation in the Cooperative Bidding Program offered by the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County (Nassau BOCES);

WHEREAS, participation in the Nassau BOCES Cooperative Bidding Program will afford the District the opportunity to receive equipment, supplies, and services at substantial savings;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Great Neck UFSD hereby approves the District's participation in the Nassau BOCES Cooperative Bidding Program for 2021-2022.

Motion: B. Berkowitz	Vote: 5-0

d. Resolution Terminating Security Services Contract (Addendum to Agenda)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby terminates the Security Guard Services Contract between the District and Explorer Security Service ("ESS"), effective August 29, 2021.

Motion: D. Peirez	Vote: 5-0

e. Resolution Awarding Security Services Agreement (Addendum to Agenda)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby awards the contract for Licensed, Uniformed, Unarmed Guard Service to Arrow Security, Inc., for the 2021-22 school year commencing on August 30, 2021, pursuant to the terms and conditions of Cooperative Bid No. 21/22-008 let by the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County dated May 10, 2021;

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

Motion: D. Peirez	Vote: 5-0

On a motion by Ms. Sassouni and approved by unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Kuniko Langel
Secretary to the Board