

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Oyster Bay – East Norwich Central School District

Date: December 20, 2016
Kind of Meeting: Business Meeting
Location: Oyster Bay High School, Town of Oyster Bay, Nassau County NY
Members Present: Jennifer Romeo, President
John McEvoy, Vice President
Michael Castellano
Todd Cronin (arrived at 8:28pm)
Robin Dando
Laurie Kowalsky
Ann Marie Longo

Others Present: Dr. Laura Seinfeld, Superintendent
Michael Cipriani, Asst. Superintendent for Finance & Operations
Dr. Lisa Mulhall, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment
Florence Frazer, District Counsel
Kelly Moore, District Clerk

J. Romeo called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Motion by J. McEvoy, second by J. Romeo to enter into Executive Session at 7:01pm.

Motion by A. Longo, second by R. Dando to claim out of Executive Session at 7:34pm.

Mrs. Dando introduced Kate Devereaux of Oyster Bay High School who led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

J. Romeo called for the approval of the Workshop Meeting minutes held on 11/01/16 and the Business Meeting minutes held on 11/15/16. Minutes were approved.

Mr. Cipriani gave the treasurer's report for the month of November, 2016. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Dr. Castellano stated there were four pieces of correspondence received by the Board of Education.

Dr. Seinfeld introduced Ms. Meagan Finnerty and the Chamber Singers who performed several holiday carols.

Dr. Seinfeld introduced Mr. Ryan Butler who provided an update from the Wellness Committee. Mr. Butler introduced Mr. Rizzuto and several Oyster Bay High School students who presented the results of a sound study. The students collected data regarding the decibel levels at various district locations and provided a detailed Power Point presentation. The students assessed the sound levels were within a safe range and no changes were needed at this time.

Dr. Seinfeld congratulated the district on being selected to receive the Special Needs Career/Technical Education (CTE) Collaborative Award. The district will receive \$500 to use to assist one or more students in our ACE program to further vocational goals. Dr. Seinfeld introduced Ms. Ellen Loewy, Director of Special Services. Ms. Loewy thanked Cathy Pantelides, Administrative Coordinator for Transition LI RSE-TASC for presenting the award at the board meeting. Ms. Pantelides commended Oyster Bay-East Norwich School District on its ACE program. Ms. Pantelides praised the district on its enthusiasm, data collection and documenting outcomes.

Dr. Mulhall thanked Ms. Ostroff and Ms. Lasher for the wonderful Engineer's Breakfast held on Friday, December 9. This breakfast brings together students and local engineers in various fields to

discuss insights into the engineering field. Dr. Mulhall also thanked Mr. Rufa for a wonderful winter concert season.

Mr. McEvoy commented that the Engineer's Breakfast was awesome and thanked the staff for bringing it to the students.

Dr. Seinfeld introduced the official start of the Budget Season and turned over the presentation to Mr. Cipriani who provided a Power Point presentation on Budget Fundamentals and Timeline. Mr. Cipriani discussed budget development, estimated expenditure and estimated revenue profiles. He also discussed trends, the tax levy and state aid. Mrs. Romeo asked the Board how they would like Mr. Cipriani to present the budget information. After lengthy discussion, the format was agreed upon.

No one signed in for public comments on agenda items, at this time.

Motion by J. Romeo, second by M. Castellano, to approve the following:

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

A) Professional Personnel

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District hereby approves the following *Professional Personnel and Civil Service Personnel* Resolutions as listed:

1. TENURE APPOINTMENT

1.1 JILLIAN DUVAL

Position: Elementary Teacher
Tenure Area: Elementary Education
Effective: January 2, 2017
Certification: Professional – Childhood Education – Grades 1-6

2. APPOINTMENTS

2.1 LIZ KAUFMAN

Position: Supervisor for SWD
Status: Winter Concert
Effective Date: December 22, 2016
Rate of Pay: \$25.73 per hour – max. 2 hours

2.2 JAYNE LINDEN

Position: Supervisor for SWD
Status: Winter Concert
Effective Date: December 8, 2016
Rate of Pay: \$25.73 per hour – max. 2 hours

2.3 MEAGAN FINNERTY

Position: Supervisor for SWD
Status: Winter Concert
Effective Dates: 11/29/16 – 12/8/16
Rate of Pay: \$45 per hour/max.4 hrs.

2.4 PAULA LUZZI

Position: Home Tutor
Status: Illness (student ng)
Effective Date: 12/11/16 – 12/31/16
Rate of Pay: \$78.56/per hour – 6 hrs.

2.5 SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Effective: 2016-2017 School Year
Assigned to: On-call – as needed
Salary: \$100 per day

b) Non-teaching

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires to embark upon the Proposed MacKenzie Grant Project (Project), listed in attachment A hereto; and

WHEREAS, said Project is subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares itself lead agency in connection with the requirements of SEQRA; and the Board of Education, as the lead agency, has examined all information related to the Project and has determined that the Project as a whole listed in attachment A hereto is classified as a Type II Action as defined by Section 617.5(c)(8) of the SEQRA Regulations and therefore requires no further review;

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 together with a copy of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Project Review Exemption Based on the Letter of Resolution.

E) SEQRA RESOLUTION – OYSTER BAY-EAST NORWICH UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT: PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECTS

RECOMMENDED ACTION: “that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Union Free School District Board of Education approves the following resolution:”

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires to embark upon the Proposed 2016-2017 Capital Reserves Project (Project), listed in attachment B hereto; and

WHEREAS, said Project is subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares itself lead agency in connection with the requirements of SEQRA; and the Board of Education, as the lead agency, has examined all information related to the Project and has determined that the Project as a whole listed in attachment A hereto is classified as a Type II Action as defined by Section 617.5(c)(8) of the SEQRA Regulations and therefore requires no further review;

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 together with a copy of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Project Review Exemption Based on the Letter of Resolution.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by A. Longo, second by J. Romeo, to approve the following:

SPECIAL SERVICES

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District hereby approves the following *Special Services* Resolution as listed:

A) CPSE/CSE MINUTES

RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District has arranged that the following appropriate special education programs and/or services be provided as recommended by the Committee on Special Education:

CPSE:

12/01/2016	1	Initial Eligibility Determination
12/06/2016	1	Initial Eligibility Determination

CSE:

11/28/2016	1	Amendment – Agreement No Meeting
12/06/2016	2	Initial Eligibility Determination Meeting
12/08/2016	1	Initial Eligibility Determination Meeting
12/09/2016	2	Initial Eligibility Determination Meeting
12/09/2016	1	Program Review
12/14/2016	1	Initial Eligibility Determination Meeting
12/15/2016	2	Requested Review

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by R. Dando, second by T. Cronin, to approve the following:

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District hereby approves the following *New Business* Resolutions as listed:

A) COLD WAR VETERANS' PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature amended the New York State Real Property Tax law (“RPTL”) to authorize school districts to provide a real property tax exemption from school district taxation for Cold War veterans under RPTL§458-b; and

WHEREAS, the state legislation was intended to provide Cold War veterans with real property tax exemptions similar to tax exemptions given to other war time veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central Free School District (“Board of Education”) desires by this resolution to extend similar real property tax exemptions to Cold War veterans who are eligible and qualified property owners pursuant to RPTL§458-b; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on **December 6, 2016** in Oyster Bay, New York; **now, therefore**

BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

- I. The Board of Education hereby adopts the definitions of “qualified owner,” “qualified residential real property” and “Cold War veteran” as provided in the RPTL§458-b (1); and
- II. Eligible recipients shall be entitled to the exemption provided under RPTL§458-b(2)(a) to a maximum of fifteen percent of the assessed value of such property; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed twelve thousand dollars or the product of twelve thousand dollars multiplied by the latest state equalization rate of the assessing unit, or, in the case of a special assessing unit, the latest class ratio, whichever is less; and
- III. Eligible recipients shall be entitled to the exemption provided under RPTL§458-b(2)(b) to the extent of the product of the assessed value of such property, multiplied

by fifty percent of the Cold War veteran disability rating; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed forty thousand dollars, or the product of forty thousand dollars multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the assessing unit, or, in the case of a special assessing unit, the latest class ratio, whichever is less; and

- IV. Tenant-stockholders of eligible cooperative corporations, shall be eligible to receive such exemptions as provided in RPTL§458-b (7), and
- V. If a Cold War veteran receives an exemption under section 458 or 458-a of the New York State Real Property Tax Law, the Cold War veteran shall not be eligible to receive the exemption provided by this resolution; and
- VI. The exemption provided under paragraph II of this resolution shall be granted for a period of ten (10) years, the commencement, measurement and expiration of which shall be governed pursuant to RPTL§458-b(2)(c)(iii).
- VII. Application for the exemption shall be made by the owner, or all of the owners, of the qualified residential real property on a form prescribed by the state.
- VIII. This resolution may be repealed by the Board of Education. Any such repeal shall occur at least ninety (90) days prior to the taxable status date of the County of Nassau.

B) ADOPTION OF 2017-18 SCHOOL CALENDAR

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District hereby adopts the 2017-18 school calendar.

C) AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH THE NASSAU COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE “ADAS” SYSTEM

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the President of the Board of Education is authorized to sign the agreement between the Nassau County Police Department to participate in the Nassau County Alert Domain Awareness System (“ADAS”).

D) CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District solicited proposals for construction management services in connection with the capital projects related to the District's 2015 Bond Referendum, by means of a Request for Proposals issued on or about July 1, 2016 (“RFP”); and has determined, after consideration of the costs, experience, specialized skills, professional judgment, and relationship of trust and confidence necessary for the provision of such services, that School Construction Consultants (“SCC”) best meets the requirements for those services; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby appoints SCC as the District’s Construction Manager to perform construction management services in connection with the above-mentioned capital projects, in accordance with the District’s RFP and SCC’s proposal submitted in response thereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the Construction Management Agreement between SCC and the District dated as of December 20, 2016, for the above-described services and authorizes the Board President to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Board.

E) AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN CONTRACT FOR DISTRICT-WIDE ACCOMPANIST FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the President of the Board of Education is approve and sign a contract with Elinor Zayas to perform as the District-wide piano accompanist for the 2016-17 school year at a rate of \$150/hour.

DISCUSSION: Motion by A. Longo, second by M. Castellano, to amend item D, third paragraph, to read: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the Construction Management Agreement between SCC and the District dated as of December 20, 2016, *subject to final review and approval by District Counsel*, for the above-described services and authorizes the Board President to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Board. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION: The Summer 2017 Board of Education meeting dates will be July 11 and August 1.

FRIDAY PACKET: Mrs. Romeo thanked Mr. Cipriani for negotiating a cost savings with the Construction Manager. Dr. Castellano stated that the on-site college admissions meetings were going quite well.

No one signed in for public comments on non-agenda items, at this time.

Motion by R. Dando, second by A. Longo to enter into Executive Session at 9:09pm.

Motion by J. Romeo, second by J. McEvoy, to claim out of Executive Session and adjourn meeting at 10:01pm.

Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Moore
District Clerk