

**WYANDANCH UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
HELD ON JUNE 29, 2020
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
1445 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BOULEVARD
WYANDANCH, NEW YORK 11798**

APPROVED

7/15/20

7-0-0

**THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE AND
TELECONFERENCE**

The meeting was called to order by President Baker at 3:10 PM. She welcomed everyone to the Special Board Meeting.

Roll Call: Performed by District Clerk

Trustees Present: Shirley Baker, Nancy Holliday, Dr. Ronald Allen, Sr., Ronald Fenwick, Charlie Reed, Yvonne Robinson

Trustees Absent: James Crawford

Others Present: Dr. Gina Talbert, Kester Hodge, Christine Jordan, Dan Somaiah, Carl Baldini, Al Chase, Lisa Hutchinson, Esq., Torrey Chin, Esq., Monte Chandler, Esq., Winsome Ware, Stephanie Howard, Principals, Administrators, Community

AGENDA REVIEW

Dan Somaiah presented Business Resolutions #1 and #2.

**BUSINESS
RESOLUTIONS**

**BUS #1
LFH HVAC System
Emergency Replacement**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Lafrancis Hardiman Elementary School Main Office and Lafrancis Hardiman Library Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning system is not functioning. It is past its expected useful life and should be replaced. The HVAC system should supply fresh air effectively to the interior offices in the Main Office Suite. This emergency resolution is presented for the primary purpose to comply with NYS Health and Safety regulations.

RESOLUTION:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the emergency installation of an HVAC System at Lafrancis Hardiman School at a cost of \$26,052.80 for the purpose of Health and Safety, due to the obsolete HVAC System. The Proposal, from Commercial Instrumentation Services, Inc., includes Labor, Materials, Electrical, Roofing and Rigging allowances.

Motion by Reed, second by Allen

Motion carried 6-0-0

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Budget estimates are often prepared months in advance of actual expenditures. The possibility that the amount of each expenditure will be known in exact terms at the time of budget preparation is very unlikely.

The Commissioner of Education in Section 170.2(1) of the Regulations of the Commissioner provides school districts with a vehicle for making necessary budget transfers in discretionary areas.

This regulation allows transfers to be made between contingent expenditure codes and from non-contingent expenditure codes to contingent expenditure codes.

This regulation does not allow transfers to be made from contingent expenditure codes to non-contingent codes, or between non-contingent expenditure codes.

This regulation further permits the Board of Education, by resolution, to authorize the Chief School Officer to make transfers within limits established by the Board.

At the Reorganization Meeting for the 2019/2020 school year, the Board of Education authorized the Chief School Officer to make transfers under \$5,000, thereby requiring transfers above that amount to be approved by the Board of Education.

RESOLUTION:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education approve the following budget transfer:

	Transfer To:	Transfer From:
A-1621-200-09-1621 LFH Equip-HVAC System	\$26,052.80	
A-1620-400-07-0000 HHH Bldg Lease-Contractual		\$26,052.80
GRAND TOTALS:	\$26,052.80	\$26,052.80

Motion by Allen, second by Holliday

Motion carried 6-0-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Allen, second by Holliday to go into Executive Session at 3:25 PM to discuss matters pertaining to the employment of particular persons and terms of appointment.

Motion carried 6-0-0

RECONVENE

Motion by Reed, second by Allen to reconvene at 4:50 PM

Motion carried 6-0-0

Lisa Hutchinson, Esq. read Board of Education Resolution #1 for the Board's consideration.

**BOARD OF
EDUCATION
RESOLUTIONS**

**BOE #1
Superintendent Appointment
ADDENDUM**

RESOLUTION:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Wyandanch Union Free School District hereby appoints Dr. Gina Talbert as Superintendent of Schools for a three-year term from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023, subject to the terms as negotiated between the parties in the a Superintendent's Contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board President is authorized to execute said Superintendent's Contract setting forth the terms and conditions of said appointment.

**Motion by Reed, second by Allen
Fenwick Opposed, Robinson Abstained**

Motion carried 4-1-1

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REMARKS**

Dr. Talbert thanked the Board for their vote of confidence, and looks forward to continuing to work together with the Board towards continued reform and primarily focusing on improved academic outcomes for the scholars.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REMARKS**

President Baker thanked Vice President Holliday for her years of service on the Board of Education. She said she knows for herself that Vice President Holliday works hard for the children and has the children at heart. She encouraged her to stay focused and to continue to do what she does in serving the children.

Vice President Holliday thanked President Baker for her remarks and acknowledgment.

President Baker thanked Trustee Allen for his service to the Board.

Trustee Allen gave farewell remarks to the Board. He stated it had been quite a journey, and that he'd learned so much. He joined the Board with the intent from the heart to be a part of supporting the children and the District in a positive, honest and transparent way. He said to Vice President Holliday, his partner, that they ran well, and to know that they are still in the race. He acknowledged Trustee Reed as his big brother, and looks forward to maintaining that relationship. He said to Dr. Talbert that it was a pleasure serving with her, he wished her the best, and prays God's blessings and strength for her, to help her to face the challenges ahead. He said that he can walk away with peace of mind knowing that the District is in good hands.

Dr. Talbert thanked Trustee Allen for his kind remarks.

President Baker asked that both Vice President Holliday and Trustee Allen please stay involved.

Trustee Robinson asked that it be on the record that she had inquired of Trustee Allen if he was a resident of the District, and he responded that he was, and would be throughout his term ending June 30, 2020. She wished him Godspeed, and was reminded how she once did a feeding program at his church years before she met him. Trustee Robinson thanked Vice President Holliday for the time they spent together, and looks forward to spending more time with her as she serves and loves the community and the children of Wyandanch. She told Vice President Holliday that she did a good job, and encouraged her to hold her head up high and walk in grace. Trustee Robinson gave greetings to Dr. Talbert, letting her know that, though she abstained from the vote, it wasn't against her, she sought to be fair to the community, as she represented the community, which requested that a Superintendent Search be conducted. Though they weren't able to get that done, she stands behind Dr. Talbert in her decision making as the years come up, and prays that she brightens up the District with all her extra tools of knowledge.

Dr. Talbert thanked Trustee Robinson and said she looks forward to working with her through her continued term and thereafter.

Vice President Holliday thanked everyone too, and asked that the Board not forget her plaque! They were like a family. Thanks for the words to hold her head up, because she worked hard for the past 20 years, not just for the school district, but for the community. Even though they didn't always get along, that's just how the process is, but they always united for the kids. She will be at

the board meetings, letting her voice be heard. Most importantly, they must continue to fight to get the funding for our kids, because our community deserves it, and All the Kids Matter in this community. She would leave the board with that: Kids Matter.

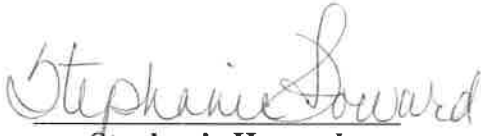
Motion by Allen, second by Holliday to adjourn at 5:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT
Motion carried 6-0-0

Date of Meeting:

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Minutes Recorded and
Transcribed By District Clerk


Stephanie Howard