

Little Flower Union Free School District
Board of Education
Organizational Meeting & Regular Meeting
Monday January 23, 2023
Library– 4 p.m.

Joseph Delgado, President
Grace LoGrande, Vice President
Laura Cangemi
Steven Gellar
Corinne Hammons
Bridgette Waite

MEMBERS PRESENT

Marilyn Adsitt
Frank Caliguiri
Nancy Hancock

MEMBERS ABSENT

Harold Dean, Superintendent
Robert Scappatore, Principal
Michael Gordon, Asst. Principal/Director of Special Ed.
Kathleen Nolan, District Treasurer/ School Business Assistant
Ashley Harlin, District Clerk
Kenny D'Alessio, Business Teacher

ALSO PRESENT

1. 4:03 p.m. meeting called to order. Superintendent Dean led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER/
PLEDGE:

2. President Delgado welcomed all and introduced Business Teacher, Kenny D'Alessio who along with a Life Skills student provided the board with an informational presentation and coffee.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S
REPORT

4:12 p.m. K. D'Alessio and student left meeting.

3. Superintendent Dean reported on the following:

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

- **District Updates**– Legislative breakfast February 4th. Request for action on Personnel item- FTE increase to 1.0 Speech Teacher. 2023-2024 School Calendar to be approved. DASNY bond status update. OSC Audit Physical inventory completed. Update assessment: doors & windows. Discovery of M&T bank fees, possibly exploring alternative banking institutions. Building Conditions survey coming up this year, rate from BDS Architects to stay the same as 2021 proposal. Preparing for Fire Safety Annual inspection. ESSA accountability status; granted LSI+ status. Preparing for 21st Century reporting, finalizing program handbook. Outreach program; partnership with Long Island Aquarium & Long Island Children's Museum.

Teacher’s Pay Teacher’s district-level license to provide teachers with access to their resources. Cost-sharing meeting with Agency.

- **Regional Updates-** SCSSA-SEL Liaison webinar in early March. ESBOCES- Curriculum Council-Mental health data presentation from St. Joseph’s University.
- **Statewide Updates** –NYSED—Engaged in Regional needs process for day student enrollment increase. 2023-2024 budget requests to DOB. NYSSBA- Virtual Capital Conference February 10th. NYSCOSS- NYS Educational conference board- advocacy for foundation aid. Coalition- Safety and security appropriation request. SED advocacy for reserve calculations; special acts advocating for clearer language.

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| 4. | R. Scappatore presented the report as follows:
Martin Luther King Jr. Day; speeches, posters and poems from our students to celebrate. Students and staff participated in a basketball game for MLK. January graduates. Little Flower picture day. | PRINCIPAL'S
REPORT |
| 5. | M. Gordon spoke on positive enrollment with 42 packets received, 10 new students enrolled. Looking at a projection of 110 billable FTE’s. Remote ELL service for new student provided by their district. January Regents week begins Tuesday, Jan. 24 th . Regents prep sessions going well. Meeting held with teachers to review IEP development and procedures for CSE’s. | DIRECTOR’S
REPORT |
| 6. | G. LoGrande moved, C. Hammons seconded, carried 6-0 to approve the consent agenda. | CONSENT AGENDA |
| 6.1 | G. LoGrande moved, C. Hammons seconded, carried 6-0 to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting of Monday December 19, 2022. | Minutes |
| 6.2 | | FINANCIAL MATTERS |
| b.1 | G. LoGrande moved, C. Hammons seconded, carried 6-0 to accept the Treasurer’s Report for the month of November 2022. | Treasurer’s Reports |
| b.2 | The Board President acknowledged receipt of the schedule of bills for the month of: | Schedule of Bills |

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| b.3 | The Board President acknowledged receipt of the Budget Status Report for the month of December 2022. | Budget Status |
| b.4 | The Board President acknowledged receipt of the Accounts Receivable Report for the month of December 2022. | Accounts Receivable |
| b.5 | G. LoGrande moved, C. Hammons seconded, carried 6-0 to accept the Claims Audit Report for the month of December 2022. | Claims Audit Report |
| b.6 | The Board President acknowledged receipt of the Enrollment Projection for December 2022. | Enrollment Projection |
| 6.3 | None at this time. | CSE
Recommendations |
| 6.4 | G. LoGrande moved, C. Hammons seconded, carried 6-0 to approve the following personnel items: | PERSONNEL |
| a. | Abolish one Speech Teacher position, 0.8 FTE, effective January 30, 2023.
Establish one Speech Teacher position, 1.0 FTE, effective January 30, 2023. | Staffing Positions |
| b. | Veronica Keppler, Speech Teacher, appointed to F/T permanent position. | Employees Leaving
District P/T Permanent |
| c. | Veronica Keppler, Speech Teacher, probationary appointment, effective January 30, 2023 to January 29, 2027, certification Speech and Hearing HC Permanent, salary and benefits per LFTA Contract (MA Step 2). | Employees Entering
District F/T Permanent |
| 7. | None at this time | NEW BUSINESS |

8. BOARD POLICIES

8.1

- a. S. Gellar moved, G. LoGrande seconded, carried 6-0 to approve the following written polices for “a second reading”: Board Policies
Second Reading

Fixed Asset Inventories, Accounting, and Tracking (#5620)

Remote Instruction (#7150)

9. All members: Board Forum

Member G. LoGrande – Pleasure to be here. Everyone is doing a tremendous job.

Member S. Gellar – Will try to carry forward what Walter Denzler worked on with NSSBA.

Member L. Cangemi – Thank you for the presentation, Nice to hear about the graduates, seems like everything is going well.

Member C. Hammons – Really enjoying the district Instagram account, great way to get the word out about the wonderful things the school is doing.

Member B. Waite – Loves the enthusiasm from the administration, it’s really refreshing to see.

President J. Delgado – Thank you to Mr. D’Alessio for the presentation, it was great. Would like to be included in future conversations with agency about cost-sharing.

10. At 4:53 pm C. Hammons moved, B. Waite seconded, carried 6-0 to adjourn. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Harlin
District Clerk

Approved: _____