



MANHASSET UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
MANHASSET, NEW YORK 11030
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 11, 2020
VIA ZOOM VIDEO COMMUNICATIONS
DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT AND VOTING: Ms. Patricia Aitken, President; Ms. Christine Monterosso, Vice President; Mr. Carlo Prinzo and Ms. Ann Marie Curd, Trustees

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT: Ms. Regina Rule

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Vincent Butera, Superintendent; Ms. Rosemary Johnson, Deputy Superintendent for Business and Operations, Dr. Gaurav Passi, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum.

A. CALL TO ORDER and VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

On motion duly made at 8:25 a.m. Ms. Aitken verified the presence of a quorum and called to order a Regular Meeting of the Manhasset Board of Education Meeting.

MOTION: “that the Board of Education convenes herewith a Regular Board Meeting.”

PROPOSED BY: Ms. Aitken

VOTE: Ms. Aitken, Ms. Monterosso, Mr. Prinzo, Ms. Curd - YES

MOTION APPROVED: 4-0

B. Approval of Agreement with Huntington Coach (Enclosure)

WHEREAS, the Manhasset Union Free School District and Huntington Coach LLC are parties to a Transportation Agreement covering the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 (“Transportation Contract”); and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic and, in an effort to protect the health and welfare of its students and their families, the Governor of the State of New York issued Executive Orders requiring that schools be closed beginning on March 18, 2020 through June 30, 2020 (“Closure”); and

WHEREAS, the existing Closure may, in accordance with further executive order, be extended past June 30, 2020 and/or may be reimposed after schools reopen, on account of Covid-19 or similar pandemic (“Extended Closure”); and

WHEREAS, Huntington Coach has proposed to continue providing contracted services, other than home to school or other student transportation, at a discounted rate for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year (i.e., April, May and June 2020), and to resume student transportation services upon the reopening of schools; and

WHEREAS, the District and Huntington Coach have agreed to enter into a Settlement Agreement in order to (i) ensure that Huntington Coach is fully prepared to resume transportation operations when notified to do so, (ii) ensure Huntington Coach’s ongoing compliance with all 19A DOT and SED regulations, maintenance, requirements and inspection certifications during the Closure or Extended Closure, and (iii) avoid the time, expense and uncertainty of potential litigation due to, among other things, the parties’ conflicting positions

regarding their respective rights and responsibilities under the Transportation Contract during the Closure or Extended Closure;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Settlement Agreement between the District and Huntington Coach, under which Huntington Coach has agreed to resume transportation services upon the reopening of school and the District has agreed to pay Huntington Coach a reduced payment of forty eight and one half (48.5%) percent of CONTRACTOR's projected monthly bill for April, May and June 2020 for regular "home-to-school" transportation as set forth in the Transportation Contract during the Closure, and the same reduced payment rate during any subsequent Extended Closure; and be it further **RESOLVED**, that the Board hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the Settlement Agreement on behalf of the Board.

C. Personnel

Appointment (1) The Board of Education of the Manhasset UFSD hereby approves Schedule A-22, Appointment.

PROPOSED BY: Ms. Aitken

VOTE: Ms. Aitken, Ms. Monterosso, Mr. Prinzo, Ms. Curd - YES

MOTION APPROVED: 4-0

D. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion duly made at 8:29 a.m., the Board adjourned the Regular Meeting and convened Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, proposed litigation and collective negotiations.

MOTION: The Board of Education hereby adjourns the Regular Meeting.

PROPOSED BY: Ms. Aitken

VOTE: Ms. Aitken, Ms. Monterosso, Mr. Prinzo, Ms. Curd - YES

MOTION APPROVED: 4-0

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Michelen
District Clerk