

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

Special Meeting/Budget Workshop #4
Via Teleconference
Broadcasted on Facebook Live
May 7, 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

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 on the Zoom application at 5:35 p.m.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby enters Executive Session in order to discuss confidential legal matters pertaining to the annual school district budget vote and election and confidential contractual matters pertaining to staff re-assignments.

Motion carried: 7 - Yes; 0 - No

3. RESUME PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. O'Brien called the meeting to order in Public Session at 6:49 p.m.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion offered by Teresa Balducci-Greenberg, seconded by Marc Negrin to approve the Consent Agenda (Items A through I) as follows:

A. Approval of Budgetary Adjustments

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following Budgetary Adjustments, for the period April 11, 2020 through May 6, 2020 totaling \$472,700.

1. Budget Transfers in Excess of \$5,000

B. Approval to Re-Schedule May Business Meeting

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education Business Meeting, scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2020 is hereby rescheduled to be combined with the Thursday, May 28, 2020 Budget Information Meeting.

C. Approval of Budget Information Meeting

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education will hold the adjourned Budget Information Meeting for the June 9, 2020 Election and Budget Vote on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via teleconference in conjunction with the re-scheduled May Business Meeting.

D. Approval of Special Board of Education Meeting

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education will hold a Special Meeting/Budget Workshop on Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

E. Deletion of Propositions from the Ballot for June 9, 2020 District Vote

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following propositions will be deleted from the ballot for the June 9, 2020 Election and Budget Vote:

1. Proposition to Establish New Capital Reserve Fund

“Shall the Board of Education of the Patchogue-Medford Union Free School District be authorized to establish a new Capital Reserve Fund in accordance with the provisions of Education Law section 3651, to be designated “Capital Reserve Fund - 2020” (the “Fund”) effective May 19, 2020, for the purpose of providing moneys for future capital improvements for building, and site improvement projects at various school buildings, including, but not limited to, site work, reconstruction, equipping, and expansion of Bay Elementary School including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, as well as architect and project management fees, ancillary or related work required in connection therewith; the probable term of said Fund will not exceed eight (8) years from the date of its establishment; the ultimate principal amount therein to total \$15,000,000, plus interest earnings thereon; such amount to be provided from surplus funds of the District in the current and future fiscal years, sufficient to fund said \$15,000,000 ultimate principal amount?”

2. Proposition to Re-Allocate Funds from a Previously Approved Capital Funds

“Shall the Board of Education of the Patchogue-Medford Union Free School District be authorized to reallocate \$1,100,000 of unexpended funds previously approved for the purpose of purchasing portable classrooms at Bay Elementary from the 2019-20 school year budget to be used for the purpose of Univent Replacements at South Ocean Middle School and/or Career and Technical Education Modifications at Patchogue-Medford High School without incurring any additional cost to the taxpayer in the 2019-20 school year?”

F. Acceptance of Donations

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the donation(s) of:

- \$50,000 from the Island Outreach Foundation for the purchase of technology equipment for students with disabilities.
- 3,000 FDA certified and non-CE approved non-surgical masks to be handed out with meals being distributed to families through the “Cover our Kids” campaign from the Promise of Hope Foundation along with RENU Contracting and Milburn Flooring.
- 1,000 reusable cloth face coverings from the County of Suffolk

through the County Executive's Office.

G. Appointment of Election Inspectors

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby designates any school district employee, upon the approval of the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and District Clerk, to serve as additional Election Inspector for the processing of the June 9, 2020 School District Budget Vote and Election with no additional compensation.

H. Approval of Contract

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves a contract with e3 Creative Resource Group, Inc. to provide virtual programming for the events described in the contract at a cost of \$12,750, this contract has been reviewed and approved by district counsel, and authorizes the president of the Board of Education to execute said contract on behalf of the district.

I. Approval of Addition to Ballot for the June 9, 2020 District Vote

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves adding the election of a trustee for the Patchogue-Medford Library to the ballot for the June 9, 2020 Election and Budget Vote and authorizes the District Clerk to amend the Legal Notice to reflect this change to the ballot.

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

Diana Andrade – Yes

Teresa Baldinucci-Greenberg – Yes

Thomas Donofrio - Yes

Kelli Anne Jennings - Yes

Marc Negrin – Yes

Bernadette Smith - Yes

Anthony O'Brien – Yes

The Consent Agenda was approved.

5. BUDGET DISCUSSION

The Board of Education and District Administrators conducted a discussion regarding the formulation of the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget Proposal for the Patchogue-Medford School District.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. Jones answered questions from the community and provided updates on the District's response to the COVID-19 crisis.

7. ADJOURNMENT

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

RESOLVED, that there being no further items for discussion, the meeting is adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Motion carried: 7 - Yes; 0 – No

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis M. Logan
District Clerk