

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

Special Meeting – Budget Workshop #2
Saxton Middle School Auditorium
February 28, 2024

PRESIDING OFFICER: Marc Negrin, President

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT AND VOTING: Kelli Anne Jennings,
Jennifer Krieger, Francis Salazar, Bernadette Smith

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PARTICIPATING VIA TELECONFERENCE: Diana
Andrade

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT: Thomas Donofrio, Diana Andrade

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

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, Assistant Superintendent for Business

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board of Education President Marc Negrin called the meeting to order in
the Saxton Middle School Auditorium at 7:03 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Negrin led those present in the Salute to the Flag.

3. SAFETY MESSAGE

District Clerk Dennis Logan explained the emergency evacuation
procedure and the laws prohibiting smoking on school property.

**4. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW §
459-c**

The Board of Education conducted a Public Hearing to provide an
opportunity for interested parties and citizens to be heard regarding a
proposed resolution related to the exemption of property taxes for
qualifying persons with limited income and disabilities, as provided for by
Real Property Tax Law § 459-c.

**5. APPROVAL OF EXEMPTIONS OF REAL PROPERTY TAXES
FOR QUALIFYING PERSONS WITH LIMITED INCOME AND
DISABILITIES AS PROVIDED FOR BY REAL PROPERTY TAX
LAW § 459-c**

Motion offered by Marc Negrin, seconded by Kelli Anne Jennings to wit:
WHEREAS, a public hearing on increasing the real property tax exemption income limits of
disabled persons with limited income for the 2024/25 tax year and subsequent
years pursuant to Real Property Tax Law § 459-c has taken place at which time
parties in interest and citizens had an opportunity to be heard; now therefore be it
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby increases the real property tax exemption
income limits of disabled persons with limited income for the 2024/25 tax year
and subsequent years pursuant to Real Property Tax Law § 459-c as follows:

Pursuant to the provisions of § 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law, real property
owned by one or more persons with disabilities, or real property owned by a

married couple, or by siblings, at least one of whom has a disability, and whose income, as hereinafter defined, is limited by reason of such disability, shall be exempt from taxation by the Town of Brookhaven to the extent of 50% of the assessed valuation thereof as provided in the following schedule:

Tax Year - 2024/25 and all years thereafter

Annual Income	Percentage of Assessed Valuation Exempt from Taxation
Less than \$50,000	50%
\$50,001 or more, but less than \$51,000	45%
\$51,001 or more, but less than \$52,000	40%
\$52,001 or more, but less than \$53,000	35%
\$53,001 or more, but less than \$53,900	30%
\$53,901 or more, but less than \$54,800	25%
\$54,801 or more, but less than \$55,700	20%
\$55,701 or more, but less than \$56,600	15%
\$56,601 or more, but less than \$57,500	10%
\$57,501 or more, but less than \$58,400	5%

For purposes of this resolution:

“Sibling” shall mean a brother or a sister, whether related through half blood, whole blood or adoption.

A “person with a disability” is one who has a physical or mental impairment, not due to current use of alcohol or illegal drug use, which substantially limits such person’s ability to engage in one or more major life activities, such as caring for one’s self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning and working; and who:

- a) Is certified to receive social security disability insurance (SSDI) or supplemental security income (SSI) benefits under the federal Social Security Act; or
- b) Is certified to receive Railroad Retirement Disability benefits under the federal Railroad Retirement Act; or
- c) Has received a certificate from the State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped stating that such person is legally blind; or
- d) Is certified to receive a United States Postal Service disability pension.
- e) An award letter from the Social Security Administration or the Railroad Retirement Board, or a certificate from the State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, or an award letter from the United States Postal Service shall be submitted as proof of disability.

Any exemption provided by this resolution shall be computed after all other partial exemptions allowed by law have been subtracted from the total assessed value, as provided by Real Property Tax Law § 459-c.

The term “income” shall mean the “adjusted gross income” for federal income tax purposes as reported on the applicant’s second latest calendar year’s federal or state income tax return, plus any social security benefits not included in the federal adjusted gross income if no such return was filed. Social security benefits that were not included in the applicant’s federal adjusted gross income shall be considered income.

Distributions received from an individual retirement account or individual retirement annuity that were included in applicant’s federal adjusted gross income shall be considered income. Tax exempt interest and dividends are also considered income according to the law. And it is further,

RESOLVED, that the following conditions be imposed:

That the income of the owner or the combined income of the owners of the property may not exceed \$58,400. Where title is vested in either spouse, their combined income may not exceed such sum, except where either

spouse is absent from the property as provided in Subsection 5(a) of § 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law, then only the income of the spouse or ex-spouse residing on the property shall be considered and may not exceed such sum. Such income shall include social security and retirement benefits, interest, dividends, net rental income, salary or earnings and income from self-employment and total gain from the sale or exchange of a capital asset, which may be offset by a loss from the sale or exchange of a capital asset in the same income tax year, but shall not include a return of capital, gifts, inheritances, or monies earned through employment in the federal foster grandparent program. In computing net rental income and net income from self-employment, no depreciation deduction shall be allowed for the exhaustion, wear and tear of real or personal property held for the production of income.

Unless the property is used exclusively for residential purposes; provided, however, that in the event any portion of such property is not so used exclusively for residential purposes but is used for other purposes, such portion shall be subject to taxation and the remaining portion only shall be entitled to the exemption provided by this resolution.

Unless the real property is the legal residence of and is occupied in whole or in part by the disabled person; except where the disabled person is absent from the residence while receiving health-related care as an inpatient of a residential health-care facility, as defined in § 2801 of the Public Health Law, provided that any income accruing to that person shall be considered income for purposes of this section only to the extent that it exceeds the amount paid by such person or spouse or sibling of such person for care in the facility.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion:

Diana Andrade – Absent	Francis Salazar – Yes
Thomas Donofrio – Absent	Bernadette Smith - Yes
Kelli Anne Jennings – Yes	Marc Negrin - Yes
Jennifer Krieger – Yes	

Motion carried

6. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW § 467

The Board of Education conducted a Public Hearing to provide an opportunity for interested parties and citizens to be heard regarding a proposed resolution related to the exemption of property taxes for qualifying persons aged 65 and over with limited income as provided by Real Property Tax Law § 467

7. APPROVAL OF EXEMPTIONS OF PROPERTY TAXES FOR QUALIFYING PERSONS AGED 65 AND OVER WITH LIMITED INCOME AS PROVIDED FOR BY REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW § 467

Motion offered by Kelli Anne Jennings, seconded by Marc Negrin to wit:

WHEREAS, a public hearing on increasing the real property tax exemption income limits of senior citizens for the 2024/25 tax year and subsequent years pursuant to Real Property Tax Law 467 has taken place at which time parties in interest and citizens had an opportunity to be heard; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby increases the real property tax exemption income limits of senior citizens for the 2024/25 tax year and subsequent years pursuant to Real Property Tax Law 467 as follows:

Pursuant to the provisions of § 467 of the Real Property Tax Law, real property owned by one or more persons, each of whom is 65 years of age or over, or real property owned by a married couple, or by siblings, one of whom is 65 years of age or over, shall be exempt from taxation by the District to the extent of 50% based upon an annual income as determined by the following schedule:

Tax Year - 2024/25 and all years thereafter	
Annual Income	Percentage of Assessed Valuation Exempt from Taxation
Less than \$50,000	50%
\$50,001 or more, but less than \$51,000	45%
\$51,001 or more, but less than \$52,000	40%
\$52,001 or more, but less than \$53,000	35%
\$53,001 or more, but less than \$53,900	30%
\$53,901 or more, but less than \$54,800	25%
\$54,801 or more, but less than \$55,700	20%
\$55,701 or more, but less than \$56,600	15%
\$56,601 or more, but less than \$57,500	10%
\$57,501 or more, but less than \$58,400	5%

“Sibling” shall mean a brother or a sister, whether related through half blood, whole blood or adoption.

Any exemption provided by this resolution shall be computed after all other partial exemptions allowed by law have been subtracted from the total assessed value.

An exemption provided by this resolution on real property owned by a married couple, one of whom is 65 years of age or over, once granted, shall not be rescinded solely because of the death of the older spouse so long as the surviving spouse is at least 62 years of age.

The term “income” shall mean the “adjusted gross income” for federal income tax purposes as reported on the applicant’s second latest calendar year’s federal or state income tax return, plus any social security benefits not included in the federal adjusted gross income if no such return was filed. Social security benefits that were not included in the applicant’s federal adjusted gross income shall be considered income. If no such return was filed for the applicable income tax year, the applicant’s income shall be determined based on the amounts that would have been reported if such return has been filed.

Distributions received from an individual retirement account or individual retirement annuity that were included in applicant’s federal adjusted gross income shall be considered income. Tax exempt interest and dividends are also considered income according to the law.

Any losses applied to the applicant’s federal adjusted gross income shall be subject to the limitations listed in the Real Property Tax Law § 467 (5) (A)(B)(C). And it is further.

RESOLVED, that the following conditions be imposed:

The income of the owner or the combined income of the owners of the property may not exceed \$58,400. Where title is vested in either the spouse, their combined income may not exceed such sum, except where either spouse is absent from the property as provided in Subsection 3(d) of § 467 of the Real Property Tax Law, then only the income of the spouse or

ex-spouse residing on the property shall be considered and may not exceed such sum. Such income shall include social security and retirement benefits, interest, dividends, net rental income, salary or earnings and income from self-employment and total gain from the sale or exchange of a capital asset, which may be offset by a loss from the sale or exchange of a capital asset in the same income tax year, but shall not include a return of capital, gifts, inheritances, or monies earned through employment in the Federal Foster Grandparent Program. In computing net rental income and net income from self-employment, no depreciation deduction shall be allowed for the exhaustion, wear and tear of real or personal property held for the production of income.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion:

Diana Andrade – Absent	Francis Salazar – Yes
Thomas Donofrio – Absent	Bernadette Smith - Yes
Kelli Anne Jennings – Yes	Marc Negrin - Yes
Jennifer Krieger – Yes	

Motion carried

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion offered by Francis Salazar, seconded by Bernadette Smith to approve the Consent Agenda (Items A through J) as follows:

A. Approval of Personnel

WHEREAS, the Board of Education recognizes that in order to be eligible for tenure, an individual receiving a probationary appointment as a classroom teacher or building principal must receive annual composite or overall APPR ratings of H or E in at least three of the four preceding years, and if the individual receives a rating of I in the final year of the probationary period, he or she will not be eligible for tenure at that time, be it
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following personnel reports (See Schedule #1 – Attached):

- A1. Instructional Staff
- A2. Instructional Staff LOA>Returns
- B1. Operational Staff

B. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with CSEA Full-Time Clerical Unit

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a Memorandum of Agreement with the Civil Service Employees' Association, Inc., Suffolk County Educational Local 870, Patchogue-Medford School District Full-Time Clerical/Aides Unit for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2028 and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said Agreement on behalf of the district.

C. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with the Patchogue-Medford Administrators' Association

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a Memorandum of Agreement with the Patchogue-Medford Administrators' Association for the Mentoring Program commencing effective March 1, 2024 and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said Agreement on behalf of the district.

8. **CONSENT AGENDA** – (continued)

D. Approval of SEQRA Resolution regarding Proposed Bond Project

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Patchogue-Medford Union Free School District desires to embark upon the following capital improvements at the District's facilities as set forth herein and as listed in the working budget: (1) replace univents in approximately 53 classrooms, install new rooftop HVAC units for the gym and cafeteria, and expand BMS (Building Management System) to accommodate the new items at Barton Elementary School; (2) replace univents in approximately 28 classrooms, install new rooftop HVAC units for the gym and cafeteria, and expand the BMS to accommodate the new items at Bay Elementary School; (3) replace univents in approximately 38 classrooms, install new rooftop HVAC units for the gym and cafeteria, and expand the BMS to accommodate the new items at Canaan Elementary School; (4) replace univents in approximately 46 classrooms, install new rooftop HVAC units for the gym and cafeteria, and expand the BMS to accommodate the new items at Eagle Elementary School; (5) replace univents in approximately 37 classrooms, install new rooftop HVAC units for the gym and cafeteria, and expand the BMS to accommodate the new items at Medford Elementary School; (6) replace univents in approximately 25 classrooms, install new rooftop HVAC units for the gym and cafeteria, and expand the BMS to accommodate the new items at River Elementary School; (7) replace univents in approximately 39 classrooms, install new rooftop HVAC units for the gym and cafeteria, and expand the BMS to accommodate the new items at Tremont Elementary School; (8) replace univents in approximately 40 classrooms, install new rooftop HVAC units for the gym and cafeteria, and expand the BMS to accommodate the new items at Oregon Middle School; (9) replace univents in approximately 50 classrooms, install new rooftop HVAC units for the gym and cafeteria, and expand the BMS to accommodate the new items at Saxton Middle School; (10) replace univents in approximately 48 classrooms, install new rooftop HVAC units for the gym and cafeteria, and expand the BMS to accommodate the new items at South Ocean Middle School; (11) replace univents in approximately 151 classrooms, install new rooftop HVAC units for the gym and cafeteria, and expand the BMS to accommodate the new items. Replacement of the existing natural grass multi-purpose athletic field with new synthetic turf, install new elevated bleachers and LED Sports Lighting for the multi-purpose field, and install a new grandstand, press box, and LED video scoreboards for the football field at Patchogue-Medford High School (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Projects"); and

WHEREAS, said capital improvements are subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQRA Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(1)); and

WHEREAS, replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or a facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds

8. **CONSENT AGENDA** – (continued)

any of the thresholds in section 617.4 are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(2)); and

WHEREAS, routine activities of educational institutions, including expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(10)); and

WHEREAS, the purchase or sale of furnishings, equipment or supplies...other than the following: land, radioactive material, pesticides, herbicides, or other hazardous materials are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(31)); and

WHEREAS, the SEQR Regulations declare Type II Actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under SEQR; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, as the only involved agency, has examined all information related to the capital improvement projects and has determined that the Projects are classified as Type II Actions pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(1), (2), (10), and (31) of the SEQR Regulations; Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby declares itself lead agency in connection with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby declares that the Projects are Type II Actions, which require no further review under SEQR; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby shall forward an official copy of this Resolution to the New York State Education Department together with a copy of the correspondence from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in connection with its request for approval of the listed Projects from the New York State Education Department.

E. Approval of Proposition for Placement on the May 21, 2024 Ballot at the Annual District Meeting for Voter Consideration

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE PATCHOGUE-MEDFORD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK, ADOPTED FEBRUARY 28, 2024, DIRECTING SUBMISSION OF A BOND PROPOSITION AT THE ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING AND ELECTION OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT, TO BE HELD MAY 21, 2024 OR THEREAFTER, AND PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF SUCH PROPOSITION TO BE INSERTED IN THE NOTICE OF SUCH ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING AND ELECTION.

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE PATCHOGUE-MEDFORD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. At the Annual District Meeting and Election of the qualified voters of Patchogue-Medford Union Free School District, in the County of Suffolk, New York (the “District”), to be held on May 21, 2024 or thereafter, the proposition in

8. CONSENT AGENDA – (continued)

substantially the form as hereinafter set forth shall be submitted to the qualified voters of said District. Said proposition shall appear in the Notice of Annual District Meeting and Election, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to include such proposition in said Notice by inserting therein substantially the following paragraphs:

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a Bond Proposition in substantially the following form shall be presented to the qualified voters of the District at such Annual District Meeting and Election:

BOND PROPOSITION

YES

NO

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Board of Education of the Patchogue-Medford Union Free School District, in the County of Suffolk, New York (the “District”), is hereby authorized to construct alterations and improvements to various District buildings and sites (the “Project”), substantially as referred to and described in a plan prepared for the District by BBS Architects, Landscape Architects, and Engineers, PC, Patchogue, New York (the “Plan”), which Plan is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the District Clerk, said Project consisting of: District-wide replacement of unit ventilators, including all necessary and related electrical upgrades; District-wide heating, ventilation and climate control upgrades in cafeterias and gymnasiums; athletic and recreation improvements, including installation of a multi-purpose field, field lighting, bleachers, press box, video scoreboards and sound system; and replacement of audio/visual and lighting systems at various performance spaces and related areas; all of the foregoing to include the original equipment, machinery, furnishings, apparatus, and all ancillary and related site and other work required in connection therewith; and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$85,370,000; provided that the costs of the components of the Project as set forth in the Plan may be reallocated among such components if the Board of Education shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interests of the District; and
- (b) that a tax is hereby voted therefor in the amount of not to exceed \$85,370,000 to finance such cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and
- (c) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$85,370,000 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

Said Proposition will appear on the ballot used for voting in substantially the foregoing form.

Section 2. The proceeds of the bonds authorized pursuant to the Bond Proposition set forth in Section 1 hereof, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, may be applied to reimburse the District for expenditures made for the purpose or purposes for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

8. **CONSENT AGENDA** – (continued)

F. Approval of Contract

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the following contract:

#	Contract	Description	Rate	Atty. Reviewed	Reason	Renewal
1.	Brighter Tomorrows	Consultant Services	No fee associated with this contract	No	Attorney Approved District Template	No

G. Approval of Alternative Veterans’ Property Tax Exemption Under Real Property Tax Law § 458-a

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby grants the alternative veterans real property tax exemption pursuant to Real Property Tax Law 458-a as follows:

A reduction in the amount of property taxes paid shall be made available for by qualifying veterans or the spouse of the qualifying veteran or the un-remarried surviving spouse of the qualifying veteran (1) who is their primary residence (2) who received an expeditionary medal, or under certain conditions: (3) of the merchant marine service, (4) of the American Field Service, or (5) who served as a Pan American World Airways flight crew and aviation ground support employee may be eligible for partial exemption from general municipal taxes.

The percentage exemption that applies to the assessed value of a qualifying property depends on both the nature of the veterans’ service and the local law adopted by the taxing jurisdiction. Veterans who sustained service-related disabilities, as evidenced by receipt of disability compensation rating from the Veterans Administration or the Department of Defense are eligible for a percentage exemption equal to one-half of their disability in addition to the wartime and combat zone exemptions. Veterans who died in service of a service-connected disability are considered to have a disability rating of 100%. The Board of Education has elected to accept the basic maximum limits.

Wartime	Combat	Disability
12,000	8,000	40,000

And it is further,

RESOLVED, that the following conditions be imposed:

- **Local option 1:** To extend this exemption where a school district has adopted the alternative veterans’ exemption, but not the eligible funds veterans’ exemption, a veteran who receives the eligible funds veterans’ exemption may apply for the alternative veterans’ exemption solely to receive it for school purposes while continuing to receive the eligible funds exemption for county, city, town, and/or village purposes.

H. Approval of Firefighters’ and Ambulance Workers’ Real Property Tax Exemption

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby grants the volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers real property tax exemption pursuant to Real Property Tax Law 466-a as follows:

Real property owned by an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service, or such enrolled member and spouse, shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of 10% of the assessed value of such property for school district purposes, exclusive of special assessments;

Real property owned by an enrolled deceased member, of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service worker, killed in the line of duty, who is exempt from taxation, such exemption shall continue to the un-remarried spouse of the deceased so long as such person remains un-remarried, and shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of 10% of the assessed value of such property for school district purposes, exclusive of special assessments;

Real property owned by a deceased member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service worker, who had been an enrolled member for at least twenty years prior to death, is exempt from taxation; such exemption shall continue to the un-remarried spouse of the deceased so long as such person remains un-remarried, and should be exempt from taxation to the extent of 10% of the assessed value, of such property for school district purposes, exclusive of special assessments; And it is further,

RESOLVED, that the following conditions be imposed:

Such exemption shall not be granted to an enrolled member or the un-remarried spouse of an enrolled deceased member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service residing in the school district unless:

- a) The applicant resides in the school district which is served by such incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service;
- b) The property is the primary residence of the applicant;
- c) The property is used exclusively for residential purposes; provided, however, that in the event any portion of such property is not used exclusively for the applicant's residence but is used for other purposes, such portion shall be subject to taxation and the remaining portion only shall be entitled to the exemption provided by this resolution; and
- d) The applicant has been certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department as an enrolled member or the un-remarried spouse of an enrolled deceased member of such incorporated voluntary ambulance service for at least five years. It shall be the duty and responsibility of the Town Assessor to verify the certification.

Any enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service who accrues more than 20 years of active service and is so certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service, shall be granted the ten-percent exemption as authorized by this resolution for the remainder of his or her life as long as his or her primary residence is located within the school district. The un-remarried spouse of an enrolled deceased member killed in the line of duty shall remain entitled to the exemption so long as such person remains un-remarried.

8. CONSENT AGENDA – (continued)

Application for such exemption shall be made with the Assessor of the Town of Brookhaven on or before the taxable status date on a form as prescribed by the State Board of Real Property Services.

Incorporated volunteer fire companies, fire departments, and incorporated volunteer ambulance services shall file lists of its enrolled members or the un-remarried spouses of enrolled deceased members eligible for the exemption provided by this resolution with the Assessor of the Town of Brookhaven on or before the taxable status date on a form as prescribed by the State Board of Real Property Services.

No applicant who is a volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker or the un-remarried spouse of an enrolled deceased member who, by reason of such status, is receiving any benefit under the provisions of any other law on the effective date of this resolution shall suffer any diminution of such benefit because of the provisions of this resolution.

I. Suspension of Policy

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby suspends Board of Education Policy 5127.1 to the extent necessary as pertains to “The District will calculate and provide both weighted and unweighted grade point averages. The weighted grade point average, at the end of the third quarter of senior year, will be used in identifying honorary levels of distinction,” for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year the weighted grade point average, at the end of the second quarter of senior year, will be used in identifying honorary levels of distinction through June 30, 2024.

J. Approval of Letter Endorsing Candidate for Eastern Suffolk BOCES Board

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board of Education, on behalf of the Patchogue-Medford Board of Education, to send a letter to the component Boards of Education in Eastern Suffolk BOCES endorsing and promoting the candidacy of Kelli Anne Jennings for a seat on the Eastern Suffolk Board of Trustees and directs that the District Clerk send said letter to the district clerks of said districts for provision to their respective school districts.

A roll-call vote was taken on the Consent Agenda (Items A through K above)

**Diana Andrade – Absent
Thomas Donofrio – Absent
Kelli Anne Jennings – Yes
Jennifer Krieger – Yes**

**Francis Salazar – Yes
Bernadette Smith - Yes
Marc Negrin - Yes**

The Consent Agenda was approved.

9. BUDGET WORKSHOP #2

Members of the Board of Education and District Administrators conducted a discussion regarding the formulation of the School District Budget for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year.

10. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Members of the community were given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments. None came forward.

11. BOARD COMMENTS

Members of the Board of Education provided comments.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion offered by Marc Negrin, seconded by Bernadette Smith to wit:
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby enters Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a confidential personnel matter with the Superintendent of Schools at 8:38 p.m.

Motion carried: 5 – Yes; 0 – No; 2- Absent (D. Andrade, T. Donofrio)

13. RESUME PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Negrin called the meeting to Public Session at 10:03 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion offered by Francis Salazar, seconded by Jennifer Krieger to wit:
RESOLVED, that there being no further items for discussion, the meeting is adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis M. Logan
District Clerk