

EAST ROCKAWAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
East Rockaway, New York  
Meeting of the Board of Education and Budget Hearing  
7:00 P.M., May 7, 2019, East Rockaway Jr. / Sr. High School

MINUTES

Present: Members of the Board of Education: Kristin Ochtera, Neil Schloth,  
Patti Nicoletti, Dominick Vulpis, Superintendent Lisa J. Ruiz,  
Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations, Jacqueline A. Scrio;  
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, Mona Hecht;  
District Clerk, Vitina Fazi

Absent: Keith Gamache

1. The meeting was called to order by Kristin Ochtera at 7:05 p.m. Neil Schloth led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Ms. Ochtera introduced Ms. Ruiz. Ms. Ruiz thanked Ms. Scrio for working tirelessly to prepare the 2019-2020 budget which is below the tax levy cap. The budget preserves everything and adds a few additions. Ms. Ruiz also thanked the Board of Education for their support and input. This year the District was required to print the newsletter in English and Spanish as a result of enforcement of the Voting Rights Act across Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

Ms. Ruiz introduced Jacqueline A. Scrio, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations. Ms. Scrio thoroughly conducted the budget hearing describing in detail each component of the budget and budget process. She stated that all presentations regarding the budget have been posted on the website and encouraged everyone to view them. At the conclusion of the presentation, Ms. Scrio asked the Board and audience if there were any questions. A brief question and answer period followed.

3. At 8:05 pm, Ms. Ochtera adjourned the budget hearing and invited the audience to join the Board as they continued their work session, which is an open meeting, in the Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Vitina Fazi  
District Clerk