

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OYSTER BAY-EAST NORWICH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Date: August 29, 2017
Kind of Meeting: Special Meeting
Location: Administration Building, Oyster Bay-East Norwich CSD
Town of Oyster Bay, Nassau County NY
Members Present: John McEvoy, President
Ann Marie Longo, Vice President
Michael Castellano
Todd Cronin
Robin Dando
Laurie Kowalsky
Alexandria (Aliex) Ross

Others Present: Dr. Laura Seinfeld, Superintendent
Dr. Lisa Mulhall, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, &
Assessment
Michael Cipriani, Asst. Superintendent for Finance & Operations

Dr. Seinfeld called the meeting to order at 7:30 am and led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by J. McEvoy, second by R. Dando to approve the following:

BUSINESS ACTIONS

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 *Business* Resolution as listed:

A) RESOLUTION OF THE OYSTER BAY-EAST NORWICH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK, ADOPTED AUGUST 29, 2017, CALLING A SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEYS FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the voters of Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District, in the County of Nassau, New York (the "District") have heretofore on December 17, 2015 approved two Bond Propositions authorizing the aggregate expenditure of not to exceed \$7,816,791 for the construction of improvements to the High School and the construction of District-wide safety and security system upgrades (the "Project"), and thereafter the Board of Education (the "Board") authorized the issuance of not to exceed \$7,816,791 bonds and the levy of a tax in installments to pay said bonds and the interest thereon; and

WHEREAS, the voters of the District have heretofore on May 16, 2017 approved spending \$3,300,000 from capital reserve funds of the District to reduce the amount of bonds required to pay for the Project; and

WHEREAS, it has now been determined that the cost of the Project has increased by \$725,000, such additional cost to be paid for with available funds, and voter approval is required to expend such additional amount; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE OYSTER BAY- EAST NORWICH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, NEW YORK AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of the Oyster Bay- East Norwich Central School District, in the County of Nassau, New York (the "District"), shall be held within the District, on **Tuesday, October 24, 2017** at 7:00 o'clock A.M. (Prevailing Time) in the lobby of the gymnasium of the Oyster Bay High School, East Main Street, Oyster Bay, New York, as provided in the Notice calling said Special District Meeting hereinafter substantially prescribed. The voting at such Special District Meeting shall be conducted as provided by the Education Law, and the polls shall remain open from 7:00 o'clock A.M. until 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on said day

and as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters, then present, to cast their votes.

Section 2. The business to be acted upon at said Special District Meeting shall be as stated in the Notice thereof, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause the Notice of said Special District Meeting to be published in “*The Oyster Bay Enterprise Pilot*” and “*The Guardian*,” two newspapers having a general circulation in the District, such publications to be made four (4) times within the seven (7) weeks next preceding such Special District Meeting, the first publications to be at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of said Special District Meeting.

Section 3. Said Notice of Special District Meeting shall be substantially in the following form:

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING OF THE OYSTER BAY-EAST NORWICH
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, NEW YORK**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Oyster Bay- East Norwich Central School District, in the County of Nassau, New York, has adopted a resolution on August 29, 2017, authorizing a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of said School District be held on

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

from 7:00 o'clock A.M. to 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) in the lobby of the gymnasium of the Oyster Bay High School, East Main Street, Oyster Bay, New York, for the purpose of voting upon the following Proposition:

PROPOSITION

(a) That the Board of Education of the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District, in the County of Nassau, New York (the “District”), is hereby authorized to expend \$725,000 in addition to the amount of \$7,816,791 heretofore authorized by the voters to be expended for the construction of a High School facilities improvement project and a District-wide safety and security system improvement project (the “Project”), substantially as described in an updated plan prepared for the District by BBS Architects Landscape Architects and Engineers PC, (the “Updated Plan”) which is on file and available for public inspection at the office of the District Clerk; provided that the estimated costs of the components of the Project as set forth in detail in the Updated Plan may be reallocated among such components if the Board of Education shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interests of the District; and

(b) that the aggregate amount of \$4,025,000 consisting of (i) \$3,300,000 capital reserve funds approved by the voters on May 16, 2017 to be expended for the Project; and (ii) \$575,000 available or to be available in the District’s capital reserve fund established on May 16, 2006 and thereafter amended on May 17, 2011, May 13, 2013, and May 16, 2017, and (iii) \$150,000 unexpended capital funds, are hereby authorized to be expended to pay for a portion of the cost of the Project; the \$4,516,791 balance of the cost of the Project to be financed by the issuance of bonds heretofore authorized.

Such Proposition shall appear on the ballots used for voting at said Special District Meeting in substantially the following condensed form:

PROPOSITION

Yes No

RESOLVED:

(a) That the Board of Education of the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District is hereby authorized to expend \$725,000 in addition to the amount of \$7,816,791 heretofore authorized by the voters to be expended for the construction of a High School facilities improvement project and a District-wide safety and security system improvement project (the “Project”),

substantially as described in an updated plan prepared for the District by BBS Architects Landscape Architects and Engineers PC, (the "Updated Plan"); and (b) that the aggregate amount of \$4,025,000 consisting of (i) \$3,300,000 capital reserve funds approved by the voters on May 16, 2017 to be expended for the Project; and (ii) \$575,000 available or to be available in the District's capital reserve fund established on May 16, 2006 and thereafter amended on May 17, 2011, May 13, 2013, and May 16, 2017, and (iii) \$150,000 unexpended capital funds, are hereby authorized to be expended to pay for a portion of the cost of the Project; the \$4,516,791 balance of the Project cost to be financed by the issuance of bonds heretofore authorized.

The voting will be conducted by ballot on voting machines or paper ballot as provided in the Education Law and the polls will remain open from 7:00 o'clock A.M. to 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) and as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters then present to cast their ballots.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to Education Law §2014, personal registration of voters is required, and no person shall be entitled to vote at the Special District Meeting whose name does not appear on the register of the School District.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the register of the qualified voters of said School District prepared for the Annual District Meeting and Election held on May 16, 2017, shall be used as the basis for the preparation of the register for the Special District Meeting to be held on October 24, 2017. Any person whose name appears on such register or who shall have been previously registered for any Annual or Special District Meeting or Election and who shall have voted at any Annual or Special District Meeting or Election held or conducted at any time since January 1, 2013, will not be required to register personally for this Special District Meeting. In addition, any person otherwise qualified to vote who is registered with the Board of Elections of Nassau County under the provisions of the Election Law shall be entitled to vote at said Special District Meeting without further registration.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that voter registration for the School District is ongoing up to and including Thursday, October 19, 2017, from 8:00 o'clock A.M. until 1:00 o'clock P.M. and from 2:00 o'clock P.M. until 4:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time), Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays, at the office of the District Clerk, McCouns Lane, Oyster Bay, New York. Registration shall also take place at the James H. Vernon School, 880 Oyster Bay Road, East Norwich, New York, and the Theodore Roosevelt School, 150 West Main Street, Oyster Bay, New York, between the hours of 8:00 o'clock A.M. and 12:00 o'clock P.M. and from 1:00 o'clock P.M. to 4:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time), Monday through Friday, up to and including October 19, 2017.

The register of the School District will be filed in the office of the District Clerk, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District between the hours of 8:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on each of the five (5) days prior to the day set for the Special District Meeting, except Sunday, and by appointment only on Saturday, October 21, 2017. Said Register will also be available for inspection the polling place at said Special District Meeting.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the Office of the District Clerk, McCouns Lane, Oyster Bay, New York, between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. If the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the completed application must be received by the District Clerk no later than Tuesday, October 17, 2017. If the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter at the office of the District Clerk, the completed application must be received by the District Clerk no later than Monday, October 23, 2017. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time), on Tuesday, October 24, 2017.

A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the District Clerk between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on each of the five (5) days prior to the day set for the Special District Meeting, except Saturday and Sunday.

Only qualified voters who are duly registered will be permitted to vote.

BY THE ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dated: August 29, 2017

Section 4. The vote upon the Proposition to be submitted to the qualified voters shall be by ballot on voting machines or by paper ballot, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to have the necessary ballots printed, in form corresponding as nearly as may be with the requirements of the Education Law.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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DISCUSSION: After lengthy discussion, the Board of Education agreed to not proceed with the Special District Meeting of qualified voters on October 24, 2017.

Motion unanimously rejected.

Motion by J. McEvoy, second by M. Castellano, to adjourn meeting.

Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Moore
District Clerk

Based on notes taken by Mr. Michael Cipriani, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations