

ROSLYN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Meeting of the Board of Education

Thursday, May 7, 2026

6:00 P.M.

Administration Building – Boardroom

Minutes

Meryl W. Ben-Levy, President
Michael Levine, Vice President
David Dubner
Alison Gilbert
Robert Koonin
Leigh Minsky

ALSO PRESENT

Allison Brown	Superintendent
Michael Goldspiel	Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education
Karina Báez	Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education
Susan Warren	Assistant Superintendent for Business and Administration
Nancy Carney Jones	District Clerk
Zach Mashaal	Student Delegate

ABSENT

David Seinfeld

Ms. Ben-Levy called the meeting to order at 6: 08 p.m.

6:00 p.m. - Board of Education Meeting

Preliminary Announcements
Emergency Procedures
Cell Phones

Pledge of Allegiance

6:00 p.m. - Budget Hearing [Even though the law requires a “Budget Hearing”, please understand that the law also requires that nothing can be changed in the budget at this time. This “hearing” is purely informational.]

Ms. Ben-Levy opened the budget hearing at 6:09 pm and she explained Educational Law requires the hearing for the budget process.

There were no public comments and Ms. Ben-Levy closed the budget hearing at 6:10 pm

Recognition:

- Salutatorian – Matthew Lin

Dr. Lazarus introduced Matthew Lin. He spoke of what a brilliant, committed student Matthew is. He has taken some of the most vigorous courses offered and has been involved with the science research program since 9th grade. Outside of the classroom, he is leader on the tennis court, the research lab, Science Olympiad and Science Quiz bow. Matthew will be attending Princeton.

- Regeneron Semifinalists - Tessla Chan, Serin Jo and Matthew Lin

Dr. Alyson Weseley explained that the Regeneron competition names 300 scholars each year. Tonight in this room, we have 1% of those scholars. She based her numbers on the facts that there are 27,000 High Schools in the United States. Only High School seniors are eligible to participate in the competition. There are approximately 4 million high school seniors, so the odds of being a Regeneron scholar are 1 in 10,000. Tonight we have three of those scholars.

Dr. Weseley presented the following students who presented an overview of their research.

Tessla Chan - Uncovering Mechanistic Insights into PELO Dependency Across Cancers

Serin Jo - Design of a Lightweight Peak Picking Algorithm for Noisy Mass Spectrometry Data

Matthew Lin - Using Bayesian Optimization to Design Conductive PEO-Based Mixed-Graft Block Copolymers

- Allyson Weseley – The Society for the Teaching of Psychology’s – Mary Margaret Moffett Memorial Excellence in Teaching Award.

Dr. Lazarus recognized Dr. Allyson Weseley for recently being awarded the 2026 Mary Margaret Moffett Memorial Excellence in Teaching Award. He explained that “this prestigious award is given annually to one outstanding educator in the United States. The criteria for selection are vigorous and recognize teachers who demonstrate innovative and effective instruction, meaningfully engage students in the study of psychology, align their work with national standards and show an ongoing commitment to professional growth.” Over the course of Dr. Weseley’s 36 years at Roslyn, she has had over 80 students obtain the title of semifinalist in the Regeneron Science Talent Search, over 20 students participate in the International

Science and Engineering Fair and Dr. Wesley founded the Journal of Secondary Psychological Studies. Dr. Weseley will be retiring at the end of this school year.

- Brian Ciavarella - Computer Science Teachers Association New York Teaching Excellence Award 2026 for the Long Island Region

Dr. Allyson Weseley introduced Mr. Ciavarella and spoke about how this award acknowledges Mr. Ciavarella's work expanding the computer science and higher level math opportunities in the Math department. Some of the examples of his work are the creation of the Computer Science AP Principles and the AI Cyber Security and beyond courses. He also founded the Coding Club and Coding Competition Team.

- Chamber Music Society Annual Young Musicians Competition. The ensemble includes Elizabeth Lee, Jihoon Shin, Aarone Ye, and Nicholas Chao, under the direction of Douglas Aliano.

Dr. Lazarus introduced Mr. Aliano, Roslyn High School Orchestra Director who spoke about the members of Roslyn String Quartet and the student recent performance at the Lincoln Center Chamber Music Society Young Musician's concert. He explained that 200 schools applied for 12 spots and Roslyn's students were one of the 12 groups. He spoke about the student's hard work and dedication of these students and their incredible achievements.

Board President's Comments

Ms. Ben-Levy spoke about the accomplishments of the students that were honored this evening and commented how this is the true expression of the district's motto of "Excellence Elevated". She expressed how proud she is of all the students.

The High School Sports Complex Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of was held today. Ms. Ben-Levy commented on what a wonderful culminating moment this was as these fields had been a dream of the District. The Board of Education was presented with a baseball in appreciation of their support and leadership from the Roslyn High School Baseball and Tennis ribbon cutting ceremony organizers.

Superintendent's Comments

Ms. Brown stated that she has been in education for 30 years and the presentations of the students the last 45 minutes have made it all worthwhile. She acknowledged the students' parents and spoke of how honored she is that they choose Roslyn to educate their children. Ms. Brown also recognized the educators that were in attendance this evening and thanked the Board of Education for their continued support.

At today's Ribbon Cutting ceremony, Ms. Brown spoke to the student athletes and they expressed how proud they are of the fields.

Student Delegate's Comments

Mr. Mashaal congratulated his fellow students that were honored this evening. The AP exams were held this week and finish on Friday.

On behalf of the students, Mr. Mashaal expressed his appreciation for the staff in honor of Staff Appreciation Week.

In addition, he spoke about the amazing Ribbon Cutting ceremony and how truly special the fields are and how honored he is to be able to play on these fields. The spring sports season is coming to an end and the OCC is currently selling Senior Prom tickets.

PUBLIC COMMENT Limited to Agenda Items ONLY

(Will be limited to ½ hour, no more than 2 minutes per speaker. One speaker per topic).

Though not required by law, the Roslyn Board of Education invites public comment during its meetings. Please fill out an index card with your name, address and comment topic. Citizens will be recognized by the presiding officer. Please direct all comments to the Board. This is not a time for citizen-to-citizen exchanges. We ask that comments not include the names of students or staff members, and comments are not permitted with respect to confidential matters. Please also be reminded that Board meetings are designed by law to facilitate the school district's business and provide for public Board deliberations. Thank you

No comment.

ACTION ITEMS

Action may be taken for each individual resolution or by the titled subgroups. Bracketed information following resolutions is not part of the Board's official action and does not become part of the official record.

Ms. Ben-Levy made a motion to move the agenda and the addendum as a consent agenda, seconded by Dr. Gilbert, carried by a vote of 6-0 (Mr. Seinfeld absent).

Ms. Ben-Levy made a motion to move each and every item on the consent agenda and the addendum by unanimous consent, seconded by Mr. Koonin, carried by a vote of 6-0 (Mr. Seinfeld absent).

PERSONNEL:

ALL PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS LISTED ARE FUNDED IN THE CURRENT BUDGET UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

P.1. It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Roslyn Board of Education hereby approves the appointments, resignations, terminations, elimination of positions, transfers, and leaves of absence as detailed in the Personnel Action Reports attached as **(Attachment P.1 Professional)**

P.2 Recommendation to set the rate for all Full Time RTA Nurses to ride a bus before or after regular school hours at \$80/hour effective May 11, 2026.

P.3. Recommendation to set the rate for all Substitute Nurses to ride a bus before or after regular school hours at \$70/hour effective May 11, 2026.

BUSINESS/FINANCE:

**ALL ITEMS ON THE BUSINESS/FINANCE PORTION OF THE AGENDA ARE
WITHIN THE BUDGET UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED**

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the following resolutions be adopted:

B.1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the following contracts, and authorizes the Board of Education President to execute such contracts on behalf of the Board of Education

- (i) Contractor: Hempstead Union Free School District
Services: Health and Welfare Services for 1 student attending out of district schools for the 2025-26 school year.
Fees: \$1,080.89 per student
Total estimated to be \$1,080.89
- (ii) Contractor: Manhasset Union Free School District
Services: Health and Welfare Services for 10 students attending out of district schools for the 2025-26 school year
Fees: \$1,513.42 per student
Total estimated to be \$15,134.20
- (iii) Contractor: Syosset Central School District
Services: Health and Welfare Services for 7 students attending out of district schools for the 2025-26 school year
Fees: \$1,381.00 per student
Total estimated to be \$9,667.00
- (iv) *Contractor: Professional Athletic Training Services, PLLC
Services: Athletic Trainer for both MS and HS (July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027)
Fees: Total estimated to be \$79,257.00 for up to 1,600 hours; \$40 per hour for each additional hour
(Agreement is subject to review and approval by District counsel)
- (v) *Contractor: Syosset Home Tutoring, Inc.
Services: Tutoring services as necessary for the 2026-27 school year
Fees: Total estimated to be \$40,000
(Agreement is subject to review and approval by District counsel)

B.2. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the following General Fund Appropriation Transfer:

<u>FROM BUDGET CODE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2110-440-07-3000-701 TRAV CONF WKSHP HH STEM	\$1,000.00

2110-450-07-2200-701	TCHG SUP HH SCIENCE	\$1,400.00
2110-450-07-3000-701	TCHG SUPPLIES HH STEM	\$1,000.00
2110-451-07-1800-701	CONSUM WKBS – HH MATH	\$2,500.00
2110-451-07-1900-701	CONSUMABLE WBKS- MUSIC	\$1,200.00
2110-451-07-2300-701	CONSUM WKBS – HH SOC ST	\$ 700.00
2850-157-07-6900-701	INTRAMURAL HOURLY	\$1,000.00
	Subtotal	\$8,800.00

<u>TO BUDGET CODE</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
1620-450-07-9000-701	FURN<500 HH	\$8,800.00
	Subtotal	\$8,800.00

REASON FOR TRANSFER REQUEST: In order to purchase student desks.

- B.3. BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves the following General Fund Appropriation Transfer:

<u>FROM BUDGET CODE</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
5540-430-03-5500-510	TRANS SPECIAL SCHOOLS	\$60,100.20
	Subtotal	\$60,100.20

<u>TO BUDGET CODE</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
5510-422-03-9000-510	Trans Repairs to Buses	\$60,100.20
	Subtotal	\$60,100.20

REASON FOR TRANSFER REQUEST: In order to fund repairs to District buses.

- B.4. BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves a payment in the amount of \$40,327.96, to Ingberman Smith, L.L.P. for legal services rendered to the district for the period ending 3/31/2026.

Addendum

- B.5 BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby approves the revision to the following contract as noted below, (i) which was approved by the Board of Education on April 16, 2026 (item B.1. (iii).

- (i) Contractor: The Royalton ~~on The Greens~~ at Roslyn Country Club
 Services: Catering and Facilities for 2027 Senior Prom
 Fees: The entire cost of this affair is estimated to be \$35,000.00 and will be paid by students and student fundraising activities of the Class of 2027; no district funds will be used.
 (Agreement is subject to review and approval by District counsel)

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION:

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the following

resolutions be adopted:

C&I.1 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby accepts the confidential stipulations of the CPSE for the dates listed below as well as the implementation plans for the corresponding special education programs, services and parent notification as previously approved by the Committee on March 26 and 30, 2026.

C&I.2 BE IT RESOVLED that the Board of Education hereby accepts the confidential stipulations of the CSE for the dates listed below as well as the implementation plans for the corresponding special education programs, services and parent notification as previously approved by the Committee on March 26, 27 and 30, 2026, April 13, 16 and 21, 2026.

C&I.3 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves Dalton Samuels Jr. to attend the NYAPT-Summer Conference and Trade Show 2026 in Saratoga, New York from July 12, 2026 through July 15, 2026 at an estimated cost to the district not to exceed \$1,536.00.

Public Comments #2

No comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, Ms. Ben-Levy moved, seconded by Mr. Dubner carried by a vote of 6-0, (Mr. Seinfeld absent) to adjourn at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Carney Jones
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District Clerk