

EAST ROCKAWAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

East Rockaway, New York

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

7:00 P.M., June 14, 2022

East Rockaway Jr./ Sr. High School Auditorium

Preceded by Recognition of Retirees Superintendent Lisa Ruiz; Teachers Doreen Ansel, Katherine Curcio Payne, Frank Cuttitta, Rebeca Pagan-Rodriguez, Secretaries Carol Hernandez, and Toni Keane and Teacher Aide, Linda R. Donovan, Recognition of Valedictorian, Madeleine Prucha, and Salutatorian, Jason Miller, Student Athletes, Recognition of Retiring Board President, Kristen O'Hagan and PTA Installation Ceremony, and a Public Forum

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND LIVESTREAMED

MINUTES

PRESENT: Members of the Board of Education: Peter McNally, Dominick Vulpis, Daniel DeMatteo, Joseph Kilgus, Superintendent Lisa J. Ruiz, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations, Jacqueline A. Scio, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, James DeTommaso, District Clerk, Nereyda Amaya Moran.

Absent: Kristen O'Hagan

1. The meeting was called to order by 7:09 pm.
2. Mr. DeMatteo introduced Rhame Avenue student Antonio LaRosa, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Superintendent Ruiz welcomed and thanked everyone for coming out. She then introduced Board of Education Vice-President Mr. McNally who introduced students, Clare Acuti and Julia Walsh, to perform the duet "For Good " from the musical Wicked in honor to tonight's retirees.

Ms. Ruiz introduced High School Principal Mr. Schaffer who spoke on behalf of teacher retirees: Doreen Ansel, Kathy Curcio, Rebeca Pagan-Rodriguez, and Frank Cuttitta from the Junior/Senior High School. A video montage was shown. They were called to the stage and presented with recognition gifts. Ms. Ruiz wished them much success in the future and thanked them for their many years of service in the district.

Ms. Ruiz spoke on behalf of retiree, Carol Hernandez, and a recognition gift was given to Dr. Fisk in her absence. Ms. Ruiz then introduced Rhame Avenue Elementary School Principal Dr. Ayesha McArthur who honored retiree, Toni Keane; and Centre Avenue Elementary School Principal Calia Kelly spoke on behalf of retiring teacher aide, Linda R. Donovan. Both were called to the stage and presented with a recognition gift.

Board Vice President Peter McNally took to the podium first to speak on behalf of Mrs. Ruiz followed by comments from former Board President, Keith Gamache; Rhame

Avenue fourth grade teacher and East Rockaway Teachers Association President, Gayle Beyrer; Principal Mr. Schaffer on behalf of the East Rockaway Administrators Association; incoming Superintendent James DeTommaso; and Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Vincent Healy; Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, Jacqueline Scrio; and Director of Technology and Learning Analytics, Dr. Ryan Fisk. A video featuring well wishes and thanks from staff and students throughout the district was then played for all in the auditorium.

Ms. Ruiz then introduced Principal Richard Schaffer who spoke on behalf of Madeleine Prucha, Valedictorian, and Jason Miller, Salutatorian (not in attendance). The student celebrations continued with Physical Education, Health and Athletics Director, Gary Gregory, honoring the student-athletes who received Spring Scholar-Athlete recognitions.

Ms. Ruiz then took the podium to thank former Board of Education President, Kristen O'Hagan (not in attendance), for serving the community in the last three years. Ms. Ruiz wished her much success in the future.

Mr. DeTommaso began the PTA Installation Ceremony by using the theme of flowers and called to the stage all the officers in the respective school's PTA. Mr. DeTommaso read the oaths to the new members and declared them duly installed officers of the District's PTA. Mr. DeTommaso thanked them for everything they do to support our students and assisting the district in providing the best education for our children.

The presentations concluded at 9:37 p.m., and the public portion of the agenda began.

### 3. 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 [boardofeducation@ersd.org](mailto:boardofeducation@ersd.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 Ms. 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.

There were no public comments.

### 4. Approval of Minutes

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

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

A. May 24, 2022, Meeting of the Board of Education

5. Acknowledgment of Monthly Reports and Correspondence

A. Receipt of Monthly Financial Reports: The Board acknowledge receipt of the April 2022 financial reports.

B. Correspondence

1. An email from a community member apologizing for his outburst and behavior during last Board meeting public comment period.
2. An email from a concerned parent regarding building safety.
3. An invitation from the East Rockaway Teachers Association to attend the district's retirement celebration.
4. An email from a community member regarding the district livestream and comments about superintendent on her years of service in the district.
5. An email and two videos from a community member sharing appreciation for the inclusivity this district has and continues to show for her son, a life skill student. He has thrived under leadership of Coach Fred and Coach Tom. A short clip of the shared video was played where he was scoring a goal and been supported by his fellow middle school lacrosse teammates.

6. Recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools

Mr. McNally asked if the trustees had any questions regarding Items A-P below. There were none and Mr. McNally asked for a motion to approve Items below.

Upon motion made by Mr. Kilgus, seconded by Mr. DeMatteo, 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 the following resignations:

1. William Gibbons, Social Studies and English Chairperson, effective June 30, 2022
2. Ronmel Ocampo, permanent substitute teacher, effective May 12, 2022

B. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, correct the language in Personal Item 6.A.I. to read:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve the appointment of Brandon Tompkin to the position of permanent substitute teacher, effective March 23, 2022, through June 30, 2022, 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.

- C. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the continuation of the intermittent FMLA leave of absence of Rebeca Pagan-Rodriguez from her world languages teacher position to be effective through June 3, 2022.
- D. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the request of Scott Gerken for a FMLA leave of absence from his science teacher position for personal medical reasons, effective May 13, 2022, through June 24, 2022.
- E. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following concert supervisor assignments, effective May 17, 2022, at the supervision salary rate established by the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract, Appendix C, for the 2021-2022 school year:
  - a. Elizabeth David
  - b. Serena Zingale
  - c. Maryann McDonnell
  - d. Hedwig Renee Macchio
- F. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Gabriela Turcios to the position of permanent substitute teacher, effective June 15, 2022, 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.
- G. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Martin Jakubowski to the position of short-term substitute teacher, effective June 1, 2022, through June 24, 2022, 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.
- H. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the four-year probationary appointment of Rebecca Mantle to the position of School Counselor, (tenure area: School Counselor; certification: Provisional) effective August 25, 2022, subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure, at the prorated MA, Step 2, (plus stipend) annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association Contract for the 2022-2023 school year.
- I. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following part-time appointments for the Summer Enrichment Program, effective June 15, 2022, through August 11, 2022, at the hourly salary established by the East Rockaway Teachers Association Contract for Other Education Assignments, Appendix B.A. Summer Instructional Programs:
  - 1. Joseph Polite, Program Coordinator
  - 2. Michelle Healy, Assistant Coordinator
- J. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of James Haberkorn to the position of Security Aide, for the Summer Enrichment Program at

Centre Avenue School, effective July 11, 2022, through August 11, 2022, at the salary established by the East Rockaway Board of Education Monitor and Security Unit Agreement for the 2022-2023 school year.

- K. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Brian Barcheski to the position of Security Aide for the East Rockaway Extended School Year Summer Program and the East Rockaway Jr./Sr. High School Summer Program at Rhame Avenue School effective July 5, 2022, through August 18, 2022, at the salary established by the East Rockaway Board of Education Monitor and Security Unit Agreement for the 2022-2023 school year.
- L. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following special education summer school teacher aide appointments, effective July 5, 2022, through August 12, 2022, at the hourly salary established by the East Rockaway Teacher Aides Association contract for the 2022-2023 school year:

Jennifer Gentile.....	Teacher Aide
Janine Dolce .....	Teacher Aide
Judy Fahrenkrug .....	Substitute Teacher Aide
Ashley Tavormina .....	Substitute Teacher Aide
Serena Zingale.....	Substitute Teacher Aide

- M. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following special education summer school appointments, effective, July 5, 2022, through August 12, 2022, at the hourly salary established by the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for Other Educational Assignments for the 2022-2023 school year:

Tanya Cusumano .....	Special Education Teacher
Kathleen Crowley .....	Special Education Teacher

- N. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Josett Bernberg to the position of part-time English teacher (.4 FTE), effective September 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at the prorated MA, Step 1 annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2022-2023 school year; and further approve the appointment as a per diem substitute teacher (.6 FTE), effective September 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at the prorated per diem salary established by the East Rockaway Board of Education on the Non-Contractual Salary Schedule for the 2022-2023 school year.
- O. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the 2022-2023 fall sports coaching schedule dated June 14, 2022.
- 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. Serena Zingale, substitute teacher aide effective upon Civil Service approval

7. Other Items

Mr. McNally asked if the trustees had any questions regarding Items A-P below. There were none and Mr. McNally asked for a motion to approve Items below.

Upon motion made by Mr. Kilgus, seconded by Mr. DeMatteo, 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. Approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, no District resident resides within the area in question which, as aforesaid, is outside the District; and

WHEREAS, application of the point scoring system contained within Part 191 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Transportation results in a point score of 10 for the area in question which does not meet the threshold score of 12 required in order to designate a child safety zone; and

WHEREAS, the consultant also investigated the point scores of two alternate routes of reasonable distance between homes in the District and St. Agnes Cathedral Elementary School located in the neighboring Rockville Center Union Free School District, and determined that both such alternate routes have, respectively, point scores of 9 and 9 which do not meet the threshold score of 12 required to establish a CSZ, and are each lower than that of the route which includes the area in question;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the petition seeking the establishment of a CSZ at the intersection of Ocean Avenue and Sunrise Highway be and the same is hereby denied as the area in question does not meet the requisite point score under applicable regulation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the petition seeking the establishment of a CSZ at the intersection of Ocean Avenue and Sunrise Highway be and the same is hereby denied as at least two alternative routes of similar distance exist which have point scores which are less than the required minimum of 12; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the petition seeking the establishment of a CSZ at the intersection of Ocean Avenue and Sunrise Highway be and the same is hereby denied as no residents of the District reside within the area in question which is not located within the geographic boundaries of the District.

B. Approve the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the East Rockaway UFSD hereby approves the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement dated May 25, 2022,

between the District and the East Rockaway Administrators Association regarding the terms and conditions of employment for the District's administrators unit members for the period July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations is authorized to execute the resulting collective bargaining agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

C. Approve the following resolution:

**CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR EAST ROCKAWAY JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY BUILDING**

**WHEREAS**, the East Rockaway Union Free School District retained Relle Electric Corp., for electrical upgrades pursuant to a contract awarded on or about August 2, 2021, and

**WHEREAS**, the District's architect has recommended modifications to the existing contract as follows: add \$33,685.31 for additional electrical upgrades; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts and approves Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Relle Electric Corp., resulting in a total increase of the contract price by the amount of \$33,685.31 and be it further

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

D. 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 2022-2023, amounting to \$42,633,723 be and the same is hereby accepted.

**RESOLVED**, that the sum of \$32,166,055 the amount which must be raised by taxation for East Rockaway UFSD (#19) of the Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, NY, for the year 2022-2023 be levied upon the taxable property of the said school district as said property has been certified by the Assessor for the school year 2022-2023.

**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 15, 2022.

E. Approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the East Rockaway UFSD advertised for Requests for Proposals published in *Newsday* on May 12, 2022, for athletic trainer services for the 2022-2023 school year, opened at the District Office on May 26, 2022, at 1:00 pm, and has determined, upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations, that Ivy Rehab Physical Therapy, PLLC is the lowest responsible bidder meeting the bid specifications; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts this bid and awards the contract for athletic trainer services for the 2022-2023 school year, to the lowest responsible bidder meeting the bid specifications, and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute a contract with Ivy Rehab Physical Therapy, PLLC on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

F. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Education Law §2034(6)(b), after six months have passed since the May 17, 2022, election without any proceeding, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District Clerk to unseal and open the ballot box and to destroy all of the ballots cast, spoiled and unused in the May 17, 2022, Annual District Budget Vote and Board of Education Election, no earlier than November 18, 2022.

Mr. McNally made a motion to amend Item 7-G to reflect the correct date of June 30, 2022. Upon motion made by Mr. Kilgus, seconded by Mr. Vulpis, all in favor AYE, opposed: NONE; abstained: NONE; the motion was unanimously passed, and the following Item 7-G was amended.

G. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District hereby reaffirms the authorization for the following reserve accounts as prescribed under General Municipal Law and/or Education Law:

1. Capital Reserve for Building Improvements and Repairs II
2. Capital Reserve for Technology II
3. Capital Reserve for Building Improvements and Repairs III
4. Unemployment Insurance Reserve
5. Employee Benefits Accrued Liability Reserve (EBALR)
6. Reserve for Employee Retirement System (ERS)
7. Reserve for Teacher Retirement System (TRS) Sub-Fund

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District authorize the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations to fund the reserves for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and assign amounts from the unappropriated fund balance as follows:



<b>Transfer To:</b>	<b>Amount Not to Exceed</b>
Capital Fund for Technology II	200,000
Capital Reserve for Building Improvements and Repairs III	2,000,000
Reserve for Teacher Retirement System (TRS) Sub-Fund	329,821
Reserve for Employee Retirement System	364,058

- H. Approve the Services Agreement Reinstatement for continuation of 403(b)/457(b) administration services by US Omni & TSACG Compliance Services for the 2022-2023 year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the Agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
- I. Approve the Owner/Architect Agreement Continuation Letter between the East Rockaway UFSD and JAG Architect for the 2022-2023 school year and authorize the Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations to execute the letter agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
- J. Approve the 2021-22 consultant contract between the East Rockaway School District and Rodney L. Brown to facilitate a community committee “Building Bridges to Understanding” with a focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion for the period of June 1, 2022, through June 30, 2022, and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to execute the contract on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
- K. Approve the Twilight Alternative High School Program Contract (2022-2023) with Nassau BOCES for East Rockaway students for the period September 15, 2022, through on or about June 30, 2023, and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the contract on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
- L. Approve the awards of the bid dated May 24, 2022, for transportation services for summer 2022 transportation services to the following companies and authorize the Superintendent and President of the Board of Education to execute the contract on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
1. BOCES- Nassau
  2. First Student Inc.
  3. We Transport Inc.
- M. Approve the 2022-2025 Instructional Technology Plan to outline short and long-term technology goals over the next three school years.
- N. For the purpose of participating in Cooperative Bids for Air Filters HVAC; Blinds, Shades & Stage Curtain Cleaning; Burners and Boiler Service; Carpet and Tile Installation; Custodial Equipment Repair; Custodial Supplies and Trash Bags;

Custodial Supplies Green Cleaning; Door Installation and Repair; Drag Mop Rental; Dumpsters; Electrical Service; Electrical Supplies; Elevator Maintenance; Equipment Repair; Fence Installation and Repair; Fire Extinguisher Service; Floor Sanding, Refinishing and Repair; Fuel Tank Alarm/Tank/Manhole Repairs; Geese/Dog Service; General AC and Refrigeration Repairs and Service; General Boiler Welding; Grounds Equipment Repair; Gym Folding Door; Heating Plant Maintenance and Repair; Irrigation Installation and Service/Well Installation; Kitchen Equipment Repairs; Locksmith Services; Lumber and Masonry Supplies; PA, Intercom and Master Clock Service; Paint and Associated Supplies; Painting Service; Pest Control Services; Playground Equipment Repair; Plumbing Service; Plumbing Supplies; Pneumatic Systems; Port-a-pottie; Pump and Motor Repair; Roof Repair; Scoreboard Repair/Electric Partition; Doors/Gym Equipment; Signs and Associated Supplies; Site Work Asphalt/Concrete/Parking Lot Sweeping; Slate Roof Repair; Split System AC Units; Steam Traps and Parts; Storm Drains; Suspended Ceiling Installation; Theatrical Lighting/Stage Rigging; Track/Tennis/Playground Resurfacing Repair; Tree Cutting and Pruning; Uniforms Purchase; Universal Waste Recycling; Window Glass Repairs, Parts, Replacement:

WHEREAS, the Boards of Education of:

Baldwin UFSD	Herricks UFSD	North Shore CSD
Bellmore UFSD	Hewlett-Woodmere UFSD	Oceanside UFSD
Bellmore-Merrick UFSD	Hicksville UFSD	Plainedge UFSD
Bethpage UFSD	Island Trees UFSD	Plainview Old Bethpage UFSD
Carle Place UFSD	Jericho UFSD	Port Washington UFSD
East Meadow UFSD	Lawrence UFSD	Rockville Centre UFSD
East Rockaway UFSD	Levittown UFSD	Seaford UFSD
East Williston UFSD	Long Beach UFSD	Syosset UFSD
Elmont Schools	Lynbrook UFSD	Uniondale UFSD
Floral Park/Bellerose	Manhasset UFSD	Valley Stream CHSD
Freeport UFS	Massapequa UFSD	Valley Stream #30
Garden City UFSD	Merrick UFSD	Valley Stream #13
Glen Cove City SD	Mineola UFSD	Wantagh UFSD
Great Neck UFSD	North Bellmore UFSD	West Hempstead UFSD
	North Merrick UFSD	Westbury UFSD

desire to participate in Cooperative Bids during the 2022-2023 school year as authorized by General Municipal Law Section 119-0, and whereas, the Board of Education through its Director of Finance and Operations, or designee, has assumed responsibility for drafting specifications, advertising for Bids, accepting and opening Bids, tabulating Bids, and reporting the results for each of the respective bids to the participating Boards of Education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations, or designee, on behalf of the Board of Education of the East Rockaway School District, be and hereby is authorized to participate in Cooperative

bidding conducted in conjunction with the Boards of Education of the aforementioned school districts for the bids noted above. Any award of contract pursuant to these Cooperative Bids will be made by the respective Board of Education in cooperation with the participating Districts.

O. Accept the following grants:

1. ARP-IDEA – Part B, Section 611 Federal Funding Grant Award for the funding dates of July 1, 2021- September 30, 2023, with an approved budget total of \$62,667.
2. ARP-IDEA – Part B, Section 619 Federal Funding Grant Award for the funding dates of July 1, 2021- September 30, 2023, with an approved budget total of \$6,873.
3. Title IIIA Immigrant Education Federal Funding Grant Award for the funding dates of September 1, 2021- August 31, 2022, with an approved budget total of \$31,235.
4. From the Centre Avenue PTA, a Curriculum Enhancement Grant in the sum of \$80.00.
5. From the Centre Avenue PTA, a Curriculum Enhancement Grant in the sum of \$236.98.

P. Approve the following donation(s):

1. From the East Rockaway Teachers Association, three Little Free Libraries valued at approximately \$2,142.06.

#### 8. Approval of CSE and CPSE Recommendations

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

Upon motion made by Mr. Vulpis, seconded by Mr. DeMatteo, and unanimously passed, the CSE and CPSE Recommendations were approved.

#### 9. Budget Transfers

Mr. McNally asked if the trustees had any questions regarding the following budget transfers. There were no questions.

Mr. McNally then asked for a motion to approve the budget transfers. Upon motion made by Mr. Kilgus, seconded by Mr. 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 transfers:

1. Transaction No. 22-025
2. Transaction No. 22-026
3. Transaction No. 22-027
4. Transaction No. 22-028

## 10. Policy Matters

- A. Policy Subcommittee Report: Mr. McNally stated that the committee met on May 5th and reviewed the policies for adoption tonight. Next meeting is to be determined and will continue to review the 13 policies listed on tonight's agenda.

B. For Adoption

Mr. McNally asked if the trustees had any questions regarding the policy below for adoption. There were none and Mr. McNally asked for a motion to approve the policies below.

Upon motion made by Mr. Vulpis, seconded by Mr. Kilgus, all in favor AYE, opposed: NONE; abstained: NONE; the motion was unanimously passed, and the policies listed in B-1-4 were unanimously approved for adoption.

1. 1400, Public Complaints: We have updated this policy to remove the section on complaints about certain federally funded programs and updated version now covered as a new policy 1405.
2. 1405, Complaints about Certain Federally-Funded Programs: We have developed this new policy to address complaints about certain federally funded programs. Districts are required to disseminate these procedures for filing complaints with the State of Education department.
3. 2330, Executive Sessions: We have revised this policy to reflect other instances where it is permissible to disclose information from executive sessions as delineated by commissioners' decisions.
4. 4810, Teaching About Controversial Issues: Revisions have been made to this policy to emphasize the benefits and purpose of engaging in rigorous conversation about controversial topics related to the approved curriculum in a safe, supportive inclusive and structured environment.

C. For Review

1. 1420, Complaints About Curricula or Instructional Materials
2. 2160, School District Officer and Employee Code of Ethics
3. 1900, Parent and Family Engagement
4. 5151, Homeless Children
5. 5300, Code of Conduct
6. 6680, Internal Audit Function
7. 6700, Purchasing
8. 8110, School Building Safety
9. 8112, Health and Safety Committee

- 10.8220, Buildings and Grounds Maintenance and Inspection
- 11.8635-E, Parents Bill of Rights for Student Data Privacy and Security
- 12.9630, Sexual Misconduct
- 13.9150, Non-Fraternization “New”

## 11. Reports

- A. Superintendent’s Report: The Superintendent’s June Report has been posted on the district’s website. To summarize two important items, one of them is on safety and security. In the wake of the latest tragic school, the district once again, in partnership with our security consultants, Altaris, met to review the incident for opportunities for improvement in our own procedures. The very best Means to protect our campus and students and staff is to ensure that people who do not belong on campus do not have access, with this in mind we have restricted access to the high school campus during the school day. We will also be extending the hours and have contracted a second security guard to the outside so that it no time during the day or is the campus open to anyone who does not belong here or does not have an appointment. We will continue to review these unfortunate and horrific incidents so that we may ensure that our procedures are evidence-based and follow the best practices that have been identified in the field. In addition, locked doors are one of the best preventive measures to keep our school community safe and therefore we are being extra vigilant about maintaining doors locked or in locked positions in the event of an emergency. I would also like to thank all members who served to help draft our strategic plan, this is an important blue print for the school district for the next five years.

## 12. Good and Welfare

- A. Condolences to Rebeca Pagan-Rodriguez and family on the passing of her mother, Concepcion Rodriguez.
- B. Congratulations to Toni Keane and family on the arrival of her grandson, Jack Garren on June 7, 2022.

## 13. Public Comments

Mr. Michael Motherway, newly elected board member and East Rockaway resident; read his statement thanking the board and all taxpayers who voted for him. He is committed to working with the board and with the new superintendent for the community. He congratulated Ms. Ruiz on her retirement. He expressed his feelings regarding some comments made on the last board meeting and wishes for the community to get involve, run for board trustees on future elections, volunteer time and be more proactive.

Dineen Cilluffo, East Rockaway resident: She read her statement and had questions regarding 504 plans options for monitors and teachers to get information of students with medical accommodations, and integrative choice regarding summer readings.

Frank Passanisi, East Rockaway resident: Congratulations to Mrs. Ruiz on your retirement; thanks to Mr. Gregory and coaches for your hard work; and to Ms. Jackie Scio and to all school board members for volunteering your time and for serving the community.

Kristin Ochtera, East Rockaway resident: Spoke on behalf of the East Rockaway Education Foundation to thank Mrs. Ruiz for all her years in serving the community and all retirees as well. As a former board trustee, she can see the significant role all board and administrators play, their leadership and efforts are very important to overcome challenges. She acknowledged the PTA for taking time from their families to volunteer and work for all children in the district.

#### Board Member Comments

Joseph Kilgus: Mr. Kilgus congratulated Ms. Ruiz and wished good luck for all retirees. Thanked Superintendent Ruiz for all her work with district families and for her leadership. Thanked the PTA for volunteering to help the children. Wished everyone a great summer!

Dominick Vulpis: Mr. Vulpis thanked Ms. Ruiz for her service and dedication to the children of East Rockaway. He shared a memorable moment with Ms. Ruiz, and he also thanked Ms. O'Hagan for serving as a board member and wished her well. Mr. Vulpis acknowledged the work of the East Rockaway Fire Department and for serving our students and community.

Daniel DeMatteo: Mr. DeMatteo congratulated Ms. Ruiz on her retirement and to Mr. DeTommaso for his new appointment. Commented on the email and video received by a parent and how important is to focus on the positive, bringing people together, be inclusive and work as team and moving forward as a community.

Peter McNally: Mr. McNally stated that it has been inspirational seeing Superintendent Ruiz and Mr. DeTommaso working together for a smooth transition. Congratulated Ms. Ruiz on her retirement and thanked current board member, Ms. O'Hagan for her service in the last three years as a board member trustee; her expertise and organization skills will be missed.

14. Upon motion made by Mr. DeMatteo and seconded by Mr. Kilgus, and passed unanimously, the public meeting was adjourned at 9:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nereyda Amaya Moran  
District Clerk.