

## **Board Minutes: July 29, 2020**

**Kind of Meeting:** Executive Session and Special Board Meeting

**Place:** Via Remote Conferencing (Zoom)

The Meeting of the Board was called to order by James P. Foster, President at 5:30 p.m., motioned by Mr. Ryan, Sr. and seconded by Ms. Vorpahl to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the employment history of particular persons.

Motion Carried (7-0)

**Board Members Present:** James P. Foster, President; Christina DeSanti, Vice President, Jacqueline Lowey, Sarah Minardi, Sandra Vorpahl, Wendy Geehreg, and John Ryan, Sr.

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Richard J. Burns, Superintendent of Schools, Adam Fine, Assistant Superintendent, and Keith Rugen, Assistant Superintendent for Business, Dr. Robert Hagan, Beth Doyle, James Crenshaw, and Jonathan Heidelberger, Esq.

**Others Absent:** Dr. Charles Soriano, Elizabeth Reveiz, Joseph Vasile-Cozzo, and Cindy Allentuck

The Board reconvened into public session at 6:30 p.m. motioned by Mrs. Minardi and seconded by Mr. Ryan, Sr., followed by the Pledge.

Motion Carried (7-0)

There were three audience members present, and 200 audience members present via LTV's Youtube page, and members of the press unknown.

The Board discussed preparations for the upcoming school year during the continued COVID-19 Pandemic, and included, but not limited to the following subject matters:

1. The submittal of the draft East Hampton UFSD 2020 Reopening Plan document to NYSED due July 31, 2020;
2. Parent surveys were conducted, and collective discussions were held at length (and continue) with a reopening Task Force Committee, which includes faculty, union members and administration;
3. Governor Cuomo is expected to make an announcement on August 7, 2020 with next steps, including guidelines and protocols to reopen schools after review of NY schools' draft documents;
4. It is expected that East Hampton Schools will reopen under a hybrid model of distance learning and in person learning at the Middle School and High School. All parents have the option to keep their children home for distance learning on a full-time basis;
5. Students at the Elementary School will be expected to return to school for in person learning. All parents have the option to keep their children home for distance learning on a full-time basis;
6. Currently all discussions about school reopening are fluid and revisions and changes are expected;

7. Deep cleanings, maintaining social distances, hand sanitizers and hand washings will be a matter of routine, and face masks are required to be worn at all times by all students and staff;
8. The District's facilities are being prepared with appropriate safety measures and routine deep cleanings, building layouts are being converted, quarantine rooms are being established, and additional nursing staff are being hired, and
9. Discussions and plans are expected to be ongoing.

**Adjournment:** A motion was offered by Mr. Ryan, Sr., and seconded by Ms. Vorpahl to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Motion Carried (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kerri S. Stevens, District Clerk