

EAST ROCKAWAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
East Rockaway, New York
Special Meeting of Board of Education and Budget Hearing
6:30 p.m., May 8, 2018 – East Rockaway Jr./Sr. High School Conference Room

MINUTES

Present: Members of the Board of Education: Patti Nicoletti, Keith Gamache, Neil Schloth, Kristin Ochtera, Superintendent, Lisa J. Ruiz; Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations, Jacqueline A. Scio; Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, Mona Hecht; District Clerk, Vitina Fazi

Absent: John Giannotti, Jr.

1. The meeting was called to order by Patti Nicoletti at 6:35 p.m. Keith Gamache led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Action Agenda

Upon motion made by Keith Gamache, and seconded by Neil Schloth, the following Items 1 and 2 were unanimously approved on a consent agenda.

A. Personnel

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the following resignation:

- a. James DeTommaso, Assistant Principal, effective June 30, 2018
- b. Patricia Sertzoglou, elementary teacher, effective June 30, 2018

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Jeremiah Corbett to the position of Security Aide, effective upon Civil Service approval, at the hourly salary set forth by the East Rockaway Board of Education on the Non-Contractual Salary Schedule for the 2017-2018 school year.

B. Other Items

Upon motion made by Keith Gamache, and seconded by Neil Schloth, the following Items 1 and 2 were unanimously approved on a consent agenda.

1. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #1: LEAD AGENCY DESIGNATION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School

District (“Board of Education”) is considering a bank stabilization project at the East Rockaway Jr.-Sr. High School located at 443 Ocean Avenue, Incorporated Village of East Rockaway (hereinafter the “proposed action”);

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.4 and 6 NYCRR §617.5, the Board of Education reviewed the proposed action and has preliminarily determined that same is an Unlisted Action;

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617, coordinated review of an Unlisted Action is optional, and was not undertaken by the Board of Education; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby designates itself as lead agency pursuant to the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, specifically 6 NYCRR §617.6(b)(3), with respect to the above-described proposed action.

2. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2: ADOPTION OF NEGATIVE DECLARATION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District (“Board of Education”) is considering a bank stabilization project at the East Rockaway Jr.-Sr. High School located at 443 Ocean Avenue, Incorporated Village of East Rockaway (hereinafter the “proposed action”);

WHEREAS, the Board of Education declared itself lead agency for the proposed action, pursuant to the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, specifically 6 NYCRR §617.6(b)(4);

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), New York State Department of State (NYSDOS), and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) regulate the proposed action and therefore, applications and analyses were prepared and filed with the respective agencies;

WHEREAS, the USACE, NYSDOS and NYSDEC issued the permits and approvals for the proposed action;

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of General Services (NYSOGS) reviewed the proposed action for the potential encroachment on State Underwater Lands, and determined that no such encroachment would occur;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has also caused to be prepared a Short Environmental Assessment Form (SEAF) – Parts 1, 2 and 3, to evaluate potential significant adverse environmental impacts associated with the proposed action, and

has reviewed the aforesaid SEAF and agrees with the contents thereof; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, the Board of Education, as lead agency for the action contemplated herein, after review of the proposed action and 6 NYCRR Part 617, hereby determines that the above-described project is an Unlisted action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, based upon the information contained in the SEAF, the permits and approvals issued by the USACE, NYSDOS and NYSDEC, and other relevant information, the Board of Education, as lead agency for the action contemplated herein, and after due deliberation, review and analysis, hereby determines that the proposed action will not result in significant adverse impacts to the environment, and hereby adopts the annexed Negative Declaration.

At 6:45 pm the work session continued and at 7:10 pm the meeting reconvened in the High School Auditorium for the Budget Hearing.

3. Ms. Ruiz welcomed everyone to the Budget Hearing. She thanked the Board of Education for the support they provided during the budget process. She stated that the District is in the best financial shape. Ms. Ruiz thanked Ms. Scrio for the work she has done in developing the budget. Ms. Scrio is highly knowledgeable and skilled.

Ms. Ruiz then introduced Ms. Scrio. Ms. Scrio conducted a thorough PowerPoint presentation. She explained in great detail all the components of the budget from inception to conclusion. At the conclusion of the presentation, Ms. Scrio asked the Board and audience if there were any questions. A brief question and answer period ensued. A question was asked about the FEMA progress. Ms. Scrio stated that Dr. Colvin will update the community at the May 22, 2018, board meeting. Ms. Ruiz thanked Ms. Scrio for building a responsible budget and for all her hard work. She has one of the most important positions in the District and has done a fabulous job.

4. Upon motion made by Patti Nicoletti, and seconded by Kristin Ochtera, and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vitina Fazi
District Clerk