

Little Flower Union Free School District  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
Monday June 24, 2024  
Library– 4 p.m.

Joseph Delgado, President  
Corinne Hammons, Vice President  
Frank Caliguiri  
Laura Cangemi  
Marie Davis  
Steven Gellar  
Nancy Hancock  
Bridgette Waite

MEMBERS PRESENT

Marilyn Adsitt

MEMBERS ABSENT

Harold Dean, Superintendent  
Robert Scappatore, Principal  
Michael Gordon, Assistant Principal/Director of Special Ed  
Kathleen Nolan, School Business Assistant/ District Treasurer  
Ashley Harlin, District Clerk  
Justine Samuelson, LFTA Union President  
Melissa Danowski, LIVESS Teacher

ALSO PRESENT

1. 4:04 p.m. meeting called to order and Superintendent Dean led the pledge of allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER/  
PLEDGE:

2. President Delgado welcomed all. Special welcome to J. Samuelson and M. Danowski. Spoke on Town Hall meeting.

BOARD PRESIDENTS  
REPORT

3. Superintendent Dean reported on the following:

SUPERINTENDENTS  
REPORT

- **District Updates**– Action on agenda items including a vote for NYSSBA Area 12 elections, as well a vote for our proposed budget. SCOPE dinner August 13<sup>th</sup>-RSVP reminder. Programming update- we received a small grant from the Water Authority to help with our garden-will purchase an electric lawn mower for our LIVESS classes. NYSED- regional need expansion. Foundation update- Profit from our May outing was largely from significant donors, need to identify cost strategies for next year's outing. Suffolk County Superintendent's Association Luncheon recognizing the valedictorians was a very nice event. SCSSA Convocation meeting Board of officers was voted on— Superintendent Dean will be serving as President of the Association.
- **Statewide Updates** – Coalition- S-9107 Letter to advocate for legislative support on bill to exempt interest accrued from reserve funds as offsetting revenue.

NYSED- Board of regions at their June meeting took the proposals from the Blue Ribbon commission for reimagining graduation requirements; could help diversify the opportunities to gain a diploma. Senate bill 9018-Potential requirement for all Boards of Education in NY to have a student member representing the student body on the Board as a non-voting member.

Superintendent Dean gave a presentation on rate-setting tuition methodology basics, and presentation of the 2024-2025 proposed budget for board action.

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| 4.  | R. Scappatore presented the report as follows:<br>PBIS committee in full effect working very hard organizing and planning to reward our students who earned incentives. PBIS trips to Scott's Pointe, Adventureland, bowling. Quarter 4 incentive was an ice cream truck at the school. Large toy donation from Nissequogue Golf Club.   | PRINCIPAL'S<br>REPORT |
| 5.  | M. Gordon presented the report as follows:<br>31 new packets in the month of June.<br>8 new students, 5 Day 3 Residential. FTE 116.25.<br>Enrollment of 119.5 with 66.5 Day and 53 Residential.<br>Regents went well. June 6 <sup>th</sup> Suffolk County Jail Educational field trip; positive feedback. Stonybrook University Incubator partnership is official.<br>Start date of July 19 <sup>th</sup> start date. ESY planning is underway. Quogue wildlife Center to come this summer. Swim lesson opportunity. | DIRECTOR'S<br>REPORT  |
| 6.  | S. Gellar moved, C. Hammons seconded, carried 8-0 to approve the consent agenda.   | CONSENT AGENDA        |
| 6.1 | S. Gellar moved, C. Hammons seconded, carried 8-0 to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 20, 2024.   | Minutes               |
| 6.2 |  | FINANCIAL MATTERS     |
|     |  | Treasurer's Report    |
| b.1 | None at this time pending year-end review.   |                       |
| b.2 | The Board President acknowledged receipt of the schedule of bills for the month of:  | Schedule of Bills     |

May 2024: WN-42, WN-43, WN-44 & WN-45

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| b.3 | The Board President acknowledged receipt of the Budget Status Report for the month as of 5/30/24.                     | Budget Status Report                        |
| b.4 | S. Gellar moved, C. Hammons seconded, carried 8-0 to accept the Revenue Status Report for the month of May 2024.      | Revenue Status Report                       |
| b.5 | S. Gellar moved, C. Hammons seconded, carried 8-0 to accept the Accounts Receivable Report for the month of May 2024. | Accounts Receivable Report                  |
| b.6 | S. Gellar moved, C. Hammons seconded, carried 8-0 to accept the Claims Audit Report for the month of May 2024.        | Claims Audit Report                         |
| b.7 | S. Gellar moved, C. Hammons seconded, carried 8-0 to approve the proposed General Fund Budget Transfers.              | Budget Transfers                            |
| b.8 | The Board President may acknowledge receipt of Enrollment Projection for May 2024.                                    | Enrollment Projection                       |
| 6.3 | The Board President acknowledged receipt of the following CSE Recommendations:<br><br>None at this time.              | CSE<br>Recommendations                      |
| 6.4 | S. Gellar moved, C. Hammons seconded, carried 8-0 To approve the following personnel items:                           | PERSONNEL                                   |
| a.  | <u>Individual Aides</u> – hourly at \$17.25/hr<br>Julianna Schmalfluss  | Employees Entering<br>District PT Temporary |

b. Child Care Leave

Jessica Cartelli, Teaching Assistant, for a period starting September 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Employees Leaving  
District F/T Temporary

7. Meghan Piotti, Special Education Teacher, resignation effective 6/27/24.

Employees Leaving  
District F/T Permanent

New Business

- 7.1 F. Caliguiri moved, N. Hancock seconded, carried 8-0 to adopt the 2024-25 proposed budget in the amount of \$9,690,249.

2024-25 Budget

- 7.2 S. Gellar moved, C. Hammons seconded, carried 8-0 to nominate Catherine Romano for Area 12 Director for New York State School Boards Association.

Area 12 Nomination

- 7.3 S. Gellar moved, B. Waite seconded, carried 8-0 to accept the donation of the George Steck Baby Grand Piano with a value of \$5,000.

Piano Donation

8. Commentary included appreciation for LFTA Union members letter and discussion. Support for Valedictorian scholarship idea. Appreciation for school staff doing a tremendous job. Exciting news about LF students getting accepted into college. Credit to Coalition for bringing Special Act schools to the forefront; Board is determined to keep fighting.

Board Forum

9. 5:16 p.m. B. Waite moved, S. Gellar seconded, carried 8-0 to enter Executive Session.

Executive Session

R. Scappatore, M. Gordon, K. Nolan, A. Harlin, J. Samuelson, M. Danowski left meeting.

5:23 p.m. N. Hancock left meeting

5:32 p.m. Superintendent Dean left meeting.

5:44 p.m. S. Gellar moved, F. Caliguiri seconded, carried 7-0 to leave Executive session.  
Superintendent Dean returned to the meeting in public session.

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| 10. Forum included commentary on the change in residential to day program focus, the positive enrollment response as a result of the increase in day students, positive thoughts on the field trips and work-based programs upcoming, and how the district has embraced the recent changes as a positive for growth | Board Forum |
| 11. At 5:51 p.m. F. Caliguirri moved, L. Cangemi seconded, carried 7-0 to adjourn.  | Adjournment |

Respectfully submitted,



Ashley Harlin  
District Clerk  
Approved: July 8, 2024