Great Neck Public Schools
Board of Education

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021
VIA ZOOM WEBINAR

PRESENT
Ms. Rebecca Sassouni, Alternate Vice President
Ms. Donna Peirez, Trustee
Mr. Jeffrey Shi, Trustee

NOT PRESENT
Ms. Barbara Berkowitz, President

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
Dr. Justin Lander, Director of Technology
Mr. Jack Feldman, Counsel to the Board
Ms. Kuniko Langel, Secretary to the Board

Ms. Rebecca Sassouni called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm via live stream.

Viewers: 157

1. **RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS – NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Ms. Rebecca Sassouni and Dr. Jerry Cozine, North Middle School Principal, made opening remarks.

Dr. Cozine, along with Assistant Principals Ms. Jennifer Andersen and Ms. Nancy Gunning, acknowledged 94 North Middle School students who were awarded Certificates of Commendation for their academic achievements and contribution to the quality of school life.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. **March 15, 2021**
b. **March 16, 2021**
c. **March 19, 2021**
d. **March 20, 2021**

The Board approved the minutes of the above meetings, as presented.

3. **BOARD/ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS**

a. **Presentation: 2021-2022 Budget Overview**

Dr. Teresa Prendergast	Mr. John Powell
Superintendent of Schools	Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance

Dr. Prendergast began the presentation with a brief overview and then turned the remainder of the presentation over to Mr. Powell.

The presentation will be posted to the district website.

b. **Superintendent's Report**

- **Holocaust Remembrance Day**: The annual day of commemoration, known as Holocaust Remembrance Day, honors the memory of the lives and heroism of the six million Jewish people who died in the Holocaust between 1933 and 1945. While it might be painful to recall these horrific acts of violence, future generations must learn from the mistakes of the past, so that the commitment of "never again" lives strongly in our hearts. Those who survived the Holocaust are an inspiration to us all and as a society, we must reject acts of evil and hatred in order to prevent future atrocities from happening.

- **Anti-Asian Sentiment**: The current wave of hatred and violence against members of the Asian-American and Pacific Islander community, including vicious attacks on the elderly and vulnerable, is heart wrenching and absolutely unacceptance. The District is unwavering in its stance against racism and discrimination in all forms, and we remain committed to maintaining and ensuring a positive and inclusive learning environment where all students feel safe, included and accepted, and we will continue to cultivate a culture in our schools through our academic, social and emotional programs that embraces diversity and inclusion for everyone. The diversity of our community is our greatest strength as a school district. We will continue to work with our community partners to offer programs that support our students, celebrate diversity, and empower students to be upstanders against injustice.

- **Community Closet**: Prior to the Spring Recess, Trustee Sassouni, Dr. Lando and I attended the South Middle School ribbon cutting ceremony for their Community Closet. Similar to Saddle Rock School, the Community Closet will support families in need and I am grateful to the SMS administration, Yeddi Park (social worker), Kristin Klein (English teacher) and Liz Piperno (ENL teacher) for their efforts.

- **Summer Programs**: The District will once again host an in-person summer enrichment, summer school and summer recreation programs. Program brochures and registration will be available online mid-late April and will include operational changes and health procedures that will comply with local health department COVID 19 guidelines. Be sure to check your email for upcoming registration information. The locations for our Summer Enrichment and summer recreation programs were determined based on the summer capital projects scheduled throughout the District.

Dr. Teresa Prendergast
Superintendent of Schools

c. Policy 0101 – Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms (Second Reading)

INFORMATION

Attached for Board of Education consideration is a newly required policy: ***Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms*** **(0101)**. The policy governs the designation of all single occupancy bathrooms in the District as gender neutral. In order to be in compliance with New York State law, the policy was required to be in place by March 23, 2021. Therefore, it was conditionally adopted at the 3/16/21 Board meeting. In accordance with Policy 2400 *Board Policy Development*, it is being presented for a second reading for informational purposes.

This policy will be brought back for a third reading at a future Board meeting.

0101

GENDER NEUTRAL SINGLE-OCCUPANCY BATHROOMS

In accordance with New York State law, all single-occupancy bathroom facilities in the District are designated as gender neutral. Signs designating gender neutral single-occupancy bathrooms must be posted on or near the entry door of that bathroom facility.

A single-occupancy bathroom is as defined in New York State Public Buildings Law §145(d) as a bathroom intended for use by any of the following:

a. One occupant at a time.
b. Members of the same family.
c. An individual requiring assistance.

Such bathrooms will have a door providing entry and egress that can be locked by the occupant to insure privacy.

Great Neck Public Schools
Conditionally Adopted: 3/16/21
Informational Reading: 4/7/21

d. **Policy 1131 – District-Sponsored Social Media (Second Reading)**

INFORMATION

Attached for Board of Education consideration is a new policy: ***District-Sponsored Social Media*** **(1131)**. This policy defines the purpose of the District's social media presence as an information resource intended to highlight educational activities and academic accomplishments of the District, its students and staff. As such, it is imperative that all those who engage with these platforms understand that they must do so respectfully and responsibly. The policy outlines inappropriate behaviors that could lead to cancellation of the privilege of participation as well as other disciplinary action. There have been no changes since its first reading on 3/16/21, and it is being submitted for the second of three readings. No Board action will be taken at this time.

This policy will be brought back for a third reading at a future Board meeting.

1131

DISTRICT-SPONSORED SOCIAL MEDIA

The purpose of the Great Neck Public Schools social media presence is to serve as an information resource for District staff, students, families and community members. Official District social media platforms, as defined by Policy 4526 *Computer Network and Internet Acceptable Use*, are intended to highlight educational activities and academic accomplishments of the District, its students and staff. Engagement with District-sponsored social media platforms must be consistent with this purpose and the educational objectives of the District as set forth in Policy 0000 *Educational Philosophy*.

The District reserves the right to remove or block any message, post, or link that is inconsistent with the purpose and educational objectives of the District's social media platforms. The District also reserves the right to respond to any message, post or link to correct outdated, incomplete or inaccurate information.

The District encourages respectful and responsible participation on its social media platforms. Inappropriate or illegal engagement may result in the temporary or permanent cancellation of the privilege of such participation and may result in additional disciplinary and/or legal action. Grounds for such cancellation, disciplinary and/or legal action include but are not limited to:

1. The use of inappropriate language, including language that might be considered dangerous, violent, spam-like, profane, vulgar, sexually explicit, obscene, discriminatory, or harassing to others.
2. The use of any District social media platform for non-educational or non-school related purposes.
3. Any vandalism that is a malicious attempt to harm, destroy, modify, or disrupt any District social media platform.
4. Any violation of District policy, including, but not limited to, Policy 0100 *Equal Opportunity*, Policy 0110 *Sexual Harassment*, Policy 0115 *Bullying and Harassment*, Policy 4526 *Computer Network and Internet Acceptable Use for Students and Staff*, and the *District Code of Conduct* (Policy 5300).
5. Any message, post or link that causes or can reasonably be foreseen to cause a substantial disruption to the school environment.

Great Neck Public Schools
Proposed: 3/16/21; 4/7/21

e. **Policy 4010 – Comparability of Schools (Third Reading)**

INFORMATION

Attached for Board of Education consideration is a revised policy: ***Comparability of Schools* (4010)**. This policy was adopted in 1984 as a required part of an application for Federal funding. Currently, the policy is only required for districts with more than one building on a grade span that is eligible for Title I funding under the Federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). While this designation does not apply to District schools, new language has been added to the policy to emphasize the District's ongoing commitment to educational equity. As such, a change of the policy title from ***Comparability of Schools*** to ***Equivalence of Schools*** is also being proposed. There have been no changes since its second reading on 3/16/21, and this revised policy is being submitted for a third reading and possible adoption.

Motion: J. Shi	Vote: 3-0

4010

~~COMPARABILITY~~ EQUIVALENCE OF SCHOOLS

~~It shall be the policy of this school district that the Board of Education shall ensure comparability among schools in the following manner:~~

In accordance with the Federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the Board of Education directs that services in Title I schools and programs, when taken as a whole, will be substantially equivalent to services in schools and programs that do not receive Title I funds. This includes curriculum materials, instructional supplies, and personnel (teachers, administrators, and other personnel).

The Superintendent of Schools will follow New York State Education Department guidelines in determining such equivalence on an annual basis, and report to the Board, upon request, on the status of District schools with regard to equivalence.

~~A. All teachers are paid in accordance with an approved, written, district-wide salary schedule resulting from negotiated contracts.~~

~~B. Teachers, administrators, and paraprofessionals are assigned to schools in accordance with course requirements, pupil registration, and contractual obligations.~~

~~C. Instructional materials, books, and other supplies are provided in an equitable manner by use of a per pupil index system. Such funds are derived from local (no Federal) sources.~~

Instructional materials, books, and other supplies ~~are~~ will be provided in an equitable manner by use of a Per Pupil Index system. Such funds are derived from local (not Federal) sources.

All teachers ~~are~~ will be paid in accordance with an approved, written~~,~~ District-wide salary schedule resulting from negotiated contracts. Teachers, administrators, and paraprofessionals ~~are~~ will be assigned to schools in accordance with course requirements, pupil registration, and contractual obligations.

Great Neck Public Schools
Adopted: 8/13/84
Proposed Revision: 2/24/21; 3/16/21; 4/7/21

f. Policy 8505 – Charging of School Meals and Prohibition Against Shaming (Third Reading)

INFORMATION

Attached for Board of Education consideration is a revised policy: ***Charging of School Meals And Prohibition Against Shaming*** **(8505)**. The revision addresses the ongoing issue of debt collection from families who have enrolled through MySchoolBucks to pay for student meals. As such, the policy has been amended to change the threshold for outstanding balances from $75 to $25 so that it correlates with the value of the five meal negative balance requirement used for determination of eligibility for free or reduced lunch. In addition, in the event of continued failure to replenish an outstanding balance, deterrents such as curtailment of a parent's electronic access to student records or a limitation of student participation in various school sponsored events or activities may be considered. Restrictions will not be imposed on any student certified as eligible for free or reduced lunch and, as indicated in the policy's third paragraph, the District has always maintained a commitment to supporting families who may be facing temporary financial difficulty with regard to paying for student meals. There have been no changes since its second reading on 3/16/21, and this revised policy is being submitted for a third reading and possible adoption.

Motion: R. Sassouni	Vote: 3-0

8505

CHARGING OF SCHOOL MEALS AND PROHIBITION AGAINST SHAMING

The Board of Education recognizes that, on occasion, students may forget to bring meal money to school. To ensure that students do not go hungry, the Board will allow students who do not have enough funds the option to "charge" the cost of meals to be paid back subject to the terms in this policy. Parents/guardians ~~shall~~ will be notified annually that they have the right to opt out of charging privileges.

I. Only regular meals, and only what is on the menu may be charged;

II. No snacks may be charged;

III. A computer-generated point of sale system ~~shall~~ will be used for identifying and recording all charged meals, as well as for collecting repayments.

Students who cannot pay for a meal or who have unpaid meal debt ~~shall~~ will not be publicly identified or stigmatized. District staff ~~shall~~ will not discuss a student's unpaid meal debt in front of other students. The District ~~shall~~ will not take any action directed at a student to collect unpaid school meal fees. However, the District may discretely notify secondary students of their account balances, and why certain items (e.g., à la carte, etc.) could not be provided with charged meals.

The District ~~shall~~ will discretely notify parents/guardians of students with negative balances of at least five meals~~,~~ to determine if the student is directly certified to be eligible for free meals~~, . and~~ Attempts to reach the parent/guardian will be made in order to assist them in the application process for free ~~and/~~or reduced price meals, ~~and~~ to determine if there are other issues within the household causing the insufficient funds and to offer appropriate ~~assistance~~ support. If a parent/guardian regularly fails to provide meal money and does not qualify for free or reduced price meals, the District may take other actions as appropriate.

If school food service authorities identify that a family may be in violation of this policy by accumulating an outstanding balance greater than ~~$75~~ $25, they ~~shall~~ will discretely notify the parent/guardian of the balance and the process to refill the account. This notification ~~shall~~ will continue regularly until the account is replenished. Failure to replenish an outstanding balance may result in the curtailment of a parent's electronic access to student records.

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The District ~~shall~~ will communicate to all parents on an annual basis, prior to the opening day of school and to families transferring into the District during the year, notifying them of the requirements of this policy. The policy ~~shall~~ will also be published in appropriate school and District publications. All staff involved in implementing and enforcing this policy ~~shall~~ will also be notified of these requirements and their responsibilities. The District's enrollment process ~~shall~~ will include the application process for free and reduced price meals. If the District becomes aware that a student is so eligible, it ~~shall~~ will file an application for the student. Staff responsible for assisting foster, homeless and migrant students ~~shall~~ will coordinate with food services staff to ensure such students receive free school meals.

Unpaid meal charges are a financial burden to the District and taxpayers and can negatively affect the school program. All schools ~~shall~~ will maintain a system for accounting for charged meals that follows New York State guidelines. The District ~~shall~~ will attempt to recover unpaid meal charges before the end of the school year, but may continue efforts into the next school year. The District ~~shall~~ will notify parents/guardians of unpaid meal charges at regular intervals, and may engage in collection activities by District staff, which do not involve debt collectors as defined in Federal law (15 USC §1692a), and may not charge fees or interest. The District ~~shall~~ will offer repayment plans, and may take other actions that do not result in harm or shame to the child, until unpaid charges are paid. As a last attempt to recover unpaid meal charge balances, at the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools or designee, a student's participation in various school sponsored events/activities, including but not limited to receipt of a high school parking pass, a class yearbook, a cap/gown and/or participation in a graduation/moving-up ceremony, may be withheld.

Remaining funds ~~shall~~ will be carried over to the next school year. When students leave the District or graduate, the District ~~shall~~ will attempt to contact the parent/guardian to return remaining funds. Parents/guardians may request, in writing, that funds be transferred to other students (e.g., siblings, unpaid accounts).

In accordance with Federal law, the District is not permitted to extend credit for meal purchases to staff.

Great Neck Public Schools
Adopted: 6/16/14
Amended: 7/5/17; 6/18/18; 8/28/18
Proposed Revision: 2/24/21; 3/16/21; 4/7/21

g. Appointment of Medical Director as Independent Contractor: Mount Sinai South Nassau Hospital

INFORMATION

In accordance with Education Law §901, school districts must provide medical services to all students attending public schools. An agreement with Mount Sinai South Nassau Hospital was reached to provide these services for the period of April 8, 2021 through June 30, 2022 for the following rates:

4/8/21-6/30/21	$6,904.11*
7/1/21-6/30/22	$30,000

***The payment for the period of April 8, 2021 through June 30, 2021 is prorated.**

Dr. Ron Marino and Dr. Roselia Guillen-Santana of Mount Sinai South Nassau Hospital will serve as Medical Director and Physician respectively.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Education appoint Mount Sinai South Nassau Hospital to provide medical services to the District at the annual rate of $30,000.

Motion: D. Peirez Vote: 3-0

h. **Resolution on Nassau County Transportation Cooperative**

WHEREAS, a number of public school districts in Nassau County wish to jointly solicit proposals, together with the Nassau Board of Cooperative Educational Services ("BOCES") for pupil transportation services for the 2021-22 school year (and any renewal period) in accordance with the applicable provisions of General Municipal Law;

WHEREAS, the public school districts and the BOCES have agreed to form a Cooperative (the "Cooperative") for this purpose;

WHEREAS, the Great Neck Public School District is desirous of participating in the Cooperative for joint solicitation of proposals for pupil transportation services as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Inter-Municipal Cooperative Transportation Agreement attached hereto;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize the School District to participate in the Cooperative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approve the Inter-Municipal Cooperative Transportation Agreement (Recitals) attached hereto and authorizes the Board President to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

Motion: D. Peirez	Vote: 3-0

This Agreement made this 7st day of April, 2021 by, between and among the Nassau Board of Cooperative Educational Services ("BOCES") and Great Neck Public Schools: (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Participating School Districts and individually referred to as a "Participating School District").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Participating School Districts are required to provide transportation to their respective students;

WHEREAS, such pupil transportation is provided by each Participating School District at its individual cost and expense;

WHEREAS, the Participating School Districts, together with BOCES, have determined that it would be in their best financial interests to procure pupil transportation services on a cooperative basis;

WHEREAS, the Participating School Districts and BOCES desire to enter into an inter-municipal cooperative agreement pursuant to New York General Municipal Law ("GML") section 119-o for the purpose of seeking proposals for pupil transportation services on behalf of the Participating School Districts; and

WHEREAS, the Participating School Districts and BOCES are ready and willing to enter into an inter-municipal cooperation agreement for such purposes.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Pursuant to General Municipal Law section 119-o, each Participating School District and BOCES agrees to join together for the purpose of forming a Cooperative (hereinafter referred to as the "Cooperative") for purposes of securing pupil transportation services in accordance with applicable law.

2. The Participating School Districts hereby authorize the Nassau BOCES to act as "Lead Participant" of the Cooperative for purposes of facilitating and coordinating: (1) the writing and preparation of the transportation specifications for pupil transportation services; (2) receipt of proposals; and (3) providing the place for the opening of sealed proposals.

3. The Participating School Districts and BOCES agree to cooperatively prepare, review and analyze the transportation specifications and proposal submissions received by the Cooperative for pupil transportation services.

4. Each Participating School District/BOCES shall separately advertise the bid/request for proposal in the official newspaper(s) of the School District. In the event that any Participating School District/BOCES shares the same official newspaper(s) with other Participating School District(s), they may collectively advertise in those official newspaper(s) in an effort to reduce the costs of advertising.

5. Each Participating School District/BOCES shall be responsible for awarding and extending the pupil transportation service contract(s) by resolution of its Board at a public meeting.

6. This Agreement shall commence on September 1, 2021 and terminate on June 30, 2022 and may be renewed annually upon the adoption of a resolution by the Board of each Participating School District and the BOCES.

7. The Agreement is to be approved and executed by all Participating School Districts and BOCES and submitted immediately upon execution with the required resolution attached hereto.

8. This Agreement may not be altered, changed, added to, deleted from or modified except through the mutual written consent of the parties.

9. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but which together shall constitute a single instrument.

10. The undersigned representatives of the Participating School Districts and BOCES hereby represent and warrant that they have the full legal rights, power and authority to enter into this Agreement on behalf of the respective school districts and bind the same with respect to the obligations and terms contained herein. This Agreement shall not become binding until approved by each Participating School District by resolution at a duly convened public meeting.

11. The undersigned agrees that any route submitted to the Nassau County Consortium will not be bid in any other consortium or bid on your own concurrently.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement the day and year first above written.

Date:_____ By: _____

PRESIDENT, NASSAU BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Date: _____ By: _____

PRESIDENT, BOARD OF EDUCATION GREAT NECK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

i. Resolution to Participate in the Northwest Nassau Transportation Cooperative

INFORMATION

The Carle Place, East Williston, Glen Cove, Great Neck, Manhasset, North Shore, Port Washington, Roslyn and Westbury School Districts are executing bids for the 2021 summer and 2021-2022 school year. The contracts to provide these services will be publicly awarded in June and August 2021 respectively. To establish these bids, the attached Cooperative Bid Resolution must be executed.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt the attached Resolution for the purpose of participating in a Cooperative Bid for joint transportation.

Motion: D. Peirez	Vote: 3-0

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

NORTHWEST NASSAU TRANSPORTATION COOPERATIVE
2021-2022

Joint Transportation Bid with Carle Place UFSD, East Williston UFSD, Glen Cove City Schools, Great Neck Public Schools, Manhasset UFSD, North Shore Central SD, Port Washington UFSD, Roslyn UFSD and Westbury UFSD

WHEREAS, it is the plan of a number of public school districts in Nassau County, New York, to bid jointly Transportation Services, and

WHEREAS, the Great Neck Public School District is desirous of participation with other school districts in Nassau County in the joint bidding of the services mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0, and

WHEREAS, the Great Neck Public School District wishes to appoint a committee to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, reporting the results to the Board of Education, and making recommendations thereon, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Great Neck Public School District hereby appoints James Popkin to represent it in all matters related above, and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Great Neck Public School District's Board of Education authorizes the above mentioned committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned services, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Great Neck Public School District's Board of Education agrees to assume its proportionate share of the costs of cooperative bidding, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Great Neck Public School District's Board of Education agrees (1) to abide by majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; (2) that unless all bids are rejected, it will award contracts according to the recommendations of the committee; and (3) that after award of contract(s), it will conduct all business directly with the successful bidder(s).

j. Student Teacher(s) and/or Observer(s) – Secondary – Spring 2021 Semester

INFORMATION

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.

All student teachers and observers enrolled in education classes at universities are interviewed at the building level by the principal or assistant principal to ensure their suitability for placement in our secondary classrooms.

The following student teacher(s) and/or observer(s) have requested assignments to our secondary schools for the spring 2021 semester.

STUDENT OBSERVER(S)

Name	College	School	Teacher	Subject	Hours/Dates
Erick Zizic	SUNY Oswego	SM	J. Ruvio	Tech	35 hours

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the placement of the above secondary student teacher(s) and/or observer(s) to our spring 2021 semester.

Motion: D. Peirez Vote: 3-0

k. **Project Independence Lease Amendment Great Neck Social Center**

INFORMATION

The Social Center (SC), a tenant in the Grace Avenue Facility, subleases space to the Town of North Hempstead (TONH) for their Project Independence Program. The TONH would like to extend the sublease agreement to continue to sublease space from the SC for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. The SC must receive approval or the consent of the Great Neck Public School District (District) to sublease because the District is the owner of the building. The SC is in agreement with the terms of the lease.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Board of Education approve the lease extension between the TONH and the SC where the TONH will continue to sublease space from the SC for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

Motion: D. Peirez	Vote: 3-0

I. **Oil & Gas Burners – Repair & Service**

INFORMATION

At its January 20, 2021 Meeting, the Board approved a bid from Thermo Tech Combustion, Inc. for oil and gas burner service throughout the District. Since then, there have been numerous problems with Thermo Tech's service.

Per the original bid specifications, the District wishes to terminate the agreement with Thermo Tech for default, and award the contract to the second lowest bidder, Ultimate Power, Inc. This will protect the continuity of District operations.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Education terminate its agreement with Thermo Tech Combustion for oil and gas burner repair and service, and reassign this agreement to the second lowest bidder, Ultimate Power, Inc.

Motion: D. Peirez	Vote: 3-0

m. Donation – Equipment: J. F. Kennedy School (Mask/Temperature Sensing Device)

INFORMATION

Mr. Michael Mardkha would like to donate a remote mask detection and temperature sensing device to J. F. Kennedy.

The administration has indicated that this donation is very much appreciated.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the above donation.

Ms. Sassouni thanked the donor.	Motion: D. Peirez	Vote: 3-0

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February 9, 2021

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

Dear Mrs. Berkowitz and Members of the Board:

My nephews, William and Maxwell Mardkha, attend J.F. Kennedy School and I would like to donate a remote Mask Detection and Temperature sensing device I developed called ThermaView© to J.F. Kennedy School.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Regards,

Michael M. Mardkha

Michael M. Mardkha

Approved by:

Ronald Gimondo, Principal

n. Donation – Monetary: South Middle (Read-a-Thon) - Revision

INFORMATION

On the March 16, 2021 Board of Education Agenda, the budget codes for this donation were inadvertently omitted. Below is the revision:

The Great Neck South Middle School PTA would like to make a monetary donation of $1,960 towards the classroom libraries.

The administration has indicated that this donation is very much appreciated.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the above donation to the Great Neck Public Schools and increase the following budget codes:

	Budget Code	Description	School	Amount
Expenditures:	2110-4500-031-2400	Instructional Supplies for English Dept	South Middle	$1,960
Revenues:	A2705-096	Gifts and Donations	District	$1,960

Ms. Sassouni thanked the donor.	Motion: D. Peirez	Vote: 3-0

o. **Establishment of the Mandarin Chinese Achievement Award**

INFORMATION

The Great Neck Chinese Association Education Team would like to establish a new scholarship called the “Mandarin Chinese Achievement Award.”

The scholarship will provide two Great Neck North High School students each with a $250 award. The award is to encourage students to study Chinese as a foreign language. The award will end when funds are no longer available.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Education authorize the establishment of the “Mandarin Chinese Achievement Award.” Two $250 awards will be presented annually to North High School seniors who meet the criteria until funds are no longer available.

Motion: J. Shi	Vote: 3-0

p. **Student Appeal**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that, the Board of Education of the Great Neck Union Free School District hereby denies the appeal from the March 12, 2021 decision of the Superintendent of Schools, upholding the suspension of student ID number F0214.

Motion: D. Peirez	Vote: 3-0

4. FACILITIES

a. Public Use of District Facilities

INFORMATION

Attached is a schedule of requests for public use of district facilities. The fees are calculated in accordance with Board policy for the use of district facilities.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the schedule of requests for public use of district facilities.

Motion: J. Shi	Vote: 3-0

PUBLIC USE OF DISTRICT FACILITIES

2020 - 2021
(For Board of Education Approval)
April 7, 2021

ORGANIZATION	LOCATION	DAY	DATE	START TIME	END TIME	PURPOSE	FEE	CLASS	LIABILITY WAIVER SIGNED
Jewish Community Baseball League	South High Softball Field #4	Sunday	04/11/2021 - 06/27/2021	12:00 PM	6:00 PM	Youth Baseball	$1,800.00	3	Yes
Jewish Community Baseball League	North Middle Recess Field #7	Sunday	04/11/2021 - 06/27/2021	12:00 PM	6:00 PM	Youth Baseball	$1,800.00	3	Yes
Great Neck Soccer Club	North Middle Track Field #9	Monday - Thursday	04/12/2021 - 06/17/2021	7:00 PM	9:30 PM	Youth Soccer	$950.00	3	Yes
Great Neck Soccer Club	Upper Field JF Kennedy	Monday - Thursday	04/12/2021 - 06/17/2021	4:30 PM	7:30 PM	Youth Soccer	$950.00	3	Yes
Great Neck Soccer Club	Upper Field JF Kennedy	Sunday	04/18/2021 - 06/27/2021	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Youth Soccer	$1,100.00	3	Yes
Great Neck PAL	Outdoor Basketball Courts South High	Sunday	04/11/2021 - 06/13/2021	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Youth Basektball	$900.00	3	Yes
Great Neck PAL	Outdoor Basketball Courts South High	Tuesday	04/20/2021 - 06/15/2021	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	Youth Basektball	$225.00	3	Yes

5. FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

a. Contract(s) – Health and Welfare Services

INFORMATION

New York State law requires that public school districts provide health and welfare services to non-public schools located within their district. The public school may bill each student's district of residence for a portion of the services provided. The Board of Education is asked to approve the contract(s) listed below for students who attend non-public school in other districts and reside in Great Neck.

District	Students	Rate/Student	Total	School Year
Garden City Union Free School District	3	$1,100.89	$3,302.67	2020-2021

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the above contract(s) for health and welfare services rendered to student(s) of Great Neck who attend a non-public school in other districts.

Motion: J. Shi	Vote: 3-0

b. **Contract(s) – Tuition Addenda**

INFORMATION

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. 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
Center for Developmental Disabilities	Woodbury	1	1:1 aide added, $22,226 annually per student	2/21-6/21
The Lowell School	Whitestone	1	Revised tuition rate of $6,665 per student to $6,689 per student	7/16-8/16
The Lowell School	Whitestone	2	Revised tuition rate of $39,992 per student to $40,133 per student	9/16-6/17
The Lowell School	Whitestone	1	Revised tuition rate of $41,659 per student to $43,033 per student	9/18-6/19

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the revised rate(s) above for classified student(s) who attend(ed) approved private special education schools.

Motion: J. Shi Vote: 3-0

c. **Outside Service Agreements**

INFORMATION
The attached Outside Service Agreements are being submitted for approval. Provider credentials have been reviewed by administration.

RECOMMENTATION
It is recommended that the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board of Education to approve payment of the attached Outside Service Agreements.

Motion: J. Shi	Vote: 3-0

OTHER CONSULTANTS
4/7/21 BOARD MEETING

Consultant	Purpose	Location	Date(s)	Rate	Max. Approval	
Joyce Appleman/Blue Sky Communications	Fencing Online Instruction	District Wide	4/11/21-6/13/21	$120/Hour	$2,160.00	***
Thomas D'Amico	Kickboxing Clinic Online Instruction	District Wide	4/10/21-6/12/21	$50/Hour	$900.00	***
Fun Bricks, LLC	Coding Online Instruction Classes (Saturday)	District Wide	4/10/21-6/12/21	$375/Hour	$16,875.00	***
Fun Bricks, LLC	Coding/Computer Applications Online Instruction (Sundays)	District Wide	4/11/21-6/13/21	$375/Hour	$13,500.00	***
Long Island Chess Kids	Chess Online Instruction	District Wide	4/10/21-6/12/21	$120/Hour	$6,480.00	***
Math109 Academy	Creative Problem Solving Online Instruction	District Wide	4/10/21-6/12/21	$280/Hour	$7,560.00	***
Gregory J. Rupp	Fencing Online Instruction	District Wide	4/10/21-6/12/21	$120/Hour	$2,160.00	***
Daniel Pitt Stoller	Online Enrichment Classes: 2nd Acting Workshop	District Wide	3/1/21-4/30/21	$50/Hour	$400.00	***

*Partially or fully funded by a State or Federal Grant.
**Emergency conditional appointment as defined in Section 1709, Subdivision 39 of the Education Law.
***Amount included in fee paid for by participants.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION CONSULTANTS
4/7/21 BOARD MEETING

Consultant	Purpose	Location	Date(s)	Rate	Max. Approval	
Cominda, Inc.	Conversational Chinese	Cumberland	4/8/21-6/24/21	$64/Hour	$704.00	***

*Partially or fully funded by a State or Federal Grant.
**Emergency conditional appointment as defined in Section 1709, Subdivision 39 of the Education Law.
***Amount included in fee paid for by participants.

d. Claims Audit Report to the Board of Education – February 2021

INFORMATION

Each month the District's claims auditing firm, R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP prepares a report of the previous month's claims activity. This report is solely for the Board of Education's information. It has been recommended that the submission of these monthly claims reports to the Board of Education and their acknowledgement of receipt be documented.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Education acknowledge receipt of the February 2021 claims audit report, as presented.

The Board accepted the report as presented.

e. **Payment of Fees to Counsel – November 2020**

INFORMATION

Invoices were received from district counsel, Frazer & Feldman, for professional services rendered during November 2020 in the following matters:

Student Matters – Special Ed (13)	$	15,859.75
Negotiations	$	1,935.00
Human Resources (5)	$	4,907.25
Instruction	$	1,395.00
Student Matters – Residency	$	0.00
Miscellaneous	$	15,390.14
	$	39,487.14

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Education authorize the payment of $39,487.14 for November 2020 as per the invoices submitted by Frazer & Feldman for professional services rendered as stated above.

Motion: J. Shi	Vote: 3-0

f. Electronic Submission of Reports to the Board of Education

1) Monthly Treasurer's Report – February 2021
2) Monthly Budget Status Report for General, Capital, Debt Service, Lunch and Special Aid Funds – February 2021
3) Revenue Status Report General Fund – February 2021

The Board accepted the reports as presented.

6. STUDENT MATTERS AND CURRICULUM

a. Committee on Special Education Recommendations 2020-2021

INFORMATION

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.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Education has been provided with the schedule of specific recommendations for the 2020 – 2021 school year made by the Committee on Special Education for students whose ID numbers appear below. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve this schedule.

4692	G2224	N9364
A2474	H7475	R6020
A2858	I4528	S2476
A6147	I6324	W1217
C0748	M1724	W6906
F6226	M2083	
G0631	M2450	

Motion: D. Peirez Vote: 3-0

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

INFORMATION

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.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Education has been provided with the schedule of specific recommendations for the 2021 – 2022 school year made by the Committee on Special Education for students whose ID numbers appear below. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve this schedule.

10384	E3993	L1111	S2213
A0909	F0870	L5033	S3104
A2478	F1902	M2071	S4860
A2857	F3207	M2157	S5256
A2858	G6705	M2450	S7512
A7705	H0976	M3693	S8712
A9728	H4758	M9102	S9020
B0155	I0999	N9364	V4227
B5996	I4575	Q0479	W1217
C7998	K0128	Q8838	W6906
C8239	K0177	R3190	W8929
C8606	K3142	R6462	X9496
E1047	K6696	R7002	Y9844
E1804	K6895	R7527	

Motion: D. Peirez Vote: 3-0

On a motion by Ms. Sassouni and approved by unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Kuniko Langel
Secretary to the Board