

PATCHOGUE-MEDFORD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
241 South Ocean Avenue
Patchogue, New York 11772

Special Meeting/Canvass of Annual Budget Vote and Election
District Office Board Room
June 18, 2020

PRESIDING OFFICER: Anthony C. O’Brien, President

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

OFFICIALS OF THE BOARD PRESENT: Dennis M. Logan, District Clerk; Christopher Shishko, General/Labor Counsel; Reesa Miles, General/Labor Counsel

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 Anthony O’Brien called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

2. WELCOME AND EXPLANATION OF GROUND RULES

Mr. O’Brien welcomed those present to the meeting and explained the ground rules, including that the meeting was being broadcasted on Facebook Live.

3. RATIFICATION OF RESULTS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE

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

RESOLVED, that the results of the school district election held on June 9, 2020, for Proposition I, School District Budget for 2020-2021, which reads, “Shall the Patchogue-Medford School District budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 be adopted and the requisite portion thereof raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District?” has attained majority vote and is declared adopted by a vote count of 4,042 – Yes; 2,181 – No.

Motion carried: 7 – Yes; 0 – No

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

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

RESOLVED, that the results of the school district election held on June 9, 2020, 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 to three (3) year terms commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2023:

Number of Votes

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| Kelli-Anne Jennings: 4,353 | Diana Andrade: 4,142 |
| Gerard P. Bringmann: 2,142 | Write-in: 91 |

Motion carried: 7 – Yes; 0 – No

5. RATIFICATION OF RESULTS OF ELECTION OF MEMBER TO THE PATCHOGUE-MEDFORD LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

RESOLVED, that the results of the school district election held on June 9, 2020, for members of the Board of Trustees of the Patchogue-Medford Library resulted in 5,344 certified votes for Elizabeth Kennedy and 41 write-in votes; the Board of Education declares her elected for a (5) year terms commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2025

Motion carried: 7 – Yes; 0 – No

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion offered by Kelli-Anne Jennings, seconded by Marc Negrin to approve Consent Agenda (Items A through C) as follows:

A. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with CSEA Full-Time Clerical/Aides Unit due to COVID-19 Pandemic

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a Memorandum of Agreement with the CSEA Full-Time Clerical/Aides Unit pertaining to the use of vacation days by members due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said Agreement on behalf of the District.

B. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with CSEA Full-Time Operational Unit to to COVID-19 Pandemic

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a Memorandum of Agreement with the CSEA Full-Time Operational Unit pertaining to the use of vacation days by members due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said Agreement on behalf of the District.

C. Approval of Resolution in Support of Public Education

WHEREAS, New York State has reported a \$13 billion budget deficit which has been exacerbated by declining state revenues due to the COVID-19 crisis; and

WHEREAS, states need significant support from the federal government to help ensure the immediate continuation of important and essential services such as public education; and

WHEREAS, the federal-state partnership is the lynchpin to responding to and recovering from the COVID-19 crisis; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York has the primary responsibility to fund public education; and

WHEREAS, Article XI Section 1 of the New York State Constitution provides that the “The legislature shall provide for the maintenance and support of a system of free common schools, wherein all the children of this state may be educated”; and

WHEREAS, New York State Courts have upheld that the state has the legal responsibility to provide proper funding for public schools; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York, on average, provides less than 40% of the total revenues to school districts; and

WHEREAS, public school districts are owed over \$3.8 billion in Foundation Aid for the 2020-21 school year; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature is considering multiple proposals that will raise much needed revenue for New York State, including increasing taxes on billionaires and multi-millionaires; now, therefore be it

6. CONSENT AGENDA – (continued)

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Patchogue-Medford School District requests that the elected leaders in the State of New York act to preserve education programs and related jobs to ensure that the COVID-19 crisis does not damage the quality of public education in our state; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Patchogue-Medford School District urges the New York State Legislature to act and immediately pass legislation that will increase revenue before the end of this legislative session; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Patchogue-Medford School District requests that the federal government provide additional support to public education to assist states that have had revenue losses due to the COVID-19 crisis.

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

Diana Andrade – Yes

Teresa Balducci-Greenberg – Yes

Thomas Donofrio - Yes

Kelli Anne Jennings - Yes

Marc Negrin – Yes

Bernadette Smith - Yes

Anthony O'Brien – Yes

The Consent Agenda was approved.

7. 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 discuss confidential agreements with two of the district's bargaining units, to conduct a confidential discussion regarding pupil personnel and a confidential discussion with legal counsel regarding district personnel at 7:14 p.m.

Motion carried: 7 - Yes; 0 – No

8. RESUME PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. O'Brien called the meeting to order in Public Session at 9:08 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

RESOLVED, that there being no further items for discussion, the meeting is adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Motion carried: 7 - Yes; 0 – No

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis M. Logan
District Clerk