

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

March 24, 2025

Patchogue-Medford High School Auditorium

7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

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 212 of the Patchogue-Medford High School at 6:00 pm.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion offered by Kelli Anne Jennings, seconded by Francis Salazar to wit: **RESOLVED**, the Board of Education enters an Executive Session to discuss confidential personnel and legal matters at 6:01 pm.

Motion carried: 7 – YES; 0 - NO

3. RESUME PUBLIC SESSION

Board of Education President, Marc Negrin, called the meeting to order in Public Session in the High School Auditorium at 7:45 pm.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE

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. Ms. Cathy Romano, New York School Boards Association Area 12 Director, presented the district with two “Champions of Change” banners honoring Plays in Spanish initiative and the Special Education Kitchen.
- b. Dr. Kim Hochberg, Administrator for Raider Academy, presented on the Raider Academy.
- c. Dr. Goldstein, Director of Pre-School Special Education, presented on the EASE program.

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 Francis Salazar to approve Consent Agenda (Items A through FF) 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:

- February 10, 2025 – Business Meeting Minutes
- February 27, 2025 – Special Meeting/Budget Workshop #2 Minutes
- March 19, 2025 – Special Meeting/Budget Workshop #3 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. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Patchogue-Medford Congress of Teachers regarding Spousal Sick Days

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a Memorandum of Agreement with the Patchogue-Medford Congress of Teachers in regard to spousal sick days (**Exhibit C**) and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said document on behalf of the district.

D. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Unaffiliated Employee

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a Memorandum of Understanding with an unaffiliated employee, the Substitute Teacher Caller, and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said document on behalf of the district.

E. Approval of Extension of Sick Leave Bank – Patchogue-Medford Congress of Teachers

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves an Agreement permitting the extension of a sick leave bank for the member of the Patchogue-Medford Congress of Teachers named in Confidential Schedule A for 22 days. The donation of leave by the Patchogue-Medford Congress of Teachers is not to be considered precedent-setting and the president of the Board of Education is authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the district.

F. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Patchogue-Medford Congress of Teachers regarding the addition of the position of Varsity Assistant Coach for Competitive Cheerleading

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a Memorandum of Agreement with the Patchogue-Medford Congress of Teachers in regards to the addition of the position of Varsity Assistant Coach for Competitive Cheerleading (**Exhibit F**) and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said document on behalf of the district.

G. Approval of Side Letters of Agreement with the Patchogue-Medford Congress of Teachers

BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves two Side Letters of Agreement with the Patchogue-Medford Congress of Teachers allowing the two persons named in confidential schedule A to work an additional .2 teaching period each and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said agreements on behalf of the District.

H. 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 H**:

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

I. 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:

1. Treasurer’s Report - January
2. Claims Auditor Letter - January
3. Claims Auditor Reports - January
 - 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 – February
5. Extra Classroom Activity Fund – January
6. Scholarship Activity Fund – January
7. General Fund Financial Reports - January

8. School Lunch Fund Financial Reports - January
9. Special Aid Fund Financial Reports - January
10. Capital Projects Fund Financial Reports – January
11. Misc. Special Revenue Funds Reports - January
12. Debt Service Fund Financial Reports - January
13. Workers’ Comp. Reserve Financial Reports - January
14. Budget Transfer Query - January
15. Capital Project Report (7/01/99 – Present) - January
16. Warrants -January

J. Budgetary Adjustments

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the following Budgetary Adjustments, which for the period from January 30, 2025, through March 13, 2025, will total \$806,000.00 (**Exhibit J**).

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

K. Approval of Contracts

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

#	Contract	Description	Rate	Atty. Reviewed	Reason	Renewal
1.	Alessi, Patricia	Adult Education Instruction	\$30.00 per hour for a maximum of 15 hours per spring 2025 semester; Rate is unchanged from fall 2024	No	Attorney Approved District Template	Yes
2.	Bay Tours, Inc.	Oregon Middle School 8 th Grade Formal Dance on the Moon Chaser on June 12, 2025	\$4,230.00 minimum for the first 90 people and \$47.00 for each additional person over 90; Per person rate has increased by \$2.00 over 2023-2024	No	Attorney Approved Template	Yes
3.	Bay Tours, Inc.	Saxton Middle School 8 th Grade Formal Dance on the Moon Chaser on May 29, 2025	\$4,230.00 minimum for the first 90 people and \$47.00 for each additional person over 90; Per person rate has increased by \$2.00 over 2023-2024	No	Attorney Approved Template	Yes

#	Contract	Description	Rate	Atty. Reviewed	Reason	Renewal
4.	Bay Tours, Inc.	South Ocean Middle School 8 th Grade Formal Dance on the Moon Chaser on May 22, 2025	\$4,230.00 minimum for the first 90 people and \$47.00 for each additional person over 90; Per person rate has increased by \$2.00 over 2023-2024	No	Attorney Approved Template	Yes
5.	Bennett, Bruce	Adult Education Instruction	\$30.00 per hour for a maximum of 12 hours per spring 2025 semester; Rate is unchanged from fall 2024	No	Attorney Approved District Template	Yes
6.	Black, George	Adult Education Instruction	\$30.00 per hour for a maximum of 20 hours per spring 2025 semester; Rate is unchanged from fall 2024	No	Attorney Approved District Template	Yes
7.	Borneman, Milissa	Adult Education Instruction	\$30.00 per hour for a maximum of 15 hours per spring 2025 semester; Rate is unchanged from fall 2024	No	Attorney Approved District Template	No
8.	Borrelli, Anthony	Adult Education Instruction	\$30.00 per hour for a maximum of 40 hours per spring 2025 semester; Rate is unchanged from fall 2024	No	Attorney Approved District Template	Yes
9.	Castaneda, Kristen	Adult Education Instruction	\$30.00 per hour for a maximum of 18 hours per spring 2025 semester	No	Attorney Approved District Template	No
10.	Center for Forensic and Clinical Psychology, P.C.	Services Agreement	See contract for specific rates	Yes	Vendor Template	No
11.	Commack UFSD	Health Services	Per pupil rate is \$1,910.92 for 2024-2025; Rate has increased by \$779.10 per pupil since 2016-2017	No	Attorney Prepared Rider	Yes

#	Contract	Description	Rate	Atty. Reviewed	Reason	Renewal
12.	Costa, Rachel	Adult Education Instruction	\$30.00 per hour for a maximum of 8 hours per spring 2025 semester	No	Attorney Approved District Template	No
13.	County of Suffolk	611/619 IDEA Federal Flow Thru Funds	In accordance with NYS Law and procedures established by NYSED	No	Attorney Approved Template	Yes
14.	DeSantis, Sarah	Adult Education Instruction	\$30.00 per hour for a maximum of 16 hours per spring 2025 semester	No	Attorney Approved District Template	No
15.	DeStefano, Paul	Adult Education Instruction	\$30.00 per hour for a maximum of 10.5 hours per spring 2025 semester; Rate is unchanged from fall 2024	No	Attorney Approved District Template	Yes
16.	DiRoma, Dina	Adult Education Instruction	\$75.00 per person for Notary Pre-License course, \$85.00 per person for the Remote Electronic Notary Mini Course, \$45.00 per person for Notary Public Refresher course, and no charge for the Complete Summary of Benefits & How They Can Protect You and Your Family course; Rates are unchanged from fall 2024	No	Attorney Approved District Template	Yes
17.	Doumas, Nicole	Adult Education Instruction	\$30.00 per hour for a maximum of 16 hours per spring 2025 semester; Rate is unchanged from fall 2024	No	Attorney Approved District Template	Yes
18.	East Islip UFSD	Special Education Services	In accordance with education law 3602-c and the Regulations or rules of the Commissioner of Education	No	Attorney Approved Template	Yes

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19.	Engelhardt, Wendy	Adult Education Instruction	\$30.00 per hour for a maximum of 16 hours per spring 2025 semester	No	Attorney Approved District Template	No
20.	Fairway Golf Car Corp.	Golf Cart Rental for 2025 HS Graduation	\$900.00; Rate is unchanged from 2023-2024	Yes	Attorney Prepared Rider	Yes
21.	Farmingdale UFSD	Health Services	Per pupil rate is \$1,372.07 for 2024-2025; Rate has increased by \$21.23 per pupil over 2023-2024	No	Attorney Approved Template	Yes
22.	Frey, Laurel	Adult Education Instruction	\$30.00 per hour for a maximum of 12 hours per spring 2025 semester; Rate is unchanged from fall 2024	No	Attorney Approved District Template	Yes
23.	Future Stars Tennis Academy at Harbourview LLC	License Agreement for Future Stars Summer Camp (June 30, 2025 through August 22, 2025) - AMENDMENT	See contract for rates to be paid to District (Licensor)	Yes	Attorney Approved Template	No
24.	Half Hollow Hills CSD	Health Services	Per pupil rate is \$1,500.93 for 2024-2025; Rate has increased by \$52.87 per pupil since 2023-2024	No	Attorney Prepared Rider	Yes
25.	Jump and Slide Party Rentals, Inc.	Senior Day on June 16, 2025	\$6,271.71; Rate has increased by \$317.79 over 2023-2024 due to different options being offered this year as well as the need for one additional generator	No	Attorney Prepared Rider	Yes
26.	Lopez, Alma Lynn	Adult Education Instruction	\$30.00 per hour for a maximum of 40 hours per spring 2025 semester; Rate is unchanged from winter 2025	No	Attorney Approved District Template	Yes

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27.	Luciano, Gina	Adult Education Instruction	\$30.00 per hour for a maximum of 16 hours per spring 2025 semester; Rate is unchanged from fall 2024	No	Attorney Approved District Template	Yes
28.	Neary Confidential Investigative Services	Consultant Services	Rate is unchanged from 2023-2024	No	Attorney Approved District Template	Yes
29.	NY Party Works, LLC	Entertainment for Senior Prom on June 2, 2025	Rate has increased by \$698.90 over last year due to increase in caricaturist rates, additional game, and insurance surcharge	No	Attorney Prepared Rider	Yes
30.	NYSARC, Inc. – Suffolk Chapter	611/619 IDEA Federal Flow Thru Funds	In accordance with NYS Law and procedures established by NYSED	No	Attorney Approved Template	Yes
31.	Sayville UFSD	Health Services	Per pupil rate is \$1,762.32 for 2024-2025; Rate has increased by \$118.68 per pupil over 2023-2024	No	Attorney Approved Template	Yes
32.	Sayville UFSD	Special Education Services – District of Residence 2023-2024	In accordance with Education Law 3602-c and regulations of the Comm. of Education	No	Attorney Approved Template	No
33.	Sensational Sounds	DJ & Photography Services for Senior Prom on June 2, 2025	Rates are unchanged from 2023-2024	No	Attorney Prepared Rider	Yes
34.	Smiloff, Jason	Adult Education Instruction	\$30.00 per hour for a maximum of 6 hours per spring 2025 semester	No	Attorney Approved District Template	No
35.	Smith, DaNean	Adult Education Instruction	\$30.00 per hour for a maximum of 12 hours per spring 2025 semester	No	Attorney Approved District Template	No

#	Contract	Description	Rate	Atty. Reviewed	Reason	Renewal
36.	Smith, James	Adult Education Instruction	\$30.00 per hour for a maximum of 16 hours per spring 2025 semester	No	Attorney Approved District Template	No
37.	Smith, Steven	Adult Education Instruction	\$30.00 per hour for a maximum of 25 hours per spring 2025 semester; Rate is unchanged from winter 2025	No	Attorney Approved District Template	Yes
38.	Smithtown CSD	Health Services	Per pupil rate is \$1,434.00 for 2024-2025; Rate has increased by \$136.76 per pupil over 2023-2024	No	Attorney Approved Template	Yes
39.	Suffolk County Board of Elections	Use of 7 School Buildings for General & Primary Elections	District receives \$75.00 per election district, immediately following the General Election	No	Not Necessary	Yes
40.	Three Village CSD	Health Services	Per pupil rate is \$1,790.23 for 2024-2025; Rate has decreased by \$8.03 per pupil since 2023-2024	No	Attorney Prepared Rider	Yes
41.	Tolbert-Preston, Joycelyn	Adult Education Instruction	\$30.00 per hour for a maximum of 8 hours per spring 2025 semester; Rate is unchanged from fall 2024	No	Attorney Approved District Template	Yes
42.	West Islip UFSD	Health Services	Per pupil rate is \$1,140.95 for 2024-2025; Rate has decreased by \$4.74 per pupil since 2023-2024	No	Attorney Prepared Rider	Yes

L. Bid Award

BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves the following Bid Award (**Exhibit L**):

- #2022-07 Assistive Technology: Michelle Tor, Inc.
- #2022-11 Pouring Rights: Compass Group USA's Canteen Division

- #2023-04 Behavioral Intervention Consultation Services:
 - All About Kids SLP, OT, PT, LMSW
 - Blue Sea Educational Consulting, Inc.
 - DaVinci Collaborative
 - Helping Hands
 - Little Angels
 - Metro Therapy, Inc.
 - Nassau Suffolk Services for the Autistic, Inc. (NSSA)
 - NY Therapy Placement Services, Inc.
 - Out East Therapy
- #2023-05 Snow Plow Bid: B&B Maintenance
- #2023-06 Security System Maintenance: Millennium Systems Integration
- #2023-07 Inspection & Repairs of FCI Fire Alarm Systems: National Fire & Safety Solutions
- #2023-11 Oil / Fuel / Acid Tank Alarm Systems Bid: G&M Dege, Inc.
- #2024-03 (2) Related Services
 - All About Kids SLP, OT, PT, LMSW
 - Amergis
 - Blue Sea Educational Consulting, Inc.
 - Bright Star Occupational Therapy
 - Clinical Staffing Resources
 - Kidz Educational
 - Little Angels Center
 - Metro Therapy, Inc.
 - Mindful Kid
 - NY Therapy Placement Services, Inc.
 - Out East Therapy
 - Tender Age PT
 - The Speech Language Place
 - Theralympic Speech
- #2024-05 Districtwide Integrated Pest Management: Ultimate Pest Control
- #2024-07 Floor Mats: American Pad, Inc.
- #2024-08 Districtwide Laptop Repair Bid:
 - Cell Mechanic
 - iFixYouri Corp.
- #2025-03 Driver's Education (In-Car) Education w/Vehicles Bid: All Suffolk Auto School

M. Approval of 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. **(Exhibit M)**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes disposition of the following books and/or equipment:

- Assorted Secondary Humanities Textbooks (*located at Saxton Middle School*)
- One Varsity Gym Scoreboard, Model #VSBX-236, Serial #0416-32208-2236-01 (*located at Oregon Middle School*)
- One Delta Rockwell Table Saw, Model #34-395, Serial #1509666, PM Tag #002015 (*located at PMHS*)

N. Approval of Acceptance of Donation(s) **(Exhibit N)**

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

- Fifteen (15) four-language, indoor vinyl peace poles with granite bases, valued at approximately \$10,500.00, from Keegan & Keegan, Ross & Rosner, LLP

O. Approval of District Corrective Action Plan

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the district's Corrective Action Plan **(Exhibit O)** for one item which was noted on the Federal Single Audit Report (A-133) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

P. Approval of BOCES Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding

BE IT RESOLVED, 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 Patchogue-Medford UFSD, 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.

Q. Approval of SEQRA Resolution for Proposed Capital Project (Exhibit Q)

BE IT RESOLVED, WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Patchogue-Medford Union Free School District desires to embark upon the following capital project at the District's facilities as set forth herein and as listed in the working budget: (1) erecting four (4) tents to shelter homecoming parade floats. The temporary tents will be over asphalt, held down with weights and contain no ancillary structures such as toilets, flooring or walkways at the Patchogue-Medford High School (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, said capital improvements are subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(1)); and

WHEREAS, replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or a facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(2)); and

WHEREAS, routine activities of educational institutions, including expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(10)); and

WHEREAS, the purchase or sale of furnishings, equipment or supplies...other than the following: land, radioactive material, pesticides, herbicides, or other hazardous materials are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(31)); and

WHEREAS, the SEQR Regulations declare Type II Actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under SEQR; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, as the only involved agency, has examined all information related to the capital improvement projects and has determined that the Projects are classified as Type II Actions pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(1), (2), (10), and (31) of the SEQR Regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby declares itself lead agency in connection with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby declares that the Projects are Type II Actions, which require no further review under SEQR; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby shall forward an official copy of this Resolution to the New York State Education Department.

R. Authorization for Student Trip

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

TRIP #R503026: Approximately 100 High School 9th grade students accompanied by Jessica Avdoulos, Nichole Dougherty, Nadine Scalzo, Michelle Mars, Lawrence Ekert, Joseph Messina, Kelly Rudish and Thomas Anello will travel to American Dream Mall in East Rutherford, NJ on **Saturday, May 10, 2025**. The cost to the students is approximately \$130.00. Transportation was booked with ES BOCES (Hampton Jitney). There is no cost to the district as no substitute teachers are needed.

TRIP #R503024: One 11th grade High School student accompanied by Susan Rudnicki will travel to the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford, CT from **Thursday, April 24, 2025 to Sunday, April 27, 2025** to participate in the NAFME All-Eastern Conference. They will be staying at the Sheridan Hotel in Rocky Hill, CT. There is no cost to the student. Parent to drop/off (& pick/up) student at LIE Exit 52 Park & Ride where they will travel via coach bus (Coachman Luxury Transport) which was booked through NYSCAME Suffolk Chapter. The cost to the district is \$270.00 as a substitute teacher is needed on April 24 & 25, 2025.

S. 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

#	Staff Member(s)	Name of Conference and Location (City, State)	Date(s)	Professional Organization Sponsoring Conference	Cost	District or Grant Funded
1.	Shannon Ott	CPI – Nonviolent Crisis Intervention – Renewal; Plainview, NY	May 1, 2025	Crisis Prevention Institute	\$2,049.00	District

T. Adoption of Textbook to Official Listing (Exhibit T)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes that the textbooks listed below be added to the official listing:

TECHNOLOGY

Title: Technology as a Profession
Author: N/A (Digital Access for Online Modules)
Copyright: 2025
Publisher: SAVVAS Learning Company
Grade(s): 9-12
Type: Basic Text

Title: Parametric Modeling with Auto Desk
Author: Randy H. Shih
Copyright: 2024
Publisher: SDC Publications
Grade(s): 9-12
Type: Basic Text

U. Cancellation of Classes

BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following changes to High School and Middle School student schedules will take place during the final examination period in June of 2025:

- High School students will be excused Tuesday, June 17, 2025, through Friday, June 27, 2025.
- In addition, this year we will be administering the new Geometry Regents on Wednesday, June 11, 2025. We have over 450 students scheduled to take this exam. In order to accommodate the administration of the Regents and

allow for appropriately proctoring the exam, the High School will be moving to a synchronous remote day for students not taking the Regents. All other Math classes will be asynchronous since teachers will be involved with testing. All students taking the Regents will report to the high school.

- A modified testing schedule will go into effect for Middle School students beginning Wednesday, June 18, 2025, through Friday, June 27, 2025.

V. Approval of Summer Meeting Dates

At the July reorganization meeting, the annual calendar of school board meetings is adopted. For planning purposes, however, it is necessary to set the school board meeting dates for the summer months. Union free school districts are required by law to hold the reorganizational meeting on the first Tuesday in July, unless a board of education, by resolution, decides to hold the annual reorganization meeting at any time during the first 15 days in July. The superintendent suggests the dates for summer meetings be as listed and held at the Saxton Middle School.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the following summer meeting dates:

Monday, July 7, 2025 – 7:30 p.m. – Annual Re-Organization Meeting

Monday, July 7, 2025 – Following Re-Organization Meeting – July Business Meeting

Monday, August 4, 2025 – Work Session Meeting

Monday, August 18, 2025 – 7:30 p.m. - Business Meeting

W. Approval of Budget Proposal for 2025-2026 to be Presented at the May 20, 2025 Annual District Meeting

BE IT RESOLVED, WHEREAS, the Board of Education has considered several drafts of a general fund spending plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has received estimates of its income for fiscal 2025-2026; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that a General Fund Budget for fiscal 2025-2026, is adopted in the amount of \$245,272,116.00. This will result in a budget increase of 1.63% and an estimated tax levy increase of \$3,274,963.00 or 2.49%, which does not exceed the district's tax cap.

X. Approval of Settlement Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement (“Release”) in resolution of the matter filed in New York State Supreme Court, Suffolk County under Index Number 612121/2021; and authorizes the President of the Board of Education of the Patchogue-Medford School District to execute the Release on behalf of the District.

Y. Indemnification and Defense of a District Employee

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves a request for defense and indemnification submitted by Timothy Piciullo on or about March 7, 2025 in connection with a summons and complaint filed with Eastern District of New York in the action identified on Confidential Schedule “A”, and confers upon Timothy Piciullo the benefits and protections of Section 18 of Public Officers Law, in addition to the benefits and protections of Sections 3811 of the Education Law, as applicable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board shall accordingly indemnify Timothy Piciullo for any costs, attorneys’ fees, judgments, damages, settlements, fines, or penalties, provided that the acts or omissions from which the judgment or claim (etc.) arose or occurred while he was acting within the scope of his public employment or duties, and provided further that in the case of a settlement, the duty to indemnify and save harmless shall be conditioned upon the approval of the amount of any such settlement by the Board of Education; and no Certificate of Good Faith or merit shall be required; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby appoints the Law Offices of Guercio & Guercio, LLP, through its insurance carrier with regard to the defense of Timothy Piciullo in connection with the aforementioned proceeding.

Z. Indemnification and Defense of a District Employee

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves a request for defense and indemnification submitted by Maria del Pilar Erdmann on or about March 7, 2025 in connection with a summons and complaint filed with Eastern District of New York in the action identified on Confidential Schedule “A”, and confers upon Maria del Pilar Erdmann the benefits and protections of Section 18 of Public Officers Law, in addition to the benefits and protections of Sections 3811 of the Education Law, as applicable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board shall accordingly indemnify Maria del Pilar Erdmann for any costs, attorneys’ fees, judgments, damages, settlements, fines, or penalties, provided that the acts or omissions from which the judgment or claim (etc.) arose or occurred while she was acting within the scope of her public employment or duties, and provided further that in the case of a settlement, the duty to indemnify and save harmless shall be conditioned upon the approval of the amount

of any such settlement by the Board of Education; and no Certificate of Good Faith or merit shall be required; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby appoints the Law Offices of Guercio & Guercio, LLP, through its insurance carrier with regard to the defense of Maria del Pilar Erdmann in connection with the aforementioned proceeding.

AA. Indemnification and Defense of a District Employee

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves a request for defense and indemnification submitted by Ryan C. Crabtree on or about March 7, 2025 in connection with a summons and complaint filed with Eastern District of New York in the action identified on Confidential Schedule “A”, and confers upon Ryan C. Crabtree the benefits and protections of Section 18 of Public Officers Law, in addition to the benefits and protections of Sections 3811 of the Education Law, as applicable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board shall accordingly indemnify Ryan C. Crabtree for any costs, attorneys’ fees, judgments, damages, settlements, fines, or penalties, provided that the acts or omissions from which the judgment or claim (etc.) arose or occurred while he was acting within the scope of his public employment or duties, and provided further that in the case of a settlement, the duty to indemnify and save harmless shall be conditioned upon the approval of the amount of any such settlement by the Board of Education; and no Certificate of Good Faith or merit shall be required; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby appoints the Law Offices of Guercio & Guercio, LLP, through its insurance carrier with regard to the defense of Ryan C. Crabtree in connection with the aforementioned proceeding.

BB. Approval of Settlement Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Stipulation of Settlement and General Release between the District and the Parents of the Student listed in Confidential Schedule “A” and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute said Stipulation of Settlement and General Release on Behalf of the District and Board.

CC. Policy Adoption – Please refer to the special section of this agenda entitled “Policy” at the February 10, 2025, Board of Education meeting, the following policy was 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 policy which was circulated for a first reading:

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

DD. Approval of Budget Hearing Date Change

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Budget Hearing date to be changed to May 7, 2025.

EE. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Patchogue-Medford Congress of Administrators' Association

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a memorandum of agreement with the Patchogue-Medford Administrators' Association and the administrator named in Confidential Schedule A regarding the terms of employment for the administrator and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said agreement on behalf of the district.

FF. Establishment of Sick Leave Bank – Patchogue-Medford Congress of Teachers

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 Patchogue-Medford Congress of Teachers named in Confidential Schedule A for 12 days. The donation of leave by the Patchogue-Medford Congress of Teachers is not to be considered precedent-setting.

Motion carried: 7 – YES, 0 – NO, 0 – Abstentions

The consent agenda is approved.

10. NO ITEMS WERE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

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 April 28, 2025, Board of Education agenda:

- 6145.6 Attendance, Student Conduct and Academic Eligibility for Participation in Extracurricular Activities

12. ACTIONS ARISING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion offered by Kelli-Anne Jennings, seconded by Francis Salazar to wit:

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2025, the Board of Education received an appeal from a student suspension imposed by the Superintendent of Schools on January 15, 2025, regarding a student named in Confidential Schedule “A”; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has considered the appeal solely based upon the record before it.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby denies the appeal of the parent of the student listed in Confidential Schedule “A” with respect to the Superintendent’s suspension of the student.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education authorizes the District Clerk to send a letter to the appealing parents notifying them of the Board of Education’s determination and their rights to appeal such determination.

Motion carried: 7 – YES, 0 – NO, 0 – ABSTENTIONS

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Lori Cannetti as Interim Superintendent of Schools effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, on terms to be negotiated by the parties.

Motion carried: 7 – YES, 0 – NO, 0 – ABSTENTIONS

13. Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Donna Jones reported on district items.

14. Committee Reports

Chairpersons, or in their absence, administrative liaisons, of 2024-2025 committees may report 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

15. Discussion Topics

No additional discussion items added to the agenda.

16. Community Comments

The community was given an opportunity to address the board with questions and/or comments.

17. Board Comments

The Board of Education members made closing comments/statements.

18. Adjournment

Motion offered by Bernadette Smith, seconded by Diana Andrade to wit:

RESOLVED, that there being no further items for discussion, the meeting is adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Motion carried: 7 – YES, 0 – NO

Meeting adjourned at 9:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Theresa DeLeva

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District Clerk