

1 SUPT. SCHNEIDER: So, the meeting is
2 being recorded. Hold on one second. A few
3 more are joining. Great. So, can I ask
4 everybody to please stand for the Pledge of
5 Allegiance.

6 [WHEREUPON, HAVING RECITED THE PLEDGE
7 OF ALLEGIANCE, THE MEETING OF THE AGENDA OF THE
8 BOARD OF EDUCATION BETHPAGE UNION FREE SCHOOL
9 DISTRICT BOARD MEETING WAS HELD]

10 SUPT. SCHNEIDER: And again, thank you
11 all for joining us this evening.

12 As you may be aware, New York State has
13 authorized Boards of Education to meet via
14 videoconference in light of the pandemic. The
15 Board of Education has decided to hold
16 tonight's meeting via videoconference. A live
17 stream of this meeting is available so that the
18 community may view the meeting in real time.

19 The public may access the live stream
20 of the meeting via the link set forth on the
21 District's website, and that was noted in a
22 message to the community last night.

23 In addition, this meeting will be
24 recorded, and a transcript of the meeting will
25 be made thereafter.

1 Tonight's agenda is also located with
2 the meeting link on our District website.
3 Please note that due to the technology that is
4 being utilized, we will not be able to take
5 questions or comments from the community during
6 this meeting. Therefore, if there is anything
7 you would like to discuss, please contact me
8 via email at DSchneider@Bethpage.ws. We will
9 then respond to all questions appropriately.

10 So again, welcome once again. We hope
11 that you and your families are preparing for,
12 if not already celebrating, preparing for a
13 nice holiday season.

14 I do want to give an update in my
15 report before we move to our agenda. As you
16 have noted from my updates on Covid, there are
17 no -- Bethpage is not immune to the cases that
18 are being increasing around Long Island, but
19 ultimately, the most important thing for us is
20 to maintain our priority of staying open for
21 in-person instruction.

22 We are monitoring every class and every
23 building very carefully, and as we have been
24 doing from the very beginning of the pandemic,
25 we are looking to respond on a case-by-case

1 basis. The most important thing that we're
2 noting in all of our contact tracing throughout
3 all of those cases and following the protocols,
4 is that there has been almost no transmission
5 associated with the schools whatsoever.

6 Our health and safety measures are
7 helping to ensure that, which has been allowing
8 us to make sure that we do not have to
9 quarantine students based on close contacts in
10 school, almost at all, based on design. Some
11 minor exceptions are typical with our students
12 with disabilities who have very close one-to-
13 one work with staff members.

14 But ultimately, we are still noting
15 that we are going to maintain our in-person
16 instruction, so that we can continue as close
17 to our normal practices as possible. That also
18 is, while there's been many cases of some
19 schools around Long Island have started to
20 pivot towards a remote instruction, that is not
21 what is on our mind as the first priority.
22 That's the last priority.

23 Again, we are able to maintain students
24 in person, which is, and has been the priority
25 through all cases.

1 In many cases, the schools that have
2 had to adjust to a remote instruction is
3 actually more related to staff issues, not
4 student issues, because of the intensity of
5 some of the community spread in some
6 communities, the staffing is becoming an issue
7 for districts where teachers and support staff
8 are less able to make it into the district and
9 ultimately making it impossible to cover
10 classes.

11 We are doing a very good job. Our
12 staff is doing a great job of making sure that,
13 not only are we maintaining a good level of
14 staffing, but that the staff itself are doing
15 their job to cover one another quite well and
16 thank you to our principals for helping to
17 ensure that.

18 I know there'll be a lot of questions
19 in regards to, "so what are we going to do
20 after the holidays?" And again, there's no
21 change going to be in the approach after the
22 holidays. We are not going to be doing any
23 preemptive closures, simply because of the
24 concerns of numbers. We are -- and again, we
25 didn't do that at all last year, so we are

1 surely not going to start that this year.

2 I know there may be many people who are
3 going to start to contemplate or believe that
4 we'll go in one direction or another. I can
5 tell you firsthand that there is no decision
6 being made to do anything preemptively. We are
7 going to stick with the course that we have
8 been following. Okay?

9 So that's the -- we are in school until
10 the 23rd, so that is Thursday here in Bethpage.
11 Most districts are the 23rd. A few are the
12 22nd, so we do have two more days of school and
13 we're looking forward to everybody having a
14 very, very happy holidays, hoping you and your
15 families get to spend time together, so that we
16 can have the proper family time that everybody
17 surely deserves.

18 So at that point, that's my report, Mr.
19 Kelly. We'll go over to the agenda.

20 PRESIDENT KELLY: Okay, thank you. I
21 would like approval for the treasury report for
22 November 2021.

23 VICE PRESIDENT WATSON: Move.

24 PRESIDENT KELLY: Moved by Sandy.

25 TRUSTEE SWIERKOWSKI: Second.

1 PRESIDENT KELLY: Second by Marie. All
2 in favor?

3 Opposed?

4 Abstentions?

5 Motion carries, 7-0.

6 I'd like approval for the [inaudible]
7 report for the November 2021.

8 VICE PRESIDENT WATSON: Move.

9 PRESIDENT KELLY: Moved by Sandy.
10 Second?

11 TRUSTEE SWIERKOWSKI: Second.

12 PRESIDENT KELLY: Seconded by Marie.

13 All in favor?

14 Opposed?

15 Abstentions?

16 Motion carries, 7-0.

17 I'd like approval for the regular
18 meeting minutes of November 30th and the agenda
19 meeting from November 23rd. Motion?

20 TRUSTEE SWIERKOWSKI: Move.

21 PRESIDENT KELLY: Moved by Marie.

22 TRUSTEE LONARDO: Second.

23 PRESIDENT KELLY: Seconded by John.

24 All in favor?

25 Opposed?

1 Abstentions?

2 Motion carries, 7-0.

3 At this point, I'll turn it over for
4 the recommendations of the Superintendent.

5 SUPT. SCHNEIDER: Thank you, Mr. Kelly.
6 The Superintendent recommends the Board of
7 Education approve the following personnel
8 actions.

9 VICE PRESIDENT WATSON: Move.

10 PRESIDENT KELLY: Moved by Sandy.

11 Seconded by John.

12 All in favor?

13 Opposed?

14 Abstentions?

15 Motion carries, 7-0.

16 SUPT. SCHNEIDER: Be it resolved, the
17 recommendations of the CPSE for the above dates
18 has been reviewed by the Board of Education.
19 Arrangements will be made for special ed
20 programs and services.

21 VICE PRESIDENT: Move.

22 PRESIDENT KELLY: Moved by Sandy.

23 TRUSTEE SWIERKOWSKI: Second.

24 PRESIDENT KELLY: Second by Marie.

25 All in favor?

1 Opposed?

2 Abstentions?

3 Motion carries, 7-0.

4 SUPT. SCHNEIDER: Superintendent
5 recommends Board of Education ratify the
6 extension of the District's agreement with
7 Atlantic Corps. Color Corp.

8 TRUSTEE SWIERKOWSKI: Move.

9 PRESIDENT KELLY: Moved by Marie.

10 VICE PRESIDENT WATSON: Second.

11 PRESIDENT KELLY: Seconded by Sandy.

12 All in favor?

13 Opposed?

14 Abstentions?

15 Motion carries, 7-0.

16 SUPT. SCHNEIDER: Be it resolved, the
17 Board of Education of the Bethpage Union Free
18 School District hereby approves First Amendment
19 dated December 21st to the 21/22 related
20 services agreement between the District and New
21 York Therapy.

22 TRUSTEE ISRAELTON: Move.

23 VICE PRESIDENT WATSON: Move.

24 PRESIDENT KELLY: Moved by Anna.

25 Seconded by Sandy.

1 All in favor?

2 Opposed?

3 Abstentions?

4 Motion carries, 7-0.

5 SUPT. SCHNEIDER: Superintendent
6 recommends Board of Education accept the
7 results of the District Printing Bid No. 010
8 21/22 and award the individual bid to the
9 lowest responsible bidder meeting
10 specifications.

11 TRUSTEE SWIERKOWSKI: Move.

12 TRUSTEE ISRAELTON: Move

13 PRESIDENT KELLY: Moved by Marie.
14 Seconded by Anna.

15 All in favor?

16 Opposed?

17 Abstentions?

18 Motion carries, 7-0.

19 SUPT. SCHNEIDER: Superintendent
20 recommends the Board of Education approve the
21 Corrective Action Plan as submitted.

22 TRUSTEE ISRAELTON: Move.

23 PRESIDENT KELLY: Moved by Anna. Second?

24 VICE PRESIDENT WATSON: Second.

25 PRESIDENT KELLY: Seconded by Sandy.

1 All in favor?

2 Opposed?

3 Abstentions?

4 Motion carries, 7-0.

5 SUPT. SCHNEIDER: Whereas, General

6 Municipal Law Section 103 --

7 TRUSTEE ISRAELTON: Move as written.

8 SUPT. SCHNEIDER: -- apparatus. Thank
9 you.

10 PRESIDENT KELLY: Moved by Anna.

11 VICE PRESIDENT WATSON: Second.

12 PRESIDENT KELLY: Seconded by Sandy.

13 All in favor?

14 Opposed?

15 Abstentions?

16 Motion carries, 7-0.

17 SUPT. SCHNEIDER: Superintendent

18 recommends a Committee be created with the

19 purpose of assisting the development of the

20 proposed 22/23 budget.

21 TRUSTEE SWIERKOWSKI: Move.

22 PRESIDENT KELLY: Moved by Marie.

23 TRUSTEE ISRAELTON: Second.

24 PRESIDENT KELLY: Seconded by Anna.

25 All in favor?

1 Opposed?

2 Abstentions?

3 Motion carries, 7-0.

4 SUPT. SCHNEIDER: Superintendent
5 recommends the Board of Education accept the
6 donation of \$250 for the College of Engineering
7 and Computer Sciences at NYIT.

8 VICE PRESIDENT WATSON: Move.

9 TRUSTEE ISRAELTON: Move.

10 PRESIDENT KELLY: Moved by Sandy.

11 Seconded by Anna.

12 All in favor?

13 Opposed?

14 Abstentions?

15 Motion carries, 7-0.

16 SUPT. SCHNEIDER: Be it resolved, the
17 Board of Education hereby designate Dr. Randall
18 Solomon, [inaudible] medical inspector for the
19 purposes of performing a psychiatric and a
20 medical examination pursuant to Ed Law 913.

21 VICE PRESIDENT WATSON: Move.

22 TRUSTEE SWIERKOWSKI: Move.

23 PRESIDENT KELLY: Moved by Sandy.

24 Seconded by -- Marie?

25 All in favor?

1 Opposed?

2 Abstentions?

3 Motion carries, 7-0.

4 SUPT. SCHNEIDER: That's all the
5 resolutions I have for this evening, Mr. Kelly.

6 PRESIDENT KELLY: Okay, I do not
7 believe that we have anything for Executive
8 Session. That is correct.

9 So at this point, as we said, it is
10 going to be a very short meeting. That is the
11 end of our meeting.

12 I would just like to thank everybody
13 who signed on. Thank you for signing on and I
14 wish everybody on behalf of the Board, a Merry
15 Christmas and a Happy New Year, and I would
16 just like a motion to adjourn the meeting.

17 VICE PRESIDENT WATSON: Move.

18 PRESIDENT KELLY: Moved by Sandy.

19 TRUSTEE ISRAELTON: Second.

20 PRESIDENT KELLY: Seconded by Anna.

21 All in favor?

22 Opposed?

23 Abstentions?

24 Motion carries, 7-0.

25 Again, thank you very much and Merry

1 Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

2 TRUSTEE ISRAELTON: Same to you.

3 SUPT. SCHNEIDER: I'm going to stop the
4 recording now.

5 [WHEREUPON THE MOTION MADE AND SECONDED
6 WAS VOTED ON AND CARRIED. THE BOARD OF
7 EDUCATION BETHPAGE U.F.S.D. BOARD MEETING WAS
8 CLOSED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT, DAVID SCHNEIDER]

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CERTIFICATE

I, Lisa Previti, certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate transcript prepared using an electronic sound recording and is a true and accurate record of the recordings.

Lisa Previti

Lisa Previti

Date: January 13, 2022