

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

Special Meeting  
Saxton Middle School, Room 124  
September 11, 2024

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Marc Negrin, President

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT AND VOTING:** Diana Andrade, Thomas Donofrio, Kelli Anne Jennings, Jennifer Krieger, Marc Negrin, Francis Salazar, Bernadette Smith

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT AND REPORTING:** Donna Jones, Superintendent of Schools; Joey Cohen, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Board of Education President Marc Negrin called the meeting to order in the Room 124 of Saxton Middle School at 6:04 p.m.

**2. APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT CLERK PRO-TEM**

Motion offered by Bernadette Smith seconded by Diana Andrade to wit: RESOLVED, that in the absence of the District Clerk, the Board of Education hereby appoints Joey Cohen to serve as District Clerk pro tem for this evening's meeting.

Motion carried: 7- Yes; 0 – No; 0 - Absent

**3. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion offered by Frances Salazar, seconded by Diana Andrade to wit: RESOLVED, that the Board of Education enters Executive Session in order to discuss employee discipline matters, agreements with employees, pending litigation and collective bargaining negotiations at 6:04 p.m.

Motion carried: 7- Yes; 0 – No; 0- Absent

**4. RESUME PUBLIC SESSION**

Motion offered by Jennifer Kreiger, seconded by Francis Salazar to wit: RESOLVED, that the Board of Education enters Public Session in room 124 at Saxton at 8:21 p.m.

**5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

## 6. SAFETY MESSAGE

District Clerk Pro Tem Joey Cohen explained the Emergency Evacuation Procedure, the prohibition of smoking on school property and the ground rules for the meeting.

## 7. CONSENT AGENDA

### A. Recommended Authorization for Student Trip

RECOMMENDED MOTION: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the following student field trip:

TRIP #502654: Approximately 11 High School Boys Varsity Cross Country students accompanied by Steven Cole will travel to Queensbury High School in Queensbury, NY on Saturday, September 14, 2024, to participate in the BSC Queensbury Invitational Meet. Transportation will be provided by a Comsewogue HS Suffolk Transportation Bus. There is no cost to the students. There is no cost to the district as no substitute teachers are needed.

**Motion offered by Tom Donofrio; seconded by Francis Salazar to approve the Consent Agenda.**

**7 yes, 0 - No**

## 8. ADJOURNEMENT

Motion offered by Kelli Anne Jennings seconded by Bernadette Smith to wit:

RESOLVED, that there being no further items for discussion, the meeting is adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Motion carried: 7 - Yes; 0 – No

Respectfully submitted,

Joey J. Cohen, Ed.D.  
District Clerk Pro Tem