

**ROSLYN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Meeting of the Board of Education**

Thursday, September 10, 2026

7:00 P.M.

Administration Building – Boardroom

Minutes

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

ALSO PRESENT

Allison Brown	Superintendent
Michael Goldspiel	Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education
Susan Warren	Assistant Superintendent for Business and Administration
Nancy Carney Jones	District Clerk
Adam Camisi	Student Delegate

ABSENT

David Dubner	
Karina Báez	Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education

6:00 p.m. - Executive Session

Pursuant to Public Officers Law, Section 105, duly moved, seconded by Mr. Minsky and carried by a vote of 6-0, (Mr. Dubner absent) that the Board of Education adjourns to Executive Session at 6:09 p.m., to discuss Personnel and Legal matters. Ms. Ben-Levy moved, seconded by Mr. Koonin to adjourn executive session at 7:07 p.m.

Preliminary Announcements
Emergency Procedures
Cell Phones

Pledge of Allegiance

7:00 p.m. - Public Hearings

Ms. Ben-Levy called the public hearings to order at 7:12 p.m.

**REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS
PURSUANT TO NEW YORK REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW
SECTION 466-a (Volunteer Firefighter and Volunteer Ambulance Worker Tax
Exemption)**

**SECTION 471 (Surviving Spouses of Police Officers Killed in the Line of Duty Tax
Exemption).**

**ROSLYN SCHOOL DISTRICT
September 10, 2026
7:00 P.M.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to New York Real Property Tax Law ("RPTL") § 466-a and 471, the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District will hold public hearings at Roslyn Boardroom, 300 Harbor Hill Rd., Roslyn, NY 11576 on September 10, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. at which time and place the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District will discuss, consider, and provide an opportunity for interested residents to be heard regarding proposed resolutions related to the following real property tax exemptions:

Public Hearing 1: A proposed resolution amending the existing Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers Tax Exemption pursuant to RPTL § 466-a.

Public Hearing 2: A proposed resolution adopting the Surviving Spouses of Police Officers Killed in the Line of Duty Tax Exemption pursuant to RPTL §471.

Since there was no public comment, Ms. Ben-Levy closed the public hearing at 7:13 p.m.

Business Meeting immediately following the Public Hearings

Recommendation to accept the minutes from the following meeting:
August 13, 2026 and August 25, 2026

Ms. Ben-Levy moved, seconded by Mr. Minsky carried by a vote of 6-0, (Mr. Dubner absent) to accept the August 13, 2026 and August 25, 2026 minutes.

In commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of 9/11, fifth-grade students from Harbor Hill School, under the direction of Mr. Liepper, performed "God Bless America" and "My Country, Tis of Thee".

Board President's Comments

Ms. Ben-Levy welcomed Adam Camisi, the 26-27 Student Delegate and OCC President.

Ms. Ben-Levy spoke at length about the 25th Anniversary of 9/11 and the promise to remember and never forget. She shared her memories of what happened on that day and how it changed the world forever.

Ms. Ben-Levy asked for a moment of silence, in remembrance for all those lost on 9/11.

Superintendent's Comments

Ms. Brown spoke about the events the District will be holding in remembrance and reflection of the 25th Anniversary of 9/11. The teachers will be holding age appropriate discussions to discuss the "pivotal moment in our nation's history".

Ms. Brown publicly thanked the students, staff, parents and the Board of Education for a fantastic start to the school year. She is very excited about the year ahead.

Ms. Brown reminded everyone that next weekend is Homecoming weekend and outlined the extensive list of activities that will be taking place in the district starting on Tuesday. She thanked Dr. Brostowski, Director of K-12 Physical Education, Interscholastic Athletics & Recreation and Ms. DiSanti, President of Bulldog Booster for all the planning that went into Homecoming weekend.

Ms. Brown also announced a new Homecoming tradition– Pass the Torch: Kindergarten & Senior Walk on Friday evening before our Girls Varsity Soccer Game. Our youngest and oldest students will meet on the 50-yard line of the High School's main field and "pass the torch", symbolizing the seniors ending their time at Roslyn and the Kindergarten class just beginning.

Ms. Brown took this opportunity to welcome Adam Camisi, Student Delegate to the Board table.

Student Delegate's Comments

Mr. Camisi thanked the Board of Education and the Administrators for their warm welcome. He spoke about the activities that are planned at the High School to commemorate the events of 9/11.

He outlined the activities and events the OCC has planned for the students:

- 1) 9/4 – Senior Sunrise tradition – the seniors gathered at the field at sunrise to take a senior picture.
- 2) 9/15 – New Student Breakfast to welcome 16 new students
- 3) Homecoming Week – the OCC is planning 4 activities, Spirit Days, Pep Rallies at Heights, Harbor Hill and East Hills, X-period at the High School to welcome the sports teams and then the Homecoming events.
- 4) 9/20 – Marching Band will be attending their First competition

- 5) 10/4 – The Marching band will host their Home Show at the LIU campus
- 6) 10/6-9 – Club Fair held during lunch periods

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 public comment.

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

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

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.

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.** 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.2 Classified)**

Addendum
P.1 Professional

Item	Name	Action	Position/ Replacing	Location	From	To	Tenure Area	Certification /Class/Step/ Salary
38	Gary Ramonetti	Appointment	Envirothon .5 FTE	HS	9/11/26	6/30/27		Per RTA Contract, prorated
39	Maryam Tazari	Appointment	Forensic Assistant Coach	HS	9/11/26	6/30/27		Per RTA Contract
40	Michael Canestraro	Appointment	RCP Choreography	HS	9/11/26	6/30/27		Per RTA Contract
41	Gary Ramonetti	Appointment	Robotics (Including Competition)	HS	9/11/26	6/30/27		Per RTA Contract
42	Julia DeFelice	Appointment	Robotics Assistant Advisor	HS	9/11/26	6/30/27		Per RTA Contract
43	Fariba Azad	Appointment	Lunch Duty Stipend	HS	9/11/26	6/30/27		Per RPA Contract
44	Tara Bonaney-Roe	Appointment	Lunch Duty Stipend	HS	9/11/26	6/30/27		Per RPA Contract
45	Homero Rios	Appointment	Lunch Duty Stipend	HS	9/11/26	6/30/27		Per RPA Contract
46	Maryam Tazari	Appointment	Lunch Duty Stipend	HS	9/11/26	6/30/27		Per RPA Contract
47	Anne Marie Ward	Appointment	Lunch Duty Stipend	HS	9/11/26	6/30/27		Per RPA Contract
48	Diana Sabzevari	Appointment	Intramural Activity - Athletics (Dance/ Kickline)	HS	9/11/26	6/30/27		Per RTA Contract
49	William Steed	Appointment	Intramural Activity - Athletics (Flag Football)	HS	9/11/26	6/30/27		Per RTA Contract
50	Jake Citarella	Appointment	Intramural Activity - Athletics (Challenger Basketball)	HS/ MS	9/11/26	6/30/27		Per RTA Contract
51	Renee Huntley	Appointment	Gay/Straight Alliance (GSA)	MS	9/11/26	6/30/27		Per RTA Contract

52	Lauren Kueper	Appointment	Mathletes 6	MS	9/11/26	6/30/27		Per RTA Contract
53	Huichee Yeh	Appointment	World Language Club	MS	9/11/26	6/30/27		Per RTA Contract
54	Corrine Decker	Appointment	Intramural Activity - Athletics	MS	9/11/26	6/30/27		Per RTA Contract
55	Michelle Palmisano	Appointment	Intramural Activity - Athletics	MS	9/11/26	6/30/27		Per RTA Contract
56	Susana Rivera	Appointment	Intramural Activity - Athletics	MS	9/11/26	6/30/27		Per RTA Contract
57	Hayley Moin	Substitute Appointment	Per Diem Substitute Teacher	HS	9/11/26	6/30/27		\$150/day

All extracurricular appointments are subject to student interest as well as the Governor's order regarding school closure.

P.2 Classified

Item	Name	Action	Position / Replacing	Location	From	To	Class/Type	Certification Class / Step Salary
		Delete #2 on Orig. P2						

Ms. Ben-Levy and Ms. Brown welcomed Ms. Kranmas who was appointed as a Substitute teacher in the High School this evening.

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:

- 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

- Contractor: Garden City Union Free School District
Services: District of Location Special Education Services for IEP service requirements for one student residing in Roslyn attending private school in Garden City for the 2025-2026 school year
Fees: Total estimated to be \$2,377.03

- (ii) Contractor: Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirteen
Services: District of Location Special Education Services for IEP service requirements for one student residing in Roslyn attending private school in Valley Stream for the 2025-2026 school year
Fees: Total estimated to be \$4,200.00

B.2. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves a payment in the amount of \$18,131.24, to Ingerman Smith, L.L.P. for legal services rendered to the district for the period ending 7/31/2026.

B.3. WHEREAS, the Roslyn Union Free School District (the "Employer") has maintained the Roslyn Union Free School District 403(b) Retirement Plan (the "Plan") for the benefit of its eligible employees since January 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requires eligible employers sponsoring 403(b) plans to periodically amend and restate their written plan documents to comply with changes in the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code"), Treasury Regulations, and recent federal legislation including the SECURE Act (2019), the CARES Act (2020), and SECURE 2.0 Act; and

WHEREAS, the Plan's Third-Party Administrator (TPA) has prepared an updated written plan document that complies with current IRS rules and pre-approved plan standards;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby adopts the amended and restated 403(b) plan document presented to this board, effective as of January 1, 2026; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the proper district officer is hereby authorized and directed to execute the restated plan document and to take all necessary actions and execute any related agreements or administrative forms required to maintain the tax-qualified status of the Plan under Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code. **(Attachment B.3)**

B.4. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby accepts, a donation from Collaboration Station and Rocco's Voice of a communication board visual aid to be installed on the East Hills School playground, received by Sherry Ma, East Hills School Principal. **(Attachment B.4.)**

B.5. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby accepts, a donation from Collaboration Station and Rocco's Voice of a communication board visual aid to be installed on the Harbor Hill School playground, received by Michelle Hazen, Harbor Hill School Principal. **(Attachment B.5.)**

B.6. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby accepts, a donation from the Roslyn Bulldogs Booster Association in the amount of \$6,300.00, received by Dr. Michael Brostowski, Director of Health, Physical Education, and Athletics;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said donation shall be appropriated to 1620.200.08.9000.310 to be used to purchase four picnic tables to be installed on the grounds of the high school athletic fields, with the understanding that this increase in appropriations is the result of unanticipated revenue and therefore will result in no impact on the tax levy. **(Attachment B.6.)**

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B.7. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the following payment(s) to BBS Architects for professional services rendered to the district and reimbursable expenses pertaining to capital improvements at the locations indicated in the table below. [Funds will be deducted from the Capital Budget Codes indicated in the table below.]

Payment	Location/Project	Budget	PO #S	Inv #
\$114.19	DW Reimbursables	2110-245-03-27CW	H27-00052	R01-R
\$139.87	DW Reimbursables	2110-245-03-27CW	H27-00052	R02-R

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 August 20, 24 and 26, 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 August 20, 21 and 25, 2026.

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C&I.3 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves 1 advisor and 4 students to attend the NYSSMA All State Winter Conference in Rochester, New York from December 3, 2026 through December 6, 2026 at an estimated cost to the district not to exceed \$7,820.00.

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

BOE.1 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves a Settlement Agreement and Release in connection with a contemplated due process complaint, a copy of which has been provided to and reviewed by the members

of the Board of Education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board.

BOE.2 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves a Settlement Agreement and Release in connection with due process complaints in Cases #616908 and #651864, and the accompanying federal action in the Eastern District of New York, a copy of which has been provided to and reviewed by the members of the Board of Education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board.

BOE.3 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District hereby ratifies and approves a certain Agreement dated September 10, 2026 between the School District and the Roslyn Teachers' Association concerning teaching schedules and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

BOE.4 **WHEREAS**, New York Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a was enacted to provide eligible volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers with a real property tax exemption from school taxes on real property owned by the eligible volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker so long as the school district in which the real property is located, after public hearing, adopts a resolution authorizing the exemption subject to the requirements of New York Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a; and

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2023, the Board of Education of the Roslyn School District approved and authorized a real property tax exemption pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a by resolution at a public Board of Education meeting; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, on December 5, 2025, New York Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a was amended to allow for the surviving spouses of volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers who were killed in the line of duty to receive this real property exemption so long as the School District which has authorized the exemption under Section 466-a adopts a resolution authorizing such additional benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has held a public hearing concerning the proposed amendment extending the real property tax exemption from school taxes to surviving spouses of volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers who were killed in the line of duty;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District hereby authorizes and extends the application of the Volunteer Firefighter and Ambulance Worker Real Property Tax Exemption as contained in New York Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a to surviving spouses for those volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers who were killed in the line of duty in the amount of up to ten percent (10%) of assessed value; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, pursuant to New York Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a(6), the Board of Education designates that the application for real property tax exemption must be made to the local agency responsible for assessment of real property in the School District.

BOE.5 WHEREAS, on December 19, 2025, New York Real Property Tax Law Section 471 was enacted to provide eligible surviving spouses of police officers who were killed in the line of duty with a real property tax exemption from school taxes on real property owned by the eligible surviving spouse of a police officer who was killed in the line of duty, so long as the school district in which the real property is located, after public hearing, adopts a resolution authorizing the exemption subject to the requirements of New York Real Property Tax Law Section 471; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has held a public hearing on the proposed real property tax exemption from school taxes to surviving spouses of police officers who were killed in the line of duty;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District hereby authorizes the application of the surviving spouse of a police officer who was killed in the line of duty a real property tax exemption in the amount of up to ten percent (10%) of assessed value; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, pursuant to New York Real Property Tax Law Section 471, the Board of Education designates that the application for a real property tax exemption must be made to the local agency responsible for assessment of real property in the School District.

Public Comments #2

No comments.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, Ms. Ben-Levy moved, seconded by Mr. Koonin, carried by a vote of 6-0, (Mr. Dubner absent) to adjourn at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Carney Jones
District Clerk