Great Neck Public Schools
Board of Education

# MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
# WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021
# SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL
# (livestreamed to YouTube)

**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
Mr. John Powell, Assistant Superintendent – Business
Dr. Stephen Lando, Assistant Superintendent – Secondary
Ms. Kelly Newman, Assistant Superintendent – Elementary
Dr. Joseph Hickey, Assistant Superintendent – Pupil Personnel Services
Ms. Carrie Anne Tondo, Counsel to the Board
Ms. Susan Gibson, Counsel to the Board
Ms. Jill Sanders, Cullen & Danowski, LLP
Mr. Bill Castoro, Supervisor of Security
Ms. Kuniko Langel, Secretary to the Board

Ms. Rebecca Sassouni called the meeting to order at 5:14 pm at South Middle School's faculty lounge.

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

At 7:40 pm, the Board reconvened in public session in the auditorium. The meeting was also livestreamed to YouTube.

In-Person Visitors: 110

YouTube Viewers: 460

# 1. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS OF THE BOARD

## a. Revision to Appointments of Members to Committee on Special Education

**WHEREAS**, the Appointment of Members to Committee on Special Education was approved at the August 25, 2021 Board meeting;

**WHEREAS**, there are changes to the list of School Psychologists;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following changes to the individuals who serve as members of the Committee on Special Education and the Sub-Committee on Special Education for the 2021-2022 school year:

New appointments:
Ms. Elena Byrne-Dirico
Ms. Amanda Rinehart

Removal:
Ms. Karin Hoesl

| Motion: J. Shi | Second: D. Peirez | Vote: 5-0 |
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## 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the minutes below as presented:

a. **October 20, 2021**
b. **November 7, 2021**
c. **November 10, 2021**

| Motion: D. Peirez | Second: B. Berkowitz | Vote: 5-0 |
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## 3. COMMUNICATIONS

Communication was received from the following Great Neck parent:

-----Original Message-----
From: Jenni Spiritis
Sent: Saturday, October 23, 2021 1:19 PM
To: boe@greatneck.k12.ny.us
Subject: Student population projections

Hi, I read that the district is recruiting experts to perform population projections in view of the apartment development on the peninsula. Thank you for investing in this smart and necessary undertaking. I write to provide a quick observation on these studies having been exposed to some of them at local meetings involving new residential developments. Specifically, a lot of these these studies rely on how many students similarly sized apartment complexes added to other Long Island communities in generating findings/predictions. While this is not an illogical reference point, generating projections for Great Neck should involve much more. The reality is that the amount of students added by an 80 unit building in e.g., Port Jefferson is not necessarily informative on the amount of students an 80 unit Great Neck development will add to our district. This is because Great Neck has a top rated school district and young families flock here for it in ways they don't flock to other communities. Also, Great Neck's proximity to the City makes affordable apartments here an attractive prospect for young families with parents that work in the City or for families in Manhattan/Brooklyn/Queens looking to flee overcrowded schools. I realize I'm likely stating the obvious to you- but just want to emphasize these points as you vet entities for performing the projection study and ultimately vet numbers they offer. Thank you for your time.

And thank you for your continued dedication snd excellent work.

Jenni Spiritis Lurman

Sent from my iPhone

The Board acknowledged receipt of the communication.

Communication was received from the following Great Neck resident:

**From:** Katie Berman
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 10:04 PM
**To:** boe@greatneck.k12.ny.us; slando@greatneck.k12.ny.us; tprendergast@greatneck.k12.ny.us
**Subject:** GNPS URGENT INQUIRY

Dear Board Members,

I hope this email finds you all doing well.

At the last Board meeting, many concerning topics were brought up by parents.

I would like to know how the Board of Education will be handling everyone's requests/comments.

We haven't received any notice from the Board about everyone's concerns. It feels like we all went on deaf ears while our tax payer dollars are paying your salary.

A response is expected from the community. When can we expect to hear from you?

Furthermore, it wasn't proper that the public was scattered into multiple rooms. This is a board meeting. Everyone should be in the same room. Our kids aren't sitting 6 feet apart, why are adults being told we have to sit 6 feet apart? We hope the November Board Meeting will be in space that accommodates everyone because at the end of the day the BOE was elected by us and we expect to be given proper respect when we take time away from our families to attend. If not , it's clear what you are doing. We'd hate to have to get the media involved.

I look forward to hearing back from you at your convenience,

Thank you,

Kate Berman

The Board acknowledged receipt of the communication.

# 4. BOARD/ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS

## a. Superintendent's Report

**GNPS Telly Awards**: Great Neck Public Schools Television is the proud recipient of 3 silver awards and 1 bronze award in the 42nd annual Telly Awards, an international program that honors excellence in video and television across a variety of platforms. Programs are student-produced and can be seen on Optimum Channel 75 or Verizon FiOS Channel 32, as well as on-demand through the district website.

**Musicals at South and North High Schools**: South High School will present the musical "Grease!" on Nov. 19, 20 and North High School will present "Into the Woods" on Nov. 18, 19, 20. Social distancing protocols will be followed. Best of luck to our student actors and our staff in support of these performances.

**Names Not Numbers**: Last year, 15 North High School students in the Jewish Student Union Club (under the direction of faculty advisor Hanna Bokhour) along with students enrolled in various private schools, participated in the creation of a Holocaust documentary entitled, "Names, Not Numbers". The movie premiered on October 28 and the documentary will run on GNPS/TV through the end of November.

**Thank a Veteran Event**: As they have done in the past, South Middle School hosted a Thank a Veteran event on Nov. 10. Several veterans (including retired SHS principal Gil Blum) visited with 7th grade students from Team Hero. We honor and respect our veterans and the members of our armed forces who give or serve in order that we may continue to live in a country where freedom and liberty prevails.

**Community Closet**: Saddle Rock School and South Middle School will co-host a Coat Distribution Event at Saddle Rock School on December 8 from 4-6 pm which will provide winter coats to families in need. Thank you to the Sephardic Heritage Alliance Inc (SHAI) for hosting a coat drive last Sunday on behalf of this event.

**UPTC/HMTC Event**: On Oct. 26, the UPTC/HMTC co-sponsored the well-received event "Combating Antisemitism Through Education". Remarks were offered by our assistant superintendents for elementary and secondary education. Ms. Kelly Newman and Dr. Steve Lando were thorough, informative and certainly highlighted many of the wonderful programs we provide in support of Holocaust education and the need to educate students about the importance of preventing genocide, hate and bigotry against any group of people. Notable speakers from Stonybrook University, the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center and the Anti-Defamation League were also in attendance and spoke during this important forum.

**SEPTA**: 2 weeks ago, SEPTA hosted a wonderful Brain Health Event. Hats off to their SEPTA Committee Chairpersons for arranging a worthwhile program. The presentation can be viewed on channel 20 (Cablevision) or channel 37 (Verizon FIOS).

**SPORTS UPDATE**: The **North High School Girls Varsity Swim** Team has won the Conference IV Championship title. The team finished the regular season with a 6–1 record overall, going undefeated within the Conference. Congratulations are extended to our student athletes and to Paul Rodriguez, Head Coach (and Business Education teacher at North High.)

The **North High School Girls Varsity Soccer** team completed a successful season with an undefeated regular-season record and the program's first Conference Championship title in 24 years. Congratulations to Erik Connolly, team coach and physical education teacher at North High.

The **South High School Boys Badminton** team advanced through the postseason and ended their fall badminton season with a first-place win at the singles championships, second place at the team championships, and third and fourth place for doubles. The Rebels were strong competitors and finished in second place at the Nassau County Team competition with an overall season record of 10-3. Congratulations to our athletes and to Allison Romeo Gottfried, their coach and guidance counselor at South High.

**Thanksgiving Message**: Next week families throughout our nation will come together and give thanks for the many blessings in their lives. Let us celebrate Thanksgiving Day all over this great land of freedom and liberty in which we are privileged to live. From my family to yours, have a wonderful, happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Dr. Teresa Prendergast
Superintendent of Schools

## b. Policy 7510 – Naming Portions of Schools or Grounds and Commemorative Plaques (One Reading Only)

**INFORMATION**: Attached for Board of Education consideration is a revised policy: ***Naming Portions of Schools or Grounds and Commemorative Plaques* (7510)**. The revision addresses the current stipulation that any grounds or portions of a school that have been named retain those names in perpetuity. Upon advice of counsel, that provision will be replaced with new language indicating that the Board of Education reserves the right to rename any of these spaces, so as not to bind successor Boards of Education to previous decisions. In accordance with *Policy 2400 Board Policy Development*, this revised policy is being submitted for one reading and possible adoption.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education has hereby reviewed the revised Policy 7510 and hereby adopts same in accordance with *Policy 2400 Board Policy Development*.

This item was tabled and will be brought back at a future Board meeting.
Motion: R. Sassouni Second: J. Shi Vote: 5-0

**7510**

# NAMING PORTIONS OF SCHOOLS OR GROUNDS AND COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUES

The Board of Education of the Great Neck Public Schools will consider written requests to name a portion of a building or grounds or to affix a commemorative plaque. Such requests should be made with the endorsement of the building's Shared Decision Making Committee and PTA/PT~~SA~~O, where they exist.

## Naming Portions of Schools or Grounds

School or community groups can make naming requests to the Board to honor a person who has rendered exceptional service and has made an outstanding contribution to the school, school district, community, county, state, or country. Because of the high honor involved in such a request, there will be a three-year waiting period from the time of the original request to consideration of the request. When three years have elapsed, the request must be resubmitted to the Board of Education in the same manner as the original. Upon resubmission, the Board will render a decision. ~~Once a portion of a school or grounds has been named, the name will remain in perpetuity, as long as the facility is used for instructional purposes by the district.~~ The Board of Education reserves the right to rename any of the grounds, facilities or portion(s) of facilities that have previously been named.

## Commemorative Plaques

School or community groups can make requests to recognize a group or individual by the donation of a commemorative plaque, including intended location. Requests to install a recognition plaque larger than 36 square inches in size, including intended location, are to be submitted to the Board for a decision. Requests to install a recognition plaque smaller than 36 square inches, including intended location, are to be submitted to the Superintendent for a decision.

The building administrator will be responsible for ensuring that safety requirements are met for all commemoratives.

***Great Neck Public Schools***
***Adopted: 4/14/86***
***Amended: 11/24/08; 6/17/13***
***Proposed Revision: 11/17/21***

## c. District-Wide Enrollment Projection/Demographic Study

**WHEREAS**, specifications were duly advertised to solicit formal proposals from qualified vendors for district-wide enrollment projections and a demographic study;

**WHEREAS**, on November 3, 2021, Mr. Jason Martin, Purchasing Agent, received three proposals in the name of the Board of Education from the following vendors in accordance with the specifications:

Ross Haber and Associates, LLC
Transfinder Corporation
Urbanomics, Inc.

**WHEREAS**, a committee of district administrators evaluated the proposals, using the criteria set forth in the duly advertised specifications, and selected one that best meets the needs of the school district;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby awards the contract for district-wide enrollment projections and demographic study to Urbanomics, Inc., subject to the terms and conditions of an agreement to be prepared by District counsel;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approves the professional fee submitted by Urbanomics, Inc. for district-wide enrollment projections and demographic study and further authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute any necessary documents to effectuate said award.

| Motion: B. Berkowitz | Second: J. Shi | Vote: 5-0 |
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## d. Memorandum of Agreement Between the Great Neck Public Schools and the Great Neck Teachers Association

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approves the terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Agreement (attached) effective retroactive to September 1, 2021 between the Great Neck Union Free School District and the Great Neck Teachers Association regarding modifying the inservice institute advisory committee.

| Motion: B. Berkowitz | Second: J. Shi | Vote: 5-0 |
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**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**
**BETWEEN THE GREAT NECK PUBLIC SCHOOLS**
**AND THE GREAT NECK TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**

It is hereby agreed between the Great Neck Union Free School District ("District") and the Great Neck Teachers Association ("GNTA") with respect to modifying the inservice institute advisory committee:

WHEREAS, the inservice advisory committee currently consists of thirteen members, six to be nominated by the President of GNTA, three to be nominated by SAGES, two to be designated by the Superintendent, one to be nominated by the Office Staff Association, and one to be nominated by the Per Diem Chapter; and

WHEREAS, teaching assistants are eligible to take inservice classes for continuing education and salary increment purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. The inservice advisory committee shall be expanded to fourteen members, with one member to be nominated by the Paraprofessional Association.

2. Upon approval by the Board of Education, this Memorandum of Agreement shall be effective retroactive to September 1,2021.

3. The terms of this Agreement will be incorporated into the successor collective bargaining agreement between GNTA and the District.

4. The above constitutes the full and complete agreement between the parties with respect to this matter.

Dated: November 9, 2021

Teresa Prendergast
Superintendent of Schools

Dated: November 4, 2021

James P. Daszenski
President of the GNTA

Approved: Great Neck Board of Education at their meeting of November 17, 2021.

Attestation: Cristina Cortes
Cristina Cortes, District Clerk

## e. Memorandum of Agreement Between the Great Neck Public Schools and the Great Neck Maintenance Association and the Great Neck Buildings & Grounds Association

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approves the terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Agreement (attached) effective retroactive to July 1, 2021 between the Great Neck Union Free School District and the Great Neck Maintenance Association and the Great Neck Buildings & Grounds Association with respect to the creation of the new position of Automotive Servicer-Bus Driver into the appropriate bargaining unit.

| Motion: B. Berkowitz | Second: J. Shi | Vote: 5-0 |
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**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**
**BETWEEN THE GREAT NECK PUBLIC SCHOOLS**
**AND THE GREAT NECK MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATION**
**AND THE GREAT NECK BUILDINGS & GROUNDS ASSOCIATION**

It is hereby agreed between the Great Neck Union Free School District ("District"), the Great Neck Maintenance Association ("MAIN") and the Great Neck Buildings and Grounds Association ("B&G") with respect to the creation of the new position of Automotive Servicer-Bus Driver into the appropriate bargaining unit:

WHEREAS, the MAIN currently has the positions of Automotive Mechanic and Senior Maintainer in the unit; and

WHEREAS, the District intends to create the position of Automotive Servicer-Bus Driver; and

WHEREAS, the MAIN and B&G agree that there exists a community of interest between the new position of Automotive Servicer-Bus Driver and positions that are covered by the Recognition Clause of the MAIN collective bargaining agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. The position of Automotive Servicer-Bus Driver will be added to the MAIN.
2. The 2021-22 salary for the Automotive Servicer-Bus Driver will be $75,000.
3. The day shift for the Automotive Servicer-Bus Driver shall be defined as 6:00 am – 2:30 pm.
4. Upon approval by the Board of Education, this Memorandum of Agreement shall be effective retroactive to July 1, 2021.
5. The relevant terms of this Agreement will be incorporated into the successor collective bargaining agreement between the MAIN and the District.
6. The above constitutes the full and complete agreement between the parties with respect to this matter.

Dated: November 12, 2021

Teresa Prendergast
Superintendent of Schools

Dated: November 12, 2021

Erick Guevara
President of MAIN

Robert Loughlin
President of B&G

Approved: Great Neck Board of Education at their meeting of November 17, 2021.

Attestation: Cristina Cortes
Cristina Cortes, District Clerk

## f. Purchase of Playground Equipment

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Islip has made available to other municipalities a contract for playground equipment, which is numbered 419-52; and

**WHEREAS**, said contract for playground equipment was let for bid consistent with the requirements of General Municipal Law, section 103; and

**WHEREAS**, Great Neck Union Free School District (the "School District") is permitted to utilize said contract in accordance with the terms and conditions of the bid and requirements of General Municipal Law, section 103; and

**WHEREAS**, the contract period runs through December 31, 2022;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the utilization of the Town of Islip bid 419-52 for playground equipment, in accordance with the requirements of General Municipal Law, section 103.

| Motion: B. Berkowitz | Second: J. Shi | Vote: 5-0 |
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## g. Destruction of Voting Ballots

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Education Law Section 2034(6)(b), the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District Clerk to destroy all the ballots contained therein, together with the unused ballots from the May 11, 2021 Annual District Election.

| Motion: B. Berkowitz | Second: J. Shi | Vote: 5-0 |
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## h. Student Teacher(s) and/or Observer(s) – Elementary

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Education Law Section 301 – Qualification of Teachers, practice teachers enrolled in an approved teacher education program may teach a class provided they are supervised by a certified classroom teacher;

**WHEREAS**, all student teachers and observers enrolled in education classes at universities are interviewed at the building level by the principal or assistant principal to insure their suitability for placement in our elementary classrooms;

**WHEREAS**, the following student teacher(s) and/or observer(s) have requested assignments to our elementary schools for the 2021-2022 school year:

**STUDENT OBSERVER(S)**

| Name | College | School | Teacher | Gr. | Hrs/Dates | Semester |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kyle Capruso | LIU | EMB | J. Casino | 5 | 20 | Fall |

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the placement of the above elementary student teacher(s) and/or observer(s) for the 2021-2022 school year, subject to the terms and conditions of an agreement between the District and the above college(s) to be prepared by District counsel;

**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: J. Shi | Second: D. Peirez | Vote: 5-0 |
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## i. Student Teacher(s) and/or Observer(s) – Secondary

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Education Law Section 301 – Qualification of Teachers, practice teachers enrolled in an approved teacher education program may teach a class provided they are supervised by a certified classroom teacher;

**WHEREAS**, all student teachers and observers enrolled in education classes at universities are interviewed at the building level by the principal or assistant principal to insure their suitability for placement in our secondary classrooms;

**WHEREAS**, the following student teacher(s) and/or observer(s) have requested assignments to our secondary schools for the 2021-2022 school year:

**STUDENT OBSERVER(S)**

| Name | College | School | Teacher | Subj. | Hrs/Dates | Semester |
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| Gary Bissoondial | LIU | NHS | S. Gallagher | S.S. | 10 | Fall |
| | | | J. Mannebach | S.S. | | |
| Alyssa Budzynski | Queens | SMS | A. Schwartz | Music | 100 | Fall |
| Matthew Novella | Hofstra | SHS | C. Ambrosio | PE | 45 | Spring |

**STUDENT TEACHERS(S)**

| Name | College | School | Teacher | Subj. | Hrs/Dates | Semester |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alyssa Budzynski | Queens | SMS | A. Schwartz | Music | 1/24/22-6/24/22 | Spring |
| Raffi Froundjian | Queens | NHS | J. Rutkowski | Music | 3/28/22-6/24/22 | Spring |

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves the placement of the above secondary student teacher(s) and/or observer(s) for the 2021-2022 school year, subject to the terms and conditions of an agreement between the District and the above college(s) to be prepared by District counsel;

**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: J. Shi | Second: D. Peirez | Vote: 5-0 |
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## j. Student Teachers for Students with Speech or Language Impairment

**WHEREAS**, student teachers are placed to gain experience working with school-aged students;

**WHEREAS**, they participate in various activities including administering a variety of assessments for screenings and both initial and three-year evaluations;

**WHEREAS**, students will work with supervisors to develop teaching skills during individual and small group therapy as well as programmatic push in support services;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following individuals to serve as a student teacher for the 2021-2022 school year, subject to the terms of an agreement to be prepared by District counsel:

| Student Teacher | College/Program | School |
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| Shirya Bhasin | Hofstra University | JFK |
| Lauren Smith | Hofstra University | E.M. Baker |

**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: J. Shi | Second: D. Peirez | Vote: 5-0 |
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## k. Contract Extension with Security Consultant

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Great Neck Public Schools hereby approves the third amendment to the contract for services with security consultant, Thomas E. Slade, extending said contract term until November 30, 2021 and authorizes the Board President or her designee to execute said third amendment on behalf of the Board of Education.

| Motion: J. Shi | Second: D. Peirez | Vote: 5-0 |
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## l. Phipps Administration Building Interior Alterations

**WHEREAS**, specifications were duly advertised to solicit formal bids from qualified vendors for interior alterations at the Phipps Administration Building;

**WHEREAS**, on October 21, 2021, Mr. Jason Martin, Purchasing Officer, received bids in the name of the Board of Education from the following vendors in accordance with the specifications:

AFL Construction
AFL General Construction
Fortunato & Sons
IJZ & Associates
Irwin Contracting
JNH Construction
Patriot Organization
Preferred Construction
Sherwani Construction
Stalco Construction
Total Construction
Veritas Construction Services
WJ Northridge

**WHEREAS**, the bids received exceeded the estimated budget;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education hereby rejects the bids received for interior alterations at the Phipps Administration Building.

| Motion: J. Shi | Second: D. Peirez | Vote: 5-0 |
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## m. Agreement and Release – Contemplated Impartial Hearing

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approves an agreement and release agreement in connection with a contemplated impartial hearing regarding a disabled student (Confidential Attachment A), a copy of which has been provided to and reviewed by the members of the Board of Education;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of the Board of Education is authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board.

CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT A

| Motion: D. Peirez | Second: B. Berkowitz | Vote: 5-0 |
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## n. Agreement and Release – Contemplated Impartial Hearing

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approves an agreement and release agreement in connection with a contemplated impartial hearing regarding a disabled student (Confidential Attachment B), a copy of which has been provided to and reviewed by the members of the Board of Education;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of the Board of Education is authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board.

CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT B

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| Motion: D. Peirez | Second: B. Berkowitz | Vote: 5-0 |

## o. Donation – Equipment: South High School (Bench)

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Michelle Kadish Grant would like to donate a bench in memory of South High School graduate Andrew Kadish, to be placed in the South High School baseball field;

**WHEREAS**, the bench will include a 2" x 8" brass plaque which has been approved by the Superintendent of Schools in accordance with *Policy 7510 – Naming Portions of Schools or Grounds and Commemorative Plaques*;

**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 above donation to South High School.

| Motion: D. Peirez | Second: J. Shi | Vote: 5-0 |
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October 25, 2021

Board of Education
Great Neck Public Schools
345 Lakeville Rd
Great Neck, NY 11020

Dear Ms. Sassouni and Members of the Board:

I would like to donate a bench in honor of South High School graduate Andrew Kadish in his memory.

Intended location: South High School Baseball Field

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,
Michelle Grant
Michelle Kadish Grant

Approved by:

## p. Donation – Monetary: Scholarships/Awards

**WHEREAS**, the following donation has been received by the District:

| Name of Scholarship | Name of Donors | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| George B. Motchkavitz Scholarship | Mr. Glen Lu & Ms. Yi Ping Huang | $2,000 |

**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 above donation.

| Motion: D. Peirez | Second: J. Shi | Vote: 5-0 |
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# 5. FACILITIES MATTERS

## a. Public Use of District Facilities

**WHEREAS**, attached is a schedule of requests for public use of district facilities and the fees are calculated in accordance with Board policy for the use of district facilities;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the schedule of requests for public use of district facilities.

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| Motion: D. Peirez | Second: B. Berkowitz | Vote: 5-0 |

PUBLIC USE OF DISTRICT FACILITIES

2021 - 2022
(For Board of Education Approval)
November 17 2021

| ORGANIZATION | LOCATION | DAY | DATE | START TIME | END TIME | PURPOSE | FEE | CLASS | LIABILITY WAIVER SIGNED |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Girl Scouts of Nassau County | Library Saddle Rock | Thursday | 12/02/2021, 01/06/2022 & 02/03/2022 | 4:00 PM | 5:30 PM | Girl Scout Meetings | Waived | 1 | Yes |
| The Dance Project | Auditorium South Middle | Tuesday<br>Friday | 06/14/2022<br>06/18/2022 | 5:00 PM<br>5:00 PM | 10:00 PM<br>10:00 PM | Rehearsal<br>Dance Recital | $1,300.00<br>$2,750.00 | 4 | Yes |
| Great Neck Soccer Club | Gymnasium EM Baker | Monday & Tuesday | 12/06/2021 - 03/15/2022 | 6:30 PM | 9:30 PM | Youth Soccer | $600.00 | 3 | Yes |
| Great Neck Soccer Club | Gymnasium JF Kennedy | Monday & Tuesday | 12/06/2021 - 03/15/2022 | 6:30 PM | 9:30 PM | Youth Soccer | $600.00 | 3 | Yes |
| Great Neck Soccer Club | Gymnasium Saddle Rock | Tuesday | 12/07/2021 - 03/15/2022 | 6:30 PM | 9:30 PM | Youth Soccer | $300.00 | 3 | Yes |
| Great Neck Soccer Club | Gymnasium North Middle | Monday | 12/06/2021 - 03/14/2022 | 6:30 PM | 9:30 PM | Youth Soccer | $300.00 | 3 | Yes |
| Great Neck Soccer Club | Gymansium 2 South Middle | Thursday | 12/09/2021 - 03/17/2022 | 6:30 PM | 9:30 PM | Youth Soccer | $300.00 | 3 | Yes |
| Great Neck Soccer Club | Gymansium - West South High | Wednesday & Thursday | 12/08/2021 - 03/17/2022 | 6:30 PM | 9:30 PM | Youth Soccer | $650.00 | 3 | Yes |
| Great Neck PAL | Gymnasium JF Kennedy | Sunday | 01/09/2022 - 03/27/2022 | 1:30 PM | 3:30 PM | Youth Soccer | $2,000.00 | 3 | Yes |
| Great Neck PAL | Gymansium North Middle | Saturday | 12/11/2021 - 03/05/2022 | 8:30 AM | 5:00 PM | Youth Basketball | $2,375.00 | 3 | Yes |

PUBLIC USE OF DISTRICT FACILITIES

2021 - 2022
(For Board of Education Approval)
November 17 2021

| ORGANIZATION | LOCATION | DAY | DATE | START TIME | END TIME | PURPOSE | FEE | CLASS | LIABILITY WAIVER SIGNED |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Great Neck PAL | Gymnasium JF Kennedy | Thursday | 01/06/2022 - 03/17/2022 | 6:30 PM | 9:00 PM | Indoor Soccer | $225.00 | 3 | Yes |
| Great Neck PAL | Gymnasium North Middle | Wednesday | 01/05/2022 - 03/09/2022 | 7:00 PM | 8:00 PM | Volleyball | $225.00 | 3 | Yes |
| Great Neck PAL | Gymnasium North Middle | Tuesday | 12/07/2021 - 02/22/2022 | 6:30 PM | 9:30 PM | Youth Basketball Clinic | $250.00 | 3 | Yes |
| Great Neck PAL | Gymnasium Lakeville | Thursday | 01/06/2022 - 03/17/2022 | 6:30 PM | 9:30 PM | Badminton | $225.00 | 3 | Yes |

# 6. FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

## a. Independent Auditor's Report Fiscal Year 2020-2021

**WHEREAS,** Sections 2116-a Education Law and 170.2 (r) Commissioner's Regulations require an annual audit by an independent auditor;

**WHEREAS,** the audit report, in the form prescribed by the Commissioner of Education, must be filed by the Board of Education with the State Education Department and the Department of Audit and Control, with an exact copy of the acceptance resolution passed by the Board;

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Education's Audit Committee has reviewed this report and recommends its acceptance;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the report of the Certified Public Accountant, Cullen & Danowski, LLP, for the fiscal year 2020-2021 and authorizes transmittal of such report, followed by the transmittal of the administration's corrective action plan to the State Education Department and the Department of Audit and Control.

| Motion: G. Toch | Second: J. Shi | Vote: 5-0 |
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## b. Contract(s) – Tuition Addenda

**WHEREAS**, New York State adjusts tuition rates for approved private special education schools during the school year and sets final rates during and after the school year is over. This state process requires us to approve adjustments to such tuitions several times;

**WHEREAS,** in that regard, the Board of Education is asked to approve payments resulting from the tuition adjustments for students who attend(ed) approved private special education schools, as noted below.

| School | Location | Classified Student(s) | Adjustment | Dates |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Harmony Heights School | Oyster Bay | 1 | Additional Student $27,859.50 | 10/2021-6/2022 |
| The Summit School | Jamaica Estates | 1 | Revised tuition rate of $38,545 to $38,549 per student | 09/2021-6/2022 |

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education hereby approves the revised rate(s) above for classified student(s) who attend(ed) approved private special education schools.

| Motion: G. Toch | Second: J. Shi | Vote: 5-0 |
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## c. Payment of Fees to Counsel (Frazer & Feldman) – July 2021

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the payment below for July 2021 as per the invoices submitted by district counsel, Frazer & Feldman LLP, for professional services rendered in the following matters:

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| Student Matters – Special Ed (13) | $ | 2,169.05 |
| Negotiations | $ | 105.75 |
| Arbitration | $ | 8,004.10 |
| Miscellaneous | $ | 3,469.30 |
| | $ | 13,748.20 |

| Motion: G. Toch | Second: J. Shi | Vote: 5-0 |
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## d. Third Party Service Agreements

**WHEREAS**, the attached Third Party Service Agreements are being submitted for approval and provider credentials have been reviewed by administration;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District to enter into Third Party Service Agreements with the consultants identified on the attached list for the provision of services for the 2021-2022 school year identified therein, subject to the terms and conditions of Third Party Service 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: G. Toch | Second: J. Shi | Vote: 5-0 |
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# THIRD PARTY SERVICE AGREEMENTS

## GENERAL CONSULTANTS

**11/17/21 Board Meeting**

| Consultant | Purpose | Location | Start Date | End Date | Rate | Max.Amount | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Neema Adler | Providing AIS Services to Students | Bais Yaakov of Queens | 11/18/21 | 8/30/22 | $75/hour | $5,000.00 | * |
| Michal Ambalu | Mental Health Presentation | North High School | 11/22/21 | 11/22/21 | $60 | $60.00 | *** |
| Association for Middle Level Education | Professional Development Course That Will Cover the Importance of Social-Emotional Learning | South Middle School | 11/2/21 | 11/2/21 | $250/hour | $250.00 | |
| Association for Middle Level Education | One Hour Virtual Presentation - The Importance of SEL for Students in Middle School | North Middle School | 11/2/21 | 11/2/21 | $250/day | $250.00 | |
| ATC Testing & Screening Services, LLC | Weekly COVID-19 Testing for GNPS Staff | District Wide | 12/4/21 | 12/4/22 | $0 | $0.00 | * |
| Christopher Baker | First LEGO Robotics Team Coordinator/Coach | District Wide | 10/21/21 | 6/30/22 | $4,000/season | $4,000.00 | *** |
| Elisheva Bauman | Mental Health Presentation | North High School | 11/23/21 | 11/23/21 | $75 | $75.00 | *** |
| Sara Berlin | School-Based Mental Health Services and Counseling | North Shore Hebrew Academy | 11/18/21 | 8/30/22 | $65/hour | $2,000.00 | * |
| Allison Buser | FIRST Lego Robotics Coach | District Wide | 10/24/21 | 6/30/22 | $3000/season | $3,000.00 | *** |
| Jessica Cannone | Mental Health Presentation | North High School | 11/22/21 | 11/22/21 | $60 | $60.00 | *** |
| Center for Environmental Education and Discovery | Presentation : Past, Present, Future of our Indigenous Americans | North High School | 11/24/21 | 11/24/21 | $350 | $350.00 | |
| Catherine A. Davidson ***REVISION FROM 8/25/21** | To Assist Successor During Trasition | Phipps Administration | 8/3/21 | ***6/30/2022** | $951.35/Day | $38,054.00 | |
| Colleen Dundon | Professional Development on Guided Reading/Phonemic Awareness | North Shore Hebrew Academy | 11/18/21 | 8/30/22 | $65/hour | $3,500.00 | * |

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**Emergency conditional appointment as defined in Section 1709, Subdivision 39 of the Education Law.
***Amount included in fee paid for by participants.

# THIRD PARTY SERVICE AGREEMENTS

## GENERAL CONSULTANTS

**11/17/21 Board Meeting**

| Consultant | Purpose | Location | Start Date | End Date | Rate | Max.Amount | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Educational Vistas | Scoring of Grades 4-8 ELA & Math Assessments | District Wide | 12/15/21 | 6/30/22 | $64,942.50 | $64,942.50 | |
| Alyssa Feld | Mental Health Presentation | North High School | 11/17/21 | 11/17/21 | $50 | $50.00 | *** |
| Fred T. Korematsu Institute | Presentation on Current Issues Related to Civil Rights and Social Justice | North High School | 11/2/21 | 11/2/21 | $1,250 | $1,250.00 | |
| Rochelle Grabie | Providing AIS Services to the Students in Math | Bais Yaakov Academy of Queens | 11/18/21 | 8/30/22 | $80/hour | $5,000.00 | * |
| Julia Kolodny | Mental Health Presentation | North High School | 11/17/21 | 11/17/21 | $50 | $50.00 | *** |
| Brian Lomasky | First LEGO Robotics Team Coach | District Wide | 10/21/21 | 6/30/22 | $3,000/season | $3,000.00 | *** |
| Long Island Basketball, LLC | Basketball Clinic Program | District Wide | 12/2/21 | 2/17/22 | $225/hour | $3,600.00 | *** |
| Kathleen Murray | UPK Grant | Parkville | 8/4/21 | 8/9/21 | $957.21/Day | $2,871.63 | |
| Margaret Poplinger | Proctoring of College Entrance Exams | District Wide | 10/16/21 | 6/25/22 | $100/PSAT; $53/ACT or SAT | $500.00 | |
| Alexa Prodromakis | Mental Health Presentation | North High School | 11/17/21 | 11/17/21 | $50 | $50.00 | *** |
| Queens College Foundation, Inc | Planning Meetings, Development, Preparation and Follow-up | E.M. Baker John F. Kennedy | 12/1/21 | 4/13/22 | $4,000 | $4,000.00 | |
| Gina Ross | Providing AIS to the Students at Silverstein Hebrew Academy | Silverstein Hebrew Academy | 11/18/21 | 8/30/22 | $65/hour | $5,000.00 | * |
| Etti Siegel | Mentoring and Staff Training | Yeshiva Bnot Yaakov | 11/18/21 | 8/30/22 | $100/hour | $1,660.00 | * |
| Miriam Zern | Providing AIS Services in Math to the Students | Yeshiva Bnot Yaakov | 11/18/21 | 8/30/22 | $70/hour | $8,380.00 | * |

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# THIRD PARTY SERVICE AGREEMENTS

## SPECIAL EDUCATION CONSULTANTS

**11/17/21 Board Meeting**

| Consultant | Purpose | Location | Start Date | End Date | Rate | Max.Amount |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Suhong Chen | Conduct Bilingual Psychological, Educational and Social History Evaluations | District Wide | 10/14/21 | 6/24/22 | Psychological & Educational $650/evaluation Social History $300/evaluation | $1,600.00 |

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**Emergency conditional appointment as defined in Section 1709, Subdivision 39 of the Education Law.
***Amount included in fee paid for by participants.

# 7. STUDENT MATTERS AND CURRICULUM

## a. Committee on Preschool Special Education Recommendations 2021-2022

**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 2021-2022 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.

## b. Committee on Special Education Recommendations 2021-2022

**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 schedules of specific recommendations for the 2021-2022 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 these schedules.

| Motion: B. Berkowitz | Second: D. Peirez | Vote: 5-0 |
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## 8. PERSONNEL

**RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the November 17, 2021 Personnel Report.

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| Items 8.I. a-g | Motion: D. Peirez | Second: B. Berkowitz | Vote: 5-0 |
| Items 8.II.a-g | Motion: D. Peirez | Second: B. Berkowitz | Vote: 5-0 |

## 9. OPEN TIME

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

(As part of its' public service, the Board of Education desires to hear from members of the schools' community, whether residents or staff, who wish to address the Board. The purpose of "Open Time" is to permit any person in attendance to address the Board on topics which appear on the printed agenda. The Board may also hear other concerns. Generally, up to three minutes will be granted to each speaker who may address any item in Public Session with these exceptions: "Communications," on which only a letter-writer may comment, and subjects listed "For Board Discussion." In addition, comments regarding individual personnel or students will not be entertained. Please further note that effective September 2021, Board of Education meetings are livestreamed, recorded, and made available on the District website.)

## 10. BOARD DISCUSSION

No discussion was had.

## 11. NEXT MEETINGS

Next meetings were announced:

| Day | Date | Meeting Type | Time | Location |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wed | December 15, 2021 | Public Action Meeting | 7:30pm | Saddle Rock |
| Wed | January 19, 2022 | Public Action Meeting | 7:30pm | Lakeville |

On a motion by Ms. Sassouni and seconded by Mr. Shi, the Board paused for a recess at 9:45 pm. The Board reconvened from recess at 10:01 pm.

On a motion by Ms. Sassouni and approved by unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 pm.

Kuniko Langel
Secretary to the Board