

**RYE NECK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
300 HORNIDGE ROAD
MAMARONECK, NEW YORK 10543
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 23, 2024**

DRAFT

Present: President Rebecca Mansell
Trustee Jason Carmel
Trustee Gloria Golle
Trustee Patty Nashelsky
Trustee Erica Wagner
Trustee Elizabeth Yong
Dr. Eric Lutinski, Superintendent of Schools
Carolyn Mahar, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Kate Reid, Esq., Bond, Schoeneck & King
Mary Ellen Chiera, District Clerk

I. Opening of Meeting

President Mansell called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

II. Discussion

The board discussed with counsel the requirements for the timing of a runoff election. Counsel advised that it should be held 45 days after the first election, which would be July 5th. Since the District's Annual Organization Meeting is being held on July 2, 2024, that would be too late. It was suggested and verbally agreed to by the Board and the two candidates (one was at the meeting in person and the other was conferenced in on the phone) that a runoff election be held on Thursday, June 20th. In addition, the Board requested that the District have the two candidates sign a waiver that they agree to the election taking place prior to the 45 days.

In addition, the Board reviewed with legal counsel the questions raised by Martin O'Reilly regarding affidavit ballots and notifying candidates of their right to have poll watchers present while the ballots are being canvassed. Following discussion, it was noted that although the District was not aware of this and has not done this in the past, it would do so for all future elections.

III. Approval of Resolution Calling Special Meeting for Runoff Election

WHEREAS, the Board of Education conducted its Annual Meeting and Election on May 21, 2024; and

WHEREAS, during the 2024 Annual Meeting and Election, candidates Halli Gatenio and Martin O'Reilly received an identical number of votes;

WHEREAS, Section 2034(10) of the New York Education Law requires that the Board call a special run-off election to determine which of the two candidates (Halli Gatenio or Martin O'Reilly) shall be elected to office.

Upon Motion duly made by Trustee Golle and seconded by Trustee Nashelsky , it was

RESOLVED, that the following resolutions concerning a June 20, 2024 Special "Run-Off" Meeting of the Rye Neck Union Free School District be adopted:

PROVISIONS FOR DETAILS OF REGISTRATION, ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF TRUSTEE

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to make all necessary arrangements and expenditures for the provision of tables, chairs, registration books, voting machines, printing, etc., and to advertise the proper notices required for the conducting of the registration of voters, the special meeting and the run-off election of school trustees in accordance with the Education Law of the State of New York.

SETTING THE DATE FOR PERSONAL REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

RESOLVED, that the Board of Registration shall meet at the Administration Building, 310 Hornidge Road, in the Village of Mamaroneck, County of Westchester, State of New York, on the 13th day of June 2024, from 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon to 7:00 o'clock in the evening, for the purpose of preparing a register of the qualified electors of said District for the upcoming June 20, 2024 Special Meeting.

DATE OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING AND USE OF VOTING MACHINES

RESOLVED, that a Special Meeting of the Rye Neck Union Free School District for the purposes of conducting a run-off election between Halli Gatenio and Martin O'Reilly in accordance with Section 2034(10) of the New York Education Law, shall be held at the Rye Neck High School Library Community Room on June 20, 2024, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon and 9:00 o'clock in the evening, during which hours the polls shall be open, and that the optical scanner voting machine(s) shall be used at said election to record the votesthereat.

AYES: All Present

NAYES: None

IV. Adjournment of Special Meeting

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Wagner and seconded by Trustee Yong, it was

RESOLVED, that there being no further business before the Board, that the Board of Education Special Meeting of May 23, 2024 be adjourned.

AYES: All Present

NAYES: None

President Mansell adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Chiera
District Clerk