

MINUTES**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education (Tuesday, September 20, 2022)***Generated by Nereyda Amaya Moran.***Members present**

Dominick Vulpis, Joseph Kilgus, Peter McNally, Daniel DeMatteo, Michael Motherway Superintendent, James DeTommaso, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Technology, Sean Murray Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations Jacqueline A Scrio, Director of PPS, Vincent Healy District Clerk, Nereyda Amaya Moran.

Meeting called to order at 7:03 P.M by Board President, Peter McNally and Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

1. Opening of Meeting

A. Call to order

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Kilgus, then introduced East Rockaway Jr./Sr. High School student Joseph Pryce Higgins, who led the pledge of Allegiance.

C. Presentations

Mr. DeTommaso presented the Strategic Plan Update to the community. He then proceeded to introduce the new Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Technology, Sean Murray; and new Rhame Avenue Principal, Jack Bixhorn. In addition, he introduced new teachers, he welcomed all of our new staff and wished them a long and prosperous career in the District.

Presentations concluded at 7:23 p.m., and Mr. McNally continued with the public portion of the agenda.

D. Old Business

Superintendent DeTommaso, gave an update regarding Centre Ave playground. He also addressed some concerns regarding the difference of a lockdown and lockout. Last Thursday we were in a lockout which means business as usual with the exception that nobody comes in and out of the building until the lockout is lifted. Our high school staff and administrators did a great job handling the situation. We received compliments from the Nassau County Police Department, as well as from our security consultants team.

E. Public Comments on Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

F. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Joseph Kilgus, second by Dominick Vulpis.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Dominick Vulpis, Joseph Kilgus, Peter McNally, Daniel DeMatteo, Michael Motherway

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of

A. August 30, 2022, Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

2. Acknowledgment of Monthly Reports and Correspondence

Motion by Michael Motherway second by Daniel DeMatteo

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Dominick Vulpis, Joseph Kilgus, Peter McNally, Daniel DeMatteo, Michael Motherway

A. Receipt of Monthly Financial Reports

Board acknowledged receipt of July, 2022 Financial reports

B. Correspondence

1. Emails received about Centre Avenue playground concerns
2. Email from a resident regarding lights at the high school Athletic Complex
3. Email regarding if Narcan is available in all three schools.

3. Recommendation of Superintendent: Instructional and Non-Instructional Personnel

Action (Consent):

Mr. McNally asked if there were any questions from the board members regarding items A-F below. There were none and a motion to approve items A-F were unanimously approved on a consent agenda.

Motion by Joseph Kilgus, second by Michael Motherway.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Dominick Vulpis, Joseph Kilgus, Peter McNally, Daniel DeMatteo, Michael Motherway

Resolution: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accept the following resignations:

A. Resignations

#	Name	Position	Effective Date
1.	Laura V. Corbett	Teacher Aide	September 9, 2022

B. Appointments Instructional

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of the following instructional staff

#	Name	Position	Effective Date	Step	Tenure Area/Certification	East Rockaway
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						UFSD Contract
1.	Nikoletta Markoulli	Special Education Teacher 4 year probationary	September 7, 2022	MA1, prorated	Special Education Students With Disability 7-12 Emergency COVID	ERTA
2.	Karen Varrone	Per Diem Substitute Teacher	September 21, 2022	Substitute Teacher	N/A	Non-contractual
3.	Jarell Brown	Athletic Supervision	September 12, 2022	Apx C Day/Evening	N/A	ERTA
4.	Kacie Curran	Athletic Supervision	September 1, 2022	Apx C Day/Evening	N/A	ERTA
5.	Thomas Dwyer	Athletic Supervision	September 9, 2022	Apx C Day/Evening	N/A	ERTA
6.	Grayson Valentino	Per Diem Substitute Teacher .2 FTE	September 1, 2022	Substitute Teacher prorated	N/A	Non-contractual

C. Changes to Existing Instructional Appointments

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following changes to instructional staff appointments:

#	Name	Position	Effective Date	Step	East Rockaway UFSD Contract
1.	Sabrina Biaggi	Mathematics Teacher .6 FTE	September 7, 2022	MA,1 prorated	ERTA
2.	Kathryn Appello	Elementary Teacher .8 FTE	September 1, 2022	MA, Entry	ERTA
3.	Heather Bolanos	Speech Language Teacher .9 FTE	September 21, 2022	MA 19	ERTA

D. Leave of Absence

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve a leave of absence

#	Name	Position	Effective Date	Change	East Rockaway UFSD Contract
1.	Lisa Fodera	Part Time Typist Clerk	October 2, 2022	Administrative Leave of absence	East Rockaway Secretaries Association
2.	Michael Stern	Custodian	September 7, 2022	FMLA	Custodial
3.	James O'Driscoll	School Counselor	October 11, 2022 through December 23, 2022	Leave of Absence for Personal Medical Reasons	ERTA

E. Appointments Non-Instructional

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of the following non-instructional staff:

#	Name	Position	Effective Date	Step	East Rockaway UFSD Contract
1.	Melissa Watson	Part-Time Monitor	September 21, 2022	1	Monitors and Security Aides
2.	Marianne K. Riordan	Monitor	September 21, 2022	1	Monitors and Security Aides
3.	Lisa Fodera	Provisional 12-month Typist Clerk	October 3, 2022	6	East Rockaway Secretaries Association
4.	Amanda Crawford	Part-Time Monitor	September 21, 2022	1	Monitors and Security Aides
5.	Theresa Parente	Supervision	September 21, 2022		ERTA
6.	Denise Powell	Supervision	September 21, 2022		ERTA
7.	Serena Zingale	Substitute Monitor	September 21, 2022		Non Contractual
8.	Melissa Thorp	Substitute Teacher Aide	September 28, 2022		Non Contractual

F. Approval of Club Advisor assignments

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the elementary and junior/senior high school club advisor assignments more fully set forth on the 2022-2023 Club Advisor Schedules at the stipend salaries set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2022-2023 school year.

4. Other Items

Action (Consent):

Mr. McNally asked if there were any questions from the board members regarding items A-G below. There were none and a motion to approve items A-G were unanimously approved on a consent agenda.

Motion by Daniel DeMatteo, second by Dominick Vulpis.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Dominick Vulpis, Joseph Kilgus, Peter McNally, Daniel DeMatteo, Michael Motherway

A. Approve District credit card for specific District employees

WHEREAS, the District has recognized in Board of Education Policy No. 8334 that specific District employees will be issued a District credit card to assist with their job responsibilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is,

RESOLVED, that the job titles that are issued a District credit card will be determined by the Board of Education.

Credit cards currently assigned are as follows:

Superintendent of Schools - Webster Bank, N.A. Visa Community Card

B. Change Order 1 for Jr./Sr. HS TECHNOLOGY BUILDING

WHEREAS, the East Rockaway Union Free School District retained Hirsch & Company, LLC for plumbing reconstruction 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 \$40,895.05 required as per National Grid to complete the HVAC in the East Rockaway Jr./Sr. High School, and deduct \$30,000 for unused allowance for unforeseen conditions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts and approves Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Hirsch & Company, LLC resulting in a total increase of the contract price by the amount of \$10,895.05, 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.

C. Change Order No. 1 For East Rockaway Jr./Sr. High School

WHEREAS, the East Rockaway Union Free School District retained JNS Heating Service for HVAC reconstruction 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 \$88,765 for additional HVAC 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 JNS Heating Service, resulting in a total increase of the contract price by the amount of \$88,765 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. Change Order No. 2 For East Rockaway Jr./Sr. HS TECHNOLOGY BUILDING

WHEREAS, the East Rockaway Union Free School District retained JNS Heating Service for HVAC reconstruction 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 \$61,334 for additional HVAC 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. 2 to the contract with JNS Heating Service, resulting in a total increase of the contract price by the amount of \$61,334 and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President and the Superintendent to execute Change Order No. 2 on behalf of the Board.

E. Health and Welfare agreement with Lawrence Public Schools

Approve the Health and Welfare agreement between East Rockaway UFSD and Lawrence Public Schools for the health and welfare services for the 2021-2022 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.

F. Donations

Accept the following donation:

1. From Hewlett Woodmere School district, 13 Football Helmets, valued at \$6,060.00.

G. Items for Disposal

Declare obsolete for the purpose of disposal the items listed on the Change of Disposition forms dated 9/9/2022.

5. Approval of CSE and CPSE Recommendations

A. Approve the CSE and CPSE Recommendations

Action:

Motion by Michael Motherway, second by Joseph Kilgus.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Dominick Vulpis, Joseph Kilgus, Peter McNally, Daniel DeMatteo, Michael Motherway

6. Budget Transfers: None at this time.

7. Policy Matters

A. Policy Subcommittee Report

Over the summer the policy subcommittee did not meet, new date to be determined. All 14 policies below will be under review.

B. Policies for Review:

A.1420, Complaints About Curricula or Instructional Materials
B.2160, School District Officer and Employee Code of Ethics
C.1900, Parent and Family Engagement
D.5151, Homeless Children
E.5300, Code of Conduct
F.6680, Internal Audit Function
G.6700, Purchasing
H.8110, School Building Safety
I.8112, Health and Safety Committee
J.8220, Buildings and Grounds Maintenance and Inspection
K.8635-E, Parents Bill of Rights for Student Data Privacy and Security
L.9630, Sexual Misconduct
M.9150, Non-Fraternization "New"
N.9520.2, Family and Medical Leave

8. Reports

A. Superintendent's Report

Please visit the school website at <https://eastrockawayschools.org/district/superintendent> to view the detailed Superintendent report for September 20, 2022.

9. Public Comments

A. Public Comments

Ms. Cathy Matthews, East Rockaway resident: She thanked the board for acknowledging her email regarding Centre Avenue's playground concerns. She also reported that a bench is too low to the ground and the gates to the high school track were closed to the public one time in the summer. She also raised a concern about lunch pizza being too overcooked this week and expressed her disappointment that the events on September 11 were not recognized in her daughter's class.

Ms. Jean Maxwell, East Rockaway resident: Expressed her feelings about some traditional celebrations that have been ignored to meet new curriculum requirements. She felt there is a lack of communication, planning and following through on important celebrations such as remembering September 11 or making a moment of silence for fallen soldiers, firefighters, etc. She reiterated that she is advocating for this town and that these important issues should be addressed and reevaluated.

Board member Mr. Vulpis, replied: I encourage parents to bring their concerns to the PTA as a starting point. We have a great PTA team at each school and the Board meets with their leaders regularly throughout the year. By doing so, we can follow the correct ladder to address issues that will be informed to their principals, teachers, etc. so that changes can be done in a more efficient way.

Mr. DeTommaso addressed one of the comments and stated that all schools did recognize 9/11 events in different ways; some had "wear red, white and blue", on Friday. In the high school we had a moment of silence. Each individual teacher addressed it in a different way. In addition, the district annually host the Andrew Stern essay to reflect on the anniversary of 9/11.

Board member Mr. Kilgus: Mentioned that during touring the schools last August, they spoke with Principal Ms. Kelly and she mentioned that her husband will be representing the military at the next Met game. This inspired the board to create a "Hometown Hero Award", in which every month they will recognize someone from the community. More information will be provided soon.

Board member Mr. DeMatteo: First, we love America and support our law enforcement. We can do more regarding 9/11 and many other celebrations. We advise parents to support the PTA and get involve with great ideas.

Mr. Omar Gungor, East Rockaway resident: Inquired about security cameras. Ms. Scio replied and stated that all exterior cameras are working and there will be an upgrade soon.

10. Board Member Comments

A. Board Comments

Mr. Motherway: Thanked Mr. DeTommaso and all leaders at the high school for their professionalism during lockout. Congratulated and welcomed all new staff.

Mr. Vulpis: Thanked everyone who came to tonight's meeting and voiced their opinions. We certainly want to make the best decision we possible can for our district. Congratulated all new staff and thanked them for attending at tonight's meeting.

Mr. McNally: Recognized all new staff for coming and welcomed them to the district. He also expressed his excitement toward the new strategic plan and he wishes all to work together and have continuous dialogue to accomplish all goals set for this new school year.

11. Adjournment

A. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Motion by Joseph Kilgus, second by Michael Motherway.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Dominick Vulpis, Joseph Kilgus, Peter McNally, Daniel DeMatteo, Michael Motherway