

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

Special Meeting  
Saxton Middle School  
June 8, 2021

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

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT AND VOTING:** Diana Andrade, Teresa Baldinucci-Greenberg, Marc Negrin, Anthony O'Brien, Bernadette Smith

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT:** Thomas Donofrio

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

**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 Room 124 at Saxton Middle School at 8:05 p.m.

**2. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion offered by Diana Andrade, seconded by Marc Negrin to wit:  
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby enters Executive Session in order to conduct a confidential employment interview, to consider the Appeal of a district resident and to discuss collective bargaining agreements at 8:06 p.m.

Motion carried: 6 – Yes; 0 – No; 1 – Absent (T. Donofrio)

**3. RESUME PUBLIC SESSION**

Ms. Jennings called the meeting to order in Public Session at 8:47 p.m.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion offered by Diana Andrade, seconded by Marc Negrin to approve the Consent Agenda (Items A through E) 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 and least three (3) of the four (4) proceeding 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
- B2. Operational Staff LOA>Returns

4. **CONSENT AGENDA – (continued)**

Be it further

RESOLVED, that these appointments and the stipends applicable to same are subject to and contingent upon the reopening of school and/or the further closure thereof related to or emanating from the Covid-19 virus and/or state(s) of emergency and the aforementioned stipends will be paid, prorated, or not paid accordingly.

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

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement with the Patchogue-Medford Administrators' Association, for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, and authorizes the Superintendent and the President of the Board of Education to execute same.

C. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with the Patchogue-Medford Congress of Teachers

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement with the Patchogue-Medford Congress of Teachers, for the period July 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021, and authorizes the Superintendent and the President of the Board of Education to execute same.

D. Approval of Letter to be Sent to the Long Island Advance

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education sends a letter to the Long Island Advance and to be published on the District website condemning the racial discrimination perpetuated upon a school board candidate in the South Country School District in the recent election and the resultant position that racial discrimination has no place in our education system nor in our society.

E. Authorization to Pursue Allocated Funding under the Federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act and the American Rescue Plan

WHEREAS, funds have been made available to the district under the Federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act and the American Rescue Plan (ARP), and

WHEREAS, the district has obtained input and information from stakeholders and members of the district community regarding the use of funds under these acts, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby directs the district administration to submit all necessary forms and applications necessary to obtain the funds allocated to the district.

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

**Diana Andrade – Yes  
Teresa Baldinucci-Greenberg – Yes  
Thomas Donofrio - Absent  
Kelli Anne Jennings - Yes**

**Anthony O'Brien - Yes  
Marc Negrin - Yes  
Bernadette Smith – Yes**

**The Consent Agenda was approved.**

**5. ITEMS ARISING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. Denial of Appeal

Motion offered by Teresa Balducci-Greenberg, seconded by Bernadette Smith to wit:

WHEREAS, that the Board of Education has considered the Appeal of Helena Mirabella regarding the performance and authority of the Superintendent of Schools and finds her appeal to be without merit, therefore be it  
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education denies the Appeal and directs the District Clerk to notify Ms. Mirabella of the Board's decision.

Motion carried: 6 – Yes; 0 – No; 1 – Absent (T. Donofrio)

**6. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion offered by Diana Andrade, seconded by Teresa Balducci-Greenberg to wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby enters Executive Session in order to conduct a confidential discussion regarding the Superintendent's Employment Agreement at 8:50 p.m.

Motion carried: 6 – Yes; 0 – No; 1 – Absent (T. Donofrio)

**7. RESUME PUBLIC SESSION**

Ms. Jennings called the meeting to order in Public Session at 9:26 p.m.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion offered by Teresa Balducci-Greenberg, seconded by Anthony O'Brien to wit:

RESOLVED, that there being no further items for discussion, the meeting is adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Motion carried: 6 – Yes; 0 – No; 1 – Absent (T. Donofrio)

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis M. Logan  
District Clerk