

UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
East Rockaway, New York
Special Meeting of the Board of Education
5:35 PM, December 9, 2014
Superintendent's Office at East Rockaway Jr/Sr High School

MINUTES

Present: Present: Members of the Board of Education: Kristin Ochtera, Patricia Nicoletti, Neil R. Schloth, John Giannotti, Keith Gamache; Superintendent, Lisa J. Ruiz; Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations, James P. Robinson; Director of Curriculum & Technology, John Piccarella; and District Clerk, Denise Lobascio.

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm.
2. Approval of Minutes – None
3. Acknowledge Receipt of Financial Reports - None
4. Correspondence - None
5. Action Agenda
 - A. Personnel - None
 - B. Other

Upon motion by Neil Schloth, seconded by John Giannotti, Jr., the following items numbered 1 & 2 were unanimously approved:

1. Approve the following resolution for application to the State Environment Quality Review, Notice of Determination of Non-Significance:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the East Rockaway UFSD is the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Process for the purpose of required determinations respecting the proposed Capital Improvement Project as follows:

Emergency Repair/Partial Pipe Replacement to existing steam lines at the East Rockaway High School. Steam lines are located in a below grade vault. Steam lines originate in main building boiler room and service the Tech Education Building.

WHEREAS, in 1995, amendments were made to the SEQRA Regulation (Part 617) to classify projects, which will be excluded from the requirements for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (Type II Actions). The project mentioned above is now classified as Type II Action as determined by 6NYCR§617.5; and WHEREAS, this project falls under the following categories:

- A. Routine Maintenance and Repair 6NYCR§617.5 (c)(1): Maintenance or repair involving no substantial change in an existing facility.
- B. Replace or Rehabilitation 6 NYCR§617.5 (c)(2): Replacement or rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure of facility, in kind, on the same site unless the work excess a threshold for a Type I Action in 6NYCR 617.4.

THEREFORE, as the lead agency for the SEQRA determination, the above referenced project falls under Categories "A" or "B" above. The procedure for Type II Actions, with regard to the SEQRA Process for Capital Projects noted above is “No Additional Required Action Under 6NYCR§617.5 (a).”

2. Approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on or about November 29, 2014, an inspection of the Tech building at the High School revealed an unforeseen and previously unknown adverse condition caused by the deterioration of the heating pipes under the floor, which has resulted in excessive heat and steam infiltration in the classroom and common areas of the building; and

WHEREAS, based on the recommendation of the District’s architect and the Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, it is essential to undertake certain immediate action to address and remedy the damage to the school building in order to preserve the health, safety and welfare of the students and staff in the building and to preserve the building and functionality of this educational space, including the repair, replacement and/or reconstruction of said heating pipes and surrounding areas (“Emergency Repair Work”);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District declares the Emergency Repair Work to be emergency project that is essential for the protection of the health and safety of students and staff and for the protection and preservation of the District’s property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Emergency Repair Work as an ordinary contingent expense at an estimated cost not to exceed \$100,000.00, to be financed initially by appropriations from the District’s General Fund’s unassigned fund balance up to such amount, and offset by insurance proceeds and/or FEMA funds to the maximum extent available; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools, or her designee, to execute the necessary steps to effectuate the Emergency Repair Work in order to remedy the damage and provide heat to the building pursuant to New York State Education Department requirements, including the execution of contracts for public work and/or the purchase of supplies, material or

equipment in connection therewith, in accordance with the District's purchasing policy and regulations.

C. Budget Transfers – None

D. Policy Matters - None

6. Board Member Comments –

The following items were reviewed by the board:

- Minutes for the November 19, 2014 meeting
- Agenda for the December 16, 2014 meeting

The following items were discussed by the board:

- Meeting with Legislators
- District Goals
- District Vision Concepts
- Budget Development Process
- District NYS Testing
- Policies for Review

7. Upon motion by Patti Nicoletti, seconded by Neil Schloth and unanimously passed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Lobascio
District Clerk