

Little Flower Union Free School District
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday March 17, 2025
Library– 4 p.m.

Joseph Delgado, President
Frank Caliguiri
Marie Davis
Steven Gellar
Bridgette Waite

MEMBERS PRESENT

Marilyn Adsitt
Laura Cangemi
Corinne Hammons
Nancy Hancock

MEMEBERS ABSENT

Harold Dean, Superintendent
Robert Scappatore, Principal
Ashley Harlin, District Clerk
Kerri Smith, COO of Little Flower RTC
Kenny D'Alesio, LFTA Representative
Jennifer Maurici, Senior Vice President of Long Island Programs

ALSO PRESENT

4:13 p.m. S. Gellar moved, M. Davis seconded carried 5-0
to enter Executive Session.

Executive Session

A. Harlin, K. Smith, K. D'Alessio and J. Maurici left meeting.

4:29 p.m. M. Davis moved, S. Gellar seconded, carried 5-0 to
End executive session.

1. 4:30 p.m. meeting called to order and Superintendent
Dean led the pledge of allegiance.
2. President Delgado welcomed all and introduced
LFTA Representative Kenny D'Alessio and RTC Agency staff.
Luncheon meeting with David Gilmartin, President of the Little
Flower Agency Board. Idea of Board retreat.
3. Superintendent Dean reported on the following:

CALL TO ORDER/
PLEDGE:

BOARD PRESIDENTS
REPORT

SUPERINTENDENTS
REPORT

District Updates—Action on BOCES Cooperative Bidding Resolution. RAN Resolution for the 2025-26 school year. Felicia Thomas Williams has been elected as the new region for Judicial District 10. Update on Insurance, information session for staff to learn more. Update on Primary center; walk-through was successful. DASNY funding project ideas. Workbook accepted for filing at the State Ed Department. Two final projects scheduled for April during recess. Area 5 review on April 3, Regional Associate is scheduled to come and review our protections for persons with disabilities. Instructional staff participated in Mental Health First Aid Training during recent Superintendent's Conference day, they completed an online pre-course and in person course and exam. Meeting with classroom teachers to focus on replacement and practice that can garner additional student engagement with items such as AI. Mid-year report for 21CCLC was submitted, advisory meeting scheduled for March 26. Reminder for our Educational Foundation Golf Outing May 27 at The Vineyards Golf Club.

K. Smith speaks on updates from Agency; Quarterly board meeting showed RTC is able to cover costs; pivotal transitional point for RTC with the ability to hire new positions. Very excited to support the school with mental health resources. Moving forward with application for a Children's rehab program.

Regional Updates- Hosted a webinar with SEL committee. ESBOCES has their first regionalization meeting. ESBOCES annual meeting for their budget presentation is to take place April 9 at the Ward Tech Center in Riverhead. Notice of annual business meeting of the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association May 28 in Commack.

Statewide Updates- Virtual meeting for Commission of Advisory Panel on Special Education. March Board of Regents meeting resulted in an emergency regulation introduced for a major life event exemption from commencement level assessments; which includes regent exams and alternative assessment. Coalition- Assembly bill proposing an annual growth rate for ASEPs including special acts equal to the GSPS in state aid for NYS districts. Two items related to methodology funding including annual interim-plus rate and tuition growth. Senate bill proposing a blue-ribbon commission to inform service delivery for individuals with disabilities.

4. R. Scappatore presented the combined report as follows: PRINCIPAL'S/
March at Little Flower brings on March Madness-our students DIRECTOR'S
get to participate in our own basketball tournament. REPORT
PBIS incentive trip to the bowling alley. Picture day for our students.
StonyBrook Incubator commences with our life skills students helping
with the cookie companies. As for enrollment numbers; for the month of February
we are down to 100 but we have a great deal of potential packets to review.
We have brought in 5 students, 1 residential and 4 day placements. Discussion on
Primary Program.
5. S. Gellar moved, B. Waite seconded, carried 5-0 CONSENT AGENDA
to approve the consent agenda.

- 5.1 S. Gellar moved, B. Waite seconded, carried 5-0 to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday February 24, 2025. Minutes

5.2 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- b.1 The Board President acknowledged receipt of the schedule of bills for the month of:
February 2025: WN-30 WN-31 WN-32 Schedule of Bills
- b.2 The Board President acknowledged receipt of the Budget Status Report for the month of February 2025. Budget Status
- b.3 The Board President acknowledged receipt of the Accounts Receivable Report for the month of February 2025. Accounts Receivable
- b.4 S. Gellar moved, B. Waite seconded, carried 5-0 to accept the Claims Audit Report for the month of February 2025. Claims Audit Report
- b.5 S. Gellar moved, B. Waite seconded, carried 5-0 to approve the proposed General Fund Budget Transfers. Budget Transfers

Budget Transfer Schedule Report For A - 5: GF BUDGET TRANSFERS FEB-25

Date

02/01/2025

07/22/2022

Budget Transfer Description	Account	Account Description	Detail Description	Transfer Out	Transfer In
To cover actual expenses					
	A 1620.40	O&M - CONTRACTUAL			13,000.00
	A 1620.43	O&M - FUEL OIL EXPENDITURES		13,000.00	
	A 2020.40	SUPERVISION - CONTRACTUAL			2,200.00
	A 2830.40	INTAKE COORD - CONTRACTUAL		2,200.00	
Grand Totals:				15,200.00	15,200.00
Number of Budget Transfers: 1				Net Amount:	0.00

b.6 The Board President acknowledged receipt of the Enrollment Projection for February 2025. Enrollment Projection

5.3 CSE Recommendations: CSE Recommendations
None at this time.

5.4 S. Gellar moved, B. Waite seconded, carried 5-0 the following personnel items: PERSONNEL

a. **Employees Entering District – P/T Temporary** (Resolution)

Individual Aides – hourly at \$18.00/hr
Christina Savino

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 S. Gellar moved, M. Davis seconded, carried 5-0 BOCES Joint Municipal
To adopt the Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program Cooperative Bidding
Resolution (A)

JOINT MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE BIDDING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, various educational and municipal corporations located within the State of New York desire to bid jointly for generally needed services and standardized supply and equipment items; and

WHEREAS, the Little Flower Union Free School District, an educational/municipal corporation (hereinafter the “Participant”) is desirous of selectively participating with other educational and/or municipal corporations in the State of New York in joint bidding in the areas mentioned above pursuant to General Municipal Law § 119-o and Education Law Section 1950; and

WHEREAS, the Participant is a municipality within the meaning of General Municipal Law § 119-n and is eligible to participate in the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, First Supervisory District of Suffolk County (hereinafter Eastern Suffolk BOCES) Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program (hereinafter the “Program”) in the areas mentioned above; and

WHEREAS, the Participant acknowledges receipt of the Program description inclusive of Eastern Suffolk BOCES’ standard bid packet and the general conditions relating to said Program; and

WHEREAS, with respect to all activities conducted by the Program, the Participant wishes to delegate to Eastern Suffolk BOCES the responsibility for drafting of bid specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, evaluating bids, awarding via Eastern Suffolk BOCES Board approval, and reporting the results to the Participant.

WHEREAS, the Participant acknowledges that “additional insured” status shall be secured by signing a risk transfer/Indemnification Agreement when engaging services through the Cooperative Bidding Program with each awarded vendor when Services are requested. Said agreement must be signed by both parties and will remain in effect for the current term of the Bid. In the event the Bid is extended, and a Participant requires Service, a new risk transfer/Indemnification Agreement must be executed.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Participant hereby appoints Eastern Suffolk BOCES to represent it and to act as the lead agent in all matters related to the Program as described above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Participant hereby authorizes Eastern Suffolk BOCES to place all legal advertisements for any required cooperative bidding in Newsday, which is designated as the official newspaper for the Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Participant Meeting shall be held annually consisting of a representative from each Program Participant. Notice of the meeting shall be given to each representative at least five (5) days prior to such meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an Advisory Committee will be formed consisting of five to ten representatives of Program Participants for a term of three (3) years as authorized by General Municipal Law §119-o.2.j.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Agreement with the Participant shall be for a term of one (1) year as authorized by General Municipal Law §119-o.2.j.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Participant agrees to pay Eastern Suffolk BOCES an annual fee as determined annually by Eastern Suffolk BOCES to act as the lead agent for the Program.

- 6.2 S. Gellar moved, B. Waite seconded, carried 5-0 2025-26 RAN
To approve the Resolution for Revenue Anticipation Notes,
as follows:

REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 17, 2025

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ONE OR MORE SERIES OF THE LITTLE FLOWER UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000,000.00 FOR GENERAL EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENSES OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Little Flower Union Free School District (the "School District"), Suffolk County, New York as follows:

SECTION 1. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell revenue anticipation notes, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said President of the Board of Education, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

SECTION 2. The notes are issued in anticipation of the receipt of 2025-2026 State Aid payments and other revenues to be received by the School District during the remainder of the 2024-2025 School District fiscal year and in the 2025-2026 School District fiscal year.

SECTION 3. The notes are authorized to be issued against estimated uncollected revenues from public school districts, social service districts, and the State of New York of approximately \$1,500,000.00 or more to be received during the remainder of the 2024-2025 and in the 2025-2026 School District fiscal years.

SECTION 4. The notes shall be issued in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 and shall be used to meet the ordinary operating expenses and other various expenses of the School District. The proceeds of the notes shall not be used to redeem revenue anticipation notes previously issued by the School District.

SECTION 5. The notes shall mature no later than one year after issuance.

SECTION 6. The faith and credit of the School District are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such notes as the same become due and payable.

SECTION 7. The President of the Board of Education is further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to ensure the continued status of the interest on the notes authorized by this resolution as excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and to designate the notes authorized by this resolution as "qualified tax-exempt bonds" in accordance with Section 265(b)(3)(B)(i) of the Code.

SECTION 8. The President of the Board of Education is further authorized to enter into a continuing disclosure agreement with the initial purchaser of the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution, containing provisions which are satisfactory to such purchaser in compliance with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12, promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

SECTION 9. This resolution shall be effective immediately.

7. S.Gellar, M. Davis seconded, carried 5-0
to approve the following written policies for a “Second Reading”

Orienting and Training Board Members (#2110)

Administration of the Budget (#5140)

Registration and Professional Learning (#6213)

Leaves of Absence (#6550)
8. Forum included praise for staff working in a positive direction. Board Forum
Congratulations to RTC for good news.
9. At 5:18 p.m. M. Davis moved, S. Gellar seconded, carried Adjournment
5-0 to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Harlin
District Clerk

Approved: _____