

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2021
VIA ZOOM WEBINAR

PRESENT

Ms. Barbara Berkowitz, President
Ms. Rebecca Sassouni, Alternate Vice President
Ms. Donna Peirez, Trustee
Mr. Jeffrey Shi, 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. Jennifer Kirby, Director – Human Resources
Mr. Jack Feldman, Counsel to the Board
Ms. Stacey Pedone, District Clerk
Ms. Kuniko Langel, Secretary to the Board

Ms. Barbara Berkowitz called the meeting to order at 12:45 pm via Zoom.

Viewers: 7

1. **BOARD/ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS**

a. **Annual Meeting and Election Change of Date request**

WHEREAS, Education Law §§ 2002(1) and 2022(1) provide that the annual meeting and election of a union free school district shall be held on the third Tuesday of May in each year, provided however that such annual meeting and election shall be held on the second Tuesday in May if the commissioner at the request of a local school board certifies that such election would conflict with religious observances;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with Education Law §§ 2002(1) and 2022(1), the Board of Education hereby certifies that the annual meeting and election scheduled for the third Tuesday in May 2021 conflicts with religious observance of the Jewish holiday of Shavuot, beginning at sunset on May 16, 2021, and does not end until sunset on Tuesday, May 18, and seeks an order directing that the District's 2021 annual meeting and election be conducted on the second Tuesday in May.

Motion: D. Peirez	Vote: 4-0
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b. **Authorization for Counsel to Make Application to NYS Education Department**

Be it hereby resolved that in acknowledgement of the fact that the current date for the school board election and budget vote on the third Tuesday in May conflicts with the holiday of Shavout, the Board of Education of the Great Neck Union Free School District authorizes its general counsel to take such steps as are required to make application to the New York State Education Department for authority to conduct its annual election on the second Tuesday in May to avoid said conflict.

Motion: J. Shi	Vote: 4-0
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On a motion by Ms. Berkowitz and approved by unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 12:47 pm.

I, Stacey Pedone, District Clerk of the Great Neck Union Free School District, hereby certify that the enclosed is a true copy of the minutes of the Great Neck Union Free School District's Board of Education Special Meeting held on March 12, 2021 at 12:30 pm via Zoom Webinar, in the County of Nassau, State of New York for the purpose of discussing a request to the Commissioner to change the date of the 2021 election and school budget vote to the second Tuesday in May – May 11, 2021, pursuant to the Education Law §§ 2002(1) and 2022(1), as the current date of May 18, 2021 conflicts with religious observances, and that I am in charge of records in the ordinary course of business, and is a true, complete and correct copy thereof so far as the same relates to the subject matter referred to in said minutes.

Stacey Pedone

Sworn to before me this _____
day of March, 2021.
