

Little Flower Union Free School District
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday October 25, 2021
District Office– 4 p.m.

Charles Drexel, President
Joseph Delgado, Vice President
Marilyn Adsitt
Frank Caliguiri
Corinne Hammons
Grace LoGrande
Bridgette Waite

MEMBERS PRESENT

Raymond Fell
Nancy Hancock

MEMBERS ABSENT

Harold Dean, Superintendent
Robert Scappatore, Principal
Michael Gordon, Asst. Principal/Director of Special Ed.
Kathleen Nolan, District Clerk / School Business Assistant
Alan Yu, Cullen & Danowski, LLP.
Brian Peterson, PKF O'Connor Davies

ALSO PRESENT

1. 4:05 p.m. President Drexel called meeting to order, Superintendent led the pledge.

CALL TO ORDER/
PLEDGE:

2. President Drexel welcomed all.

BOARD PRESIDENTS
REPORT

- President Drexel reported on the audit results and updated the board regarding the audit committee meeting with the Independent Auditors. He introduced Mr. Yu who reviewed the financial statements and noted recommendations for the District to follow.

4:19 p.m. A. Yu left meeting.

3. Superintendent Dean reported on the following:

SUPERINTENDENTS
REPORT

- **District News** – Strong payment schedule, counties/NYC catching up on past dues. PKFOD worked with business staff on closeouts toward the audit. Rooftop ventilation unit work to start in November. NYSIF DOL Code Rule 59 process complete, all requirements have been met. RFP in development for Custodial services. In discussion with Agency for renewal of service contract. Continued COVID testing of unvaccinated staff via mobile lab. Regional Associate site review scheduled for December 7-8. Afterschool program going well. 21 CCLC Grant application being prepared for submission to be applied to afterschool, extracurricular, and academic programs. Mentoring program underway with 10

participants in year 1. PSAT Day 10/13, two participants. NYSED Diploma and Graduation Requirements updated. 2022-25 Technology Plan is in drafting stage.

- **Regional Updates** – Suffolk County Community College partnership for tours and presenters.
- **Statewide Update** –NYSED- Applied for seat on CAP, selection to be made in December. State Performance Plan indicator review committee participation. Learning standards updates in PE & ELA. Coalition – Meeting with regents, chancellor, commissioner to update foundation, enrollment, and methodology. Advocacy group, board members invited, scheduled 11/17. NYSCOSS – Fall summit in September, networking and presentation (shared). NYSSBA – School Law conference held virtual, Harry and Vice-President Delgado attended.

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| 4. | R. Scappatore spoke on PBIS Kickoff day. All students participated. First event held included a review of Restorative Practices / Code of Conduct. Fun stations set up. All designed to set expectations for the school year and to reinforce the program. Harvest Festival planned for end of month. | PRINCIPAL'S
REPORT |
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| 5. | M. Gordon spoke on current enrollment. 53 intakes – 1 acceptance. In the process of screening 5 enrollees. Current FTE 108.00 with 103.25 billable. On pace for 107.00 FTE's in October. Restorative Practices team working with staff to train in use. Naviance & IGHIL software program transition program for career interest and strengths. Anticipate high school transition. IGHIL working on employability skills training. | DIRECTOR'S
REPORT |
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4:55 p.m. B. Peterson left meeting.

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| 6. | G. LoGrande moved, B. Waite seconded, carried 7-0 to approve the consent agenda. | CONSENT AGENDA |
| 6.1 | G. LoGrande moved, B. Waite seconded, carried 7-0 to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 13, 2021. | Minutes |
| 6.2 | | FINANCIAL MATTERS |
| b.1 | G. LoGrande moved, B. Waite seconded, carried 7-0 to accept the Treasurer's Reports for the month of September 2021. | Treasurer's Reports |
| b.2 | The Board President acknowledged receipt of the schedule of bills for the months of: | Schedule of Bills |

September 2021: WN-9, WN-10, WN-11

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| b.3 | The Board President acknowledged receipt for the Budget Status Report for the month of September 2021. | Budget status Report |
| b.4 | The Board President acknowledged receipt of the Accounts Receivable Report for the month as of 9/30/21. | Accounts Receivable |
| b.5 | G. LoGrande moved, B. Waite seconded, carried 7-0 to accept the Claims Audit Report for the month of August 2021. | Claims Audit Report |
| b.6 | The Board President acknowledged receipt of the Enrollment Projection for September 2021. | Enrollment Projection |
| b.7 | G. LoGrande moved, B. Waite seconded, carried 7-0 to accept the Independent Audit Report for the Fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, prepared by Cullen & Danowski LLP. | Independent Audit Report |
| 6.3 | G. LoGrande moved, B. Waite seconded, carried 7-0 to accept the following CSE recommendations:

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Recommendations |
| 6.4 | G. LoGrande moved, B. Waite seconded, carried 7-0 to approve the following personnel items: | PERSONNEL |
| a. | Lauren Seiden, Speech Teacher, resignation effective 10/29/21. | Employee Leaving
District – P/T Permanent |
| b. | Abolish one Speech Teacher position, 0.8 FTE, effective November 1, 2021.
Establish one Speech Teacher position, 0.6 FTE, effective November 1, 2021. | Staffing Positions |
| c. | Veronica Keppler, Speech Teacher, probationary appointment effective 11/1/2021, salary and benefits per LFTA Contract (MA, Step 1). | Employees Entering
District –P/T Permanent |
| d. | <u>Individual Aides</u> – hourly at \$15.50/hr
Alexia Belline Shericka Lamb-Dudley
Juliana cintron-Leonardo | Employees Entering
District P/T Temporary |

7. NEW BUSINESS

- 7.1 J. Delgado moved, C. Hammons seconded, carried 7-0 to approve Dr. Margareth LaFontant for grant writing service for 2021-22 not to exceed \$4,000. Grant Writing Service

8. BOARD POLICIES

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- a. G. LoGrande moved, F. Caliguiri seconded, carried 7-0 to approve the following written policy for a “second” reading: Board Policies
Second Reading
Diversity, Equity, And Inclusion In The District (#3430)

9. 4:57 p.m. B. Waite moved, J. Delgado seconded, carried 7-0 to enter Executive Session to discuss current legal and personnel matters leading to the appointment, discipline, or removal of a particular person. EXECUTIVE SESSION

R. Scappatore, M. Gordon, and K. Nolan left meeting.

5:12 p.m. F. Caliguiri moved, M. Adsitt seconded, carried 7-0 to leave Executive Session.

9. All members: BOARD FORUM

Member G. LoGrande – Excited to see so many great things happening so early in the school year.

Vice President J. Delgado – Interesting law conference, can send presentations to anyone interested; compensatory services surfacing in a year or two? Congrats to staff on a great opening.

Member F. Caliguiri – Compensatory attestations that student did not regress, see what happens/ lawsuits coming likely; congrats to more success in the year, pleasure to hear great things every month.

Member B. Waite – Always a pleasure to hear about schools, happy to hear of SCCC partnership, keep attention on us positive.

Member M. Adsitt – Pleased to hear of clean audit, on right track, commend on grant writing, presence in committees, all good.

Member C. Hammons – Excited about PSAT takers.

President C. Drexel – Reiterate audit a summary of a lot of efforts and all point to good things, reflection of good things, next month’s meeting survey on format.

8. At 5:25 pm C. Hammons moved, G. LoGrande seconded, carried 7-0 to adjourn. ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Nolan
District Clerk

Approved: _____