

EAST ROCKAWAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

East Rockaway, New York

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

7:00 P.M., August 25, 2021

East Rockaway Jr. / Sr. High School

Preceded by a Re-Entry Plan Presentation for the 2021-22 School Year and a Public Forum  
Meeting Open to the Public and Livestreamed

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comments on Agenda Items
4. Approval of Minutes
  - A. July 7, 2021, Organizational and Regular Meetings of the Board of Education
  - B. July 20, 2021, Special Meeting of the Board of Education
  - C. August 2, 2021, Special Meeting of the Board of Education
5. Acknowledgment of Monthly Reports and Correspondence
  - A. Receipt of Monthly Financial Reports
  - B. Correspondence
6. Recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools
  - A. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accept the following resignations:
    1. Dakota Terenzi, substitute monitor and substitute teacher aide, effective July 20, 2021
    2. Nanci Brockett, part-time monitor, effective August 18, 2021
    3. Renende St. Vil, short-term substitute family & consumer science teacher, and per diem substitute teacher positions, effective July 23, 2021
    4. Jessica Signorello, leave replacement media arts teacher, effective July 30, 2021
    5. Joseph Cohen, permanent substitute teacher, effective August 19, 2021
    6. Megan Librizzi, leave replacement school counselor, effective July 26, 2021
    7. Christine Polizzi, teacher aide, effective August 20, 2021

- B. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve a change in the effective date of the appointment of Gary Gregory as the Director of Physical Education, Health and Athletics to be August 27, 2021.
- C. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the request of Alissa Stegner for a child rearing leave of absence from her mathematics teacher position, effective August 31, 2021, through January 28, 2022.
- D. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following correction to Item 54.E, July 7, 2021, minutes to read as follows:

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 MA15, Step Entry, 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 four-year probationary appointment of Jana Guber to the position of reading teacher, (tenure area: reading; certification: permanent) effective August 31, 2021, subject to applicable laws and regulations regarding the granting of tenure, at the MA, Step 1, 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 Megan Librizzi to the position of part-time school counselor (.8 FTE) effective August 31, 2021, through June 30, 2022, at the prorated MA, Step Entry (plus stipend) annual salary set forth in the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2021-2022 school year and further approve the appointment of Megan Librizzi to the position of per diem substitute teacher (.2 FTE) at the prorated 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 Jessica Risso to the position of short-term substitute physical education teacher, effective August 31, 2021, through October 8, 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.
- H. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Alexis Freudenberg to the position of part-time special education teacher (.5 FTE) 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 and further approve the appointment of Alexis Freudenberg to the position of per diem substitute teacher (.5 FTE) effective August 31, 2021, through June 30, 2022, at the prorated per diem salary established by the East Rockaway Board of Education on the Non-Contractual Salary Schedule for the 2021-2022 school year.

- I. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Rebecca Mantle to the position of leave replacement school counselor, effective August 31, 2021, through January 28, 2022, at the prorated MA, Step 1, annual salary established by the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2021-2022 school year.
- J. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Sheila Olsen to the position of leave replacement media arts 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.
- K. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Stephen Smaldone to the position of leave replacement special education 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 2020-2021 school year.
- L. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of James Hickey to the position of Athletic Placement Process Evaluator effective August 26, 2021, at his daily rate established by the East Rockaway Teachers Association contract for the 2021-2022 school year.
- M. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the appointment of Matthew Lederer 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.
- N. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, rescind the appointment of Christopher Mormando, as a substitute cleaner, approved by the Board of Education on June 15, 2021, effective August 25, 2021.
- O. 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. Ashley Tavormina, substitute teacher aide, effective September 2, 2021
  - 2. Kristin Clarke, substitute nurse, effective September 2, 2021
  - 3. Amanda Crawford, substitute monitor, effective upon Civil Service approval
  - 4. Diana Servider, substitute monitor, effective upon Civil Service approval
  - 5. Cathy Matthews, substitute monitor, effective upon Civil Service approval
  - 6. Gregory Feil, substitute cleaner, effective upon Civil Service approval

7. Alycia Fahrenkrug, substitute teacher aide, effective upon Civil Service approval

7. Other Items

- A. Approve the following resolution for the District's Re-Entry Plan:

**WHEREAS**, the East Rockaway UFSD lies within an area currently designated by the Centers for Disease Control ("CDC") as having a "High" (red) transmission rate for COVID-19; and |

**WHEREAS**, on August 5, 2021 the CDC issued updated guidance to all K-12 public school districts recommending the adoption of preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 within schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Department of Health and the Nassau County Department of Health have endorsed the CDC's K-12 guidance for COVID-19 prevention; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 13, 2021, the New York State Education Department issued guidance which further encouraged school districts to adopt preventative measures against COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has reviewed and considered the guidance above, and has prepared a school re-entry plan designed to reduce the spread of COVID-19 among students, staff members, and visitors to the District's schools;

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby adopts the "East Rockaway School Re-entry Plan for 2021-22" and directs the Superintendent of Schools to implement the COVID-19 prevention policies therein; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby temporarily suspends any Board policies or administrative regulations that conflict with any aspect of the East Rockaway School Re-entry Plan for 2021-22; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to amend, modify, or update any part of the East Rockaway School Re-entry Plan for 2021-22 as necessary to maintain compliance with applicable governmental mandates or recommendations, and such changes will be subject to further Board approval and/or

ratification in the event of substantial revisions to the Plan.

B. Approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations, the Board of Education hereby:

Approves the award of bids to enter into service agreements with the following service providers as indicated in the Request for Proposal published in *Newsday* on July 30, 2021, and opened at the District Office on August 18, 2021, for the 2021-2022 school year and authorizes the Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations to execute the agreements on behalf of the Board of Education:

1. Dr. Richard L. Addes for school physician services
2. Capital Markets Advisors, LLC for financial advisor services
3. Hawkins Delafield & Woods LLP, for bond counsel services

C. Approve the Contract for OASAS Youth Drug Abuse Services between the East Rockaway UFSD and the Nassau County Department of Human Services, Office of Mental Health, Chemical Dependency and Developmental Disabilities Services, for chemical dependency services, for the period January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, and authorize the President of the East Rockaway Board of Education to execute the contract on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

D. Authorize the Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations to extend transportation contracts for the 2021-2022 school year at the Consumer Price Index with the following:

1. CHEESE Bus, Inc.
  - a. St. Agnes Cathedral
2. First Student, Inc.
  - a. Crescent High School
  - b. Holy Trinity High School
  - c. Lawrence Elementary School
  - d. Our Lady of Peace
  - e. Waldorf Garden City
3. Independent Coach Corp.
  - a. Chaminade High School
  - b. Chaminade High School (late bus)
  - c. Kellenberg Latin & High School

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- e. Sacred Heart Academy
- f. Sacred Heart Academy (late bus)
- g. Lawrence Woodmere Academy
- h. 4 Hour Van In & Out of District
- i. 6 Hour Van In & Out of District
- j. 66 Passenger 5 Hour Bus
- k. Displaced to Centre & Rhame Avenue
- l. Displaced to East Rockaway High School
- m. Athletics & Field Trips In & Out of District

- 4. We Transport, Inc.
  - a. St. William the Abbot
  - b. Mary Louis Academy

E. Approve the awards of the bids for transportation services to the following companies and authorize the Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations to execute the resulting contracts on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education:

- 1. BOCES
  - a. Barry Tech AM & PM
  - b. CCA Net
  - c. Children’s Readiness Center
  - d. Long Island High School for the Arts
- 2. Independent Coach Corp.
  - a. Lawrence Elementary School
  - b. Seaford Manor School

F. WHEREAS, the District has asked to enter into an Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement (“IMA”) with the Malverne Union Free School District whereby during the 2021-2022 school year Malverne would, for a monthly fee, transport East Rockaway residents to the non-public school they attend and to which Malverne already transports residents, and

WHEREAS, such an agreement is in the best interests of both school districts, and

WHEREAS, District counsel has disclosed that they also represent Malverne and have accordingly asked whether the District wishes them to represent it in connection with the drafting of such an agreement, and if so, to approve and execute a Disclosure and Consent Agreement,

Now Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Disclosure and Consent

Agreement enabling District counsel to represent both Districts in the drafting of IMA with Malverne, and Be It Further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement with the Malverne Union Free School District, and Be It Further

RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education be and is hereby authorized to execute both the Disclosure and Consent Agreement and the Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement on behalf of the District.

G. Approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the District has discussed with representatives of the Lynbrook Union Free School District (“Lynbrook”) entering into a Cooperative Transportation Agreement (“CTA”) for the 2021-2022 school year whereby District residents would be transported to the non-public schools they attend by Lynbrook’s transportation contractor, Independent Coach Corporation, simultaneously with Lynbrook residents and with the Districts splitting the monthly fee for such transportation services, and

WHEREAS, such an agreement is in the best interests of both school districts, and

WHEREAS, District counsel has disclosed that they also represent Lynbrook and have accordingly asked whether the District wishes them to represent it in connection with the drafting of such an agreement, and if so, to approve and execute a Disclosure and Consent Agreement, Now Therefore Be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Disclosure and Consent Agreement enabling District counsel to represent both Districts in the drafting of the CTA with Lynbrook, and Be It Further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Cooperative Transportation Agreement with the Lynbrook Union Free School District, and Be It Further

RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education be and is hereby authorized to execute both the Disclosure and Consent Agreement and the Cooperative Transportation Agreement on behalf of the District.

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

I. Approve the admission of the following students to attend the East Rockaway Public Schools for the Special Education Summer 2021 Program and authorize the President of

the Board of Education to execute the tuition agreements between the Board of Education of East Rockaway UFSD and the Board of Education of the sending school districts:

1. Valley Stream Central High School District, Student No. 939971889
2. Valley Stream Central High School District, Student No. 939971890
3. Valley Stream Central High School District, Student No. 939971784
4. Valley Stream Central High School District, Student No. 939972784
5. Valley Stream Central High School District, Student No. 993511904

J. Approve the admission of the following students to attend the East Rockaway Public Schools for the 2021-2022 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the tuition agreements on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education:

1. Valley Stream Central High School District, Student No. 939971889
2. Valley Stream Central High School District, Student No. 939971890
3. Valley Stream Central High School District, Student No. 939971784
4. Valley Stream Central High School District, Student No. 939972784
5. Valley Stream Central High School District, Student No. 993511904

K. Approve the tuition agreement with Lawrence UFSD for special education services for one (1) Student ID No. 180008401 for the 2021-2022 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the resulting tuition agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

L. Approve the Tuition agreement with Devereux Foundation, for special education services for one student (1), Student I.D. No. 180006490 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.

M. Approve the admission of one Massapequa Public Schools, for special education services for one student, Student I.D. No. 218071020, to attend the East Rockaway Public Schools for the 2021-2022 school year and authorize the President of the Board of Education to execute the Special Education tuition agreement on behalf of the East Rockaway Board of Education.

N. Approve the Tuition agreement with Brookville Center for Children's Center, for special education services for one student, Student I.D. No. 180006944 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.

O. Declare obsolete for the purpose of disposal and/or recycling, the items listed on the following textbook removal forms:



1. Textbook removal form dated July 13, 2021
2. Textbook removal form dated July 18, 2021
3. Textbook removal form dated August 19, 2021

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 transfers:

1. Transaction No. 22-001
2. Transaction No. 22-002

10. Policy Matters

A. Policy Sub-Committee Report

B. For Adoption

1. 0105, Equity, Inclusivity, and Diversity in Education

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 the Friesleben family on the passing of Harry Friesleben.

B. Congratulations to Sara Perrone and family on the arrival of her daughter Evelyn (Evie) Rose Perrone on August 19, 2021.

C. Congratulations to Valerie Parasmio and family on the arrival of her son Luke Anthony Parasmio on August 24, 2021.

13. Public Comments

14. Board Member Comments

15. Adjournment