

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

Special Meeting
Saxton Middle School Auditorium
January 9, 2023

PRESIDING OFFICER: Kelli Anne Jennings, President

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

OFFICIALS OF THE BOARD PRESENT: Dennis M. Logan, District Clerk; Gregory Gillen, General/Labor Counsel; Lisa Hutchinson, General/Labor Counsel; Matthew Mehnert, General/Labor Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT AND REPORTING: Donna Jones, Superintendent of Schools; Lori Cannetti, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Joey Cohen, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; 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 Room 124 of Saxton Middle School at 6:05 p.m.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion offered by Marc Negrin, seconded by Jennifer Krieger to wit:
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education enters Executive Session in order to discuss school security matters, a potential contract for services and an employee discipline matter at 6:05 p.m.

Motion carried: 6 – Yes; 0 – No

3. RESUME PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Jennings called the meeting to order in Public Session at 8:44 p.m.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Jennings let those present in the Salute to the Flag.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion offered by Diana Marc, seconded by Marc Negrin to approve the Consent Agenda (Items A through C) as follows:

A. Approval of Board Member Activity

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the attendance of Board of Education Members Kelli Anne Jennings and Marc Negrin at the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association dinner presentation entitled, "State of New York's Economy," on Thursday, January 26, 2023 from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. in Huntington, New York at a cost of \$100 per person.

B. Approval of Field Trip

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following student trip:

TRIP #R501840: Approximately 19 High School students accompanied by their coaches, Tina Trimis, Jessica Macarthur and Brooke Yander, will travel to Disney Art of Animation in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, for the UCA National Cheer Championship on Thursday, February 9, 2023 and return Tuesday, February 14, 2023. There is no cost to the students. Transportation will be via Southwest Airlines (MacArthur Airport). There is no cost to the district as no substitute teachers are needed.

C. Approval of Contract

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves a Consultant Services Contract with Christina Helbock to serve as the Guest Conductor at the Mid-Island Band Festival, to be held at Patchogue-Medford High School on January 13 and 14, 2023, for a total fee of \$550.00 and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said Contract on behalf of the district.

End of Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda (Items A through C) carried: 7 – Yes; 0 – No

6. DISCUSSION REGARDING BUDGET FORMULATION PROCESS

The members of the Board of Education conducted a discussion about making changes to the process which the district has used in the past to consider and discuss the proposal of the annual school district budget.

7. DISCUSSION REGARDING POTENTIAL FUTURE MASK AND VACCINATION MANDATES

The members of the Board of Education conducted a discussion about what actions the Board could take if the State of New York were to re-impose mask mandates and require COVID-19 vaccinations in schools.

8. DISCUSSION REGARDING NEW YORK STATE ASSESSMENTS

The members of the Board of Education conducted a discussion regarding the district's direction in reacting to the parents of students who opt out of New York State Assessments.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion offered by Thomas Donofrio, seconded by Marc Negrin to wit:
RESOLVED, that there being no further items for discussion, the meeting is adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Motion carried: 7 – Yes; 0 – No

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis M. Logan
District Clerk