

BOARD OF EDUCATION - SPECIAL MEETING (Friday, March 20, 2020)

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Members present

Diana Kolhoff, Jordana Sobey, Brian DeSesa, Alex Kriegsman, Susan Schaefer, Chris Tice, Yorgos Tsibiridis

Meeting called to order at 8:04 PM.**1. MEETING OPENING**

Action: 1.1 Call the Meeting to order and Roll Call

Motion to call the Business Meeting to order at 8:04 PM.

Motion by Chris Tice, second by Diana Kolhoff.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Diana Kolhoff, Jordana Sobey, Brian DeSesa, Alex Kriegsman, Susan Schaefer, Chris Tice, Yorgos Tsibiridis

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Presentation: 2.1 Pledge of Allegiance

3. PUBLIC INPUT VIA EMAIL

Discussion: 3.1 Reading of Public Input Statements

Public input via email due to teleconference due to coronavirus: (the audio tape can be found attached to Boarddocs)

Jordana Sobey stated Rules of Public Input still apply, which include: "Libelous statements will not be tolerated. The Board will not permit in public session discussion regarding concerns about individual District personnel or students. Persons wishing to discuss these matters should present their comments and/or concerns to the appropriate administrator during regular business hours." Mrs. Sobey then read the following:

Comments from Elena Loreto:

1. Ms. Loreto's first question names a particular person that will be referred to as Person X. The question is: Is it correct that Person X applied for the temporary Superintendent's position? Or was he or she considered for the Superintendent's position when the prior superintendent left? Or did Person X offer to help the Sag Harbor District find a temporary Superintendent when the prior superintendent left?

Board President Jordana Sobey's Response: As a general practice, the Board of Education does not disclose the names of people who apply for various positions in our district as doing so would be unfair for those applicants and potentially put those applicants' current positions in jeopardy.

2. Ms Loreto's Questions 2 and 3 are in relation to particular district personnel, and therefore violate our guidelines for Public Input (I realize likely unintentionally). We will follow up with her separately to the extent appropriate.

Questions from Chuck Neuman:

1. Mr. Neuman's first question asks about which line item in the budget addresses costs associated with a particular personnel expenditure.

Board President Jordana Sobey's Response: Given that it is a personnel matter, we will follow up with him separately as appropriate.

2. Mr. Neuman's second question asks to show him a particular contract regarding personnel.

Board President Jordana Sobey's Response: Again, given that it is a personnel matter, we will follow up with him separately as appropriate, but in the meantime I hope he should feel comfort that the contract is posted in board docs and is publicly available.

Questions from Robin Smith:

1. Due to the current coronavirus and economic crisis that is being faced, is the proposed 2020 - 2021 budget going to increase?

2. What is the projected student enrollment for 2020 - 2021 and what is the projected cost per student for the same period. How much money has been spent on the former Stella Maris?

3. How much more money is expected to be spent? Is there going to be an audit of the project? Can we get a copy?

Board President Jordana Sobey's Response: Thank you for your questions, and we will try to get back to you with answers as soon as practicable.

Questions from Diane Hewett:

1. Her first question asks about a personnel matter, so we will follow up with her separately if appropriate.

2. Was the entire BOE involved in the discussion and decision to cancel school and start remote learning?

Board President Jordana Sobey's Response: The ultimate decision was that of the Interim Superintendent, but she sought and received the feedback of the entire board and the building principals prior to making that decision.

3. Her 3rd question asks about a personnel matter, so we will follow up with her separately if appropriate.

4. Her 4th questions asks that a particular person be contacted to apply for the superintendent position.

Board President Jordana Sobey's Response: The Board does not comment on applicants for a particular position for the same reasons stated earlier with respect to Ms. Loreto's question.

5. How are you looking at cost savings with these exorbitant superintendent pay packages?

Board President Jordana Sobey's Response: is our responsibility to be engaged in a cost/benefit analysis with respect to compensation and don't take that responsibility lightly.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION 8:00 PM

Action: 4.1 Convene into Executive Session

Motion to convene into proposed executive session for the purpose of discussing a particular employee and to confer with legal counsel regarding a contractual negotiation at 8:06 PM.

Motion by Diana Kolhoff, second by Susan Schaefer.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Diana Kolhoff, Jordana Sobey, Brian DeSesa, Alex Kriegsman, Susan Schaefer, Chris Tice, Yorgos Tsibiridis

Action: 4.2 Adjourn from Executive Session

Motion to adjourn from Executive Session at 8:59 PM.

Motion by Alex Kriegsman, second by Chris Tice.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Diana Kolhoff, Jordana Sobey, Brian DeSesa, Alex Kriegsman, Susan Schaefer, Chris Tice, Yorgos Tsibiridis

5. ADJOURNMENT

Action: 5.1 Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:00 PM.

Motion by Brian DeSesa, second by Diana Kolhoff.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

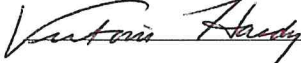
Aye: Diana Kolhoff, Jordana Sobey, Brian DeSesa, Alex Kriegsman, Susan Schaefer, Chris Tice, Yorgos Tsibiridis

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AFFIRMATION: I, Victoria Handy, District Clerk of the Sag Harbor Union Free School District, do hereby affirm that the minutes of this meeting are true and accurate statements of the proceedings.

Dated: March 23, 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victoria Handy", is written over a horizontal line.

Victoria Handy, District Clerk