

Little Flower Union Free School District
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday December 18, 2024
Library– 4 p.m.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Marilyn Adsitt

MEMBERS ABSENT

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

ALSO PRESENT

1. 4:00 p.m. meeting called to order and Superintendent Dean led the pledge of allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER/
PLEDGE:

2. President Delgado welcomed all and shared the importance of BOE meeting attendance.

BOARD PRESIDENTS
REPORT

4:01 F. Caliguiri arrives.

3. Superintendent Dean reported on the following:

SUPERINTENDENTS
REPORT

District Updates–Policy updates which includes second reads, two policies related to reports from State Education Department updates for immersive interventions, and a new policy with an emergency adoption released from DOL. Memo on current lawsuits which the Board will determine if the District opts in or out; no cost to the District if we opt-in. Board RSVP needed for Joint conference of Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association and Nassau and Suffolk County Superintendent Association held on January 25th in Melville. Board RSVP needed for Annual Longwood Legislative breakfast held on February 3rd at Longwood Middle School. Draft Corrective Action Plan for the District’s external audit for Fiscal Year 2023. Working with PKFOD to finalize Business Office procedural manual, anticipate having it up for Board adoption before March. Computer user permission changes to be implemented. Cost comparison for District of the NYSHIP rates versus the switch to The Hartford plan. NYSHIP plan cost increases-notice sent to employees. Proposal to Board

to reach out for possible alternative plans; if agreed Board will view presentations for other plans. ESSA Transparency report submitted. Narrowing down the remainder of our ARPA grant for spending. Little Flower considered “LSI” (Local Support & Improvement) for Accountability Status Determination; positive news for us. Census reduction for the RTC affecting 21st Century Grant. Potential program modification which could allow us to deliver 21st century programming during the school day.

- **Regional Updates-** SCSSA- Presentation from General Membership meeting highlighting use of restorative practices in Suffolk schools. 24-25 ESBOCES School Calendar draft; required observance of Lunar New Year.
- **Statewide Updates** – Coalition- Call rescheduled with Division of Budget to go over advocacy items. NYSED- At December Board of Regents meeting there was advocacy for additional money for the Tuition Methodology study; state is prioritizing increased aid to school districts which translates to a better tuition growth number for us.

5. M. Gordon presented the combined report as follows:
PBIS trip for students to NYC sponsored by former LF student Johnny Donovan. Shoreham-Wading River Tri-M performed for Our LIVESS classes and brought holiday cards for the students. Successful incentives for students this month; earbuds and movie/doughnuts. 39 new intake packets, 2 new students. FTE of 108.25.

PRINCIPAL'S/
DIRECTOR'S REPORT

4:55 p.m M. Gordon left the meeting.

6. N. Hancock moved, S. Gellar seconded, carried 8-0 to approve the consent agenda with the exception of 6.2- b.7 6.4- d which were pulled out for special attention.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 6.1 N. Hancock moved, S. Gellar seconded, carried 8-0 to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 27, 2023.

Minutes

6.2

FINANCIAL MATTERS

- b.1 N. Hancock moved, S. Gellar seconded, carried 8-0 to accept the Treasurer's Reports for the month of October and November 2023.

Treasurer's Report

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| b.2 | The Board President acknowledged receipt of the schedule of bills for the months of:

November 2023: WN-17, WN-18, & WN-20 | Schedule of Bills |
| b.3 | The Board President acknowledged receipt of the Budget Status Report for the month as of 11/30/23. | Budget Status Report |
| b.4 | N. Hancock moved, S. Gellar seconded, carried 8-0 to accept the Accounts Receivable Report for the month of November 2023. | Accounts Receivable Report |
| b.5 | N. Hancock moved, S. Gellar seconded, carried 8-0 to accept the Claims Audit Report for the month of November 2023. | Claims Audit Report |
| b.6 | The Board President may acknowledge receipt of Enrollment Projection for November 2023. | Enrollment Projection |
| b.7 | C. Hammons moved, B. Waite seconded, carried 8-0 to accept the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for the Independent Audit for FYE June 30, 2023. | Corrective Action Plan (CAP) |
| 6.3 | None at this time. | CSE
Recommendations |
| 6.4 | N. Hancock moved, S. Gellar seconded, carried 8-0 to approve the following personnel items: | PERSONNEL |
| a. | <u>Child Care Leave</u>
Kathleen Reilly, School Psychologist, for a period starting March 27, 2024 through June 30, 2024. | Employees Leaving
District FT Temporary |
| b. | Dylan Vecchione, Security, resignation effective December 22, 2023 for other employment. | Employees Leaving
District FT Permanent |
| c. | <u>Individual Aides</u> – hourly at \$17.25/hr
Hensley, Kristine
Wilhelm, Todd | Employees Entering
District PT Temporary |

- d. C. Hammons moved, B. Waite seconded, carried 8-0 to approve the 21st CCL Program Rates for 2023-24. 21st CCL Program
Rates 23-24

<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Program Administrator	\$125.00 per diem
Program Leader	\$38.30 hrly
Program Assistant	\$19.20 hrly
Behavior/Security	\$25.00 hrly

7. F. Caliguiri moved, N. Hancock seconded, carried 8-0 to approve District participation In the following class action/mass action lawsuits. New Business
- 7.1 School District National Prescription Opiate Consultant Litigation Against McKinsey & Co.
- 7.2 Social Media Litigation under Attorney Client Contingency Fee Contract.

RESOLVED the Board of Education hereby authorizes the law firms of Frantz Law Group, APLC and Guercio & Guercio, LLP to commence legal action against the parties identified on Confidential Schedule "A" with respect to the litigation discussed in executive session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board President is authorized to sign the attached retainer agreement with Frantz Law Group, APLC and Guercio & Guercio LLP and take all steps necessary to effectuate the litigation.

8. Board Policies
- a. C. Hammons moved, N. Hancock seconded, carried 8-0 to approve the following written policies for a "first reading"
- Timeout and Physical Restraint (#7350)
- b. B. Waite moved, S. Gellar seconded, carried 8-0 to approve the following written policy for a "first reading" and "adoption" due to required State implementation deadline.
- Workplace Violence Prevention (#6190)

- c. S. Gellar moved, F. Caliguiri seconded, carried 8-0 to approve the following written policy for a “second reading”

Leaves of Absence (#6550)

Registration and Professional Learning (#6213)

Administration of the Budget (#5140)

Solicitation of Charitable Donations (#3271)

Orienting and Training Board Members (#2110)

Regular Board Meetings and Rules (#1510)

9. Board Forum

Members discussed the great progress Little Flower has made, warm wishes for the holidays.

10. 5:05 p.m. S. Gellar moved, N. Hancock seconded, carried 8-0 to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Harlin
District Clerk

Approved: _____

