

EAST ROCKAWAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
East Rockaway, New York
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
7:00 P.M., September 17, 2019, East Rockaway Jr. / Sr. High School
Preceded by a Bond Forum, Introduction of New Staff,
and a Public Forum

MINUTES

Present: Members of the Board of Education: Keith Gamache, Dominick Vulpis, Kristen O'Hagan, Peter McNally, Superintendent Lisa J. Ruiz, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations, Jacqueline A. Scio; Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, Mona Hecht; District Clerk, Vitina Fazi

Absent: Neil Schloth

1. The meeting was called to order by Keith Gamache at 7:01 p.m. in the auditorium of the East Rockaway Jr./Sr. High School
2. Mr. Gamache introduced Centre Avenue student Owen Falbee who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Gamache welcomed everyone to the meeting and special bond forum. As he prepared his comments for this evening he started by opening his president's report from last September. Due to delays with GOSR's Living with the Bay project at the time, the Board decided to put off a bond vote last year and chose to "use the extra time to reconvene the facilities committee, conduct building tours for the community, and hold additional work sessions as well as a community forum dedicated to the project. " All of those things were accomplished, and the Board now feels confident and excited to present the bond plans and resolution this evening.

While the Board was not able to check off every box on the list, the board was able to address the most urgent needs and relevant upgrades necessary to keep the schools running smoothly, safely, and comfortably for the near and long-term future. The community's valuable input was listened to and helped shape the final plan. In January, the Board presented an initial plan that was estimated to cost the average homeowner around an additional \$100 a year. It will become apparent at the end of tonight's presentation, that the plan will cost less than half that amount. If other things fall into place, as we continue to work closely with the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery, the District may potentially cover the cost of the bulkhead and site preparation work for the new field. The tax impact could even end up being tax neutral.

Mr. Gamache then turned the presentation over to the Superintendent. Mr. Gamache stated

that Ms. Ruiz will provide more specifics on the District's past bond history and will review what has transpired over the past two years. At the conclusion of the presentation and before moving onto the regular monthly meeting agenda, the audience will have an opportunity to ask questions.

Ms. Ruiz welcomed everyone to this evening's bond forum and public meeting. She announced that we will be hearing from Mr. John Grillo, the District's architect and Mr. Rick Ganci, the District's financial planners.

Ms. Ruiz spoke about the history of the past bond vote as well as the culmination of events that led to the current bond vote. A PowerPoint was presented highlighting the scope of the work being planned.

She then introduced Mr. John Grillo, of JAG Architects. Mr. Grillo has been the District's architect since 1990 and very familiar with not only the history of the buildings, but the conditions of the buildings in the District. Mr. Grillo also oversaw all the planning, developing and reconstruction after Superstorm Sandy.

Mr. Grillo went through the PowerPoint and discussed each upgrade in length. He covered each proposed item in each building. Community members then had an opportunity to ask questions.

Ms. Ruiz then introduced Mr. Rick Ganci, Executive Vice President and Principal of Capital Markets Advisors, LLC, the District's financial planners. Mr. Ganci discussed the financial impact upon the taxpayers if the bond was passed. Community members then had an opportunity to ask questions. Ms. Ruiz joined Mr. Ganci in explaining that there could be a tax neutral impact if the bulkhead work is funded by Living with the Bay. Without funding from Living with the Bay, there would be an approximate \$41.00 a year increase for the average homeowner.

Mr. Ruiz thanked Mr. Grillo and Mr. Ganci for attending this evening and for sharing their expertise. At 8:15 pm the Board returned to the front table and the meeting continued.

The next presentation was the introduction of new staff. Ms. Ruiz introduced and gave a brief personal biography of new staff: Dr. Ayesha M. McArthur, Rhame Avenue Principal, Vincent Healy, Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Jason Andrews, high school business teacher; Marie Cardaro, high school math teacher, Tracey Weinberg-Gatto, elementary teacher at Rhame Avenue School, Fernando Gomez, high school part-time foreign language teacher, Kristen Pisano, family and consumer science high school teacher, Dr. Rosina Pzena, high school psychologist, Elizabeth Rubin, short term special education teacher at Rhame Avenue School; Kaitlyn Terrio, high school math teacher, Ethel Davis, district-wide parent coordinator, and Sallyann Agro, Rhame Avenue School nurse.

Ms. Ruiz welcomed all of our new staff and wished them a long and prosperous career in the

District.

3. Public Comments on Agenda Items: None

4. Approval of Minutes

Upon motion made by Dominick Vulpis, seconded by Kristen O'Hagan, and unanimously passed, the following minutes were approved:

A. August 27, 2019, Meeting of the Board of Education

5. Acknowledgment of Monthly Reports and Correspondence

A. Receipt of Monthly Financial Reports: June 2019 and July 2019

B. Correspondence – Seven (7)

6. Recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools

Upon motion made by Peter McNally and seconded by Dominick Vulpis, the following Items A through G, and Item H contained on the attached Addendum, were unanimously approved on a consent agenda.

A. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the following resignations:

1. Kaylyn Hansen, monitor, effective September 9, 2019
2. Lisa Zeilberger, substitute teacher aide, effective September 17, 2019
3. Cristal Philip, science teacher, effective September 4, 2019

B. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Elizabeth Rubin, to the position of short-term substitute special education teacher, effective September 3, 2019, through November 1, 2019, at the per diem salary established by the East Rockaway Board of Education on the Non-Contractual Salary Schedule for the 2019-2020 school year.

C. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Randi Kilcommons to the position of home tutor, effective September 9, 2019, at the hourly salary established by the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract at Appendix B, Other Educational Assignments, A. Home Instruction, for the 2019-2020 school year.

D. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Lynne Castellano to the position of Part-Time Monitor, effective upon Civil Service approval, at the Step 1 hourly salary set forth in the East Rockaway Food Service and Monitors Union Agreement for the 2019-2020 school year.

E. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Lisa Zeilberger to the position of teacher aide, effective September 18, 2019, upon Civil

Service approval, at the Step A hourly salary established by the East Rockaway Teacher Aides Association agreement for the 2019-2020 school year.

- F. Approve the club advisor assignments for the 2019-2020 school year as more fully set forth on the schedule of club/advisor assignments at the stipend salaries established by the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2019-2020 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the charters.
- G. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following temporary assignments at the salary approved by the East Rockaway Board of Education on the Non-Contractual Salary Schedule for substitute workers:
 - 1. Josh Warner, athletic supervisor (day/evening), effective September 14, 2019
 - 2. Ashley M. Tavormina, substitute teacher aide, effective upon Civil Service approval
 - 3. Ciara Mancusi, substitute teacher aide, effective upon Civil Service approval
 - 4. Lucy Portnoy, substitute teacher, effective September 18, 2019

7. Other Items

Upon motion made by Kristen O'Hagan, and seconded by Peter McNally, the following Items A through F were unanimously approved on a consent agenda.

- A. Approve the following employment agreements for the 2019-2020 school year and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute the agreement(s) on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education:
 - 1. James Daly, Director of Facilities
 - 2. Lee Araoz, Director of Technology and Learning Analytics
 - 3. Debra Muller, School District Treasurer
 - 4. Tina Fazi, Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations and District Clerk
 - 5. Mary Volino, Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools and Board of Education

- B. Approve the following resolution:

SEQRA Statement for East Rockaway Union Free School District Proposed Building Improvement Projects at the Centre Avenue Elementary School

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District (Board of Education) is considering building improvements at the Centre Avenue Elementary School located at 55 Centre Avenue within the Inc. Village of East Rockaway, Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action at the Centre Avenue Elementary School includes HVAC upgrades with associated electrical upgrades and masonry improvements

(including repairs and waterproofing). Specifically, the proposed projects include the installation of new roof top HVAC units and the associated ductwork to improve ventilation in the gymnasium and cafeteria. Also proposed is the replacement of existing ventilation units with HVAC ready-units to improve ventilation and dehumidification in the lower level classrooms. The proposed masonry improvements include lintel and brick replacement throughout the building, as well as new spray for exterior waterproofing. Additionally, the existing south stair tower plaster walls would be repaired after waterproofing is applied. The existing front steps and wing walls are also proposed to be reconstructed; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is also considering a contingency project (if funds are available) to replace AP flooring; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(a), “Actions or classes of actions identified in subdivision (c) of this section are not subject to review under this Part, except as otherwise provided in this section. These actions have been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment or are otherwise precluded from environmental review under Environmental Conservation Law, article 8. The actions identified in subdivision (c) of this section apply to all agencies.”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §§617.5(c)(1) and (2), the “*maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility*,” and “*replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes...*” are Type II actions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, after review of the proposed action, 6 NYCRR §617.5, and the opinion provided by KGO Consulting Inc., hereby determines that the proposed projects are Type II Actions pursuant to 6 NYCRR §§617.5 (c)(1) and (2) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and will, therefore, by definition, have no significant adverse impact on the environment.

C. Approve the following resolution:

SEQRA Statement for East Rockaway Union Free School District Proposed Building Improvement Projects at the Rhame Avenue Elementary School

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District (Board of Education) is considering building improvements at the Rhame Avenue Elementary School located at 100 Rhame Avenue within the Inc. Village of East Rockaway, Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action at the Rhame Avenue Elementary School includes HVAC and associated electrical upgrades. Specifically, the proposed projects include the

installation of a new roof top air conditioning units to serve the existing cafeteria/gymnasium space and existing library/media center. The associated electrical upgrades include new incoming service, transformer, switch gear, and primary and secondary lines; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(a), “Actions or classes of actions identified in subdivision (c) of this section are not subject to review under this Part, except as otherwise provided in this section. These actions have been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment or are otherwise precluded from environmental review under Environmental Conservation Law, article 8. The actions identified in subdivision (c) of this section apply to all agencies.”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §§617.5(c)(1) and (2), the “*maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility,*” and “*replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes...*” are Type II actions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, after review of the proposed action, 6 NYCRR §617.5, and the opinion provided by KGO Consulting Inc., hereby determines that the proposed projects are Type II Actions pursuant to 6 NYCRR §§617.5 (c)(1) and (2) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and will, therefore, by definition, have no significant adverse impact on the environment.

D. Approve the following resolution:

**Lead Agency Designation for East Rockaway Union Free School District
Proposed Building Improvement Projects at the East Rockaway Jr./Sr. High School**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District (“Board of Education”) is considering building and site improvements at the East Rockaway Jr-Sr High School located at 443 Ocean Avenue in the Village of East Rockaway, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York; and

WHEREAS, the proposed building improvements include select interior building renovations and reconfiguration of spaces, mechanical and electrical upgrades, and the air conditioning of spaces; and the proposed site improvements consist of (1) installation of an approximately 750±-foot bulkhead to connect the already bulkheaded portions of the property along Mill River; (2) installation of a new drainage system consisting of 76-foot long, 12-inch perforated HDPE [High Density Polyethylene] pipe to discharge into Mill River with pre-treatment and backflow prevention valves; (3) demolition and removals of fencing, backstops, dugouts, and related appurtenances; (4) import clean fill to raise the athletic field area by approximately 24-inches (average based on current elevations) to 8.0 feet AMSL where elevations currently range from approximately 5.0 to 6.5 feet AMSL

(total area to be elevated: 5.2 acres [227,000 square feet]); (5) installation of a new synthetic turf field with running track and drainage system (comprised of a full drainage system under new turf area consisting of gravel drainage beds and slotted collector pipes that would tie in to the proposed HDPE drainage pipe and outfalls); (6) installation of an approximately 24-inch high stone retaining wall to stabilize elevated field, where necessary; (7) installation of ADA and ambulance ramp; (8) installation of new concrete block dugouts, backstops and fencing for the baseball and softball fields (drainage includes connection to new HDPE pipe for outfall into Mill River); (9) installation of new bleachers and press box; (10) installation of decorative fencing at the south elevation and new perimeter 6'-0" chain link fencing; (11) installation of upper netting/ball catcher system at the proposed turf field and perimeter safety netting around track; and (12) installation of sports field lighting, which would include nine (9) fully-shielded fixtures and a reflector design to prevent light spill on to neighboring properties and to mitigate the potential for any upward glare (hereinafter, the "proposed action"); and

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; and

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

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)(4), with respect to the above-described proposed action.

E. Approve the following resolution:

Adoption of Negative Declaration for East Rockaway Union Free School District Proposed Building Improvement Projects at the East Rockaway Jr./Sr. High School

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District ("Board of Education") is considering building and site improvements at the East Rockaway Jr-Sr High School located at 443 Ocean Avenue in the Village of East Rockaway, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York; and

WHEREAS, the proposed building improvements include select interior building renovations and reconfiguration of spaces, mechanical and electrical upgrades, and the air conditioning of spaces; and the proposed site improvements consist of (1) installation of an approximately 750±-foot bulkhead to connect the already bulkheaded portions of the property along Mill River; (2) installation of a new drainage system consisting of 76-foot long, 12-inch perforated HDPE [High Density Polyethylene] pipe to discharge into Mill River with pre-treatment and backflow prevention valves; (3) demolition and removals of

fencing, backstops, dugouts, and related appurtenances; (4) import clean fill to raise the athletic field area by approximately 24-inches (average based on current elevations) to 8.0 feet AMSL where elevations currently range from approximately 5.0 to 6.5 feet AMSL (total area to be elevated: 5.2 acres [227,000 square feet]); (5) installation of a new synthetic turf field with running track and drainage system (comprised of a full drainage system under new turf area consisting of gravel drainage beds and slotted collector pipes that would tie in to the proposed HDPE drainage pipe and outfalls); (6) installation of an approximately 24-inch high stone retaining wall to stabilize elevated field, where necessary; (7) installation of ADA and ambulance ramp; (8) installation of new concrete block dugouts, backstops and fencing for the baseball and softball fields (drainage includes connection to new HDPE pipe for outfall into Mill River); (9) installation of new bleachers and press box; (10) installation of decorative fencing at the south elevation and new perimeter 6'-0" chain link fencing; (11) installation of upper netting/ball catcher system at the proposed turf field and perimeter safety netting around track; and (12) installation of sports field lighting, which would include nine (9) fully-shielded fixtures and a reflector design to prevent light spill on to neighboring properties and to mitigate the potential for any upward glare (hereinafter, the "proposed action"); and

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); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has also caused to be prepared a Short Environmental Assessment Form (SEAF) – Parts 1, 2 and 3, preliminary site plan, and lighting analysis to evaluate potential significant adverse environmental impacts associated with the proposed action, and has reviewed the aforesaid SEAF and agrees with the contents thereof;

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, 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.

F. Approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION OF THE EAST ROCKAWAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT,
NEW YORK, ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 17, 2019, CALLING A SPECIAL
DISTRICT MEETING TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEYS
FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES AND THE LEVY OF A TAX THEREFOR**

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE EAST ROCKAWAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, NEW YORK AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of the East Rockaway Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York (the "District"), shall be held within the District, on Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 6:30 o'clock A.M. (Prevailing Time) in the large gymnasium of the East Rockaway Jr./Sr. High School, 443 Ocean Avenue, East Rockaway, New York, as provided in the Notice calling said Special District Meeting hereinafter substantially prescribed. The voting at such Special District Meeting shall be by voting machine or paper ballot, as provided by the Education Law, and the polls shall remain open from 6:30 A.M. to 9:30 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 "*Long Island Tribune*" and "*The East Rockaway-Lynbrook Herald*," two newspapers each 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 EAST ROCKAWAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York, has adopted a resolution on September 17, 2019, authorizing a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of said School District to be held on

Thursday, November 14, 2019

from 6:30 A.M. to 9:30 P.M. (Prevailing Time) in the large gymnasium of the East Rockaway Jr./Sr. High School, 443 Ocean Avenue, East Rockaway, New York, for the purpose of voting upon the following Bond Proposition:

BOND PROPOSITION

RESOLVED:

(a) That the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to undertake a school building and site improvement project (the "Project") substantially as described in a report prepared for the District by John A. Grillo, Architects (the "Report"), which report is on file and available for public inspection at the office of the District Clerk, including (as and where necessary): interior building renovations and space reconfiguration; electrical, lighting, heating, ventilation, air conditioning and plumbing system upgrades; masonry, floor, ceiling and lavatory improvements; asbestos abatement; renovations to facilitate access by the physically challenged; construction of new bulkheading and retaining wall; drainage improvements; field elevation; and recreational and athletic improvements, including a new synthetic turf field with running track, ballfield improvements, new bleachers, field lighting, press box, fencing, backstops, dugouts, and related appurtenances; all of the foregoing to include the furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus and ancillary or related site, demolition and other work required in connection therewith; and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$27,708,336; provided that the costs of the components of the Project as set forth in the Report may be reallocated among such components if the Board of Education shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interests of the District;

(b) that \$6,200,000 of funds on hand and available in the "Capital Reserve Fund for Building Improvements and Repairs II," approved by the voters of the District on May 20, 2014 and amended on May 15, 2018, plus any interest earnings thereon, are hereby authorized to be expended to pay a portion of the cost of the Project, and such expenditure is hereby approved, and

(c) that a tax is hereby voted in the amount of not to exceed \$21,508,336 to finance the balance of the cost of the Project, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and in anticipation of said tax, bonds are authorized in the principal amount of not to exceed \$21,508,336 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

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

BOND PROPOSITION

YES

NO

RESOLVED:

(a) That the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York is hereby authorized to undertake a school building and site

improvement project, substantially as described in a plan by John A. Grillo, Architects, and to expend therefor an amount not to exceed \$27,708,336; (b) that \$6,200,000 of funds on hand and available in the "Capital Reserve Fund for Building Improvements and Repairs II", plus any interest earnings thereon, are hereby authorized to be expended to pay a portion of the cost of the Project, and such expenditure is hereby approved, and (c) that a tax is hereby voted in the amount of not to exceed \$21,508,336 to finance the balance of the cost of the Project, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and in anticipation of said tax, bonds are authorized in the principal amount of not to exceed \$21,508,336 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

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 6:30 A.M. to 9:30 P.M. (Prevailing Time) and as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters then present to cast their ballots.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the election shall be held in accordance with the Rules for the Conduct of Meetings and Elections adopted by the Board of Education.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to Education Law §2014, personal registration of voters is required for the Special District Meeting, and no person shall be entitled to vote at the Special District Meeting whose name does not appear on the register of the District. Registration of the qualified voters of the District for said Special District Meeting is permitted in the District Clerk's Office, from 7:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. (Prevailing Time), Monday through Friday, up to and including Wednesday, November 6, 2019. The register for the Special District Meeting will be prepared and filed in the District Clerk's Office and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter from 7:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. (Prevailing Time) on each of the five days prior to the election, except Sunday, November 10, 2019 and Monday, November 11, 2019, and from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. (Prevailing Time) on Saturday, November 9, 2019, by advance appointment only; and at each polling place on election day.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE the register of the qualified voters of said District prepared for the Annual Election held on May 21, 2019 shall be used by said Board of Registration as the basis for the preparation of the register for said Special District Meeting to be held on November 14, 2019.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the register shall include: (1) all qualified voters of the District who shall personally present themselves for registration; and (2) all previously qualified voters of the District 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 within four calendar years (2015-2018) prior to preparation of said register; and (3) voters permanently

registered with the Board of Elections of Nassau County.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk from 7:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. (Prevailing Time), Monday through Friday, except holidays. If the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the completed application must be received by the District Clerk no later than November 7, 2019. 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 November 13, 2019. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the District Clerk from 7:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. (Prevailing Time) on each of the five (5) days prior to the day of the election, except Sunday, November 10, 2019 and Monday, November 11, 2019, and from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, November 9, 2019, by advance appointment only.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that this Board shall convene a special meeting thereof within twenty-four hours after the filing with the District Clerk of a written report of the results of the ballot, in the East Rockaway Jr./Sr. High School for the purpose of examining and tabulating said reports of the result of the ballot and declaring the result of the ballot; that the Board hereby designates itself to be a set of poll clerks to cast and canvass ballots pursuant to Education Law, §2019-a, subdivision 2b at said special meeting of the Board.

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

BY THE ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dated: September 17, 2019

Vitina Fazi
District Clerk

Section 4. The vote upon the Bond Proposition to be submitted to the qualified voters shall be by paper or machine ballots, 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. The proceeds of the bonds authorized pursuant to the Bond Proposition set forth in Section 3 hereof, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, may be applied to reimburse the District for expenditures made for the purpose or purposes for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

G. Approve the following resolution:

Upon motion made by Dominick Vulpis and seconded by Kristen O'Hagan, the following Items G through S were unanimously approved on a consent agenda.

FEMA MITIGATION CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR RHAME AVENUE SCHOOL:

WHEREAS, the East Rockaway Union Free School District retained Hirsch & Co., LLC, for plumbing reconstruction services pursuant to a contract awarded on or about February 13, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the District's architect has recommended modifications to the existing contract as follows: add \$2,286.48 for additional gas line work and deduct \$7,500.00 for unused allowance for unforeseen conditions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts and approves Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Hirsch & Co., LLC, resulting in a total reduction of the contract price by the amount of \$5,213.52, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President and the Superintendent to execute Change Order No. 1 on behalf of the Board.

H. Approve the following resolution:

FEMA MITIGATION CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 FOR EAST ROCKAWAY JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL:

WHEREAS, the East Rockaway Union Free School District retained Hirsch & Co., LLC, for plumbing reconstruction services pursuant to a contract awarded on or about February 13, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the District's architect has recommended modifications to the existing contract as follows: add \$6,053.47 to install regulators and deduct \$7,500.00 for unused allowance for unforeseen conditions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts and approves Change Order No. 2 to the contract with Hirsch & Co., LLC, resulting in a total reduction of the contract price by the amount of \$1,446.53, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President and the

Superintendent to execute Change Order No. 2 on behalf of the Board.

I. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the East Rockaway UFSD authorizes and appoints the following individuals to serve in the capacity of election/poll workers in connection with the November 14, 2019, Bond Vote at the salary set forth on the Non-Contractual Salary Schedule for the 2019-2020 school year:

1. Don Maclean (Chairperson)
2. Ronald DiRienzo (Poll Coordinator)
3. Rose Trum
4. Anna Maria Culmone-Simeti

J. Approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Nassau County Board of Elections for use of the optical scan voting systems on November 14, 2019 and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

K. Approve the Collaborative Agreement, Administration of Epinephrine Auto-Injectors in East Rockaway Schools for the 2019-2020 school year with Dr. Richard Addes in accordance with New York State Public Health Law Section 3000c and authorize David Barth in his capacity as the Director of Physical Education, Health and Athletics to execute the agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

L. Approve the Consultant Agreement with Lifetouch National School Studios, Inc. for school photography services for the 2019-2020 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

M. Approve the Special Education Services Contract with Hicksville Public Schools for special education services for one (1) parentally placed student, Student ID No. 180007133 for the 2018-2019 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the contract on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

N. Approve the Special Education Services Contract with Hicksville Public Schools for special education services for one (1) parentally placed student, Student ID No. 180007133 for the 2019-2020 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the contract on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

O. Approve the admission of the following student to attend the East Rockaway Public Schools for the Special Education Summer 2019 Program and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the tuition agreements between the Board of Education of East Rockaway UFSD and the Board of Education of the sending school districts: Port

Washington UFSD, No. 10001069.

P. Approve the admission of the following student to attend the East Rockaway Public Schools for the 2019-2020 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the tuition agreements on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education: Port Washington UFSD, Student I.D. No. 10001069.

Q. Approve the admission of the following students to attend the East Rockaway Public Schools for the Special Education Summer 2019 Program and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the tuition agreements between the Board of Education of East Rockaway UFSD and the Board of Education of the sending school districts:

1. Valley Stream Central High School District, Student No. 939971889
2. Valley Stream Central High School District, Student No. 939971890
3. Valley Stream Central High School District, Student No. 939971784

R. Approve the admission of the following students to attend the East Rockaway Public Schools for the 2019-2020 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the tuition agreements on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education:

1. Valley Stream Central High School District, Student No. 939971889
2. Valley Stream Central High School District, Student No. 939971890
3. Valley Stream Central High School District, Student No. 939971784

S. Declare obsolete for the purpose of disposal and/or recycling, the following items:

1. Items contained on the attached Change of Disposition sheets dated August 27, 2019
2. Items listed on the Textbook Removal Forms dated September 10, 2019

8. Upon motion made by Peter McNally, seconded by Kristen O'Hagan, the CSE and CPSE Recommendations were unanimously approved.

9. Budget Transfers – None

10. Policy Matters

A. For Review

1. 4710, Grading
2. 4531, Field Trip and Excursions
3. 4750, Promotion and Retention of Students
4. 5152, Non-Resident Students
5. 5300, Code of Conduct
6. 6240, Investments
7. 5605, Voter Registration for Students

8. 9620, Child Abuse in an Education Setting

11. Reports

A. Board President's Report

Bond update: Over the next several weeks, we will be promoting the bond with our slogan "Our kids, your choice, their future!" Keep an eye out for fact sheets, banners, and additional information leading up to the voting date. We want everyone in the community to understand the planned improvements and the financial impact and hope it will have the support of the community.

Northwell Health: We have received an initial contract from Northwell Health regarding the mental health services proposal they made in partnership with other neighboring districts. It is being shared with our attorneys. As written, while the cost has come down somewhat, it is still an expensive model. The concept is very interesting to us and we will continue to explore working with them as well as other possible options, perhaps by reaching out to other interested districts and different health care providers such as NYU Langone to see if we can receive a more competitive rate. We will keep this in mind while creating the budget for next year to plan in the most fiscally responsible way.

Exit surveys: We have finalized our discussions regarding exit surveys to help us better track the various reasons why employees leave our district. A survey is being finalized using Google Forms to be given on a voluntary basis to all part-time and full-time employees who have been employed with the district for at least a year. We will also be working with our attorneys to draft a policy to help ensure that this process is followed consistently for the years to come.

Communications Committee: As a result of last year's Communications Committee's work and suggestions, we will be live streaming all of our regular monthly meetings this year as well as this evening's Bond Forum and possibly other important events as well. We plan to continue this committee this year as well. A calendar of meeting dates is being developed. If you are interested in joining the committee please write to the boe@eastrockawayschools.org address or speak directly with Mr. Schloth and/or Mr. Vulpis who are the committee liaisons from the board.

School Bus Cameras: A new school bus camera law was recently put into place. As we learn more about the process, procedures, and financial implications we will look to implement this important safety measure on our buses.

Field Trips by Clubs and Athletics: As we've been doing over the past several year's we will continue to evaluate our Field Trip policy to make sure that it reflects our vision, mission, and strategic plan. Providing opportunities for our children is always at the forefront of our decision- making process. We also aspire to remain consistent and equitable while evaluating the overall merits of such trips, the safety of our students, and the overall impact on the educational plan.

B. Superintendent's Report

During our past September meetings, updates to the strategic plan were discussed. Due to tonight's bond forum, this discussion will be delayed until the October board meeting. At that time, we will conduct a cumulative presentation outlining all of the strides the District has accomplished over the past four years. The committee will reconvene in January to begin the process for another strategic plan.

Achievement

Students in kindergarten through second grade have started to implement the new Eureka Math program this year. With much success using Eureka in Grades 3-5 last year, teachers are excited to begin the program in the younger grades.

Department-aligned grading policies have been created, allowing expectations to be clear for students. New grading policies place more weight on students' work in class, including the use of a school wide class participation rubric. The rubric emphasizes real world skills, including collaboration and communication with peers and contributions to class discussions and group activities, all of which is aligned to the Instructional Focus of student engagement.

High School senior Spencer Senzon has been selected to perform at this year's NYSSMA All-State Conference in Rochester, New York. Spencer's selection came after he scored an A+ on a level 6 All-State solo. In addition, high school juniors Gabriella Baccari (Soprano 2) and Emma Pollackov (Alto 1) were both selected as All-State Alternates for the Choral Ensembles. Both Gabriella and Emma were also selected after scoring an A+ on a level 6 All-State Solo.

STEAM classes for students in Grades 3-6 have started at Centre Avenue with the Computer Coding Module. Students are creating algorithms and solving problems while completing fun puzzles through the website code.org. After six weeks at Centre, the program will move to Rhame.

Discovery Education Techbook has been rolled out in Middle School Social Studies and

High School Regents Math and Science classes. These digital textbooks allow students access to readings at different levels and an extensive library of videos. They also include interactive modules in each subject and translated readings in Spanish. Teachers received training in June and will continue to work with facilitators from Discovery Education in October and February. All families are invited to the January Board of Education meeting when Techbooks will be on display.

Opportunity

Both schools will celebrate International Day of Peace, which is on September 21st this year. At Centre Avenue, students will read Be Kind, which illustrates how to spread kindness and they will create a schoolwide kindness chain made up of hearts. At Rhame Avenue, students will learn about the importance of being kind to our environment through read-alouds, an eco-challenge, and learn about the Swedish Teen Climate Activist, Greta Thunberg. They will create a “Peace Rocks” garden as a culminating activity.

Senior English students are starting the year with a personal narrative unit which will help them prepare to write their college application essays.

Seventh grade students now have the opportunity to a full year of study of either Spanish or Italian, better preparing them for success on the FLACS A Exam at the end of 8th grade and for further study of another language. Additionally, the Realidades textbook and materials have been ordered for all students in Spanish 1 through 4, providing a consistent engaging program throughout our students’ study of Spanish.

Connection

Both elementary schools will host Back to School Night on September 19th. Parents will meet their child’s classroom teacher and learn more about the curriculum, expectations and homework policies. At Centre, parents will also have the opportunity to attend a parent workshop. Some topics include: Reducing Homework Anxiety, New Families Orientation, and How to Promote Literacy at Home. Over the summer, Rhame had a Meet and Greet for families to meet Dr. McArthur. Both principals now have Twitter accounts and will post pictures on some of the great learning happenings in our schools.

Incoming seventh graders were welcomed at our summer orientation on August 27th. The orientation included a building tour, a review of academic expectations and a meet and greet with our school librarian. This year’s seventh grade was the first to view our new “*Welcome to East Rockaway Jr/Sr High School*” video that was filmed last year. Families were invited to join our seventh graders at the conclusion of the orientation for pizza

provided by our PTA and for locker set up.

The middle school advisory program has begun on a very positive note with balanced sections and an opening activity of identifying individual strengths to form positive intra and interpersonal relationships. Students' strengths formed a chain link that can be seen in the showcase outside of the auditorium.

Fall Sports Tip Off Night was held for all student-athletes in Grades 7-12 with their parents/ guardians. Expectations for all athletes were reviewed as the fall season is underway. We invite everyone to this week's Pep Rally and Homecoming.

High school administrators conducted push-ins during social studies classes to review the updated Student Handbook with all students. The code of conduct, the eligibility policy and other expectations were discussed to support students in starting the year off successfully.

The high school's main office was totally redesigned over the summer. The office is now brighter and more inviting to students, parents and staff. The changes were due to the hard work of our facilities and clerical staff.

Back to School Night at the high school took place on Monday, September 9th. Parents were invited first to the auditorium to meet school administrators and support staff and then followed their child's schedule to meet each of their teachers. Teachers reviewed course outlines and classroom expectations.

The Board has acted upon the recommendation of the Communications Subcommittee and will be live streaming board meetings. We hope to create a club and appoint an advisor so our students can actively engage in this task.

Innovation

Mr. Araoz and the technology department has been hard at work upgrading our systems and network security to safeguard us from cyberattacks. As such, email links have been removed from our website and many other safety measures are being put into place to better protect our data and network. If you do not receive a response from any district employee within 24 hours please follow up with a phone call to the office and we will be sure to return your call or search our junk mail for your email. Our filters and fire wall have been strengthened to prevent malware.

12. Good and Welfare – None

13. Public Comments - Next on our agenda is the public comment period. Please note that anyone wishing to speak at this time should fill out a card and comply with all provisions of board policy. Please keep your comments to three minutes, refrain from addressing topics related to personnel matters or individual students. Such concerns should be discussed privately with an administrator or the superintendent at an appropriate time. The board is here to listen and cannot provide immediate feedback or engage in open dialogue. Any necessary follow up will be noted and provided at a later date.

Jimmy Lores: Mr. Lores, the District's school bus driver, informed the board that there were three incidents this school year where cars passed his stopped school bus. He inquired if the District can opt into Nassau County's program installing cameras on busses. He also witnessed students crossing over the tracks with the gates down and suggested someone from the LIRR speak with the students about the dangers of crossing the tracks with the gates down.

14. Board Member Comments

Peter McNally: Mr. McNally thanked Owen for leading tonight's Pledge of Allegiance. He also congratulated the new teachers and administrators and thanked them for choosing East Rockaway. Mr. McNally viewed the performance by members of the East Rockaway Junior/Senior High School Chorus at Superintendent's Conference Day on September 3, 2019, honoring the teaching staff. As a teacher himself, he was very moved by their performance. It sent a great message and it was a great way to start the school year. He thanked Ms. Ruiz for her guidance in making this performance happen.

Kristen O'Hagan: Ms. O'Hagan thanked everyone for coming out tonight to inform themselves about the bond. She asked those present to guide others to our website and turnkey the information shared this evening. It is very exciting when improvements are done. She commended all the committee members, her fellow board members, current and past, administrators and consultants who have worked so hard to ensure that key updates and enhancements are made; while at the same time being fiscally responsible. She thanked Ms. Scio for the time she has put into this bond and for her incredible knowledge. Ms. O'Hagan is honored to be a part of this.

Dominick Vulpis: Mr. Vulpis thanked his former board of education colleagues who worked so hard on crafting the bond to the point that it is currently at. It is a great project because it evolved from every stakeholder in the community; while at the same time the Board remained conscious of the tax impact to residents. Mr. Vulpis agreed with Ms. O'Hagan's comments about spreading the word to others. The facilities committee was comprised of not only school staff but district residents. This was a culmination of the minds and works of everyone. He thanked the District and the community for their time and involvement during

the bond process. It evolved through many nights of discussions and the amount of money being asked for is a substantial amount. If some of the work is funded through Living With the Bay, we will save a lot of money so that "Our Kids, Your Choice, Their Future" can become a reality. He asked for everyone's continued involvement and to actively participate. The most important part will be in November when we go to the polls to vote.

Mr. Vulpis also thanked Mr. Lee Araoz who is incredible and always willing and available to assist with any project that is asked of him. Mr. Araoz was live-streaming the bond forum and it is hoped that in the future this task can be assigned to a student or other interested volunteer.

He also thanked Mr. Pete Ceglio for his leadership. He enjoyed watching the opening day video with the students' performance. It takes a leader at the helm to have organized and orchestrated the performance. He thanked him for all the work he does for our music and art students.

Mr. Vulpis spoke about a football game he recently attended with the East Rockaway football team playing an away game against Clark High School. During the half-time performance there was a memorial ceremony for a coach who had passed away at Clark High School. The East Rockaway football team and their coaches were commended by the opposing team's coaches for not only their participation in the memorial ceremony but for the respect they showed for the other team. Every player sat intently for half an hour on the field with their helmets off. The Board of Education received a letter of gratitude from the school's coach. Mr. Vulpis was very proud and commended the football team and their coaches and thanked the coaches for all their contributions.

Keith Gamache: The beginning of school is always an exciting time but this year it is especially exciting with the bond going forward. He currently has two children in the school district and knowing that they are going to be receiving the fruits of this bond work, as well as their peers, is extremely exciting. Mr. Gamache encouraged the audience to spread the word to the community. He wished Mr. McNally an early happy birthday and thanked everyone for coming out this evening.

15. Upon motion made by Kristen O'Hagan, and seconded by Peter McNally, and passed unanimously, the public meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. and the Board moved into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Vitina Fazi
District Clerk

EAST ROCKAWAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
East Rockaway, New York
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
7:00 P.M., September 17, 2019, East Rockaway Jr. / Sr. High School
Preceded by a Bond Forum, Introduction of New Staff,
and a Public Forum

ADDENDUM

- H. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Thomas Adler to the position of leave replacement science teacher, effective September 19, 2019, through January 24, 2020, at the MA, Step 1, annual salary established by the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2019-2020 school year.

**State Environmental Quality Review Act
Notice of Determination of Non-Significance - Negative Declaration**

Name of Action: Proposed Building and Site Improvements at the East Rockaway Jr.-Sr. High School Property

Project Location: 443 Ocean Avenue
Village of East Rockaway, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, NY

Project Sponsor: Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District

Date: September 17, 2019

This notice is issued pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law (State Environmental Quality Review Act [SEQRA]) and the implementing regulations therefor at 6 NYCRR Part 617. The Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District (UFSD) (hereinafter referred to as the "Board of Education" or "District"), as lead agency, has determined, subsequent to review of the Short Environmental Assessment Form - Parts 1, 2 and 3 (SEAF); consultations with NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP); site and lighting plans; and site and area inspections, that the proposed action described below will not have a significant effect on the environment, and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) will not be prepared.

SEQRA Classification: Unlisted

Description of Proposed Action: The Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District is considering building and site improvement projects at the East Rockaway Jr-Sr High School. The proposed building improvements include select interior building renovations and reconfiguration of spaces, mechanical and electrical upgrades, and the air conditioning of spaces. Specifically, the proposed action includes: (1) Renovations to the Science Labs in Rooms 213 and 215, including demolition, asbestos abatement, new ceilings and lighting, HVAC upgrades, electrical and plumbing upgrades, as well as manufactured casework and finishes. The proposed work would also include reconfiguration of the spaces; (2) Renovations to the Current Family & Consumer Science Rooms 109 and 110, including demolition, asbestos abatement, HVAC and electrical upgrades, new casework, as well as new appliances and finishes. The proposed work would also include reconfiguration of the spaces to create a better working environments; (3) Reconstruction of the existing art room, including adjacent kiln room. The proposed work includes demolition, HVAC upgrades, electrical and technology upgrades, and the replacement of existing manufactured casework; (4) Renovations to the Technology Education Building, including HVAC and toilet reconstruction for four single-use bathrooms; (5) Replacement of the existing incoming electrical service, and the upgrade/replacement of the pad-mounted transformer and exterior switch gear to handle the new building loads; and (6) Replacement of the existing steam heating system and upgrade to a new hot water system. The District is also considering a contingency project (if funds are available) to renovate the existing nurse's office. Such work would include reconfiguration of the existing nursing office space, the creation of an ADA bathroom, as well as improved plumbing, carpentry, ventilation and exhaust within the space.

Regarding the proposed site improvements, the Board of Education is including, within this bond proposition, the installation of an approximately 750±-foot bulkhead on the east side of the school property, drainage improvements adjacent to the bulkhead and within the athletic field area, and the importation of fill to elevate the athletic field area by an average of two-feet to bring the grade elevation to 8.0 feet above mean sea level (AMSL). It is to be noted that the proposed new bulkhead, drainage improvements and field elevation project, are currently under consideration for implementation and funding through the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR) in its "Living With The Bay" (LWTB) projects. However, the Board of Education is reviewing and proposing to fund the same projects in the event the GOSR LWTB projects are not undertaken. Also being considered by the Board of Education is the reconstruction of the athletic field area upon completion of the field elevation project.

Specifically, the site improvement projects include: (1) installation of an approximately 750±-foot bulkhead to connect the already bulkheaded portions of the property along Mill River; (2) installation of a new drainage

system consisting of 76-foot long, 12-inch perforated HDPE [High Density Polyethylene] pipe to discharge into Mill River with pre-treatment and backflow prevention valves; (3) demolition and removals of fencing, backstops, dugouts, and related appurtenances; (4) import clean fill to raise the athletic field area by approximately 24-inches (average based on current elevations) to 8.0 feet above mean seal level (AMSL) where elevations currently range from approximately 5.0 to 6.5 feet AMSL; (5) installation of a new synthetic turf field with running track and drainage system (comprised of a full drainage system under new turf area consisting of gravel drainage beds and slotted collector pipes that would tie in to the proposed HDPE drainage pipe and outfalls); (6) installation of an approximately 24-inch high stone retaining wall to stabilize the elevated field, where necessary; (7) installation of ADA and ambulance ramp; (8) installation of new concrete block dugouts, backstops and fencing for the baseball and softball fields (drainage includes connection to new HDPE pipe for outfall into Mill River); (9) installation of new bleachers and press box; (10) installation of decorative fencing at the south elevation and new perimeter 6'-0" chain link fencing; (11) installation of upper netting/ball catcher system at the proposed turf field and perimeter safety netting around track; and (12) installation of sports field lighting.

Project Background and Approvals

The proposed new bulkhead, drainage improvements and field elevation project, are currently under consideration for implementation and funding through GOSR, as part of a larger project, Living With The Bay. These projects, along with other actions proposed on properties not associated with the District, have been considered for implementation by GOSR as a result of damage sustained after Superstorm Sandy. The LWTB projects are being reviewed by GOSR and its consultants, which have completed design reports and progress design plans for the subject property as well as the additional off-site projects. In December 2017, the *Living with the Bay East Rockaway High School/Lister Park Preliminary Design Memorandum* was published ("2017 Preliminary Design Memorandum"). Throughout 2018 and much of 2019, the District has participated in meetings with the GOSR office and its consultants. In December 28, 2018, the *Living with the Bay East Rockaway High School/Lister Park 60% Design Report* ("LWTB 60% Design Report") was published. In the summer of 2019, GOSR representatives advised of further changes to the projects included for funding and implementation, although permitting and design are pending. Due to the degrading site conditions and the unknown date of funding and implementation, the District has introduced these projects to its bond proposition to be held in November 2019.

In addition to the State Education Department, the proposed site improvements are subject to the review and approval of various agencies, including the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) (Article 25 - Tidal Wetlands Permit; Article 15 - Protection of Waters Permit: Excavation and Fill in Navigable Waters; and Section 401 Water Quality Certification), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (US ACE) (Nationwide Permit [NWP] 7 [Outfall Structures and Associated Intake Structures] and NWP 13 [Bank Stabilization]), the New York State Department of State (NYS DOS) (Individual Coastal Consistency Concurrence Determination), as well as local floodplain development review by the Town of Hempstead. The Board of Education would proceed with filing all permit applications if the bond proposition is approved and the GOSR LWTB projects are not commenced. If the GOSR LWTB projects are commenced, the Board of Education would proceed with filing for the necessary permits and approvals for the projects it intends to fund and undertake. None of the aforementioned site improvements would be undertaken without agency approvals.

Reasons Supporting this Determination of Non-Significance: In accordance with SEQRA and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Board of Education, using the SEAF and other relevant information cited herein, and comparing same with the thresholds set forth in 6 NYCRR §§617.4 and 617.5, has determined that this project is an Unlisted Action. Pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617, coordinated review of an Unlisted Action is optional, and was not undertaken by the Board of Education.

After due deliberation, review and analysis of the proposed action, the SEAF and the criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR §617.7, the Board of Education, as lead agency for the proposed action, hereby determines that the proposed action will not result in significant adverse impacts to the environment. The following support this determination:

1. Groundwater and Surface Water Quality and Quantity, and Coastal Resources - The proposed action would not result in any changes to the volumes of sanitary discharge or water usage as the proposed projects are to accommodate the current students and staff, and would not result in an increased use of the property.

The subject property lies adjacent to Mill River, a New York State-designated tidal wetland and also a regulated waterway of the U.S. The proposed bulkhead would connect the already bulkheaded portions of the subject property, to the north and south of the proposed 750±-foot bulkhead. The intent of the proposed project is to minimize damage to the subject property along the area that is currently not bulkheaded. The project area suffers ongoing erosion along the river's edge and the proposed bulkhead, similar to the current bulkhead along the Mill River frontage, would protect the property and infrastructure of the public school.

The proposed action includes the importation of fill to elevate the existing athletic field area by generally two feet, to Elevation 8.0, to mitigate the impacts during heavy storm events as well as to alleviate the issues brought about by the high groundwater table located beneath the surface. Upon implementation of the proposed action, based on published borings, groundwater depths beneath the field area would be increased to 5-to-6 feet below grade surface (bgs). Such depth would permit the installation of a full drainage system beneath the synthetic turf field consisting of gravel drainage beds and slotted collector pipes, which would tie in to a proposed HDPE pipe for discharge into Mill River. The proposed discharge of stormwater through outfalls to Mill River would be designed such that all stormwater would be filtered and pre-treated prior to discharge and backflow prevention valves would be installed. It is noted that prior to undertaking any construction, the District would cause to be performed additional soil borings and the proposed plan submitted for review and approval by the requisite agencies (i.e., NYSDEC, US ACE and NYSDOS).

The proposed field elevation project and drainage system would reduce overland flow associated with ponding and flooding that currently occurs on-site. Overland flow brings the potential for non-point source pollution, which would be minimized with the proposed drainage improvements. Also, the proposed drainage design would include stormwater pre-treatment methods and backflow prevention valves. Furthermore, the proposed conversion of the fields from grass to synthetic turf would eliminate the maintenance, the necessity for fertilizers, and the resultant sedimentation due to overland flow across the field. Overall, the proposed drainage improvements would be expected to result in beneficial impacts to the adjacent wetland and off-site properties.

The proposed projects are regulated activities under Article 25 of the ECL (Tidal Wetlands Act), Article 15 of the ECL (Protection of Waters Permit: Excavation and Fill in Navigable Waters), as well as Section 401 (Water Quality Certification). The proposed projects are also regulated activities under the USACE NWP Program; specifically, NWP 7 (Outfall Structures and Associated Intake Structures) and NWP 13 (Bank Stabilization). Prior to the implementation of any projects, the Board of Education would file a Joint Application for Permit with the NYSDEC, NYSDOS, and the US ACE. As the District will not undertake any actions until approval is obtained and the proposed action would be performed in accordance with all conditions set forth by the NYSDEC, NYSDOS and USACE, no significant adverse impacts to the adjacent wetlands would be expected as a result of the proposed projects. Accordingly, based upon the above, the proposed action would not result in significant adverse impacts to groundwater or surface water quantity nor quality.

Regarding coastal resources, the subject property is located within the New York State Coastal Management Zone and the proposed action is subject to review by the NYSDOS for an Individual Consistency Concurrence Determination. The Federal Coastal Assessment Form has been prepared for the proposed action and a consistency analysis of the proposed action with the relevant New York State Coastal Zone policies were performed. Based on said analysis, the proposed action complies with

the intent and purpose of the applicable policies. Accordingly, no significant adverse impacts to coastal resources would be expected.

2. Drainage, Leaching, Erosion and Flooding - The proposed action would stabilize an area of the subject property that is currently not bulkheaded to prevent further erosion to the shoreline and adjacent land area. The proposed bulkhead would connect to those portions of the property that are bulkheaded to the north and south thereof. The intent of the proposed project is to minimize damage to the subject property along the area that is currently not bulkheaded.

The proposed field elevation project would mitigate the impacts during heavy storm events as well as permit the installation of a full drainage system beneath the synthetic turf field consisting of gravel drainage beds and slotted collector pipes, which would tie in to a proposed HDPE pipe for discharge into Mill River. A retaining wall of similar height is also proposed along the perimeter of the athletic field to stabilize the area, as necessary. Currently, stormwater is accommodated on-site and within the field area with drywells and infiltration through grass areas. Upon implementation of the proposed action, all stormwater that is generated within the field area is proposed to be discharged to Mill River. The proposed drainage design would include two outfalls equipped with backflow prevention valves and pre-treatment via sedimentation tanks installed upstream of the outfalls or similar method such that all stormwater would be treated prior to discharge. Overall, as the preliminary design includes pre-treatment and backflow prevention, and the proposed drainage design would be subject to the review and approval of the NYSDEC and USACE, in coordination with the NYSDOS, no significant adverse impacts to surface waters would be expected.

Prior to and during construction, erosion and sedimentation controls will be in place, and would include, at minimum, (1) the diversion of stormwater runoff from exposed soils, (2) the installation of silt fencing and/or hay bales, or similar methods, at the limits of disturbance, (3) the paving or planting of exposed soils as soon as practicable to limit the duration of exposure, and (4) the protection of stockpiles. Such erosion and sedimentation controls will minimize the potential impacts associated with land disturbance activities. The erosion and sedimentation controls and methods by which stormwater would be accommodated during construction would be designed to be consistent with the New York Standards and Specifications for Erosion and Sediment Control (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation [NYSDEC], 2016) and the New York State Stormwater Management Design Manual (NYSDEC, 2015) respectively. Fugitive dust would be controlled with watering of the soils, should there be periods of dryness during construction.

The subject property is situated within Zone AE: Base Flood Elevation (BFE) 10 Feet. Based on a prior site survey performed in 2004 and the elevations recorded as part of the on-site soil borings performed, the elevation of the field area generally ranges from approximately 5.0 feet AMSL to 6.5 feet AMSL. The proposed action includes the importation of fill material to increase the field elevation to approximately 8.0 feet AMSL. Based on FEMA mapping, the subject property would continue to experience flooding as the post-development elevation would be two (2) feet below BFE 10 feet. However, the proposed field elevation project provides additional separation distance to groundwater and the proposed drainage system would be expected to reduce flooding.

The proposed project would mitigate the future impacts from on-site flooding by stabilizing the shoreline that is currently not bulkheaded. The proposed elevation of the athletic field would result in less ponding on the athletic fields. Finally, the proposed conversion to synthetic turf would eliminate the need to maintain grass fields (e.g., top-dress and seed any exposed areas, and the need to fertilize the area) and mitigate the effects of overland flow on field areas that are exposed. Overall, the proposed action mitigates the potential for future impacts to the affected area during heavy storm and flood events.

Overall, based on the above, implementation of the proposed action would not result in any substantial increase in the potential for erosion or flooding, and thus, there would be no significant adverse impacts associated with same.

3. Traffic and Parking - The proposed action includes building and site improvements that would not impact the current access or parking. The proposed action would not affect any infrastructure for mass transit, biking or pedestrian connectivity.
4. Air Quality - The proposed action would not increase traffic, thus having no effect on traffic and any related vehicle-related emissions. The proposed action would not alter the use of the land, and thus, there would be no new sources of air emissions. As such, no significant adverse changes in air quality would result upon implementation of the proposed action. During construction, fugitive dust would be controlled during dry periods. The idling of construction-related vehicles would also be controlled. Accordingly, no significant adverse air quality impacts during construction would be expected.
5. Noise - The proposed action is planned to be implemented in phases; however, the duration of construction has not been identified. All construction would take place on weekdays during non-sensitive periods (8:00 am - 5:00 pm) and the idling of construction vehicles would be controlled. As such, no significant construction noise impacts would result. Upon completion of the proposed improvements, the noise environment would be similar to the current use, as there would be no changes in on-site activities. It is noted that the proposed action includes the installation of sports field lighting to accommodate evening high school sport events; however, the activity would be limited to select events, thus not resulting in significant adverse impacts to the community.
6. Solid Waste Generation and Management - The proposed action would not result in any changes to solid waste generation, and thus, no significant adverse impacts to local or regional solid waste management practices would result.
7. Natural Communities - The proposed action does not include the removal or destruction of large quantities of vegetation or fauna; substantial interference with the movement of any resident or migratory fish or wildlife species; impacts on a threatened or endangered species of animal or plant, or the habitat of such a species; or other significant adverse impacts to natural resources.
8. Critical Environmental Areas - The subject property is not situated within a Critical Environmental Area (CEA).
9. Historical, Archeological, Architectural, and Aesthetic Resources, including Community and Neighborhood Character - Based upon the published resources of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP), and the NYSDEC Environmental Resource Mapper, there are no historic or cultural resources on or adjacent to the subject property. The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (ORPHP) reviewed the proposed action and has determined, in correspondence dated August 30, 2019, that "no properties, including archaeological and/or historic resources, listed in or eligible for the New York State and National Registers of Historic Places will be impacted by this project." Regarding aesthetic resources, the proposed action includes the installation of sports lighting, which would be operable only during evening sport events. Based on the photometric analysis, the proposed lighting would not be expected to adversely impact neighboring properties. There are no other proposed changes to the subject property that would significantly alter the aesthetics or character of the site. Accordingly, the proposed action would not be expected to result in the impairment of the character or quality of important historical, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources or of existing community or neighborhood character.
10. Energy Resources - The proposed action would have no effect on energy resources.

11. **Public Health Impacts** – The proposed action would not result in the creation of a hazard to human health.
12. **Change of Use or Intensity of the Use** - The proposed action would not substantially change the use, or intensity of use, of land including agricultural, open space or recreational resources, or in its capacity to support existing uses.
13. **Land Use Compatibility and Consistency with Local Land Use Plans** – The East Rockaway UFSD is an educational institution registered by the New York State Board of Regents and under the jurisdiction of the NYSED, and thus, is not subject to local zoning or local land use controls. Notwithstanding, there is no proposed change in the educational use of the property, and therefore, the proposed action would not be expected to create a material conflict with a community’s current plans or goals as officially approved or adopted.
14. **Growth-Inducing Impacts** - The proposed action would not encourage or attract a large number of people to the subject site for more than a few days, compared to the number of people who would come to the subject site absent the action.
15. **Creation of Material Demand** - The proposed action would not create a material demand for other actions that would result in one of the above-discussed consequences.
16. **Cumulative Impacts** - Implementation of the proposed action would not result in changes in two or more elements of the environment, no one of which has a significant impact on the environment, but when considered together result in a significant adverse impact on the environment. Further, implementation of the proposed action would not result in cumulative impacts that would meet any of the criteria set forth at 6 NYCRR §617.7.

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EXTRACT OF MINUTES

Meeting of the Board of Education of the
East Rockaway Union Free School District,
in the County of Nassau, New York
September 17, 2019

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A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York, was held within the School District on September 17, 2019, at 7:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time).

There were present:

Keith Gamache, President of the Board of Education;
Dominick Vulpis, Vice President of the Board of Education;
Kristen O'Hagan, Board of Education Trustee
Peter McNally, Board of Education Trustee

There were absent: Neil Schloth, Board of Education Trustee

Also Present: Vitina Fazi, District Clerk

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Board Member Kristen O'Hagan offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION OF THE EAST ROCKAWAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK, ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 17, 2019, CALLING A SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEYS FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES AND THE LEVY OF A TAX THEREFOR.

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE EAST ROCKAWAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, NEW YORK AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of the East Rockaway Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York (the "District"), shall be held within the District, on Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 6:30 o'clock A.M. (Prevailing Time) in the large gymnasium of the East Rockaway Jr./Sr. High School, 443 Ocean Avenue, East Rockaway, New York, as provided in the Notice calling said Special District Meeting hereinafter substantially prescribed. The voting at such Special District Meeting shall be by voting machine or paper ballot, as provided by the Education Law, and the polls shall remain open from 6:30 A.M. to 9:30 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 "*Long Island Tribune*" and "*The East Rockaway-Lynbrook Herald*," two newspapers each 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 EAST ROCKAWAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT,
IN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, NEW YORK**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York, has adopted a resolution on September 17, 2019, authorizing a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of said School District to be held on

Thursday, November 14, 2019

from 6:30 A.M. to 9:30 P.M. (Prevailing Time) in the large gymnasium of the East Rockaway Jr./Sr. High School, 443 Ocean Avenue, East Rockaway, New York, for the purpose of voting upon the following Bond Proposition:

BOND PROPOSITION

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to undertake a school building and site improvement project (the "Project") substantially as described in a report prepared for the District by John A. Grillo, Architects (the "Report"), which report is on file and available for public inspection at the office of the District Clerk, including (as and where necessary): interior building renovations and space reconfiguration; electrical, lighting, heating, ventilation, air conditioning and plumbing system upgrades; masonry, floor, ceiling and lavatory improvements; asbestos abatement; renovations to facilitate access by the physically challenged; construction of new bulkheading and retaining wall; drainage improvements; field elevation; and recreational and athletic improvements, including a new synthetic turf field with running track, ballfield improvements, new bleachers, field lighting, press box, fencing, backstops, dugouts, and related appurtenances; all of the foregoing to include the furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus and ancillary or related site, demolition and other work required in connection therewith; and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$27,708,336; provided that the costs of the components of the Project as set forth in the Report may be reallocated among such components if the Board of Education shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interests of the District;
- (b) that \$6,200,000 of funds on hand and available in the "Capital Reserve Fund for Building Improvements and Repairs II," approved by the voters of the District on May 20, 2014 and amended on May 15, 2018, plus any interest earnings thereon, are hereby authorized to be expended to pay a portion of the cost of the Project, and such expenditure is hereby approved, and
- (c) that a tax is hereby voted in the amount of not to exceed \$21,508,336 to finance the balance of the cost of the Project, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and in anticipation of said tax, bonds are authorized in the principal amount of not to exceed \$21,508,336 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

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

BOND PROPOSITION

YES

NO

RESOLVED:

(a) That the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York is hereby authorized to undertake a school building and site improvement project, substantially as described in a plan by John A. Grillo, Architects, and to expend therefor an amount not to exceed \$27,708,336; (b) that \$6,200,000 of funds on hand and available in the "Capital Reserve Fund for Building Improvements and Repairs II", plus any interest earnings thereon, are hereby authorized to be expended to pay a portion of the cost of the Project, and such expenditure is hereby approved, and (c) that a tax is hereby voted in the amount of not to exceed \$21,508,336 to finance the balance of the cost of the Project, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and in anticipation of said tax, bonds are authorized in the principal amount of not to exceed \$21,508,336 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

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 6:30 A.M. to 9:30 P.M. (Prevailing Time) and as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters then present to cast their ballots.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the election shall be held in accordance with the Rules for the Conduct of Meetings and Elections adopted by the Board of Education.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to Education Law §2014, personal registration of voters is required for the Special District Meeting, and no person shall be entitled to vote at the Special District Meeting whose name does not appear on the register of the District. Registration of the qualified voters of the District for said Special District Meeting is permitted in the District Clerk's Office, from 7:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. (Prevailing Time), Monday

through Friday, up to and including Wednesday, November 6, 2019. The register for the Special District Meeting will be prepared and filed in the District Clerk's Office and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter from 7:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. (Prevailing Time) on each of the five days prior to the election, except Sunday, November 10, 2019 and Monday, November 11, 2019, and from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. (Prevailing Time) on Saturday, November 9, 2019, by advance appointment only; and at each polling place on election day.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE the register of the qualified voters of said District prepared for the Annual Election held on May 21, 2019 shall be used by said Board of Registration as the basis for the preparation of the register for said Special District Meeting to be held on November 14, 2019.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the register shall include: (1) all qualified voters of the District who shall personally present themselves for registration; and (2) all previously qualified voters of the District 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 within four calendar years (2015-2018) prior to preparation of said register; and (3) voters permanently registered with the Board of Elections of Nassau County.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk from 7:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. (Prevailing Time), Monday through Friday, except holidays. If the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the completed application must be received by the District Clerk no later than November 7, 2019. 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 November 13, 2019. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the District Clerk from 7:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. (Prevailing Time) on each of the five (5)

days prior to the day of the election, except Sunday, November 10, 2019 and Monday, November 11, 2019, and from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, November 9, 2019, by advance appointment only.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that this Board shall convene a special meeting thereof within twenty-four hours after the filing with the District Clerk of a written report of the results of the ballot, in the East Rockaway Jr./Sr. High School for the purpose of examining and tabulating said reports of the result of the ballot and declaring the result of the ballot; that the Board hereby designates itself to be a set of poll clerks to cast and canvass ballots pursuant to Education Law, §2019-a, subdivision 2b at said special meeting of the Board.

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

BY THE ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dated: September 17, 2019

Vitina Fazi
District Clerk

Section 4. The vote upon the Bond Proposition to be submitted to the qualified voters shall be by paper or machine ballots, 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. The proceeds of the bonds authorized pursuant to the Bond Proposition set forth in Section 3 hereof, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, may be applied to reimburse the District for expenditures made for the purpose or purposes for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Board Member Peter McNally and duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

AYES: 4 (Four)

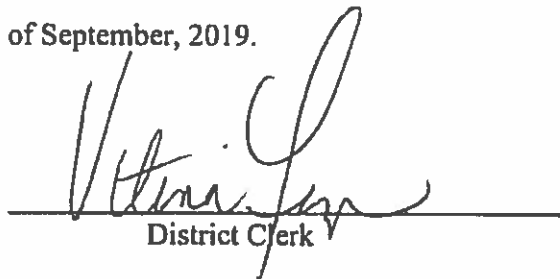
NOES: 0 (None)

The resolution was declared adopted.

CERTIFICATE

I, VIINA FAZI, District Clerk of the East Rockaway Union Free School District, Nassau County, State of New York, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing annexed extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Board of Education of said School District, duly called and held on September 17, 2019 has been compared by me with the original minutes as officially recorded in my office in the Minute Book of said Board of Education and is a true, complete and correct copy thereof and of the whole of said original minutes so far as the same relate to the subject matters referred to in said extract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said School District this 17th day of September, 2019.


District Clerk

(SEAL)