

**PATCHOGUE-MEDFORD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
241 South Ocean Avenue  
Patchogue, New York 11772

Canvass of Annual Budget Vote and Election and Special Meeting  
Saxton Middle School Auditorium  
May 16, 2023

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Kelli Anne Jennings, President

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT AND VOTING:** Diana Andrade, Thomas Donofrio, Jennifer Krieger, Marc Negrin, Bernadette Smith

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT:** Thomas P. Donofrio; Francis Salazar

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT AND REPORTING:** Donna Jones, Superintendent of Schools; Joey Cohen, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Lori Cannetti, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction; Jessica Lukas, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Services; Frank Mazzie, School Business Administrator

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Board of Education President Kelli Anne Jennings called the meeting to order in the Saxton Middle School Auditorium at 10:25 p.m.

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

Ms. Jennings led those present in the flag salute.

**3. SAFETY MESSAGE**

District Clerk Dennis Logan provided the emergency evacuation procedure.

**4. RATIFICATION OF RESULTS OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Motion offered by Marc Negrin, seconded by Bernadette Smith to wit:  
RESOLVED, that the results of the school district election held on May 16, 2023, for members of the Board of Education listed below in the positions in which their names appeared on the ballot, resulted in their receiving the certified number of votes in the balloting as follows with the top two (2) vote-getters Kelli Anne Jennings and Diana Andrade being elected for 3-year terms commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026:

**Number of Votes**

Kelli Anne Jennings	1,358
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John B. Caruso	864
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Diana Andrade	1,213
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Motion carried: 5– Yes; 0 – No; 2 – Absent (T. Donofrio, F. Salazar)

**5. RATIFICATION OF VOTING RESULTS ON PROPOSITIONS**

**A. PROPOSITION I: School District Budget**

Motion offered by Marc Negrin, seconded by Diana Andrade to wit:  
RESOLVED, that the results of the school district election held on May 16, 2023 for Proposition I, School District Budget for 2023-2024, which reads, “Shall the Patchogue-Medford School District budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 be adopted and the requisite portion thereof raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District?” has attained a majority vote and is declared adopted by a vote count of 1,213– Yes; 868 - No.

The school district budget passed as a result of this vote.

Motion carried: 5– Yes; 0 – No; 2 – Absent (T. Donofrio, F. Salazar)

**5. RATIFICATION OF VOTING RESULTS ON PROPOSITIONS – continued**

**B. PROPOSITION 2: Authorization of Expenditures from Capital Reserve Funds**

Motion offered by Marc Negrin, seconded by Bernadette Smith to wit:

RESOLVED, that the results of the school district election held on May 16, 2023, for Proposition 2, a proposition to expend funds from Capital Reserve Funds which reads, “Shall the Board of Education of the Patchogue-Medford Union Free School District be authorized to expend no more than eight million five hundred seventy thousand thirty-eight dollars (\$8,570,038.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund – 2018, established on May 15, 2018, and five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund – 2022, established on May 17, 2022 (“Reserve Funds”) plus any accumulated interest pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law, for the following capital improvement projects: (1) construction of a building addition at the Bay Avenue Elementary School, including the relocation of a playground area and backstop; (2) site improvement projects at various buildings; all of the foregoing to include site improvements, furnishings, equipment, apparatus, machinery, demolition and other incidental work or improvements required in connection therewith including costs incidental to such improvement, and to expend from the Reserve Funds, and other legally permissible sources therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto in an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of thirteen million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$13,900,000.00)?” has attained a majority vote and is declared adopted by a vote count of 1,299– Yes; 768 - No

Proposition #2 passed as a result of this vote.

Motion carried: 5– Yes; 0 – No; 2 – Absent (T. Donofrio, F. Salazar)

**6. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Members of the Board of Education made comments.

**7. SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS**

Dr. Donna Jones, Superintendent of Schools made comments.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion offered by Marc Negrin, seconded by Jennifer Krieger to wit:

RESOLVED, that there being no further items for discussion, the meeting is adjourned at 10:33 p.m.

Motion carried: 5– Yes; 0 – No; 2 – Absent (T. Donofrio, F. Salazar)

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis M. Logan  
District Clerk