

**ANNUAL/SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 15, 2018
BOARD OF EDUCATION
BETHPAGE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
10 CHERRY AVENUE, BETHPAGE, NY 11714
MINUTES**

The Annual Meeting of the Bethpage Board of Education was held on May 15, 2018, between the hours of 7:00am and 9:00pm in the High School Gymnasium, 10 Cherry Avenue, Bethpage, New York followed by Special Meeting held in the Administration Building District Conference Room.

Mr. George Moerler, Chairperson, declared the polls open at 7:00am. Voting proceeded all day. At 9:00pm, Mr. Moerler declared the polls closed. The machines were locked and sealed and the inspectors proceeded to tally the 31 absentee ballots.

The results are as follows:

Proposition No. 1: 2018-2019 School Budget - Shall the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED, that the expenditures for the school purposed required for the ensuing school year (2018-2019) commencing July 1, 2018 in the total amount of \$85,229,857 set forth in the budget prepared pursuant to Section 1716 of the Education Law, and the levy and collection of necessary taxes therefor, be approved?

734 Yes (includes 16 absentee ballots)
158 No (includes 13 absentee ballots)

Proposition No. 1 Passed

Proposition No. 2: Expenditure of District's Building Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Board of Education of the Bethpage Union Free School District be authorized to expend two million nine hundred and fifty four thousand dollars (\$2,954,000) out of the District's Building Capital Reserve Fund, which was established on May 20, 2008 pursuant to Education Law 3651, which monies shall be for the purpose of safety measures to enhance physical and electronic security for doors and entryways, software, wiring upgrades, WiFi upgrades, server and switch upgrades and lighting at Kramer Lane Elementary School, Charles Campagne Elementary School, Central Blvd. Elementary School, John F. Kennedy Middle School, Bethpage High School and the Bethpage School Administration Building, installing HVAC in the cafeterias of Bethpage High School and lighting for the parking lot of John F. Kennedy Middle School. If this proposition is approved, the monies will be drawn from the District's existing funds in the Building Capital Reserve Fund and, thus, will not result in an increase to the tax levy.

784 Yes (includes 22 absentee ballots)
100 No (includes 7 absentee ballots)

Proposition No. 2 Passed

Candidates for Election as Follows:

Three (3) Year Term to Succeed
Sandra Watson term expires June 30, 2021

653 Votes for Sandra Watson
(includes 19 absentee ballots and 19 write-in votes)

Sandra Watson was elected to three (3) year term effective July 1, 2018

Three (3) Year Term to Succeed
James A. McGlynn term expires June 30, 2021

652 Votes for James A. McGlynn
(includes 21 absentee ballots and 13 write-in votes)

James A. McGlynn was elected to three (3) year term effective July 1, 2018

One (1) Year Term for the unexpired term of Kurt Spears, last held by appointment of Christina Scelta which term commences May 15, 2018 through June 30, 2019

632 Votes for Christina Scelta
(includes 19 absentee votes and 9 write in votes)

Christina Scelta was elected to one (1) year term effective May 18, 2018

At approximately 7:32PM, Mr. Kelly lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Board entered immediately into Executive Session.

ACTING DISTRICT CLERK

Motion by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board appoint David Schneider as District Clerk Pro Tem.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

BOARD ENTERS EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board enters into Executive Session to discuss employment history of specific personnel.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board enters Executive Session at 7:33PM.

BOARD EXITS EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the board exits Executive Session.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board exits Executive Session at 8:18PM.

At approximately 9:45PM, Mr. Kelly reconvened Public Session:

Present: Michael Kelly, President; Sandra Watson, Vice President; Anna Israelton; John Lonardo; James McGlynn; Christina Scelta and Marie Swierkowski

Also Present: Terrence Clark, Superintendent; Caroline Lavelle, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; David Schneider, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Technology; Scott Harrington, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Patricia Hantzidiamantis, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services; and Laura Granelli, Esq., of Jaspian Schlesinger LLP.

Approximately one (1) member of the community was present.

A. ACCEPT RESULTS OF ANNUAL MEETING: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts all of the results of the Annual Meeting of May 15, 2018, as set forth in the attached.

Motion by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. McGlynn.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

B. JOSEPH BONCIC MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AMENDMENT: The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve an amendment to the scholarship known as the "Joseph Boncic Memorial Scholarship," which was established via Board Resolution on January 26, 2016, to change the scholarship, at the request of the donor, from a Category "B" to a Category "A" scholarship. All other criteria for the scholarship shall remain the same. In

accordance with District Policy #5800, candidate names will be furnished by the District to the donor for selection, or so long as it is funded, and the monetary award will be given to the recipient by the Donor.

Note: Funding of this scholarship does not utilize District funds.

Motion by Mrs. Swierkowski, seconded by Mrs. Watson.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

C. COMMENCEMENT OF LITIGATION TO CHALLENGE THE CABLEVISION (ALTICE) REVISED PILOT FOR THE 2017-2019 SCHOOL YEAR AND TO RECOUP MONIES OWED PURSUANT TO THE JANUARY, 2008 STIPULATION BETWEEN THE PARTIES:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Bethpage Union Free School District authorize the law firm of Jaspan Schlesinger LLP to take all necessary and appropriate action to commence and pursue litigation against all appropriate parties for purposes of contesting the Revised Payment In Lieu of Taxes ("PILOT") on 1111 Stewart Ave., Bethpage, NY, Sec 46, Block G, Lot 79 ("Cablevision Property"), for the 2017-2018 School Year, which grants credits for the overpayment of taxes and interest in the approximate total amount of (\$596,547.61)[1], to be applied to the 2017-2018 School District PILOT billing, and to seek recovery of any unpaid amounts due the District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Bethpage Union Free School District authorize the law firm of Jaspan Schlesinger LLP to take all necessary and appropriate action to commence and pursue litigation against all appropriate parties for purpose of recouping monies owed pursuant to the parties' January, 2008 stipulation regarding the Cablevision Property, as attendant to credits granted for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years, in the approximate total amount of \$1,386,807.02.

[1] This amount represents an approximate \$572,992.05 'School Credit' and 23,555.56 'Library Credit'.

Motion by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

BOARD ENTERS INTO A SECOND EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the board enter into a second executive session to discuss matters leading to discipline of specific members of personnel; employment of specific members of personnel and collective bargaining negotiations (certified and non-certified personnel).

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board enters Executive Session at 9:55PM.

BOARD EXITS EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board exit Executive Session.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board exited Executive Session at 10:35PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board of Education adjourn the Annual/Special Meeting.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board adjourned the Annual/Special Meeting at 10:35PM.

Michael J. Kelly, President: _____

Sandra Watson, Vice-President: _____

Anna Israelton: _____

John Lonardo: _____

James A. McGlynn: _____

Christina Scelta: _____

Marie Swierkowski: _____

Respectfully submitted,

Elena Becker
District Clerk

David Schneider
District Clerk Pro Tem