EAST ROCKAWAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

East Rockaway, New York
Organizational and Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
East Rockaway Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium
7:00 P.M., July 7, 2021
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. Scrio; Out-Going District Clerk, Vitina Fazi, Nereyda Amaya-Moran, District Clerk

- 1. The meeting was called to order by Dominick Vulpis at 7:07 p.m. Mr. Vulpis led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2. The swearing in of elected Trustee Dominick Vulpis, for the term 2021-2024 was performed by Vitina Fazi, District Clerk.
- 3. Mr. Vulpis asked for a recommendation from the trustees to appoint a president for the 2021-2022 school year. Daniel DeMatteo recommended Kristen O'Hagan to serve as Board of Education President. Mr. Vulpis asked for a motion to elect Mrs. O'Hagan.
 - Upon motion made by Daniel DeMatteo, seconded by Joseph Kilgus, all in favor AYE, opposed: NONE; abstained: NONE; Kristen O'Hagan was elected President of the Board of Education for the 2021-2022 school year.
- 4. Mr. Vulpis asked for a recommendation from the trustees to appoint a vice president for the 2021-2022 school year. Joseph Kilgus recommended Peter McNally to serve as Board of Education Vice-President. Mr. Vulpis asked for a motion to elect Mr. McNally.
 - Upon motion made by Joseph Kilgus, seconded by Daniel DeMatteo, all in favor AYE, opposed: NONE; abstained: NONE; Peter McNally was elected Vice President of the Board of Education for the 2021-2022 school year.
- 5. The swearing in of Board of Education President Kristen O'Hagan and Board of Education Vice President, Peter McNally, was performed by Vitina Fazi, District. Mrs. O'Hagan and Mr. McNally assumed their new roles.
- 6. The swearing in of the new District Clerk, Nereyda Amaya-Moran was performed by Kristen O'Hagan, Board of Education President.
- 7. Mrs. O'Hagan asked for a motion to appoint the following employees as Officers of the District.
 - Upon motion made by Joseph Kilgus, seconded by Dominick Vulpis, all in favor AYE, opposed: NONE; abstained: NONE; the following employees were appointed as Officers of the

District:

District Clerk	Nereyda Amaya-Moran
District Treasurer	Debra Muller
Deputy District Clerk	Jacqueline A. Scrio
Deputy District Treasurer	President of the Board of Education
District Tax Collector	
Superintendent of Schools	Lisa Ruiz
Claims Auditor	Deans Archer & Co., CPA

- 8. The swearing in of District Officers was performed by Nereyda Amaya-Moran, District Clerk.
- 9. Mrs. O'Hagan asked for a motion to approve Items 9 and 10 below.

Upon motion made by Peter McNally, seconded by Daniel DeMatteo, all in favor AYE, opposed: NONE; abstained: NONE; the following Items 9 and 10 were unanimously approved as the District Standing Committee Liaisons and Board of Education Liaisons for the 2021-2022 school year:

District Standing Committee Liaisons:

Budget Advisory Committee/Fiscal	Board of Education
Prevention Task Force	Joseph Kilgus and Dan DeMatteo
Education Foundation	Joseph Kilgus and Dan DeMatteo
Policy	Kristen O'Hagan and Peter McNally
Super PTA	Kristen O'Hagan and Peter McNally
Audit Committee	Board of Education
Communications Committee	Dominick Vulpis and Peter McNally

10. Board of Education Liaisons:

Curriculum & Standards	Kristen O'Hagan
District Wide Emergency Response Team	Peter McNally
Health & Safety	Joseph Kilgus
Legislation & Government Relations	Dominick Vulpis
Pupil Personnel	Board of Education

11. Approve the following appointments:

Mrs. O'Hagan asked if there were any questions from the board members regarding Items 11-50 below. There were none and Mrs. O'Hagan asked for a motion to approve Items 11-50.

Upon motion made by Joseph Kilgus, seconded by Daniel DeMatteo, all in favor AYE, opposed: NONE; abstained: NONE; the following Items 11 through 50 were unanimously approved on a consent agenda.

Asbestos Designee	James Daly
Attendance Officer, Centre Avenue School	-
Attendance Officer, ERHS	Leira Serrano

Attendance Officer, Rhame Avenue School	Michele Daniels
Extra Classroom Activities Central Treasurer	Jeannine Iadevaia
Insurance Consultant	NYSIR
Records Access Officer	Jacqueline A. Scrio
Records Management Officer	Jacqueline A. Scrio
School Physician	Richard Addes, D.O.
Title IX Officer	
Impartial Hearing Officers	See Attachment "1"
Medicaid Compliance Officer	Jacqueline A. Scrio
Data Protection Officer	Ryan Fisk
Dignity Act Coordinators	Janna Bonacorsi
	Vincent Healy
	Calia Kelly
	Robert Kennedy
	Dr. Ayesha McArthur
	Dawn McCabe
	Kristen Mednick
	Dr. Alissa Nunes
	James O'Driscoll
	Dr. Rosina Pzena
	Maureen Schutta
	Richard Schaffer
	Amy Weissman
	Dr. Danielle Lundgren

District Wide Emergency Response Team Liaisons..Lisa J. Ruiz James Daly

12. Approve the appointment of Committee Members to CPSE

Chairperson	Vincent Healy
Chairperson	
Chairperson	-
Chairperson	Dr. Rosina Pzena
Chairperson	Dr. Danielle Lundgren
Special Education Provider	(Teacher of child; service provider)
Physician	Richard Addes, D.O.
General Education Teacher	(Teacher of child)
School Psychologist	Dr. Alissa Nunes
School Psychologist	Dr. Rosina Pzena
School Psychologist	Dr. Danielle Lundgren
Parent of Child	
Parent Member	

13. Approve the appointment of Parent members for CPSE

Amy Kelly Holly Diamond 14. Approve the appointment of Committee Members to CSE

Chairperson	Vincent Healy
Chairperson	Robert Kennedy
Chairperson	Dr. Rosina Pzena
Chairperson	Dr. Alissa Nunes
Chairperson	Dr. Danielle Lundgren
Special Education Teacher	(Teacher of Child)
General Education Teacher	(Teacher of Child)
Physician	Richard Addes, D.O.
School Psychologist	Dr. Alissa Nunes
School Psychologist	Dr. Rosina Pzena
School Psychologist	Dr. Danielle Lundgren
Parent of Child	_
Parent Member	

15. Approve the appointment of Parent Members for CSE

Amy Kelly Holly Diamond

- 16. Approve the appointment of Amy Kelly to serve as the Surrogate Parent.
- 17. Approve the appointment of the East Rockaway teaching staff as per their teacher certification for home instruction for the 2021-2022 school year.
- 18. Designate the following depository for District funds: Sterling National Bank.
- 19. Designate the following newspapers as newspapers for the publication of school district legal notices:
 - "Oceanside, Rockville Centre, East Rockaway Tribune"
 - "The Lynbrook East Rockaway Herald"
 - "Newsday Media Group, Inc."
- 20. Designate the use of the IRS mileage reimbursement rate to compensate employees and board members for use of personal vehicle for district business.
- 21. Designate Frazer and Feldman, LLP, as General Counsel.
- 22. Designate Capital Markets Advisors, LLC as District Fiscal Advisors.
- 23. Designate Hawkins, Delafield and Wood as Bond Counsel.
- 24. Designate Nawrocki Smith LLP as External Auditor.
- 25. Designate Cullen & Danowski, LLP as Internal Auditor.
- 26. Designate JAG Architect as Architect.

- 27. Designate EnviroScience Consultants Inc. as Environmental Consultants.
- 28. Designate Omni Financial Group as the third-party administrator of 403(b) and 457 plans.
- 29. Designate Altaris Consulting Group, LLC as Security Consultants.
- 30. Designate Ashleigh Gets It Done!!, LLC, as the transportation consultant.
- 31. Designate H.M.B. Consultants as the food service consultant.
- 32. Designate Richard N. Thompson, Esq. as a hearing officers for student disciplinary hearings.
- 33. Designate the New York Secretary of State as the school district's agent for service of Notices of Claim and authorize the District Clerk to file a Certificate of Designation with the New York Department of State.
- 34. Authorize the President of the Board of Education and the District Clerk to execute and file with the Office of the Receiver of Taxes, Town of Hempstead, New York, the Certification for the School District Treasurer and banking information for wiring funds.
- 35. Authorize the Superintendent of Schools to certify payroll for the 2021-2022 school year.
- 36. Authorize, in the absence of the Superintendent of Schools, the Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations to certify payroll for the 2021-2022 school year.
- 37. Authorize the President of the Board of Education to certify the district's annual payroll to the Civil Service Commission.
- 38. Authorize the Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations to serve as the school district purchasing agent.
- 39. Authorize the District Treasurer in the absence of the Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations to serve as purchasing agent.
- 40. Authorize the Board President, Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations to sign the contract with BOCES for services for the 2021-2022 school year.
- 41. Authorize the Board President, Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations to sign contracts with the lowest responsible bidders for transportation services and other commodities and services as appropriate.
- 42. Authorize, in the absence of the President of the Board of Education, the Vice President of the Board of Education to be the presiding officer of meetings and further authorize the Vice President of the Board of Education to execute any and all documents in the absence of the Board President, upon which the Board has taken action.
- 43. Authorize the attendance at conferences, conventions, and workshops by members of the Board of Education and Superintendent during the 2021-2022 school year.

- 44. Authorize the Superintendent to approve the attendance at conferences, conventions, and workshops of district employees during the 2021-2022 school year.
- 45. Authorize the Superintendent to apply for grants during the 2021-2022 school year.
- 46. Authorize the Following Petty Cash Funds:

East Rockaway High School	Nancy Catapano	\$100
Centre Avenue School	Theresa Garcia	\$100
Rhame Avenue School	Antonella Keane	\$100
Pupil Personnel Services	Ellen Blumlein	\$100
Superintendent's Office	Mary Volino	\$100
District Clerk (Board of Education).	Nereyda Amaya-Moran .	\$100
Curriculum and Technology	Trish Daly-Louw	\$100

47. Authorize the following persons to sign checks:

Debra Muller	District Treasurer
Lisa Ruiz	Superintendent
TBA or successor	President, Board of Education
	East Rockaway UFSD
Jeannine Iadevaia	Extra Classroom Activities Central Treasurer

- 48. Authorize the Superintendent of Schools to approve budget transfers in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.
- 49. Approve the following resolution for purpose of adopting coverage provided by §18 of the New York State Public Officers Law:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the East Rockaway School District hereby adopts the coverage provided by §18 of the New York State Public Officers law for the following job titles: Members of the Board of Education, the Superintendent of Schools, the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, the Director of Pupil Personnel Services, the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Director of Technology and Learning Analytics, Director of Facilities, and District Clerk. The adoption of this provision is intended to supplement and not supplant the protection available to such employees by virtue of already existing statutory provisions or other sources. Such coverage shall include, but not be limited to, being called to testify as a witness or to answer questions concerning their acts or omissions within the scope of their office, agency or employment before a Grand Jury, the Office of the District Attorney, or other law enforcement official. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize or require defense or indemnification to a Member of the Board of Education, the Superintendent of Schools, the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, the Director of Pupil Personnel Services, the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, the Director of Technology and Learning Analytics, and the Director of Facilities, who has been identified as a defendant in a pending criminal prosecution, or where such individual or the school district has reason to believe that such individual is a target in a criminal investigation or prosecution by the Office of the District Attorney or other law enforcement entity. This benefit shall not be available to and shall not cover any employee serving in any of the job titles listed herein who is represented for

collective bargaining purposes by a duly designated collective bargaining agent unless and until such coverage is negotiated with the collective bargaining agent representing said employee. The superintendent or her designee shall take steps necessary to obtain insurance protection against the potential liability to the district arising out of the adoption of this provision.

50. Approve the following Schedule of Fees for facilities use:

Auditorium	\$50/hour
Cafeteria	\$35/day
Classroom	\$10/day
Gymnasium	\$35/day
Custodial Overtime	
Field Use	\$10/session
Field Use - Groomed.	\$55/session
Field Use - Groomed & Lined	
Security	\$35/hour

ACTION AGENDA

51. Public Comments on Agenda Items

If you are viewing the livestream of tonight's meeting and you have questions regarding items on the agenda or other school related items, you can email them to BOE@eastrockawayschools.org. This email will be monitored throughout the evening. Please be sure to include your full name and address. I also want to remind you that most concerns are appropriately addressed with your child's teacher and/or building principal. Other general district questions should be directed to Mrs. Ruiz, our Superintendent. Matters involving Curriculum and Instruction should be addressed to Mr. DeTommaso, and matters involving budget and facilities should be directed to Mrs. Scrio. If you need technological assistance or have issues with a device, please reach out to Mr. Fisk. Anyone who is attending in person, if you would like to make any comments, please complete a comment card.

Mr. Kilgus reported that there were no emailed comments at this time.

52. Approval of Minutes

Mrs. O'Hagan asked if there were any questions regarding the minutes below. There were none and Mrs. O'Hagan asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

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

- A. June 15, 2021, Regular Meeting
- 53. Acknowledgement of Monthly Reports and Correspondence
 - A. The Board acknowledged receipt of the May 2021 monthly financial reports.
 - B. Correspondence None
- 54. Recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools

Mrs. O'Hagan asked if the trustees had any questions regarding Items A-R below. There were none and Mrs. O'Hagan asked for a motion to approve Items A-R 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-R were approved on a consent agenda.

- A. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the resignation of Joseph Cracolici, for the purpose of retirement, from his foreign language teacher position, effective June 30, 2021.
- B. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the following resignations:
 - 1. Vitina Fazi, District Clerk, effective July 7, 2021
 - 2. Ashley Tavormina, teacher aide, effective June 24, 2021
 - 3. Jennifer Lemus-Maldonado, part-time monitor, effective June 25, 2021

- 4. Lisa Lamontanaro, part-time monitor, effective June 30, 2021
- 5. Michael Zielinski, substitute cleaner, effective June 30, 2021
- 6. Daniel DelValle, substitute cleaner, effective June 30, 2021
- 7. Shane McKeon, substitute cleaner, effective June 30, 2021
- 8. Steve Bennett, substitute cleaner, effective June 30, 2021
- 9. Kayla Rein, substitute nurse, effective June 30, 2021
- 10. Barbara Lyons, substitute monitor, effective June 30, 2021
- 11. Kathy Clemens, substitute monitor, effective June 30, 2021
- 12. Justin Shah, substitute teacher aide, effective June 30, 2021
- C. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District hereby terminates the employment of the employee named in Confidential Attachment "A" as a teacher aide, effective at the close of business on July 19, 2021.
- D. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the three-year probationary appointment of Joseph Polite to the position of Mathematics Chairperson, (tenure area: mathematics; certification status: professional), effective August 31, 2021, subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure, at the MA30, Step 9, (plus stipend) annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association Contract for the 2021-2022 school year.
- E. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Alison King, to the position of leave replacement English teacher effective, August 31, 2021, through June 30, 2022, at the BA, Step Entry, annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2021-2022 school year.
- F. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Jeremy Brandel, to the position of leave replacement mathematics teacher effective, August 31, 2021, through January 28, 2022, at the prorated BA, Step Entry, annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2021-2022 school year.
- G. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Jessica Heather Signorello, to the position of leave replacement media arts teacher effective, August 31, 2021, through June 30, 2022, at the MA, Step Entry, annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2021-2022 school year.
- H. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the request of Kristen Pisano, for a 12-week FMLA leave of absence from her probationary Family and Consumer Science teacher position, effective September 13, 2021, through December 3, 2021.
- I. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the request of Dr. Alissa Nunes, for a 12-week FMLA leave of absence, from her school psychologist position, effective October 6, 2021, through December 24, 2021.
- J. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Heather Bolanos to the position of part-time (.5 FTE) speech/language teacher, effective August 31, 2021, through June 30, 2022, at the prorated MA15, Step 9, annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2021-2022

school year.

- K. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the four-year probationary appointment of Fernando Gomez to the position of foreign language teacher, (tenure area: foreign languages; certification status: professional), effective August 31, 2021, subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure, at the MA, Step 3, annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association Contract for the 2021-2022 school year.
- L. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the three-year probationary appointment of Ann Kerner to the position of elementary teacher, (tenure area: elementary; certification status: initial), effective August 31, 2021, subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure, at the BA, Step 2, annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association Contract for the 2021-2022 school year.
- M. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Estefany Toribio to the position of part-time (.8 FTE) foreign language teacher, effective August 31, 2021, through June 30, 2022, at the prorated BA, Step Entry, annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2021-2022 school year.
- N. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Nicole DiBenedetto to the position of short-term social studies teacher, effective August 31, 2021, through November 19, 2021, at the per diem salary established by the East Rockaway Board of Education on the Non-Contractual Salary Schedule for the 2021-2022 school year.
- O. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Kirsten Anderson to the position of short-term elementary teacher, effective August 31, 2021, through November 19, 2021, at the per diem salary established by the East Rockaway Board of Education on the Non-Contractual Salary Schedule for the 2021-2022 school year.
- P. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following special education summer program teacher aide appointments, effective July 6, 2021, through August 11, 2021, at the hourly salary established by the East Rockaway Teacher Aides Association contract for the 2021-2022 school year:

Lisa Zeilberger	Teacher Aide
Ciara Mancusi	Substitute Teacher Aide

- Q. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the 2021-2022 fall coaching appointments more fully set forth on the 2021-2022 Fall Coaching Schedule at the stipend salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2021-2022 school year.
- R. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following temporary assignments upon the terms and conditions established by the East Rockaway Board of Education:

- a. Paul Trowbridge, substitute cleaner, effective upon Civil Service approval
- b. Felipe Ventura, substitute cleaner, effective upon Civil Service approval
- c. Seasonal cleaners, effective June 28, 2021:
 - 1. Anthony Nash
 - 2. Madeline Serrano
 - 3. Jhasmine Guzman
- d. Permanent Substitute Teachers, effective August 31, 2021
 - 1. Angela Bond
 - 2. Elizabeth Freeman
 - 3. Victoria Berman
 - 4. Lauren Radburn
 - 5. Celeste Magluilo
 - 6. Alyssa Grunfelder
 - 7. Jon Chevalier
 - 8. Joseph Cohen
 - 9. Marissa Defrin
 - 10. Christopher Russo
 - 11. Jessica Risso
 - 12. Molly Butler
- e. Per Diem Substitute Teachers, effective August 31, 2021
 - 1. Brenda Arum
 - 2. Joie Candido
 - 3. Marissa Defrin
 - 4. Kevin Fuller
 - 5. Christopher Giudice
 - 6. Richard Hess
 - 7. Roxanne Lalama
 - 8. Joseph Lores
 - 9. Margaret O'Neil
 - 10. Jessica Risso
 - 11. Jessica Rouse
 - 12. Caroline Sferrazza
 - 13. Estefany Toribio

55. Other Items

Mrs. O'Hagan asked if the trustees had any questions regarding Items A-E below. There were none and Mrs. O'Hagan asked for a motion to approve Items A-E below.

Upon motion made by Peter McNally, seconded by Dominick Vulpis, all in favor AYE, opposed: NONE; abstained: NONE; the motion was unanimously passed, and the following Items A-E were approved on a consent agenda.

- A. Approve the day and time of regular Board of Education meeting dates as more fully set forth on Attachment "2."
- B. Approve the 2021-2022 Non-Contractual Salary Schedule.

C. Approve the four-year probationary appointment of James DeTommaso as the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, effective July 8, 2021, and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute the resulting Employment Agreement.

[Ms. Ruiz introduced Mr. DeTommaso who was present and welcomed him back to the district and wished him much success and good luck in his new role.]

- D. Approve the terms of the side letter agreement with the East Rockaway Administrators' Association dated July 7, 2021, and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute the resulting agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.
- E. Adopt the East Rockaway UFSD District-Wide Safety & Emergency Management Plan for the 2021-2022 school year.

Mrs. O'Hagan asked if the trustees had any questions regarding Items F-H below. There were none and Mrs. O'Hagan asked for a motion to approve Items F-H below.

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

F. Approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS Section 135.4(c) (7) (ii) (a) (4) of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education provides for a board of education to permit pupils in grades no lower than seventh grade to compete on interscholastic athletic teams organized for senior high school pupils, or senior high school pupils to compete on interscholastic athletic teams organized for pupils in the seventh and eighth grades; and

WHEREAS, these pupils are to be allowed to compete at levels that are appropriate to their physical maturity, physical fitness, and sport skills in relationship to other pupils in accordance with the standards established by the Commissioner of Education; and

WHEREAS the State Education Department issues the competition standards for these pupils to compete under a program called the Athletic Placement Process;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the East Rockaway UFSD Board of Education shall permit pupils to compete after successfully completing the Athletic Placement Process for the requested sport and level.

- G. Approve the Collaborative Agreement, Administration of Epinephrine Auto-Injectors in East Rockaway Schools for the 2021-2022 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.
- H. Approve the Athletic Trainer Services Agreement for the 2021-2022 school year with IvyRehab Physical Therapy, PLLC, and the East Rockaway School District, and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the agreement on behalf of the East

Rockaway Board of Education.

Mrs. O'Hagan asked if the trustees had any questions regarding Items I-L below. There were none and Mrs. O'Hagan asked for a motion to approve Items I-L 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 I-L were approved on a consent agenda.

I. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the following budget of the necessary claims and expenditures in East Rockaway UFSD (#19) in the Town of Hempstead, for the school year 2021-2022, amounting to \$41,764,646 be and the same is hereby accepted.

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$31,870,299 the amount which must be raised by taxation for East Rockaway UFSD (#19) of the Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, NY, for the year 2021-2022 be levied upon the taxable property of the said school district as said property has been certified by the Assessor for the school year 2021-2022.

RESOLVED, that the District Clerk of this School District is hereby authorized and directed, pursuant to Section 6-20.0 and amendments thereto of the Nassau County Administrative Code, to file a certified copy of these resolutions with the Nassau County Legislature and the Department of Assessment, Mineola, NY, on or before August 16, 2021.

- J. Approve the 2021-2022 Extension of Food Service Contract with Aramark Educational Services, LLC for the 2021-2022 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education and Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations to execute the contract on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
- K. Approve the free and reduced lunch program income eligibility schedule for the 2021-2022 school year (Attachment 3).
- L. Approve the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Education Law §2014(2), the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District, Nassau County, New York, resolves as follows:

<u>Section 1</u>. The following qualified voters of the East Rockaway Union Free School District, Nassau County, New York, are hereby appointed to constitute the Board of Registration of said school district to attend for the purpose of the preparation of the registers for all school-related elections of said school district pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law and to serve until the 30th day following the next annual meeting of the district:

- 1. Nereyda Amaya-Moran (District Clerk)
- 2. Theresa Garcia
- 3. Barbara Winters

4. Trish Daly-Louw

Section 2. In addition to the District's continuous registration previously approved by the Board of Education conducted in the District Clerk's Office on days that school is in session during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., special registration shall be conducted, and shall take place, at Rhame Avenue Elementary School and Centre Avenue Elementary School, during kindergarten registration week, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. and during the annual district election, for the purpose of preparing a register of the qualified voters of this district for said annual district election, at which time any person shall be entitled to have his/her name placed upon such register provided that at such meeting of the board of registration, he/she is known, or proven to the satisfaction of the board of registration, to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at the annual district election for which such register is prepared. The District Clerk will attend on said day(s) with the members of the board of registration.

<u>Section 3</u>. The board of registration shall be compensated for their duties at the minimum hourly wage rate set by the New York State Department of Labor per hour for each hour actually and necessarily spent upon duties as a member of the Board of Registration.

<u>Section 4.</u> This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mrs. O'Hagan asked if the trustees had any questions regarding Items M-Y below. Mr. Vulpis questioned Item M and asked if Dr. Bradley Krauz should be added to the list of qualified lead evaluators. Mrs. Ruiz stated that Mr. Krauz should be added to this list. Mrs. O'Hagan asked for a motion to amend Item 55-(M) to included Dr. Krauz.

Upon motion made by Peter McNally, seconded by Dominick Vulpis, all in favor AYE, opposed: NONE; abstained: NONE; the motion to amend Item 55-(M) was unanimously passed.

Mrs. O'Hagan then asked for a motion to approve Item M (as amended) through Y.

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 M (as amended) through Y were approved on a consent agenda.

M. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that, in accordance with the provisions of New York State Education Law §3012-c and Subpart 30-2 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District ("District") hereby certifies the following individuals as qualified lead evaluators:

David Barth	Robert Kennedy
Peter Ceglio	Dr. Ayesha McArthur
James DeTommaso	Joseph Polite
Ryan Fisk	Lisa J. Ruiz
William Gibbons	Richard Schaffer
Vincent Healy	TJ Terranova
Calia Kelly	Dr. Bradley Krauz

The district hereby authorizes the above-listed individuals to conduct and/or complete the annual professional performance reviews of classroom teachers within the district.

- N. The district hereby authorizes Lisa J. Ruiz and James DeTommaso to conduct and/or complete the annual professional performance reviews of building principals within the district.
- O. Approve the terms and conditions of the renewal agreement between the Incorporated Village of Lynbrook and the East Rockaway Union Free School District for fuel purchasing, for the period July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
- P. Approve the following resolution for Nassau County BOCES 2021-2022 Cooperative Bid for various commodities and/or services:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District of New York State (the "School District") wishes to participate in Cooperative Bidding Program for the 2021-2022 school year conducted by the Board of Cooperative Education Services of Nassau County ("Nassau BOCES" for the purchase of various commodities and/or services as authorized by and in accordance with the Education Law and General Municipal Law, Section 119-0;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the School District hereby appoints Nassau BOCES as its representative and agent in all matters related to the Cooperative Bidding Program, including but limited to responsibility for the drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, bids, reporting the results to the School District and making recommendations thereon, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Nassau BOCES is hereby authorized to award bids on behalf of the School District to the bidder deemed to be the lowest responsible bidder meeting the bid specifications and other wise complying with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York relating to public bids and contracts and to enter into contracts for the purchase of the commodities and/or services as authorized herein, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School District agrees to assume its equitable share of the administrative costs of the cooperative bidding program and all its obligations and responsibilities pursuant to any contract that may be awarded by Nassau BOCES on behalf of the School District.

Q. Approve the following resolutions for Nassau County Schools' Cooperative Self-Insurance Plan for Workers' Compensation:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the East Rockaway UFSD, maintain its membership in the Nassau County Schools Cooperative Insurance Plan for Workers' Compensation for the 2021-2022 school year, at a cost of \$180,579.

R. Approve the following resolution for New York Schools Insurance Reciprocal (NYSIR):

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the East Rockaway UFSD, authorizes the continuation of the Agreement with New York Schools Insurance Reciprocal for the 2021-2022 school year.

- S. Approve the participation in cooperative bids for:
 - 1. Athletic equipment reconditioning (LIMCPG)
 - 2. Custodial and facilities items Nassau County Facilities Director Cooperative
 - 3. Automotive supplies, materials, parts, and services Levittown UFSD
 - 4. Services provided by Suffolk BOCES
 - 5. Services and supplies provided through NYS Office of General Service Contracts
 - 6. Services and supplies provided through Suffolk County Contracts
 - 7. Services and supplies provided through NYS Preferred Source Program (Industries for the Blind; Industries for the Disabled)
 - 8. Services and supplies provided through OMNIA Partners, Public Sector
- T. Approve the vendors for the 2021-2022 school year for the services indicated on Attachment 4 and authorize the President of the Board of Education and/or the Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations to execute the resulting service contracts.
- U. Approve the resolution for tax shelter annuities, more fully described on Attachment 5.
- V. Approve the Tuition agreement with Anderson Center for Autism, for special education services for one student, Student I.D. No. 180008082 for the 2021-2022 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the tuition agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
- W. Approve the Consultant Services Provider Contract between the East Rockaway UFSD and Valerie Caban, Vision Services for 2021-2022 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the contract on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
- X. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2022 organizational meeting of the Board of Education will be held on July 7, 2022.

- Y. Accept the following donation:
 - 1. From Tim O'Hagan, a "flip sled" for the football program valued at \$3,000.
- 56. Approval of CSE and CPSE Recommendations

Mrs. O'Hagan asked if the trustees had any questions regarding the CSE and CPSE Recommendations. There were no questions. Mrs. O'Hagan then asked for a motion to approve the CSE and CPSE Recommendations.

Upon motion made by Peter McNally, seconded by Dominick Vulpis, all in favor AYE,

opposed: NONE; abstained: NONE; the motion was unanimously passed, and the CSE and CPSE Recommendations were unanimously approved.

57. Budget Transfers

Mrs. O'Hagan asked if the trustees had any questions regarding the following budget transfers. There were no questions. Mrs. O'Hagan then asked for a motion to approve the budget transfers.

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 budget transfers were unanimously approved.

- A. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following budget transfer:
 - 1. Transaction No. 21-0021
 - 2. Transaction No. 21-0022
 - 3. Transaction No. 21-0023
 - 4. Transaction No. 21-0024
 - 5. Transaction No. 21-0025

58. Policy Matters

A. Policy Subcommittee Report

Mrs. O'Hagan stated that the Policy Committee met prior to tonight's meeting and a report will be provided at the next board meeting. However, the policies in Item B (For Re-Adoption/Reaffirmance) will be adopted.

Mrs. O'Hagan asked if there were any questions regarding Item 10B below. There were no questions. Mrs. O'Hagan asked for a motion to adopt the policies listed in Item B (For Re-Adoption/Affirmance). We will continue to review policies listed in Item C.

Upon motion made by Peter McNally, seconded by Joseph Kilgus, all in favor AYE, opposed: NONE; abstained: NONE; the following policies listed in Item B (1-7) were unanimously approved for adoption.

B. For Re-Adoption/Reaffirmance

- 1. All Current Policies and Regulations
- 2. 0000, Mission Statement and Goals
- 3. 1900, Parent & Family Engagement
- 4. 5151, Homeless Children
- 5. 5300, Code of Conduct
- 6. 6240, Investments
- 7. 6700, Purchasing

C. For Review

- 1. 0105, Equity, Inclusivity, and Diversity in Education
- 2. 0115, 0115-R, Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention
- 3. 4710, Grading Systems
- 4. 8130, School Safety Plans and Teams
- 5. 9150, Non-Fraternization "New"
- 6. 6705, Federal Funds Purchasing

59. Reports

A. Superintendent's Report

We had a busy and beautiful end to our school year. Some of the events were held virtually, semi-virtually and in-person. Thank you to all the principals for coordinating all these events for our students. Also, many thanks to the various organizations inside and outside of our community that donated monetary awards and scholarships, which were given to our students at the awards ceremonies. We were able to hold all three graduations live and inperson. All the students and families were able to be together. The elementary graduations were held in the high school auditorium, a little modified, but everyone attended in person. The high school graduation was wonderful. The ceremony took place at Marion Street School in Lynbrook due to the construction of the fields at the high school. Many thanks to Mr. McNally for his moving speech and to our valedictorian and salutatorian who both gave very emotional speeches. We also enjoyed hearing from the class advisors. Many thanks to Mr. Schaffer for everything he did to make this a special day for our students and their families. Thank you to Lynbrook School District for hosting us.

Reflecting on this past year, it certainly was a difficult year but a successful year. I want to thank all of our teachers, staff, and administrative team for doing what they did. Our teachers did an amazing job adapting instruction, but our students did an amazing job in learning. We are very fortunate to have a supportive parent community and Board of Education. Our students deserve a round of applause because learning occurred. We are looking to conduct our end of year data meetings with the principals to evaluate our students' progress and learning needs.

Our summer school and summer climb programs are under way. We did not have the enrollment that we would like to have had but we are able to provide a myriad of activities. Many thanks to Mr. Gibbons and Mrs. Healy, who are serving as directors of these programs. Our hope is to offer other programs next year with our federal grant money.

The district's universal pre-kindergarten program is moving forward. SCOPE was awarded the bid to run the program. We were able to register 30 students and then opened it up to parents who were interested in self pay. SCOPE will be hiring teachers and providing all the materials for the program. We are planning meetings for SCOPE with our elementary principals and planning orientation for the students.

The Governor has lifted most of the COVID restrictions including not wearing masks at board meetings if vaccinated. Students in our summer programs are still wearing masks. Further guidance is needed, and we are waiting patiently so that we can plan for the return of school. We contacted the Nassau County and New York State Departments of Health, but they were not able to give us any additional information. For the time being, we are

using the honor system and will share any information we receive with families.

60. Good and Welfare

- A. Congratulations to Kristina Ranieri and family on the arrival of her son Jack Alexander on June 28, 2021
- B. Congratulations to Janna Bonacorsi and family on the arrival of her daughter Harper Ruby on June 30, 2021
- C. Condolences to Gail Beyrer and family on the passing of her father Dr. Richard Meagher on June 25, 2021

61. Public Comments

Please be reminded that the meeting is livestreamed and being recorded. I encourage residents to contact the board at <u>BOE@eastrockawayschools.org</u> and to contact your child's teacher or appropriate administrator with any concerns. At this time, if you have a comment, please complete the form prior to speaking. There were no comments from the audience. Mr. Kilgus checked the BOE's email and there were no emailed comments.

62. Board Member Comments

Peter McNally – Mr. McNally thanked Ms. Ruiz for all of her hard work this year and for everything she has done despite all the challenges of COVID. He welcomed Mr. DeTommaso to the district and was happy to have him back. Mr. McNally commented on Dr. Meagher's passing. His passing is a huge loss for this community. Dr. Meagher is someone who is irreplaceable, and he will be missed.

Dominick Vulpis – Mr. Vulpis stated that we can stay here forever and talk about Dr. Meagher and what he has done for the community. Dr. Meagher was one of the first people he met when he came to East Rockaway in 1995. They had a life-long friendship and he learned much from him. When he was thinking about running for the Board, Mr. Vulpis spoke with Dr. Meagher and Dr. Meagher told him that although you do not always get what you want, you must never give up the fight. Mr. Vulpis thanked him and his family for all they have given to the community. He also welcomed back and congratulated Mr. DeTommaso on his new appointment. It is great to have him back. Mr. DeTommaso understands the needs of our students and community and will bring back to our students all the knowledge he has gained. It is meant for him to have returned to East Rockaway because once a "ROCK", always a "ROCK."

Joseph Kilgus – Mr. Kilgus welcomed Mr. DeTommaso back "home." As a student here in East Rockaway he learned a lot from him personally and is glad to have him back in this position. Mr. Kilgus congratulated both Mrs. O'Hagan and Mr. McNally on their new positions. There are no two people better for it. He looks forward to continuing working with them. He wished everyone a happy and healthy summer and time to enjoy with their families.

Kristen O'Hagan –Thank you to Superintendent Ruiz for your leadership during a very challenging school year. Congratulations to Mr. DeTommaso. I would like to extend my continued thoughts and prayers for Gail Beyrer and the Meagher family. Dr. Meagher has certainly left his mark on the East Rockaway community and schools and his legacy will live on through his children and grandchildren. It is my hope that you find comfort in the countless

lives he has touched in his years of service as a BOE trustee and village trustee. Congratulations to all who were appointed this evening. I wish everyone a safe and relaxing summer.

Mrs. Ruiz – I was very sad to hear about the passing of Dr. Richard Meagher. He was always the biggest supporter of the school community and will be missed greatly. The flag at our school will be flown at half-staff until Friday to honor him.

63. Mrs. O'Hagan asked for a motion to adjourn. Upon motion made by Peter McNally, seconded by Dominick Vulpis, and passed unanimously, the public meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nereyda Amaya-Moran District Clerk