

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

Business Meeting
Saxton Middle School Auditorium
February 10, 2025

PRESIDING OFFICER: Marc Negrin, President

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

OFFICIALS OF THE BOARD PRESENT: Theresa DeLeva, District Clerk; Lisa Hutchinson, General/Labor Counsel; Gregory Gillen, General/Labor Counsel

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 and Operations

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board of Education President, Marc Negrin, called the meeting to order in Room 124 of Saxton Middle School at 6:00 pm

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion offered by Diana Andrade, seconded by Bernadette Smith to wit:
RESOLVED, the Board of Education enters an Executive Session to discuss confidential personnel and legal matters at 6:01 pm.

Motion carried: 6 – Yes; 0 – No, 1 – Absent (Francis Salazar entered meeting at 6:35 pm)

3. RESUME PUBLIC SESSION

Board of Education President Marc Negrin called the meeting to order in Public Session in the Saxton Middle School Auditorium at 7:48 pm.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Negrin led the Salute to the Flag.

5. SAFETY MESSAGE/GROUND RULES

District Clerk Theresa DeLeva explained the Emergency Evacuation Procedure, the prohibition of smoking on school property and the ground rules for the meeting.

6. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Dr. Joey Cohen presented the Employees of the Month:
 - Joseph McGarty, Guard, Tremont
 - Sonia Rivera, Bilingual Office Assistant, Medford
- b. Dr. Dalley presented alongside her team the Ready Math K-5 Implementation Update
- c. Mr. Carlsons Generation Citizen 2024-2025 students presented this years project, “Renovating the High School Library”.

7. EX-OFFICIO REPORT

Ex-Officio student member, Ella McCann, reported on district-wide events.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The community had the opportunity to make comments and/or ask questions about the presentations and consent agenda.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion offered by Kelli Anne Jennings, seconded by Diana Andrade to approve Consent Agenda (Items A through S) as follows:

- A. Approval of Minutes - Please refer to the section of this agenda entitled “Minutes” for the following minutes:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following Minutes:

- January 13, 2025 – Business Meeting Minutes
- January 28, 2025 – Budget Workshop #1 Minutes

- B. Approval of Personnel

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the following personnel reports:

- A1. Instructional Staff
- A2. Instructional Staff LOA>Returns
- B1. Operational Staff
- B2. Operational Staff LOA>Returns

C. Establishment of Sick Leave Bank – CSEA Full-Time Clerical/Aides Unit

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the establishment of a sick leave bank for the member of the Civil Service Employees' Association Full-Time Clerical/Aides Unit named in Confidential Schedule A for 4 days. The donation of leave by the Clerical Unit is not to be considered precedent setting.

D. Establishment of Sick Leave Bank – CSEA Full-Time Clerical/Aides Unit

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the establishment of a sick leave bank for the member of the Civil Service Employees' Association Full-Time Clerical/Aides Unit named in Confidential Schedule A for 7 days. The donation of leave by the Clerical Unit is not to be considered precedent setting.

E. Approval for Provision of Educational Opportunities to Resident Pupils with Disabilities

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the provision of educational opportunities to resident pupils as listed, in date order, on the following rosters shown in **Exhibit E**:

- 1. Committee for Preschool Special Education
- 2. Committee for Special Education
- 3. Section 504 Committee

F. Acceptance of Financial Reports – Please refer to the section of this agenda entitled “Finance” for finance program reports.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby accepts the following financial reports of the December 2024 period:

- 1. Treasurer's Report

2. Claims Auditor Letter
3. Claims Auditor Reports
 - Payroll Schedule Audit Report
 - Payroll Adjustments Report
 - Substitute Teacher Report (Budget)
 - Substitute Teacher Report (Grants)
 - Custodial Overtime Report
 - Cash Disbursement Report
 - Workers' Compensation Cash Disbursement
 - Wire Reconciliation Report
 - nVision Audit Reports
 - Firewall Activity Report
4. Cash Flow Projection
5. Extra Classroom Activity Fund
6. Scholarship Activity Fund
7. General Fund Financial Reports
8. School Lunch Fund Financial Reports
9. Special Aid Fund Financial Reports
10. Capital Projects Fund Financial Reports
11. Miscellaneous Special Revenue Funds Reports
12. Debt Service Fund Financial Reports
13. Workers' Comp. Reserve Financial Reports
14. Budget Transfer Query
15. Capital Project Report (7/01/99 – Present)
16. Warrants

G. Budgetary Adjustments

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the following Budgetary Adjustments, which for the period from January 4, 2025, through January 29, 2025, will total \$306,057.87 (**Exhibit G**).

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

H. Approval of Contracts

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby accepts the following contracts (**Exhibit H**):

#	Contract	Description	Rate	Atty. Reviewed	Reason	Renewal
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#	Contract	Description	Rate	Atty. Reviewed	Reason	Renewal
1.	ACDS, Inc.	611/619 IDEA Federal Flow Thru Funds	In accordance with NYS Law and procedures established by NYSED	No	Attorney Approved Template	No
2.	Cam-Held Enterprises, Inc. dba Just Kids Early Childhood Learning Center	611/619 IDEA Federal Flow Thru Funds	In accordance with NYS Law and procedures established by NYSED	No	Attorney Approved Template	Yes
3.	Dave & Buster's	Oregon Middle School Grade 6 Field Trip on March 20, 2025	See contract for specific fees	Yes	Attorney Prepared Rider	No
4.	Developmental Disabilities Institute (DDI)	611/619 IDEA Federal Flow Thru Funds	In accordance with NYS Law and procedures established by NYSED	No	Attorney Approved Template	Yes
5.	Double Dees Inc.	Mocktails for Senior Prom on June 2, 2025	\$860.00; Rate is unchanged from 2023-2024	No	Attorney Prepared Rider	Yes
6.	East Islip UFSD	Health Services	Per pupil rate is \$1,050.29 for 2024-2025; Rate has increased by \$40.50 from 2023-2024	No	Attorney Approved Template	Yes
7.	Eden II Programs	611/619 IDEA Federal Flow Thru Funds	In accordance with NYS Law and procedures established by NYSED	No	Attorney Approved Template	Yes
8.	First Advantage Infinite ID LLC	Master Services Agreement	\$3,900.00	Yes	Vendor Template	No
9.	Future Stars Tennis Academy at Harbourview LLC	License Agreement for Future Stars Summer Camp (June 30, 2025 through August 22, 2025)	See contract for rates to be paid to District (Licensor)	Yes	Attorney Approved Template	No
10.	Gersch Academy Inc.	Service Agreement	See attached rate sheet	Yes	Attorney Approved Template	No

#	Contract	Description	Rate	Atty. Reviewed	Reason	Renewal
11.	Hershey Entertainment & Resorts Co. dba Hershey Lodge	PMHS Trip on April 12-13, 2025	\$269.00 per room for 25 rooms	No	Attorney Prepared Rider	Yes
12.	HomeTown Ticketing, Inc.	Digital Ticketing System	Digital ticketing system for 2025 Senior Prom	Yes	Attorney Prepared Rider	Yes
13.	Kidz Therapy Services, PLLC	611/619 IDEA Federal Flow Thru Funds	In accordance with NYS Law and procedures established by NYSED	No	Attorney Approved Template	No
14.	L.I. Nights Entertainment	DJ Services for Junior Prom on April 4, 2025	Rate is unchanged from 2023-2024	No	Attorney Prepared Rider	Yes
15.	L.I. Nights Entertainment	DJ Services for Senior Day on June 16, 2025	Rate is unchanged from 2023-2024	No	Attorney Prepared Rider	Yes
16.	Long Island Soda Systems	Beverage Vendor for Senior Prom on June 2, 2025	\$1,583.00; Rate has increased by \$53.00 over 2023-2024	No	Attorney Prepared Rider	Yes
17.	Michelle Tor, Inc.	Assistive Technology – AMENDMENT	Not to exceed \$124,167.40 per year (an increase of \$10,771.20 over previously approved amount for 2024-2025 due to an increase of total hours from 960 to 1,085)	No	Attorney Approved Template	Yes
18.	Mid Island Therapy Associates LLC dba All About Kids	611/619 IDEA Federal Flow Thru Funds	In accordance with NYS Law and procedures established by NYSED	No	Attorney Approved Template	No
19.	Middle Country CSD	Health Services	Per pupil rate is \$1,278.60 for 2024-2025; Rate has increased by \$49.68 per pupil over 2023-2024	No	Attorney Approved Template	Yes

#	Contract	Description	Rate	Atty. Reviewed	Reason	Renewal
20.	Mike's Delights	Vendor for 2025 Junior Prom on April 4, 2025	\$3,150.00; Rate has increased by \$150.00 over 2023-2024	No	Attorney Approved Rider	Yes
21.	Nassau Suffolk Services for the Autistic, Inc. (NSSA)	611/619 IDEA Federal Flow Thru Funds	In accordance with NYS Law and procedures established by NYSED	No	Attorney Approved Template	Yes
22.	South Huntington UFSD	Special Education Services - District of Residence	In accordance with NYS Law and procedures established by NYSED	No	Attorney Approved Template	Yes
23.	The Commencement Group	2025 PMHS Graduation Fundraiser	District will receive 25% of the pre-order proceeds and 15% of on-site proceeds	Yes	Vendor Template	Yes
24.	United Cerebral Palsy Assoc. of Greater Suffolk, Inc.	611/619 IDEA Federal Flow Thru Funds	In accordance with NYS Law and procedures established by NYSED	No	Attorney Approved Template	Yes

I. Approval of Bid Award(s)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the following Bid Award (**Exhibit I**):

- #2025-01 HS NOC Power, HS NOC Cleanup, MS Switch Upgrade: Core BTS

J. Disposition of Obsolete Items – The Superintendent of Schools wishes to rid the district of obsolete books and/or equipment. The process for disposition includes a first step in which bids will be taken, with an award to the high bidder at a future board meeting. If there is not a bid for these books and/or equipment, the second step will be to consider them as junk and have them disposed of accordingly.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes disposition of the following books and/or equipment (**Exhibit J**):

- One Smith Corona Typewriter, Model #SL500, and nine (9) Kenwood 2-way radios, Serial #/PM Tag #: B2500264/None, B2500265/None, B2500281/None, B2500282/20005590, B2500283/None,

B2500284/None, B2500285/None, B2500286/None, B2500292/20095559
(located in Transportation)

- 2020 SAVVAS “myView/miVision” elementary teacher editions and student interactive books (located Districtwide)
- Library Books (located at Medford Elementary School)

K. Acknowledgment of Single Audit Report

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the Single Audit Report (A-133 Report) and the districts Corrective Action Plan for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024 and directs the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations to file the report with the New York State Education Department as is required (**Exhibit K**).

L. Approval of Continuation of the real property tax exemption income limits of disabled persons with limited income for the 2025/26 tax year and subsequent years pursuant to Real Property Tax Law 459-c.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby continues the real property tax exemption income limits of disabled persons with limited income for the 2025/26 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 - 2025/26 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.

- M. Approval of Continuation of the real property tax exemption income limits of senior citizens for the 2025/26 tax year and subsequent years pursuant to Real Property Tax Law 467.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby continues the real property tax exemption income limits of senior citizens for the 2025/26 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 - 2025/26 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.

- N. Approval of continuation of volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers real property tax exemption for the 2025/26 tax year and subsequent years pursuant to Real Property Tax Law 466-a.

BE IT 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 unremarried spouse of the deceased so long as such person remains unremarried, 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 unremarried 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 unremarried spouse of an enrolled deceased member killed in the line of duty shall remain entitled to the exemption so long as such person remains unremarried.

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 unremarried 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 unremarried 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.

BOARD APPROVED

O. Resolution for alternative veterans real property tax exemption for the 2025/26 tax year and subsequent years pursuant to Real Property Tax Law § 458-a.

WHEREAS, a public hearing on an alternative veteran real property tax exemption has taken place at which time parties in interest and citizens had an opportunity to be heard; now, therefore be it

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 qualifying veterans or the spouse of the qualifying veteran or the unremarried 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.

	Reduced Maximum		Basic Maximum	Increased Maximum							
WARTIME	6000	9000	12000	15000	18000	21000	24000	27000	30000	33000	36000
COMBAT	4000	6000	8000	10000	12000	14000	16000	18000	20000	22000	24000
DISABILITY	20000	30000	40000	50000	60000	70000	80000	90000	100000	110000	120000

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.

And it is further,

RESOLVED, that the following conditions be imposed:

- **Local option 2:** To extend this exemption to military personnel who served in the Reserve component of the United States Armed Forces that were deemed on active duty under Executive Order 11519, dated March 17-26, 1970, designated as Operation Graphic Hand, if such member was discharged or released therefrom under honorable conditions, provided that such veteran meets all other qualifications for the exemption.

And it is further,

RESOLVED, that the following conditions be imposed:

- **Local option 3:** To extend this exemption to a Gold Star Parent (defined as the parent of a child who died in the line of duty while serving in the United States Armed Forces during a period of war).

And it is further,

RESOLVED, that the following conditions be imposed:

- **Local option 4:** To allow that portion of a cooperative apartment corporation held by an otherwise eligible Alternative veteran or unremarried spouse of a veteran tenant/stockholder to be eligible for an exemption from real property taxes. Eligible stockholders would receive an adjustment to their monthly maintenance fees by the cooperative apartment corporation to reflect the benefit of the exemption.

P. Approval of Conferences

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves attendance by the following staff members at the conferences specified:

#	Staff Member(s)	Name of Conference and Location (City, State)	Date(s)	Professional Organization Sponsoring Conference	Cost	District or Grant Funded
1.	Anthony Cracco	NYSAA – State Annual Conference; Saratoga, NY	March 12, 2025 through March 14, 2025	NYSAAA	\$1,173.96	District
2.	Susan Rudnicki	2025 NAFME Eastern Division Conference & Honors Ensemble Festival: Hartford, CT	April 24, 2025 through April 27, 2025	National Association for Music Education	\$1,367.35	District

Q. Authorization for Student Trips

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the following student field trips:

TRIP #502886: Approximately 90 High School 12th grade students accompanied by Assistant Principal, Garrett Comanzo, Kristina Davidson, and Carrie Pickford will travel to Hershey Park, Hershey, PA on **Saturday, April 12, 2025 and return Sunday April 13, 2025**. They will be staying at Hershey Lodge. The cost to the students is approximately \$450.00. Bus transportation was booked with ES BOCES. There is no cost to the district as no substitute teachers are needed.

R. Approval of Special Board of Education Meeting to Participate in the Annual Eastern Suffolk BOCES Budget Vote and Trustee Election

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves a Special Meeting to participate in the annual Eastern Suffolk BOCES Budget Vote and Trustee Election on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

S. Policy Adoption – Please refer to the special section of this agenda entitled “Policy” At the January 13, 2025, Board of Education meeting, the following policies were presented for a first reading. Since that time there have been no suggested changes. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adopts the following policies which were circulated for a first reading:

6145.3 Interscholastic Athletics

MOTION CARRIED: 7 – YES; 0 – NO; 0 - ABSTAIN

The Consent Agenda was approved.

10. No Items Removed from the Consent Agenda for a Separate Vote

11. Information Items

- a. Policy First Reading
The following policies will be circulated for a first reading. If there are no changes, the policies will be included on the March 24, 2025, Board of Education agenda:

5114 Procedures for Dealing with Pupils Who are Insubordinate, Disorderly, or Truant, or Whose Conduct Endangers the Safety, Morals, Health, or Welfare of Others

12. Actions Arising Out of Executive Session

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Education hereby approves the amendment to employment agreement dated February 10, 2025 between the Patchogue Medford Union Free School District and Dr. Donna Jones and authorize the Board President to sign said amendment on behalf of the board.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby accepts the letter of resignation for purposes of retirement from Dr. Donna Jones, dated February 10, 2025, with an effective resignation date of June 30, 2025.

Motion made by Bernadette Smith, seconded by Diana Andrade
Approved – 7 – yes, 0 -No, 0 - Abstain

13. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Donna Jones formally announced her intent to retirement effective June 30, 2025

14. Discussion Topics

- A. Field Testing Discussion - Trustees discussed status and next steps

15. Committee Reports

Chairpersons, or in their absence, administrative liaisons, of 2024-2025 committees reported to the Board of Education on their committee activities. Listed below are the 2024-2025

committees:

- A. Buildings and Operations
- B. Finance
- C. District-wide Technology
- D. Extracurricular Program
- E. Instructional and Student Support Programs
- F. Legislation

16. Community Comments

The public had an opportunity to address the boards with questions and/or comments.

17. Board Comments

The Board of Education members made closing comments.

18. Adjournment

Motion offered by Bernadette Smith, seconded by Diana Andrade to adjourn the meeting.
7 – YES, 0 – NO, 0 - ABSTAIN

Meeting adjourned at 10:14 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa DeLeva
District Clerk