

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

Budget Workshop #2  
Saxton Middle School Auditorium  
February 27, 2025  
MINUTES

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Marc Negrin, President

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT AND VOTING:** Diana Andrade, Kelli Anne Jennings, Jennifer Krieger, Francis Salazar

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT:** Bernadette Smith, Francis Salazar

**OFFICIALS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:** Dr. Donna Jones, Superintendent of Schools; Theresa DeLeva, District Clerk

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT AND REPORTING:** Lori Cannetti, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction; Joey Cohen, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Frank Mazzie, Assistant Superintendent for Business

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Board of Education President Marc Negrin called the meeting to order in the Saxton Middle School Auditorium at 7:02 pm.

**2. SAFETY MESSAGE**

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

**3. NOMINATION OF EASTERN SUFFOLK BOCES BOARD**

Motion offered by Marc Negrin, seconded by Diana Andrade.

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby nominates the below individuals for the Eastern-Suffolk BOCES for the term of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028.

Linda Goldsmith- Oysterponds  
William Hsiang – Riverhead  
Lisa Israel – Greenport  
Kelli-Anne Jennings – Patchogue-Medford  
John Wyche – Bridgehampton

Motion carried: 5 – Yes; 0 – No, 2 - Absent

#### **4. AUTHORIZATION FOR STUDENT TRIPS**

Motion offered by Kelli-Anne Jennings, seconded by Diana Andrade to wit:

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

TRIP#: 503025: South Ocean Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> grade student accompanied by Michael Rudnicki will travel to the Carrier Circle Double Tree Hotel in Rochester, NY for the NYSBDA Symposium on Friday, March 7, 2025, and return Sunday, March 9, 2025. There is no cost for the student. The coach bus was booked through William Floyd School District. The cost to the district is \$135.00 for one substitute teacher needed on March 7, 2025.

Motion carried: 5 – Yes; 0 – No, 2 - Absent

#### **5. BUDGET DISCUSSION**

The members of the Board of Education and district administrators conducted a discussion regarding the formulation of the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget Proposal.

#### **6. PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS**

The public was given an opportunity to ask questions regarding the Budget Proposal presentation.

#### **7. BOARD COMMENTS**

The Board of Education was given an opportunity to ask questions and make comments on the Budget Proposal presentation.

#### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion offered by Diana Andrade, and seconded by Kelli-Anne Jennings to wit:

RESOLVED, that there being no further information to discuss the meeting is adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Motion carried: 5 – Yes; 0 – No, 2 - Absent

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa DeLeva  
District Clerk