

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

Work Session Meeting
Room 124 - Saxton Middle School
October 4, 2021

PRESIDING OFFICER: Kelli Anne Jennings, President

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT AND VOTING: Diana Andrade, Teresa Balducci-Greenberg, Thomas Donofrio, Jennifer Krieger, Marc Negrin, Bernadette Smith

OFFICIALS OF THE BOARD PRESENT: Dennis M. Logan, District Clerk

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT AND REPORTING: Donna Jones, Superintendent of Schools

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board of Education President Kelli Anne Jennings called the meeting to order in the Room 124 of Saxton Middle School at 6:37 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. SAFETY MESSAGE

District Clerk Dennis Logan explained the Emergency Evacuation Procedure, the prohibition of smoking on school property and the ground rules for the meeting.

4. DISCUSSION REGARDING NEW YORK STATE SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS AND RESOLUTIONS

The members of the Board of Education conducted a discussion regarding their positions on the votes for By-Laws and Resolutions to be considered at the Annual Meeting of the New York State School Boards Association and reached consensus on the list in order to provide direction to Kelli Anne Jennings, who will serve as the voting delegate.

5. DISCUSSION REGARDING BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

The members of the Board of Education considered the Board Goals they want to establish for the 2021-2022 School Year.

Motion offered by Thomas Donofrio, seconded by Marc Negrin to wit:
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby establishes the following Board of Education Goals for the 2021-2022 School Year:

1. Continue engaging all necessary resources to get the five district elementary schools off of the Comprehensive School Improvement List, the three schools off of the Targeted Support list and the District off of the Targeted Support List, working collaboratively with the entire community, demonstrating measurable progress in the 2021-2022 school year.
2. In order to meet the needs of all children, we will continue to work with all Patchogue-Medford stakeholders to educate ourselves and the entire school community to promote

**5. DISCUSSION REGARDING BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS
FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR – (continued)**

empathy and cultural competency be it racial, gender-related, socio-economic or specific individual educational needs. To that end, we will continue to proactively promote an anti-racism and anti-bias educational environment and will continue to update our policy documents to state that the Patchogue-Medford School District rejects all forms of bias as destructive to our mission, vision, values and goals.

3. Increase our efforts to engage and cooperate with all levels of government regarding matters which affect the District and, as a result, develop resolutions to express the School Board's position on education-related issues and other matters as they develop.
4. Continue social and emotional supports with an additional lens on identifying, recognizing and supporting students and staff who are having difficulty, including those having difficulty readjusting to being back in school full time.
5. Conduct a multi-year comprehensive review and update, as necessary, of all Board of Education Policies to assure that they are consistent with Board of Education goals and practices and that all administrative practices are in conformity with the board's policies.
6. Conduct at least one or two Board of Education retreats to discuss items which our Board members feel are important during the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion carried: 7 -Yes; 0 - No

**6. DISCUSSION REGARDING BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEES**

The members of the Board of Education conducted a discussion to try to develop a resolution to the situation created by the tremendous number of applications which were submitted for membership on Board of Education Committees this year.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion offered by Teresa Balducci-Greenberg, seconded by Marc Negrin to wit:

RESOLVED, that there being no further items for discussion, the meeting is adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Motion carried: 7 - Yes; 0 – No

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis M. Logan
District Clerk