

EAST ROCKAWAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

East Rockaway, New York

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

East Rockaway Jr. / Sr. High School Auditorium

7:00 P.M., September 14, 2021

Preceded by Recognition of Rebeca Rodriguez, Erin Kennedy, and Sara Perrone
for the *Herald's* "Head of the Class Long Island Teacher Awards 2021"

and Recognition of Matthew Pollackov, Long Island Scholar Artist,

Introduction of New Staff and a Public Forum

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND LIVESTREAMED

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Brigid Peknic.
3. Public Comments on Agenda Items
4. Approval of Minutes
 - A. August 25, 2021, Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
5. Acknowledgment of Monthly Reports and Correspondence
 - A. Receipt of Monthly Financial Reports: July 2021
 - B. Correspondence
6. Recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools
 - A. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent accept the following resignations:
 1. Elizabeth David, substitute monitor, effective September 14, 2021.
 2. Elizabeth David, substitute teacher aide, effective September 14, 2021
 3. Elizabeth Kelly, substitute monitor, effective September 14, 2021
 4. Dana Casas, teaching assistant, effective August 25, 2021
 5. Celeste Magluilo, permanent substitute teacher, effective August 26, 2021
 6. Alyssa Grunfelder, permanent substitute teacher, effective August 30, 2021
 - B. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, rescind the request of Janna Bonacorsi for a FMLA leave of absence from her Guidance Director position previously approved by the Board of Education at its July 20, 2021, meeting.
 - C. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, revise the request of Alisa Stegner for a FMLA leave of absence previously approved at the August 25, 2021, Board of Education meeting to be effective August 31, 2021, through November 24, 2021, and thereafter, approve a child rearing leave of absence effective November 25, 2021,

through January 28, 2022.

- D. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the request of Kelly Cabasso, for a 12-week FMLA leave of absence, from her art teacher position, effective December 13, 2021, through March 18, 2022.
- E. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the club advisor assignments more fully set forth on the 2021-2022 Club Advisor Schedule dated September 14, 2021, at the stipend salaries 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 Andrew Fenter to the position of short-term substitute family and consumer science teacher, effective August 31, 2021, through December 3, 2021, at the per diem salary established by the East Rockaway Board of Education on the Non-Contractual Salary Schedule for short-term substitute teachers for the 2021-22 school year; and further approve the appointment of Andrew Fenter to the position of substitute teacher, effective December 6, 2021 through June 30, 2022, at the per diem salary established by the East Rockaway Board of Education on the Non-Contractual Salary Schedule for per diem substitute teachers for the 2021-22 school year.
- G. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Amy Cesario to the position of short-term substitute school psychologist, effective September 15, 2021, through December 22, 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 and further approve her appointment as a Dignity Act Coordinator and Chairperson and school psychologist for CSE and CPSE committees, effective September 15, 2021, through December 22, 2021.
- H. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, effective September 15, 2021, through June 30, 2022, approve an increase in the part-time special education teacher assignment of Alexis Freudenberg to be .6 FTE and reduce her per diem substitute teacher position to .4 FTE.
- I. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Megan Donelan to the position of teacher aide, effective upon Civil Service approval, at the Step 1 hourly salary established by the East Rockaway Teacher Aides Association agreement for the 2021-2022 school year.
- J. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Mary Malone to the position of teacher aide, effective upon Civil Service approval, at the Step 1 hourly salary established by the East Rockaway Teacher Aides Association agreement for the 2021-2022 school year.
- K. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Antonino Rizzo to the position of teacher aide, effective upon Civil Service approval, at the Step 1 hourly salary established by the East Rockaway Teacher Aides Association agreement for the 2021-2022 school year.

- L. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Elizabeth David to the position of part-time monitor, effective September 15, 2021, at the Step 1 hourly salary set forth in the East Rockaway UFSD Monitor and Security Unit and UPSEU Collective Bargaining Agreement for the 2021-2022 school year.
- M. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Elizabeth Kelly to the position of school monitor, effective September 15, 2021, at the Step 1 hourly salary set forth in the East Rockaway UFSD Monitor and Security Unit and UPSEU Collective Bargaining Agreement for the 2021-2022 school year.
- N. 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. Amanda Cooney-Mazurek, substitute teacher aide, effective upon Civil Service approval.
 - 2. Debrah Vesce, substitute monitor, effective upon Civil Service approval.
 - 3. Renee Hedwig Macchio, substitute typist-clerk, effective upon Civil Service approval.

7. Other Items

- A. Approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE EAST ROCKAWAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK, ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 14, 2021, CALLING A SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEYS FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES AND THE LEVY OF A TAX THEREFOR.

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

Section 1. A Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of the East Rockaway Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York (the “District”), shall be held within the District, on Monday, November 15, 2021 at 6:30 o’clock A.M. (Prevailing Time) in the East Rockaway Jr./Sr. High School, 443 Ocean Avenue, East Rockaway, New York, as provided in the Notice calling said Special District Meeting hereinafter substantially prescribed. The voting at such Special District Meeting shall be by voting machine or paper ballot, as provided by the Education Law, and the polls shall remain open from 6:30 o’clock A.M. to 9:30 o’clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on said day and as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters, then present, to cast their votes.

Section 2. The business to be acted upon at said Special District Meeting shall be as

stated in the Notice thereof, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause the Notice of said Special District Meeting to be published in the “*Oceanside, Rockville Centre, East Rockaway Tribune*” and “*The Lynbrook East Rockaway Herald,*” two newspapers each having a general circulation in the District, such publications to be made four (4) times within the seven (7) weeks next preceding such Special District Meeting, the first publications to be at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of said Special District Meeting.

Section 3. Said Notice of Special District Meeting shall be substantially in the following form.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING OF THE EAST ROCKAWAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York, has adopted a resolution on September 14, 2021, authorizing a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of said School District to be held on Monday, November 15, 2021, from 6:30 o’clock A.M. to 9:30 o’clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) in the East Rockaway Jr./Sr. High School, 443 Ocean Avenue, East Rockaway, New York, for the purpose of voting upon the following Proposition:

PROPOSITION:

WHEREAS, the voters of East Rockaway Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York (the “District”) have heretofore on November 14, 2019, approved the expenditure of not to exceed \$27,708,336 for various building and site improvements; and thereafter the Board of Education (the “Board”) authorized the issuance of not to exceed \$21,508,336 bonds and the levy of a tax in installments to pay said bonds and the interest thereon to pay a portion of such cost; and

WHEREAS, the Board has now determined that the cost of such improvements will be accomplished at a reduced cost, resulting in an unneeded balance of \$4,000,000 of the bonds heretofore authorized; and

WHEREAS, the Board has now further determined that it is necessary and desirable to undertake building heating and ventilation system improvements at the Rhame Avenue Elementary School and Centre Avenue Elementary School, at the estimated maximum cost of not to exceed \$6,000,000, and to appropriate said amount from the proceeds of the aforesaid \$4,000,000 bonds and \$2,000,000 of funds on hand.

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED:

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

heating and ventilation system improvements at the Rhame Avenue Elementary School and Centre Avenue Elementary School (the “Project”) substantially as described in a report/plan prepared for the District by John A. Grillo, Architects (the “Report”), which Report is on file and available for public inspection at the office of the District Clerk, including the original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus and ancillary or related site, demolition and other work required in connection therewith; and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$6,000,000; provided that the costs of the components of the Project as set forth in the Report may be reallocated among such components if the Board of Education shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interests of the District;

(b) that \$2,000,000 of available fund balance from the District’s 2020-2021 fiscal year is hereby authorized to be expended to pay a portion of the cost of the Project, and such expenditure is hereby approved, and

(c) that the balance of the cost of the Project shall be financed by the issuance of \$4,000,000 bonds heretofore authorized and the tax heretofore voted, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

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

PROPOSITION:

YES

NO

RESOLVED:

(a) That the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York is hereby authorized to undertake building heating and ventilation system improvements at the Rhame Avenue Elementary School and Centre Avenue Elementary School, substantially as described in a report/plan by John A. Grillo, Architects, and to expend therefor an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000; (b) that \$2,000,000 of available fund balance from the District’s 2020-2021 fiscal year is hereby authorized to be expended to pay a portion of such cost, and such expenditure is hereby approved, and (c) that the balance of the cost shall be financed by the issuance of \$4,000,000 bonds heretofore authorized and the tax heretofore voted, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

The voting will be conducted by ballot on voting machines or paper ballot as provided in the Education Law and the polls will remain open from 6:30 o’clock A.M. to 9:30 o’clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) and as much longer as may be necessary to enable the

voters then present to cast their ballots.

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

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to Education Law §2014, personal registration of voters is required for the Special District Meeting, and no person shall be entitled to vote at the Special District Meeting whose name does not appear on the register of the District. Registration of the qualified voters of the District for said Special District Meeting is permitted in the District Clerk's Office, from 8:00 o'clock A.M. to 3:30 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time), Monday through Friday, up to and including Wednesday, November 10, 2021. The register for the Special District Meeting will be prepared and filed in the District Clerk's Office and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter from 8:00 o'clock A.M. to 3:30 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on each of the five days prior to the day of the vote, except Sunday, November 14, 2021 and from 8:00 o'clock A.M. to 11:00 o'clock A.M. (Prevailing Time) on Saturday, November 13, 2021, by advance appointment only; and at each polling place on the day of the vote.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE the register of the qualified voters of said District prepared for the Annual District Meeting and Election held on May 18, 2021, shall be used by said Board of Registration as the basis for the preparation of the register for said Special District Meeting to be held on November 15, 2021.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the register shall include: (1) all qualified voters of the District who shall personally present themselves for registration; and (2) all previously qualified voters of the District who shall have been previously registered for any annual or special District meeting or election and who shall have voted at any annual or special District meeting or election held or conducted at any time within four calendar years (2018-2021) prior to preparation of said register; and (3) voters permanently registered with the Board of Elections of Nassau County.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that applications for absentee ballots are to be completed on a form prescribed by the state board of elections and may be obtained by visiting the New York State Education Department's Website at (<http://www.counsel.nysed.gov/common/counsel/files/absentee-ballot-application-and-instructions-english.pdf>, <http://www.counsel.nysed.gov/common/counsel/files/absentee-ballot-application-and-instructions-spanish.pdf>), or by contacting the District Clerk by email at namayamoran@ersd.org or telephone at (516) 887-8300 Ext. 1-433 from 8:00 o'clock A.M. to 3:30 P.M. o'clock (Prevailing Time), Monday through Friday, except holidays. If the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the completed application must be received by the District Clerk no later than November 8, 2021. If the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter at the office of the District Clerk, the completed application must be received by the District Clerk no later than November 12, 2021. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the District Clerk from 8:00 o'clock A.M. to 3:30 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on each of the five (5) days prior to the day of the vote, except Sunday, November 14, 2021, and from 8:00 o'clock A.M. to 11:00 o'clock A.M. on Saturday,

November 13, 2021, by advance appointment only.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that pursuant to Education Law §2018-d, any person serving in the military, including spouses and dependents, may register to vote at the Special District Meeting to be held on November 15, 2021. A military voter who is a qualified voter of the District may obtain a registration form by contacting the District Clerk by telephone (516-887-8300, Ext. 1-433), facsimile (516-887-1802), email (namayamoran@ersd.org) mail (443 Ocean Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518), or in person (during regular office hours or between the hours of 8:00 o'clock A.M. and 3:00 o'clock P.M.). A military voter who is duly registered may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District by also contacting the District Clerk. Completed applications must be personally delivered or mailed to the District Clerk and received no later than 5:00 o'clock P.M. on October 20, 2021. Military ballots must be received by 5:00 o'clock P.M. on November 15, 2021, if signed and dated by the military voter and one witness thereto with a date which is not later than the day before the Special District Meeting, or not later than the close of the polls on November 15, 2021, if postmarked or endorsed by an agency of the United States government. A military voter may designate a preference to receive a military voter registration form, military ballot application or military ballot by mail, facsimile or electronic mail in the request for such registration, ballot application, or ballot.

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

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

BY THE ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dated: September 14, 2021

Nereyda Amaya-Moran
District Clerk

Section 4. The vote upon the Proposition to be submitted to the qualified voters shall be by paper or machine ballots, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to have the necessary ballots prepared, in form corresponding as nearly as may be with the requirements of the Education Law.

Section 5. The proceeds of the bonds referred to in the Proposition set forth in Section 3 hereof, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, may be applied to reimburse the District for expenditures made for the purpose or purposes for which said bonds are authorized to be expended. The foregoing statement of intent with

respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

B. Approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the East Rockaway UFSD School District desires to replace the existing heating and ventilation systems at Rhame Avenue Elementary School and Centre Avenue Elementary School (hereinafter the “Projects”); and

WHEREAS, said Projects are subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQRA Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(1)); and

WHEREAS, replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or a facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQRA Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(2); and

WHEREAS, the SEQRA Regulations declare Type II Actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, as the only involved agency, has examined all information related to the Projects and has determined that the Projects are classified as a Type II Action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(1) and (2) of the SEQRA Regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby declares itself Lead Agency in connection with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, after a review of the proposed action, hereby declares that the Projects are Type II Actions, which requires no further review under SEQRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby shall forward an official copy of this Resolution to the New York State Education Department together with a copy of the correspondence from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in connection with its request for approval of the listed project from the New York State Education Department.

- C. Approve the terms of the Letter of Intent dated September 1, 2021, with Nassau BOCES for a 48-month lease for three (3) Xerox multi-task copy machines and authorize the Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations to execute the Letter of Intent on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.
- D. Approve the Special Education Services Contract with Hicksville UFSD for special education services for one parentally placed student for the 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.

8. Approval of CSE and CPSE Recommendations

9. Budget Transfers

- A. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following budget transfer:
 - 1. Transaction No. 22-003
 - 2. Transaction No. 22-004

10. Policy Matters

- A. Policy Subcommittee Report
- B. For Adoption
- C. For Review
 - 1. 0115, 0115-R, Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention
 - 2. 4710, Grading Systems
 - 3. 8130, School Safety Plans and Teams
 - 4. 9150, Non-Fraternization “New”
 - 5. 6705, Federal Funds Purchasing
 - 6. 8413, Transportation for Non-Public Schools

11. Reports

- A. Superintendent’s Report

12. Good and Welfare

- A. Condolences to Karin Cooney and family on the passing of her father, Theodore J. Jurkiewicz, on September 1, 2021.
- B. Congratulations to Kristen Pisano and family on the arrival of her son, Wesley James, on September 2, 2021.

13. Public Comments

14. Board Member Comments

15. Adjournment