

EAST ROCKAWAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
East Rockaway, New York
Meeting of the Board of Education
7:00 P.M., March 16, 2021
East Rockaway Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium
Preceded by a Retirement Recognition, Scholastic Writing Gold Key
Award Winner, Madeline Prucha, Public Hearing:
District Plan Protocols for a Health Emergency, and a Public Forum
Meeting Open to the Public and Livestreamed

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Dominick Vulpis, Kristen O'Hagan, Peter McNally, Daniel DeMatteo, Joseph Kilgus, Superintendent Lisa J. Ruiz, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations, Jacqueline A. Scio; Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, Mona Hecht, District Clerk, Vitina Fazi

Absent: None

1. Mr. Vulpis called the meeting to order at approximately 7:04 p.m. in the Auditorium of the East Rockaway Jr./Sr. High School.
2. Daniel DeMatteo introduced Centre Avenue School second grade student, Maxwell Vetere who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Ruiz welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting and thanked everyone for coming out. The first presentation is bitter-sweet. She then introduced Mr. Schaffer who spoke on behalf of Doreen Johnson, high school principal's secretary who will be retiring. He began his presentation by saying what an honor it is to pay tribute to her. He spoke about her time in the District and then showed a video tribute of staff members who also expressed their gratitude to Mrs. Johnson. She was presented with flowers and a recognition gift.

Ms. Ruiz then introduced 11th grade student Madeline Prucha, a Scholastic Writing Gold Key Award Winner. Ms. Prucha was asked to share one of her essays and read it for the audience. Ms. Ruiz thanked Ms. Prucha and congratulated her on winning the award.

The next presentation was a public hearing regarding the *District's Plan Protocols for a Health Emergency*. Due to recent amendments to the Education Law, the District is required to hold a public forum to share the newest part of the District's School Wide School Safety Plan. Ms. Ruiz showed a PowerPoint presentation explaining the background of the plan and how the plan was created and implemented. The plan has to be submitted to and reviewed by

the NYSSSED by April 1, 2021. Ms. Ruiz thanked Altaris Security for their leadership in completing the plan. Ms. Ruiz asked and answered questions from the audience.

The presentations concluded at 7:50 p.m. and the Board began the public portion of the agenda.

3. Public Comments on Agenda Items

Mr. Vulpis stated that Board will be managing Board of Education email items this evening. If you have any questions regarding the agenda times, now is the time to contact the Board's email. You will also have an opportunity at the public comments section to contact the Board.

Mr. Vulpis checked for email comments and there were none. Mr. Vulpis encouraged anyone with comments to email the board at BOE@ersd.org and they will be answered at the end of the meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Vulpis asked if there were any questions regarding the minutes below. There were none and Mr. Vulpis asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Upon motion made by Kristen O'Hagan, seconded by Peter McNally, all in favor AYE, opposed: NONE; abstained: NONE; the motion was unanimously passed, and the following minutes were approved:

- A. February 9, 2021, Meeting of the Board of Education
- B. March 9, 2021, Special Meeting of the Board of Education

5. Acknowledgment of Monthly Reports and Correspondence

- A. Receipt of Monthly Financial Reports
The Board acknowledged receipt of the January 2021 monthly financial reports
- B. Correspondence – several items of correspondence was received regarding bringing students back to school

6. Recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Ruiz commented that at last week's special meeting Ryan Fisk was appointed as Director of Technology and Learning Analytics. She then introduced him to the audience. Mr. Fisk will be starting March 22nd and she wished him much success in his new position.

Mr. Vulpis asked if the trustees had any questions regarding Items A-P below. There were

none and Mr. Vulpis asked for a motion to approve Items A-P below.

Upon motion made by Daniel DeMatteo, seconded by Joseph Kilgus, all in favor AYE, opposed: NONE; abstained: NONE; the motion was unanimously passed, and the following Items A-P were approved on a consent agenda.

- A. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept, with regret, the resignation of Nicholas Cimorelli, for the purpose of retirement, from his technology teacher position, effective June 30, 2021.
- B. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the following resignations:
 - 1. Jeanne Paige from her part-time (.5 FTE) speech/language teacher position, effective April 9, 2021.
 - 2. SallyAnn Agro, RN, school nurse, effective March 26, 2021
- C. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve a change to the effective date of Leon D. Araoz' retirement date to be April 1, 2021.
- D. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the request of Joseph Cracolici for a continuation of his leave of absence for personal medical reasons to be effective through June 30, 2021.
- E. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the request of Jennifer Melecio for a 12-week FMLA leave of absence from her school counselor position, effective May 28, 2021, through October 28, 2021, and thereafter a child rearing leave of absence effective October 29, 2021, through the first day of the spring semester 2022.
- F. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the request of Patricia Refino for a FMLA leave of absence from her science teacher position effective May 13, 2021 through June 30, 2021.
- G. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the request of Brianne Allgier for a FMLA leave of absence from her elementary teacher position effective May 13, 2021 through June 30, 2021.
- H. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the request of Casey Wise for a FMLA leave of absence from her teaching assistant position effective May 17, 2021 through June 30, 2021.
- I. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve a change in the leave of Briar Falvo for a 12-week FMLA leave of absence from her English teacher position, effective March 8, 2021, through June 4, 2021, and thereafter a child

rearing leave of absence effective June 5, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

- J. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the request of Alyssa Stegner for a 12-week FMLA leave of absence from her mathematics teacher position, effective August 31, 2021, through November 15, 2021, and thereafter a child rearing leave of absence effective November 16, 2021, through the first day of the spring semester 2022.
- K. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the appointment of Christine Posillico to the position of short-term substitute English teacher, to be effective March 15, 2021, through June 30, 2021, at the per diem salary established by the East Rockaway Board of Education on the Non-Contractual Salary Schedule for the 2020-2021 school year.
- L. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Nicole Masiello to the position of leave replacement Mathematics Chairperson, effective February 22, 2021, through June 30, 2021 at the prorated MA60, Step 14, (plus stipend) annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2020-2021 school year.
- M. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the revised winter sports coaching schedule dated February 25, 2021.
- N. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the revised ERHS Club Advisor assignments for the 2020-2021 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 2020-2021 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the charters.
- O. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the amended retirement letter of Doreen Johnson from her clerical position, effective April 7, 2021.
- P. 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. Anthony Lombardo, substitute cleaner, effective upon Civil Service approval
 - 2. Jessica Risso, athletic supervisor (day/evening) effective February 8, 2021
 - 3. Robert Anderson, athletic supervisor (day/evening) effective February 8, 2021

7. Other Items

Mr. Vulpis asked if the trustees had any questions regarding Item 7-A below. There were no questions. Mr. Vulpis then asked for a motion to approve Item 7-A.

Upon motion made by Kristen O’Hagan, seconded by Peter McNally, all in favor AYE, opposed: NONE; abstained: NONE; the motion was unanimously passed, and the following Item 7-A was unanimously approved.

- A. Approve the Public Health Emergency Addendum to the District-Wide School Safety Plan.

Mr. Vulpis asked if the trustees had any questions regarding Item 7-B below. There were no questions. Mr. Vulpis then asked for a motion to approve Item 7-B.

Upon motion made by Joseph Kilgus, seconded by Daniel DeMatteo, all in favor AYE, opposed: NONE; abstained: NONE; the motion was unanimously passed, and the following Item 7-B was unanimously approved.

- B. Approve the following resolution to authorize the expenditure for the Capital Reserve Fund for Technology Replacement II proposition:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District has determined that there is a need to undertake certain technology upgrades to commence during the 2021-2022 school year (“Projects”), as described in the outline contained in the 2021-2022 Budget Proposal on file and available for public inspection in the office of the District Clerk (“Report”); and

WHEREAS the Board desires the proposition be presented to the voters of the School District authorizing the expenditure of available funds for that purpose from the District’s existing Capital Reserve Fund for Technology Replacement II; and

WHEREAS the Board of Education is the lead agency for the purposes of SEQRA determinations regarding the proposed Projects; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that, upon the review and recommendation of the District’s Architect, the proposed Projects are hereby determined to be Type II actions, as defined by 6 NYCRR §617.5[c], which will have no significant impact on the environment, and which do not require any other determination, procedure, or additional action under SEQRA; and, therefore, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes and directs that the following proposition be placed before the voters of the East Rockaway Union Free School District at the Annual District Meeting to be held between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. on May 18, 2021, at the East Rockaway Jr./Sr. High School; and that the District Clerk be hereby authorized and directed to give notice of such proposition to be

voted at said Annual District Meeting by publishing a notice thereof, four times within the seven (7) weeks next preceding the district election, the first publication to be at least forty-five (45) days before the election, and to have the necessary ballot labels printed for said vote in the form corresponding as nearly as may be with the requirements of the Education Law and the provisions of the voting machine rules of this school district:

PROPOSITION NO. 2 (Capital Reserve Fund for Technology Projects):

RESOLVED, that the East Rockaway Union Free School District, is hereby authorized to undertake certain district-wide purchases and/or replacement of certain technology and telecommunications equipment and software (“Project”) during 2021-2022 as described herein, to be funded from existing reserves at no additional cost to District taxpayers, to consist of the following: (1) Computer Hardware Upgrades; (2) Network Upgrades; and (3) Smart Classroom Upgrades; including equipment, construction and other required work, and preliminary, incidental and financing costs; and to expend therefor an amount not to exceed \$170,000, to be funded as follows: \$170,000 from the District’s Capital Reserve Fund for Technology Replacement II, established on May 20, 2014; provided that the detailed component costs may be reallocated among such components if the Board of Education shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interests of the District and can be made without any material change in the scope of the Project.

Mr. Vulpis asked if the trustees had any questions regarding Item 7-C below. There were no questions. Mr. Vulpis then asked for a motion to approve Item 7-C.

Upon motion made by Peter McNally, seconded by Kristen O’Hagan, all in favor AYE, opposed: NONE; abstained: NONE; the motion was unanimously passed, and the following Item 7-C was unanimously approved.

- C. Approve the Notice of Budget Hearing and Annual District Election of the East Rockaway UFSD, and the publication of such notice as required by law, in the “Oceanside, Rockville Centre, East Rockaway Tribune,” and “The Lynbrook/East Rockaway Herald.”

Mr. Vulpis asked if the trustees had any questions regarding Item 7-D below. There were no questions. Mr. Vulpis then asked for a motion to approve Item 7-D.

Upon motion made by Peter McNally, seconded by Daniel DeMatteo, all in favor AYE, opposed: NONE; abstained: NONE; the motion was unanimously passed, and the following Item 7-D was unanimously approved.

- D. 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 May 18, 2021, annual school district meeting and election, at the salary set forth on the Non-Contractual Salary Schedule for the 2020-2021 school year:

1. Deirdre Boller
2. Apolonia Carrasco
3. Joyce M. Davino
4. Ronald DiRienzo (Poll Coordinator)
5. Joseph Fragola
6. Alberta Ippolito
7. Carol Kramer
8. Jill Lander
9. Margaret McKeon
10. Rose Trum (Chairperson)

Mr. Vulpis asked if the trustees had any questions regarding Item 7-E below. There were no questions. Mr. Vulpis then asked for a motion to approve Item 7-E.

Upon motion made by Kristen O'Hagan, seconded by Peter McNally, all in favor AYE, opposed: NONE; abstained: NONE; the motion was unanimously passed, and the following Item 7-E was unanimously approved.

E. Approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2020, the Board of Education accepted proposals from the service providers listed below pursuant to a Cooperative Request for Proposal for Special Education Related Services for the 2020-2021 school year in accordance with the applicable provisions of the General Municipal Law (RFP) and authorized the District to enter into formal agreements with said service providers for their respective services for the 2020-21 school year; and

WHEREAS the RFP authorizes the Board of Education to renew its agreements with service providers for additional one year periods upon the existing terms and conditions, including price, provided that in the event that the service provider incurs additional expenses that require a price increase in subsequent years, the service provider may request an annual increase not to exceed the District's allowable growth factor for that school year; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the District to renew its existing agreements with the providers indicated below for the 2021-22 school year in accordance with the terms of the RFP and this resolution, and authorizes the

Board President to execute such renewal agreements:

PROVIDERS: Abilities, Inc.; Access 7 Services, Inc.; Achieve Beyond; All About Kids, PLLC; All Island Kids Therapy's, LLC; All Points Licensed Behavior Analysts, PLLC; Alternative Communication Services, LLC; Alternative Tutoring, Inc.; Always Compassionate Home Care, Inc.; APEX Therapeutic Services; Ardolino, Rita; Arland, Phyllis; Armstrong, Daniel; Ascent; Ash-Bernstein, Melissa; Athlos; Axel, Elizabeth; Battaglia, Lauren; Baudin, Christine SLP; Bayada Home Health Care, Inc.; Behavior Change Success Corp; Behavior Intervention Psychological Services, PC; Beyond Boundaries Autism Specialists; Beyond Boundaries Therapeutic Services; Bialer, Doreit; Bilingual Professional Agency, Inc.; Bilko, Sheila M.; Blue Sea Educational Consulting Inc.; Bowen, Liz; Brookville Center; Browne, Susan; Calderon, Ricardo; Career & Employment Options (CEO); Carrie's Kids; Childhood Anxiety Solutions; Christian Nursing Registry; Christie, Toni Ann; Clampitt, Melanie; Clinical Staffing Resources; Cohen, Dr. Alan; Comprehensive Psychological Services, P.C.; Comprehensive Resources, Inc.; Consulting That Makes a Difference, Inc.; Corinthian Therapy Management Services; Creedon, Francine; Da Vinci Education & Research; Delio, Patricia M.A.; Delta-T Group; DeMaria, Michele; DeMatteis Keller, Gabrielle; Dotcom Therapy; Doxsee, Thomas; East Norwich Therapeutic Services; Easy A Today; Eden II School for Autistic Children, Inc. d/b/a Eden II /Genesis Programs; Edgewater Consulting; Education Relief, Inc.; EI US, LLC d/b/a Learnwell; Eiger, Gwenn PT; Emerald Investigations, Inc.; Eriksen Translations Inc.; Estevez, Jo Ann B.S., M.S.; Extraordinary Pediatrics; Family Center for Autism (Life WORC); Family Pediatric Home Care, DIV of Tri-Borough Home Care, LTD.; First Class Tutoring; Foundations Occupational Therapy; Frontier Behavior Services, LLC; Garden City Audiology; Gareau, Kathleen; Gomes, Hilary – Pediatric Neuropsychologist; Greenfield, Terri; Grogan, Virginia; Hart, Dina; Health Source Group; Homayoonfar, Sepideh; Horizon Healthcare Services; Innovative Tutoring; Institute for Children with Autism & Related Disorders; Ippolito, Angelo; Isaakov, Dr. Zaur; iTutor.com, Inc.; Kid Success, Inc.; Kids Learning Loft ABA Services, PLLC; Kirshner, Debra; Klein, Dr. Vicki; Klonsky, Olivia; Kreinik, KimyaSakhai; L.I. Therapy Management; Lakretz Creative Support Services, Inc.; LaMarca, Dr. Linda (Neuropsychologist); Language Line Solutions; Leibowitz, Judy; Leonard, Karen; LI Orientation and Mobility, LLC; LIDCLong Island Developmental Consulting, Inc.; Limperis, Maria; Linzalone, Dr. Tanya; Little Sprouts Growth and Development, LLC; Long Island Neuropsychological Consultants; Long Island Stuttering & Speech Pathology; Long Island Tutorial Services; Mancuso, Jennifer; Manhattan Psychology Group, PC; Maxim Healthcare Services; Mazza, Marie; McCoy, Irene; McNamara, Barry Ed.D; Melchione, Danielle; Metro Therapy; Milestones In Home Care, Inc.; Mill Neck Interpreter Services; Millenium Children's Therapy; Miller, Crystal T. PT, DPT, PPLC; Mind Prep Tutoring; Mishkin, Dr. Jodi Alison; MKSA, LLC; Mucciolo, Marilyn; Nassau Suffolk

Services for the Autistics, Inc. (NSSA); Navon, Dr. Richard; Nazarieh, Melani; Nicholas Center For Autism; North Coast Psychological Services; North Shore Children's Physical Therapy, PLLC; North Shore Speech & Language Associations; NPORT Staffing; NY Therapy Placement Services; Oshikanlu, Bolajoko MS ED OTR; Ottosen, Jill; Out East Therapy of New York; Pallotta, Mara; Pediatric Neuropsychology Associates of LI; Perfect Choice Staffing; Perfect Playground, LLC dba The Stepping Stones Group; Plunkett, Lindsay; Positive Behavior Services (PBS); PresenceLearning, LLC; Pro Performance; Public Consulting Group; Reddy Consulting Services, Inc. ; Rivman, Anita; Rose, Eileen; Ruhlig, Christine, PT; Russo, Dr. Connie; S.E.E.D.S of the Willistons, Inc.; Sabatino, Michele; Sabatino-Andrus, Alicia; Sanguedolce, Mary; Sardone, Jennie; Sensational Development Occupational Therapy, PLLC; SignTalk, LLC; Simon, Marlene; SLCD (akaTiegerman); Solix, Inc.; Strazzeri, Jennifer, LLC; Strong Kids, Inc.; Syosset Home Tutoring; Terranova, Gia; The Hagedorn Little Village School; The Rebecca Center; Therapia Staffing; Tinagero SLP, P.C.; Tracy, Laurette; Tussman, Barry; Tutor Doctor; Tutoring for Life, LLC; Tutoring Service of Long Island; Variety Child Learning Center; Wanderman, Debbie; Weiss, Rona; White Glove Community Care; Williams Speech; World Class Language Solutions; Zamft Tutoring, LLC; Zycron Industries.

Mr. Vulpis asked if the trustees had any questions regarding Item 7-F below. There were no questions. Mr. Vulpis then asked for a motion to approve Item 7-F.

Upon motion made by Joseph Kilgus, seconded by Daniel DeMatteo, all in favor AYE, opposed: NONE; abstained: NONE; the motion was unanimously passed, and the following Item 7-F was unanimously approved.

F. Approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a number of public school districts in Nassau County wish to jointly solicit proposals, together with the Nassau Board of Cooperative Educational Services ("BOCES") for pupil transportation services for the 2021-22 school year (and any renewal period) in accordance with the applicable provisions of General Municipal Law;

WHEREAS, the public school districts and the BOCES have agreed to form a Cooperative (the "Cooperative") for this purpose;

WHEREAS, the East Rockaway School District is desirous of participating in the Cooperative for joint solicitation of proposals for pupil transportation services as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Inter-Municipal Cooperative Transportation Agreement attached hereto;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the School District to participate in the Cooperative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Inter-Municipal Cooperative Transportation Agreement (Recitals) attached hereto and authorizes the Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

Mr. Vulpis asked if the trustees had any questions regarding Item 7-G below. There were no questions. Mr. Vulpis then asked for a motion to approve Item 7-G.

Upon motion made by Kristen O'Hagan, seconded by Peter McNally, all in favor AYE, opposed: NONE; abstained: NONE; the motion was unanimously passed, and the following Item 7-G was unanimously approved.

G. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the President of the Board of Education is authorized to establish the "*Genie C. Kubat Award*" to be awarded to one graduating student pursuing a hands-on career through a specific trade service, union, internship, or school, including but not limited to plumber, electrician, hairdresser, chef.

Mr. Vulpis asked if the trustees had any questions regarding Item 7-H below. There were no questions. Mr. Vulpis then asked for a motion to approve Item 7-H.

Upon motion made by Daniel DeMatteo, seconded by Joseph Kilgus, all in favor AYE, opposed: NONE; abstained: NONE; the motion was unanimously passed, and the following Item 7-H was unanimously approved.

H. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District approves the terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Agreement dated February 22, 2021, between the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District and the East Rockaway Secretaries Association regarding the terms and conditions of employment for the District's unit members for the period July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2023, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to execute the resulting collective bargaining agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

Mr. Vulpis asked if the trustees had any questions regarding Item 7-I below. There were no questions. Mr. Vulpis then asked for a motion to approve Item 7-I.

Upon motion made by Kristen O’Hagan, seconded by Peter McNally, all in favor AYE, opposed: NONE; abstained: NONE; the motion was unanimously passed, and the following Item 7-I was unanimously approved.

- I. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District hereby approves and adopts the terms and conditions of the Stipulation of Settlement resolving a dispute involving transportation services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the President of the Board to execute the Stipulation of Settlement as approved on the Board's behalf.

Mr. Vulpis asked if the trustees had any questions regarding Item 7-J below. There were no questions. Mr. Vulpis then asked for a motion to approve Item 7-J.

Upon motion made by Daniel DeMatteo, seconded by Peter McNally, all in favor AYE, opposed: NONE; abstained: NONE; the motion was unanimously passed, and the following Item 7-J was unanimously approved.

- J. Approve the Renewal License Agreement with SCOPE Educational Services for the After School Child Care Program for the 2021-2022 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the Agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

Mr. Vulpis asked if the trustees had any questions regarding Item 7-K below. There were no questions. Mr. Vulpis then asked for a motion to approve Item 7-K.

Upon motion made by Kristen O’Hagan, seconded by Peter McNally, all in favor AYE, opposed: NONE; abstained: NONE; the motion was unanimously passed, and the following Item 7-K was unanimously approved.

- K. Approve the Health and Welfare Agreement between East Rockaway UFSD and Hicksville UFSD for the health and welfare services for the 2020-2021 school year and authorize the Superintendent and the President of the Board of Education to execute the agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

Mr. Vulpis asked if the trustees had any questions regarding Item 7-L below. There were no questions. Mr. Vulpis then asked for a motion to approve Item 7-L.

Upon motion made by Peter McNally, seconded by Joseph Kilgus, all in favor AYE, opposed: NONE; abstained: NONE; the motion was unanimously passed, and the following Item 7-L was unanimously approved.

- L. Approve the Health and Welfare Agreement between East Rockaway UFSD and Lynbrook UFSD for the health and welfare services for the 2020-2021 school year and authorize the Superintendent and the President of the Board of Education to execute the agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

Mr. Vulpis asked if the trustees had any questions regarding Item 7-M below. There were no questions. Mr. Vulpis then asked for a motion to approve Item 7-M.

Upon motion made by Daniel DeMatteo, seconded by Kristen O'Hagan, all in favor AYE, opposed: NONE; abstained: NONE; the motion was unanimously passed, and the following Item 7-M was unanimously approved.

- M. Approve the Health and Welfare Agreement between East Rockaway UFSD and Garden City UFSD for the health and welfare services for the 2020-2021 school year and authorize the Superintendent and the President of the Board of Education to execute the agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

Mr. Vulpis asked if the trustees had any questions regarding Item 7-N below. There were no questions. Mr. Vulpis then asked for a motion to approve Item 7-N.

Upon motion made by Peter McNally, seconded by Joseph Kilgus, all in favor AYE, opposed: NONE; abstained: NONE; the motion was unanimously passed, and the following Item 7-N was unanimously approved.

- N. Approve the terms and conditions of the letter of engagement between CBIZ Valuation Group, LLC, and the East Rockaway Union Free School District, for valuation of land and buildings for the 2020-2021 school year and authorize the Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations to execute the letter of engagement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

Mr. Vulpis asked if the trustees had any questions regarding Item 7-O below. There were no questions. Mr. Vulpis then asked for a motion to approve Item 7-O.

Upon motion made by Kristen O'Hagan, seconded by Peter McNally, all in favor AYE, opposed: NONE; abstained: NONE; the motion was unanimously passed, and the following Item 7-O was unanimously approved.

- O. Approve the Contract for Services with Ashleigh Gets It Done!, transportation consultant, for the period April 1, 2021, through March 31, 2022, and authorize the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations to execute the Contract for Services on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

Mr. Vulpis asked if the trustees had any questions regarding Item 7-P below. There were no questions. Mr. Vulpis then asked for a motion to approve Item 7-P.

Upon motion made by Daniel DeMatteo, seconded by Joseph Kilgus, all in favor AYE, opposed: NONE; abstained: NONE; the motion was unanimously passed, and the following Item 7-P was unanimously approved.

- P. Approve the Affordable Care Act Administration Agreement between the East Rockaway Union Free School District and Seneca Consulting Group, Inc., for administrative services related to the Affordable Care Act for the 2021-2022 school year and authorize the Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations to execute the Agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

Mr. Vulpis asked if the trustees had any questions regarding Item 7-Q below. There were no questions. Mr. Vulpis then asked for a motion to approve Item 7-Q.

Upon motion made by Kristen O'Hagan, seconded by Peter McNally, all in favor AYE, opposed: NONE; abstained: NONE; the motion was unanimously passed, and the following Item 7-Q was unanimously approved.

- Q. Approve the terms of the Letter of Intent dated March 4, 2021, with Nassau BOCES for a 48-month lease for two (2) Xerox multi-task copy machines and authorize the Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations to execute the Letter of Intent on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

Mr. Vulpis asked if the trustees had any questions regarding Item 7-R below. There were no questions. Mr. Vulpis then asked for a motion to approve Item 7-R.

Upon motion made by Daniel DeMatteo, seconded by Joseph Kilgus, all in favor AYE, opposed: NONE; abstained: NONE; the motion was unanimously passed, and the following Item 7-R was unanimously approved.

- R. Approve the Summer School Contract (2021) with Nassau BOCES for East Rockaway students for the period July 1, 2021, through on or about August 31, 2021, and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the contract on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

Mr. Vulpis asked if the trustees had any questions regarding Item 7-S below. There were no questions. Mr. Vulpis then asked for a motion to approve Item 7-S.

Upon motion made by Kristen O'Hagan, seconded by Peter McNally, all in favor AYE, opposed: NONE; abstained: NONE; the motion was unanimously passed, and

the following Item 7-S was unanimously approved.

- S. Declare obsolete for the purpose of disposal and/or recycling, the items listed on the Textbook Removal Form dated March 1, 2021.

Mr. Vulpis asked if the trustees had any questions regarding Item 7-T below. There were no questions. Mr. Vulpis then asked for a motion to approve Item 7-T.

Upon motion made by Peter McNally, seconded by Daniel DeMatteo, all in favor AYE, opposed: NONE; abstained: NONE; the motion was unanimously passed, and the following Item 7-T was unanimously approved.

- T. Approve the following donations:

1. From the Centre Avenue PTA, a check in the sum of \$1,920 for the Class of 2027
2. From the East Rockaway Education Foundation Inc., a check in the sum of \$5,000 raised through the EREF Founder's Challenge as special aid to fight the effects of COVID-19 on the education of our children

- 8. Mr. Vulpis asked if the trustees had any questions regarding the CSE and CPSE Recommendations. There were no questions. Mr. Vulpis then asked for a motion to approve the CSE and CPSE Recommendations.

Upon motion made by Kristen O'Hagan, seconded by Joseph Kilgus, all in favor AYE, opposed: NONE; abstained: NONE; the motion was unanimously passed, and the CSE and CPSE Recommendations were unanimously approved.

- 9. Budget Transfers

Mr. Vulpis asked if the trustees had any questions regarding the following budget transfers. There were no questions. Mr. Vulpis then asked for a motion to approve the budget transfers.

Upon motion made by Daniel DeMatteo, seconded by Joseph Kilgus, all in favor AYE, opposed: NONE; abstained: NONE; the motion was unanimously passed, and the following budget transfers were unanimously approved.

- A. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following budget transfers:
 1. Transaction No. 21-0012
 2. Transaction No. 21-0013

10. Policy Matters

A. Policy Subcommittee Report

Mrs. O'Hagan provided the following report:

The Policy Sub-Committee met on February 23rd. There are four policies up for adoption this evening:

5500, 5500-R, Student Records: This policy has been modified to reflect recent state regulations implementing Education Law 2-d regarding data privacy and security.

9420, Recruiting and Hiring: This policy has been updated to reflect equity, inclusivity, and diversity addressing recruiting and hiring practices. The Board believes that the quality of the district's employees in large part determines the quality of education offered to the district's students.

9700, Professional Learning and Staff Development: We have modified this policy to reflect Commissioner's regulations which changed the term "professional development" to "professional learning" and which now requires that professional learning address culturally responsive practices.

4511, Textbook Selection and Adoption: This policy has been updated to address issues of educational equity, inclusivity, and diversity. This policy already included language addressing fair representation of the contributions of ethnic groups to American heritage, and literary works that interest students.

We will continue to review the following policies:

0105, Equity, Inclusivity, and Diversity in Education

9150, Non-Fraternization "New"

6705, Federal Funds Purchasing

0101, Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms

8130, School Safety Plans and Teams

5151, Homeless Children

The date for our next meeting is TBD.

Mr. Vulpis asked if there were any questions regarding Item 10 B below. There were no questions. Mr. Vulpis asked for a motion to adopt the policies listed in Item B (For

Adoption).

Upon motion made by Peter McNally, seconded by Daniel DeMatteo, all in favor AYE, opposed: NONE; abstained: NONE; the following policies listed in Item B (1-4) were unanimously approved for adoption.

B. For Adoption

1. 5500, 5500-R, Student Records
2. 9420, Recruiting and Hiring
3. 9700, Professional Learning and Staff Development
4. 4511, Textbook Selection and Adoption

C. For Review

1. 0105, Equity, Inclusivity, and Diversity in Education
2. 9150, Non-Fraternization “New”
3. 6705, Federal Funds Purchasing
4. 0101, Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms
5. 8130, School Safety Plans and Teams
6. 5151, Homeless Children

11. Reports

A. Superintendent’s Report

Congratulations to Keith Gamache upon receiving the Nassau BOCES Education Partner Award. Although the gala was cancelled due to COVID, he received his award last Tuesday here in the auditorium. A small group was in attendance when he was presented with the award.

Thank you to Mr. Schaffer for his video tribute to Doreen Johnson. It was a labor of love. Mrs. Johnson will certainly be missed. It was a well-deserved tribute to her.

Return to Full In-Person Learning

Last week we presented information to the Board of Education that formed the basis for the District’s plan to return students to full in person learning. We looked at parent, faculty and staff and student survey results, information from scientific experts, the latest CDC guidelines from February 2021, data from other school districts, and of course the positivity rate for our area which we will continue to monitor.

We followed the following guiding principles to drive our process:

- ✓ Student Social Emotional Well Being

- ✓ Academic Outcomes for Students
- ✓ Consistent Routine and Full Engagement for Students
- ✓ Impact on Faculty and Staff
- ✓ Impact on Families
- ✓ Maintaining a Safe School Environment for All

As a result, we will be moving forward with a plan which was shared with faculty yesterday and will be shared with parents Thursday evening to return students to full time in-person instruction with a phased in approach.

Basically, depending on the positivity rate remaining stable and the arrival of the barriers, the dates for students returning is as follows:

April 12 th :	Grades 4, 7, 8, and 12
April 19 th :	Grades 5, 6 and 11
April 26 th :	Grades 9 and 10

Beginning next week, we will also be collapsing some of the classes at Rhame and then Centre. Any full remote students in grades K-3 who wish to return to full in person learning will be scheduled to return the week of April 12th as well.

We will share more information on Thursday evening and the presentation will be posted tomorrow afternoon in advance of the meeting for families to view.

We encourage parents to view the presentation so we can make sure we allot time for questions.

Thank you to our faculty, staff and administrators for their continued efforts as we work through these challenging times. We are confident we are encouraged by the data that we are seeing across our area and country that schools can return safely. We must enlist the support of our school community. The evidence shows that Covid cases are not spreading in schools but rather in the community and therefore we ask that our families continue to practice social distancing and all health and safety guidelines so that we keep the cases of Covid low. Should things change we will be prepared to respond which could be to close a school if the number of cases warrants that or adjust our instructional model in response to the level of virus in the community. The District has partnered with Mt. Sinai Hospital to get our faculty and staff vaccinated on Friday.

Achievement

Congratulations to this year's East Rockaway High School Valedictorian Lucy Temple

and Salutatorian Emma Pollakov! Students were officially notified last week, and we look forward to honoring them at a future board meeting.

The Boys Varsity Basketball, Girls Varsity Basketball and Varsity Coed Cheerleading all achieved Scholar Athlete Team Distinction by having a team GPA of at least 90%! Additionally, 32 Winter Athletes (65%) achieved Scholar Athlete distinction by having over a 90 GPA.

After competing against Solomon Schecter, Holy Trinity, and Freeport, the East Rockaway Mock Trial Team has advanced into the Sweet Sixteen of the Nassau County Bar Association Mock Trial Competition for the first time. They will compete against St. Mary's on March 17th. The Mock Trial Team has been working harder than ever, and is led by Madeleine Prucha, Emily McLaughlin, Michael Watson, Adrianna Calabrese, Sofia Valdebenito, Grace DelValle, Clare Acuti and Julia Walsh.

Congratulations to our DECA participants for competing in the NY DECA SCC Competition this past month! Students Conor Kelly, Keira O'Neill, Julia Passanisi, and Jason Miller, Sydney Rodriguez, and Sofia Valdebenito, were all named as overall finalists in this year's competition. The categories that our students competed in included Hospitality & Tourism Operations, Sports & Entertainment Marketing Operations, and Startup Business.

Four winter athletes achieved the Athletics Department Award of Excellence by earning Scholar Athlete for their performance in the classroom and a county level award for their performance on the court. Congratulations to Riley O'Hagan, Katy Howard, Theresa Lynch and Emma Poland.

All elementary teachers worked with our literacy consultant to support their planning of Balanced Literacy in conjunction with our Wonders Curriculum. Teachers engaged in learning about three elements of the District's Balanced Literacy Framework and common planning to plan for Literacy instruction that is rigorous and engaging for our students.

Opportunity

Career Week was held at the elementary schools and the East Rockaway Jr./Sr. High School last week. During Career Week, students engaged in virtual presentations from our families and community about their various careers. Students had wonderful questions and engaged in deep conversations to assist in paving the way for their future. Professionals from a wide variety of careers spoke to our students about their choices, successes, failures, experiences, and all facets of their professions. Presentations occurred

through Google Meet, allowing for presenters to join from places including California and Massachusetts.

During the month of February, Madeleine Prucha participated in the Model G20 Climate Summit. The goal of the summit was to create climate policy for specific countries, and Madeleine was placed in a group with students from all over the world. Her group was given South Africa and Madeleine served as the Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications, where she was responsible for creating policy to communicate climate change to the South African public and for negotiating with other groups. Madeleine's team earned the "Most Outstanding Delegation" in the summit.

Nicole Mihalek, band teacher, was chosen to present two workshops this month at the Oneida Virtual All-County Festival, one for teachers, and one for students. The teacher workshop is called "Keeping the Beat: 3 Pillars of Retention for School Music Ensembles. The student workshop entitled "Demystifying the Piccolo: The Small But Mighty." This workshop will assist students who are new to piccolo transition to their embouchures, as well as offer a masterclass opportunity for any student interested in performing.

Rock Rivalry 2021 kicked off on Saturday, March 6th with our annual volleyball tournament. Congratulations to the sophomores for winning the girls tournament and to the seniors for winning on the boys' side.

Dr. Nancy Kaplan, Diversity, and Inclusivity Consultant, conducted the first of three virtual workshops with our 8th grade students on March 5th. Sessions will center on leadership, inclusivity, and the transition to high school.

High school fall sports are in full swing with all programs starting game play this week. All of our outdoor high school home games will be played at Malverne High School where, currently, two home spectators are permitted per student-athlete. Entry procedures vary from sport to sport and have been communicated to parents by Mr. Barth. Due to construction on our new stadium complex, most of our JV Football games are away. We explored all options to have additional "home" games that will allow East Rockaway spectators, including local parks and school districts, however due to the rigidity of the football schedule we were unable to find fields that could accommodate our games and/or fans. We were able to schedule a game on Monday, April 5 at Cantiague Park in Hicksville that will allow for our spectators to attend. Policies regarding visiting team spectators differ between districts, however at this point the vast majority of districts do not allow visiting team spectators. If an opposing school is allowing visiting spectators, those procedures will be communicated to the parents by Mr.

Barth and/or the team's coach. All Cross-Country meets are held at Eisenhower Park which does not allow spectators

If available, live stream information for these events can be found on our athletics website. We are inviting a limited number of home team spectators per volleyball game, both JV and Varsity, due to the capacity restrictions in the large gym. All home games are live streamed for free on www.NFHSNetwork.com.

Looking ahead, Junior High Fall Athletics are scheduled to start on Monday March 22 and followed by High School Spring Sports on April 22, and then Junior High Spring sports on May 3. We are exploring the possibility of hosting both home and away spectators for games held at Bay Park this year.

Innovation

Teachers engaged in Model School Sessions to enhance instruction with technology. Upcoming sessions will center around the use of Breakout Rooms, Gaming within Lessons, as well as the creation of Bitmoji Classroom.

Ms. DiNome's Spanish classes taught a lesson of their choice to classmates. Students selected a topic, created learning intentions and success criteria, and conducted a mini-lesson for their passion project. They taught their peers about American Sign Language, Chinese and how to solve a Rubix cube in Spanish, to name a few. Also, they created Google forms, Kahoots and activities to assess their peers' learning in the target language!

Ryan Johnson, a student in the Automotive Technology program at Barry Tech in September has excelled in his placement. Ryan was recommended for an internship at a dealership during his first year of the program, which is unique. Ryan interned at Rockville Centre GMC for several months as a high school junior and trained 1:1 alongside a seasoned master technician. This year, he has interned in an independent shop in Island Park and is currently employed as a technician at Levittown Ford for several weeks. We are so proud of Ryan's accomplishments.

Students in Music and Media course at the high school completed a long-term project in which they created a soundtrack for a Nike Commercial. Students had to consider individual sound effects and background music tracks to create the desired mood. Finished products were screened for students and guest judges and the top two videos will be featured in the morning announcements.

Twenty-three EMT students have begun utilizing a blended learning platform to work towards achieving First Aid and AED certification.

Thank you to the East Rockaway Education Foundation Dr. Richard Meagher, for their continuous support of our District, teachers, and students.

Connection

Centre and Rhame students engaged in a Spirit Week activities' kicking off Career Week. On Monday, students wore their pajamas to reach for their dreams, Tuesday students dressed up as a someone they wanted to be when they grow up, Wednesday students wore sunglasses to show their future is bright, Thursday students wore college sweatshirts and colors to plan for their future. We closed out the week with students celebrating East Rockaway Pride by wearing orange and black to show that their future starts in East Rockaway.

The East Rockaway Builders Club and Middle School Advisories made Valentine greetings for the residents and caregivers at Atria Nursing Home. The East Rockaway Florist generously donated 100 carnations, as well. Mr. Poland delivered the flowers, valentines, and other holiday-themed goodies prior to February 14, 2021.

East Rockaway School Counselors and students were invited to participate in Lynbrook's Trade School & Apprentice Fair on February 25th. The event was held virtually and featured representatives from such schools as Lincoln Tech, Long Island Nail Skin Care, and Electrical Training Institute.

This month begins junior post-secondary planning meetings. School counselors will review individual plans for all juniors by addressing their needs over the next year and a half to prepare for post-graduation plans.

As part of a joint venture between National Honor Society and The Middle School Teams, members of the NHS will begin peer tutoring students in Grades 7 and 8. Students in need of tutoring were identified by our middle school teachers and matched with members of the Senior Honor Society that have volunteered their time.

HOLLER Fair will take place on March 22nd. Our students and families will participate in a live virtual college admissions panel and have the opportunity to review content specific videos from a variety of colleges on topics such as Financial Aid, College Essays, and more.

Ms. Hecht will provide an update on the NYS Assessments:

We have received information from the NYS Education Department regarding 3-8

ELA and math assessments, the 4th grade science assessment, the Regents exams and the NYSESLAT assessment which is administered annually to English language learners. The 3-8 ELA and math assessments are going to be administered but in a shortened version – schools will be required to administer only Session I of the ELA and math assessments. Schools have been given the flexibility of a testing window so we will be reviewing the date options and scheduling the various grade levels. More information about specific dates will be forthcoming and we will communicate that information to families when we have it finalized but the window for the 3-8 ELA assessments is April 19 – April 29 and May 3rd through 14th for mathematics.

Students who are learning in a fully remote model will not take the assessments remotely but will have the option to come into school to take them if they choose.

The 4th grade science assessment will be administered in early June and that has also been reduced to only include the written portion of the exam. There is usually a written and a hands-on practical portion. Again, only the written portion will be included this June.

The Regents exams have been reduced to only include administration of four exams – ELA, Algebra, Living Environment and Earth Science. These are required exams and we will be planning those for the June testing window at the end of the school year which runs from June 17 through 24.

The NYSESLAT (NYS English as a Second Language Achievement Test) has been extended also from an end date of May 28 to June 9 to provide school districts with more flexibility in administering the assessments to all students who need to take them. The NYSESLAT provides data that determines a student's level of service as well as when they can exit from the ENL program.

Again, this information was just made available to us and we will work together to finalize our plans and share those plans as soon as possible with all families.

Mrs. Scio will provide an update on our budget development:

Our third budget work session was held on Tuesday, March 9th. Discussions included expenditures, BOCES aid, and the proposed technology projects. Based on the most current information, the tax levy cap for East Rockaway is 2.6%, which represents an increase of \$815,391.

The budget presentation has been posted on the District's website. Please continue to check our website as all future presentations will be posted. Our next budget work

session is scheduled for Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. We plan to discuss the 2021-2022 District initiatives, 3-part budget, and revenues. We encourage you to join us during these budget work sessions.

Ms. Ruiz thanked both Mrs. Hecht and Mrs. Scio for their updates.

Our budget vote will be held in person on May 18, 2021 in the large gym. We will be following all required health and safety guidelines when preparing for the budget vote. I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter, Passover, and spring break. We hope everyone follows health and safety guidelines and we return from the vacation with a lower positivity rate. Travel restrictions have been released as of April 1st. We want everyone to come back safe and healthy on April 6, 2021.

12. Good and Welfare

- A. Congratulations to Briar Falvo and husband, Shippy, on the arrival of their son, Brooklyn Shay Mashkuli on March 7, 2021
- B. Congratulations to Rachele Banducci and family on the birth of her son, Lincoln, on March 10, 2021
- C. Condolences to Gail Beyrer and family on the passing of her father-in-law Dr. John Beyrer
- D. Condolences to Marie Cordaro and family on the passing of her father, Matthew Cordaro
- E. Condolences to Katie Kuck and family on the passing of her mother, Kathryn Lyons
- F. Condolences to Francesca Lagnese and family on the passing of her mother, Rose Marie Lagnese on March 2, 2021
- G. Condolences to Neil Schloth and family on the passing of his mother, Arleen Schloth on March 1, 2021

13. Public Comments

Mr. Kilgus checked the board's email and there were no emailed comments from the audience this evening.

14. Board Member Comments

Joseph Kilgus: Mr. Kilgus welcomed Mr. Fisk to the East Rockaway family and wished him many successful years in the District. He congratulated Doreen Johnson on her retirement and wished her much luck. He congratulated Maddie Prucha on her essay. She did an excellent job, and he was very moved by her words.

Daniel DeMatteo: Mr. DeMatteo congratulated Doreen Johnson on her retirement and

wished her and her family the best. It is truly amazing to see how your coworkers truly love you and respect you. Mr. Schaffer's tribute to Mrs. Johnson was equally enjoyable. He welcomed Ryan Fisk to the District and wished him much luck as he begins his new position in the District. He then shared the following quote from Manley & Hawkins regarding a school setting including all stakeholders:

"A strong, healthy professional relationship between staff and school leaders is based on credibility, trust, and respect. Often, these traits are in conflict with the "like quotient." Credibility, trust, and respect are earned through a consistent vision and the practice of substantive values and virtues. Being liked should not be as important to a leader as being judged fair and competent." (Manley & Hawkins, 2019, p. 752).

Peter McNally: Mr. McNally congratulated Doreen Johnson on her retirement. It appears everyone loves you and you will be sorely missed. Congratulations also to Maddy Prucha on her essay which was awesome. He welcomed Ryan Fisk to the District. Mr. McNally also congratulated Mr. Gamache on his recent award. At the most recent work session there was a discussion to bring students back. Even though many seniors were unhappy with the original plan, after additional discussions and everyone communicating together, I believe we got it right and are doing the right thing.

Kristen O'Hagan: Congratulations to Doreen Johnson on your retirement. You will clearly be missed...Best of luck! Congratulations to former Board member, Keith Gamache, for receiving the Nassau BOCES Partnership Award. It was a long time in coming and certainly well deserved. Congratulations to Maddie Prucha for earning the Scholastic Writing Gold Key Award. This is an award that gives students opportunities for recognition, exhibition, publication, and scholarships. You have used your talents in writing throughout your high school career imparting the message that the voice of young people matters, and writing is such a powerful tool. This is truly an honor for you, and I hope that you continue to hone and use this gift.

Second, I would like to thank Superintendent Ruiz, Mrs. Hecht, Mrs. Scerio, and the entire administrative team as well as the Return to Learn Committee. You have been working tirelessly on a well-developed and safe plan to bring the students back in a timely manner. I truly appreciate all the parents and educators that took the time to share their perspectives about the plans as that is really the only way for proper planning to occur – to listen to all stakeholders. I especially want to commend the senior class for making their voices heard. It is so important that the students of this district know that their voices are valued. As a parent and an educator, I look forward to kids returning to classrooms full time to engage in learning the way it is meant to be. I also trust in the district to monitor the numbers to ensure a safe environment for all. I wish everyone a wonderful Spring Break.

Dominick Vulpis: Mr. Vulpis thanked his fellow trustees for contributing to the Founders Day Challenge sponsored by the East Rockaway Education Foundation. He agreed with what all his fellow trustees stated this evening. Mr. Vulpis congratulated Mr. Fisk on his new position and for attending his first full board meeting. To our retirees, Nick Cimorelli, Doreen Johnson, and to Jeanne Paige who is resigning – I cannot say enough about your years of contribution. He thanked them for everything they have given us.

Everything that was said tonight was so important because as a board we work tirelessly together with the administrators in central administration and in the buildings. We work for the betterment of every student that walks in the doors. At times there are differences in opinion. It is learning to work together and being approachable when things get accomplished. I am so proud to have read the emails from our senior students advocating for themselves. Thank you to Maddy for sharing her essay with us this evening. Many thanks to all of you for being here tonight, whether in person or virtually. You are all a part of this community and the most important role we have is to further the education of each and every “rock” that comes in through the doors.

15. Mr. Vulpis asked for a motion to adjourn. Upon motion made by Peter McNally, seconded by Joseph Kilgus, and passed unanimously, the public meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vitina Fazi
District Clerk