

Little Flower Union Free School District
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Tuesday April 21, 2026
Library– 4 p.m.

Joseph Delgado, President
Corinne Hammons, Vice President
Marilyn Adsitt
Frank Caliguiri
Laura Cangemi
Bridgette Waite
Steven Gellar
Nancy Hancock

MEMBERS PRESENT

Marie Davis

MEMBERS ABSENT

Harold Dean, Superintendent
Michael Gordon, Asst. Superintendent of PPS & Operations
Ashley Harlin, District Clerk
Robert Casazza, LFTA Vice President

ALSO PRESENT

1. 4:00 p.m. Superintendent
Dean led the pledge of allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER/
PLEDGE:

2. President Delgado welcomed all.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S
REPORT

3. 4:00 L. Cangemi moved, C. Hammons seconded, carried 8-0
to enter Executive Session.

Executive Session

M. Gordon, A. Harlin, R. Casazza left the meeting.

C. Hammons left the meeting at 4: 09 p.m.

4:27 p.m. B. Waite moved, S. Gellar seconded, carried 7-0 to
end executive session.

4. J. Torain reported on PAES Lab program, March Madness,
LF Olympics, and Holiday gift exchange.

STUDENT BOARD
MEMBER REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

5. Superintendent Dean reported on the following:

District Updates—Overview of last month's informational meeting.

Action on Personnel items, BOCES election and budget vote.

Senate health and safety allocation authorization. Third read and adoption of policies.

Draft 26-27 school calendar. Financing resolution, RAN resolution. ESBOCES cooperative bidding. Expansion update. NYS fiscal outlook updated. Budget presentation in June. ESDSVP grant application submitted. 2026 Valedictorian and Salutatorian announced. BOE scholarship application open. Agency- OMH status the SBMHC, collab on parent engagement.

Regional Updates-Regionalization Plan district certification.

Statewide Updates- NYSED Area 1 review documentation. Coalition update on advocacy items including annual issuance of an interim-plus rate by July 1. Lowering the enrollment reduction protection waiver from 7.5 to 5 percent. NYSED cannot submit tuition request to DOB until State budget passed.

6. M. Gordon presented the combined report as follows:
113.75 FTE, 115 students; 74 Day students, 41 Residential students.
March Madness was a great success. PBIS incentives include eggrolls,
and Theatre 3 trip. Student leadership blanket drive for animal shelter.
3-8 testing underway.
7. S. Gellar moved, N. Hancock seconded, carried 7-0
to approve the consent agenda.
- 7.1 S. Gellar moved, N. Hancock seconded, carried 7-0
to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting of
Monday November 17, 2025
- 7.2
- b.1 S. Gellar moved, N. Hancock seconded, carried 7-0
accept the Treasurer's Reports for the
months of Nov-Dec 2025 & Jan-Mar 2026.

PRINCIPAL'S/
DIRECTORS
REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

FINANCIAL MATTERS

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| b.2 | The Board President acknowledged receipt of the schedule of bills for the month of:

November 2025: WN-18, WN-19, WN-20
December 2025: WN-22, WN-23, WN-24
January 2026: WN-26, WN-27, WN-28
February 2026: WN-30, WN-31, WN-32
March 2026: WN-34, WN-35, WN-36 | Schedule of Bills |
| b.3 | The Board President acknowledged receipt of the Budget Status Report for the month of March 2026. | Budget Status |
| b.4 | The Board President acknowledged receipt of the Revenue Status report for the month of March 2026. | Revenue Status |
| b.5 | The Board President acknowledged receipt of the Accounts Receivable Report for the month of March 2026. | Accounts Receivable |
| b.6 | S. Gellar moved, N. Hancock seconded, carried 7-0 to accept the Claims Audit Report for the month of Nov-Dec 2025 & Jan-Mar 2026. | Claims Audit Report |
| b.7 | S. Gellar moved, N. Hancock seconded, carried 7-0 to accept the Proposed General Fund Transfer (attachment) | Budget Transfers |
| b.8 | The Board President acknowledged receipt of the Enrollment Projection for February 2026. | Enrollment Projection |
| 8. | S. Gellar moved, N. Hancock seconded, carried 7-0 to approve the following personnel items:

a. Staffing Positions

Abolish one Teacher position, 0.8 FTE, effective September 1, 2025.
Establish one Teacher position, 1.0 FTE, effective February 9, 2026.

Abolish the School Counselor position, 0.8 FTE, effective March 16, 2026.
Establish one School Counselor position, 1.0 FTE, effective March 16, 2026. | PERSONNEL |

b. Change of Status

Dana Rundberg, Special Education Teacher, will change from 0.8 to 1.0 FTE, effective February 9, 2026.

Dani Grafer, School Counselor, will change from 0.8 to 1.0 FTE, effective March 16, 2026.

c. Employees Entering District – P/T Temporary

Substitute School Psychologist – Certified per diem at \$160.00/day

Shannan Basile

d. Employee Leaving District – F/T Permanent)

Accept the resignation of Omar Corridon, Teaching Assistant, effective December 31, 2025.

Accept the letter of retirement of Janet Slote, Teacher, Special Education, effective June 30, 2026.

e. Employees Leaving District – P/T Temporary

Substitute School Psychologist – Certified per diem at \$160.00/day
Shannan Basile

f. Employees Leaving District – F/T Temporary

Jason Black, Teaching Assistant, leave replacement, to accept another position in the district.

g. Employees Entering District- F/T Permanent

Shannan Basile, School Psychologist, probationary appointment effective January 5, 2026 to January 4, 2030, Certification School Psychologist Permanent, salary and benefits per LFTA Contract (MA+6).

Jason Black, Teaching Assistant, probationary appointment, effective February 1, 2026 to January 31, 2030 salary and benefits per LFTA (HS+60 Step 2).

h. Employees Entering District – P/T Temporary

Individual Aides – hourly at \$18.00/hr

Patrice Finlay
Jacob Coda

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| 9. | | NEW BUSINESS |
| 9.1 | F. Caliguiri moved, S. Gellar seconded, carried 7-0 to approve BOCES Administrative Budget for 2026-27. | BOCES Budget Vote |
| 9.2 | F. Caliguiri moved, S. Gellar seconded, carried 7-0 to cast votes for the following candidates for election to the ESBOCES board, as per guidance from ESBOCES clerk:

• Susan Lipman
• Joseph LoSchiavo
• Anne Mackesey
• Victoria Molloy
• Catherine Romano | BOCES Board Election |
| 9.3 | S. Gellar moved, B. Waite seconded, carried 7-0 to accept the authorization for use of senate CREST Grant Allocation | Senate CREST Grant Allocation |
| 9.4 | B. Waite moved, F. Caligiuri seconded, carried 7-0 to certify the district's participation in the regionalization plan items identified in the 2025 Eastern Suffolk Regional Plan & Recommendations. | Regionalization Participation |
| 9.5 | B. Waite moved, N. Hancock seconded, carried 7-0 to adopt the proposed 2026-27 School Calendar. | 2026-27 School Calendar |
| 9.6 | L. Cangemi moved, F. Caliguiri seconded, carried 7-0 to approve the Amendment to the Consultant Services Agreement between the Little Flower UFSD and Christine Evola, covering July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. | Consultant Services Agreement |
| 9.7 | S. Gellar moved, M. Adsitt seconded, carried 7-0 to approve the Consultant Services Agreement between the Little Flower UFSD and WellLife Network, funded through the 21CCLC grant, covering January 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026 | Consultant Services Agreement |
| 9.8 | S. Gellar moved, F. Caliguiri seconded, carried 7-0 to approve the Consultant Services Agreement between the Little Flower UFSD and Dr. Margareth Lafontant / Developmental Systems Inc. to serve as extended school day program consultant, effective March 16, 2026 not to exceed 40 hours through June 30, 2026. | Consultant Services Agreement |

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| 9.9 | S. Gellar moved, F. Caliguiri seconded, carried 7-0 to to approve the resolution in respect to seeking financing for a proposed capital expenditure project. | Capital Expenditures |
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| 9.10 | S. Gellar moved, B. Waite seconded, carried 7-0 to approve the Resolution for Revenue Anticipation Notes. | Revenue Anticipation Notes |
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| 9.11 | M. Adsitt moved, F. Caliguiri seconded, carried 7-0 to adopt the Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program Resolution (A). | |
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| 10. | S. Gellar moved, N. Hancock seconded, carried 7-0 to approve the following written policy for a third reading and adoption.

Child Abuse in an Institutional Setting (#7560)
Dignity for All Students (#7550) | Board Policies |
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| 11. | 5:00 p.m. L. Cangemi moved, M. Adsitt seconded, carried 7-0 to enter Executive Session.

S. Gellar, M.Gordon, K. Nolan, A. Harlin, R. Casazza left the meeting. | Executive Session |
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| 11. | Board was excited to hear about the expansion planning and enrollment increase, with a long-term vision for the district. | Board Forum |
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| 12. | At 5:50 p.m. L. Cangemi moved, M. Adsitt seconded, carried 6-0 to adjourn. | Adjournment |

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Harlin
District Clerk

Approved: _____