

**MENDHAM TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BROOKSIDE, NEW JERSEY  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM  
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021, 7:30 PM**

**I. Call to Order -** The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm.

**II. Flag Salute -** Mrs. Holquist led the flag salute.

**III. Roll Call of the Board of Education**

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|------------------------|----------------|---------|
| Mrs. Gretchen Holquist | President      | Present |
| Mr. Aadithya Thayyar   | Vice President | Present |
| Mr. Andrew Christmann  |                | Absent  |
| Mr. Peter Dumovic      |                | Present |
| Dr. Rehka Mandel       |                | Present |
| Mr. Richard Gondek     |                | Present |
| Mrs. Joan Mody         |                | Present |

Also present: Dr. Salvatore Constantino, Superintendent  
Mrs. Donna Mosner, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
General Public – one

**IV. Sunshine Law –** Mrs. Holquist read the following statement -

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this act, the Mendham Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted in the Mendham Township Board of Education Office, sent to the Clerk of Mendham Township, and the Observer Tribune and the Daily Record. This is an official meeting.

**V. Superintendent’s Report**

- District Updates, News, and Events
- Suspension, Truancy, and Emergency/Fire Drill reports (Attachments)

MTPD – Halloween Program at MTES

Start Strong Assessments (Next week at both schools)

Start Strong Fall 2021 is intended to...

- Produce information that should be used as a standards-based complement to the resources used by educators in their classrooms to evaluate the needs of students.
- Be administered quickly and provide immediate results.
- This is a one-time flexibility granted by the United States Department of Education (USED). It is expected that all eligible students will participate in the spring 2022 NJSLA statewide assessments.

The “Return to School 2021” section of our website has been relabeled as “Covid Info 2021”. Resources have been updated and the new Covid tracker tool has been added. Each Monday morning, it will be updated with new data from the previous week.

Testing of all unvaccinated staff is continuing successfully. We have 40 other staff being tested that are already vaccinated. Additional discussions of testing and protocols will continue throughout the month.

### Upcoming Meeting Schedule

October 26, 2021 - Regular Meeting

*Committee Meetings – Week of November 8, 2021*

Monday (8:00 AM Google Meet) – Policy

Tuesday (8:00 AM Google Meet) – Curriculum

Wednesday (8:00 AM Google Meet) – Ops/Finance

Thursday (8:00 AM Google Meet) – Personnel

November 16, 2021 - Work Session Meeting

November 23, 2021 - Regular Meeting

## VI. Board Secretary’s Report

### ➤ **Finance:**

2022 – 2023 Budget Calendar (note that there are dates to review the status of this with the full board based upon committee recommendation)

Budget Goals – stay within the 2% CAP increase and work to avoid utilizing the enrollment adjustment from last year

### ➤ **Maintenance of Facility:**

On July 13, 2016, the State Board of Education adopted regulations regarding the testing for lead in drinking water in public schools throughout New Jersey. The regulations were filed with the Office of Administrative Law and became effective on July 13, 2016.

The New Jersey Department of Education has strengthened its “Safe Drinking Water” regulations to require schools to perform lead testing every 3 years, rather than every 6 years, to ensure timely detection of elevated lead *levels*. **The next round of testing will be during the 2021/2022 school year, then three (3) years after the school year 2024/2025.**

Drinking water outlets, as defined by regulations, must be sampled. The Definitions section of the regulations includes the following: "Drinking water outlet" means any location at a school facility, other facilities, or temporary facility, as terms are defined in this section, where water is expected to be used for consumption or food preparation. "A drinking water outlet includes drinking water fountains and chillers, ice machines, kitchen faucets, cafeteria taps, food preparation sinks, teacher lounge sinks, nurse's office sinks (if an alternate source of drinking water is not provided), and sinks with a bubbler." Sinks in common area bathrooms are NOT locations where water is expected to be consumed; and therefore, do not meet the definition of a drinking water outlet. The regulations also require drinking water outlets in all school facilities to be sampled. This includes drinking water outlets at school athletic fields, concession stands, and satellite buildings.

Both buildings had LEAD testing water samples pulled yesterday, Monday, October 11, 2021, as per the state guidelines and requirements. This is required to be done every five (5), the last time it was done was in April 2016. There were 13 samples pulled from MTES and 16 samples pulled from MTMS. After collection, the samples go to Garden State Laboratories for testing. The results should be back by the November BOE meeting. Once we have received the results, they will be reviewed, action will be taken if needed, then they will be filed with the DOE, State, and posted on our website according to the state guidelines.

**VII. Board President's Report – None.**

**VIII. Correspondence – N/A**

**IX. Committee Reports – a brief summary was shared by the chair of each committee about agenda items**

- Curriculum and Instruction – Mr. Thayyar delivered the report
- Operations and Finance – Mr. Gondek delivered the report
- Personnel and Human Resources - Mrs. Mody delivered the report
- Policy – Mr. Dumovic delivered the report
- Ad Hoc Referendum - Mrs. Holquist delivered the report
- Ad Hoc Revenue – Mr. Dumovic delivered the report
- Ad Hoc Diversity – Dr. Constantino delivered the report

**X. Consent Items**

**Approval of Minutes**

Work Session Minutes: September 23, 2021

Regular Session Minutes: September 28, 2021

**NJ QSAC**

**WHEREAS THE** Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) is a statutorily mandated system of school district performance assessment and is New Jersey's system of educational accountability.

**WHEREAS, QSAC** was created in accordance with the Quality Single Accountability Continuum Act, adopted by the New Jersey Legislature in September 2005. Administrative regulations to implement QSAC were adopted by the Commissioner of Education, effective February 22, 2007, and readopted in November of 2017, the New Jersey State Board of Education adopted the revised Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) regulations (N.J.A.C. 6A:30), District Performance Review (DPR) documents.

**WHEREAS, QSAC** requires that in every public school district in New Jersey, members of the board of education, administrators, teachers, and other staff members convene every three years to assess their district's performance in five key areas:

- Instruction and Program
- Personnel
- Fiscal Management
- Operations Management
- Governance

**WHEREAS, QSAC** involves a performance assessment by a district committee, a statement of assurance signed by the chief school administrator and approved by the board of education, verification by the executive county superintendent, review by the Commissioner of Education, and placement at the appropriate point on the performance continuum.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC), District Performance Review (DPR), be and hereby is approved for submission to the NJDOE via the Executive County Superintendent of Schools.

### **Curriculum and Instruction**

1. **Plan for Certified and Noncertified Nurses** (*Attachment*)

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the Assigned Plan for Certified and Noncertified Nurses for the 2020 - 2021 school year.

2. **Winter Concert Selections for Mendham Township Middle School** (*Attachment*)

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the Mendham Township Middle School Winter Concert Program for the December 2, 2021, and December 9, 2021 performances.

3. **Revised Curriculum** (*Attachments*)

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the adoption of the 2021 - 2022 school year of the revised/renewed curriculum listed below:

Elementary School: K-4 Music Curriculum

### **Operations and Finance**

1. **Certification Reports**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mendham Township Board of Education certify pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:19-4, does certify that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which in total exceed the line item appropriation, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:17-9 and N.J.S.A. 18A:17-36, after review of the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's monthly financial reports for the month of October 2021 that no major accounts and fund balances in the 2021/2022 budget have been over expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

2. **Board Secretary's Reports**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the August 2021 Board Secretary's Reports.

3. **Treasurer's Reports**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the August 2021 Treasurer's Reports.

4. **October 2021 Bills List**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the final October 2021 Bills List. This includes payroll checks N0314 through N0316 and N0320 through N0322.

|         |    |
|---------|----|
| Fund 10 | \$ |
| Fund 11 | \$ |
| Fund 20 | \$ |
| Fund 60 | \$ |
| Total:  | \$ |

5. **2022 - 2023 Budget Calendar** (*Attachment*)

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the budget calendar outlining the development process and the prospective timeline for the 2022 - 2023 School Year District Budget.

6. **School Safety and Security Plan Statement of Assurances** (*Attachment*)

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the submittal of the School Safety and Security Plan Statement of Assurance to the New Jersey Department of Education for the 2021 - 2022 school year.

7. **2021 - 2022 M-1/Annual Maintenance Budget Worksheet** (*Attachment*)

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the attached Annual Maintenance Budget Amount Worksheet (Form M-1) per N.J.A.C 6A:26A for the 2021 - 2022 school year and submits that the district's required maintenance activities are reasonable to keep the school facilities open and safe for use or in its original condition and that it maintains the validity of warranties.

8. **2021 - 2022 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan** (*Attachment*)

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the attached Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the 2021 - 2022 school year and submits that the district's required maintenance activities are reasonable to keep the school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and that it maintains the validity of warranties.

9. **Health and Safety School Building Checklist - MTES** (*Attachment*)

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the New Jersey Department of Education Annual Health and Safety Evaluation of School Buildings Checklist for the Mendham Township Elementary School for the 2021 - 2022 school year.

10. **Health and Safety School Building Checklist - MTMS** (*Attachment*)

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the New Jersey Department of Education Annual Health and Safety Evaluation of School Buildings Checklist for the Mendham Township Middle School for the 2021 - 2022 school year.

11. **District Travel**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mendham Board of Education approves the listed travel events in agreement with Chapter 53, Public Law 2007, NJSA 18A:11-12, NJAC 6A:23A-1. All mileage will be reimbursed at the maximum NJ Circular 08-19-OMB rate (currently \$0.35 per mile).

| Program Name              | Date     | Employee            | Event Cost          | Total Cost          |
|---------------------------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Athletic Director Meeting | 10/06/21 | Andre Viola         | Substitute Coverage | Substitute Coverage |
| NJSCA Fall Conference     | 10/08/21 | Alexandria Perrotta | \$0                 | \$0                 |

12. **Contract for Nurse Services with Homecare Therapies** (*Attachment*)

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the contract with Homecare Therapies dba/Horizon Healthcare Staffing to provide as-needed and as-requested Registered Nurse services at a rate of \$56.00 per hour, contract effective September 29, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

**Personnel and Human Resources**

1. **Extra Instructional Period**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves Sara Bresky to teach three (3) extra periods of instruction commencing October 4, 2021, to January 31, 2022, at a prorated stipend based on \$8,500/year for an additional period five (5) times a week for a full year, and independent of placement on the salary guide.

2. **Extra Hours: Instructional Aide – Cindy Blood**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves extra hours, at an hourly rate of \$30.30 for Cindy Blood to serve as an aide for student #16158867815 to attend Home Work Club at Mendham Township Middle School on Tuesdays and Wednesdays starting October 5, 2021, to May 12, 2022, for 2 hours each week.

3. **New Hire -Erna Hauswald, Transportation Driver**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the appointment of Erna Hauswald, Transportation Driver, pending completion of paperwork, at the hourly rate of \$30.00 effective November 1, 2021, for the 2021 - 2022 school year.

4. **Revised Salary - Dr. Julianne Kotcho, Elementary School Principal**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mendham Township Board of Education, having received a transcript of completion, approve Dr. Julianne Kotcho, Elementary School Principal at an annual prorated salary of \$154,788.00, effective October 1, 2021, for the 2021 - 2022 school year.

5. **Middle School Schedule C Stipend Position for 2021 - 2022**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the following 2021 - 2022 Co-Curricular Stipend position for the Middle School:

| Activity         | 2021 - 2022 Salary | Staff Member |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Girls Basketball | \$5,084            | Perry Hooker |

### **Policy and Planning**

#### 1. **Second Reading** (*Attachments*)

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves for second reading and adoption of the following policies and regulations:

#### **General Policy and Regulations Guides**

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| P 2422     | Comprehensive Health and Physical Education (M) (Revised)   |
| P 2467     | Surrogate Parents and Resource Family Parents (M) (Revised) |
| P 5111     | Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (M) (Revised)  |
| P 5114     | Children Displaced by Domestic Violence (Abolished)         |
| P 5116     | Education of Homeless Children (Revised)                    |
| P & R 7432 | Eye Protection (M) (Revised)                                |
| P 8420     | Emergency and Crisis Situations (M) (Revised)               |
| P 8420.1   | Fire and Fire Drills (M) (Revised)                          |
| P 8540     | School Nutrition Programs (M) (Revised)                     |
| P 8550     | Meal Charges/Outstanding Food Service Bill (M) (Revised)    |
| P 8600     | Student Transportation (M) (Revised)                        |
| P 8810     | Religious Holidays (Abolished)                              |

### **N.J. Department of Education-Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance Audit-New and Revised**

#### **Policy Guides**

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| P 6115.01 | Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls-Allow ability of Costs (M) (New) |
| P 6115.02 | Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls-Mandatory Disclosures (M) (New)  |
| P 6115.03 | Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls-Conflict of Interest (M) (New)   |
| P 6311    | Contracts for Goods or Services Funded by Federal Grants (M) (Revised)  |

#### **COVID-19 Policy Guide Updates**

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| P 1648    | Restart and Recovery Plan (M) (Abolished)                             |
| P 1648.02 | Remote Learning Options for Families (M) (Abolished)                  |
| P 1648.03 | Restart and Recover Plan-Full-Time Remote Instruction (M) (Abolished) |
| P 1648.11 | The Road Forward COVID-19-Health and Safety (M) (New)                 |

## **XI. ACTION ITEMS**

### **Operations and Finance**

#### 1. **Resolution Providing For A Special School District Election To Be Held On January 25, 2022, For Consideration Of A Bond Proposal By The Legally Qualified Voters Of The School District**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MENDHAM IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY (with not less than a majority of the full membership of the Board concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

1. It is hereby determined that a bond proposal shall be submitted for voter approval at a special school district election to be held on January 25, 2022, between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. as permitted and required by law. The form of the bond proposal and question to be submitted to the voters will read substantially as follows with such adjustments as may be provided by bond counsel:

BOND PROPOSAL QUESTION

The Board of Education of the Township of Mendham in the County of Morris, New Jersey is authorized: (a) to provide for renovations, alterations, and improvements at Mendham Township Elementary School and Mendham Township Middle School, including acquisition and installation of fixtures, furnishings and equipment, site work and related costs; (b) to appropriate \$19,903,197 for such purposes and (c) to issue bonds of the school district therefor in the principal amount of \$19,903,197.

The final eligible costs of the project approved by the Commissioner of Education are \$18,475,992 (with \$8,272,041 allocated to Mendham Township Elementary School and \$10,203,951 allocated to Mendham Township Middle School). The proposed improvements include \$257,400 allocated to Mendham Township Elementary School and \$257,400 allocated to Mendham Township Middle School for elements in addition to the facilities efficiency standards developed by the Commissioner of Education or not otherwise eligible for State support pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-5(g). The State debt service aid percentage will equal 40% of the annual debt service due with respect to the final eligible costs of the project. The Board of Education is authorized to transfer funds among the purposes approved at this special election.

Do you approve of this bond proposal?

2. This Board of Education hereby approves and adopts the bond proposal set forth above, and, subject to the approval of the legal voters of the school district, hereby determines to carry out the improvements described therein (the "Project").
3. This Board of Education hereby acknowledges and confirms that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:24-16 and 18A:24-17 a supplemental debt statement has been prepared by the chief financial officer of the Township of Mendham (the "Township"), giving effect to the proposed authorization of bonds of the school district in the maximum amount of bonds authorized in the proposal. The supplemental debt statement has been filed in the office of the Township Clerk and in the office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary of this Board of Education prior to the adoption of the proposal and will be filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs prior to the date of the special election.
4. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to send a certified copy of the bond proposal question to the County Clerk as required by N.J.S.A. 19:60-2, to request the County Clerk to submit the bond proposal question to the voters at the special school election scheduled for



January 25, 2022, and to seek the assistance of the county officials and the municipal clerk in conducting the special school district election.

5. The Board of Education hereby acknowledges receipt of the Preliminary Eligible Cost (PEC) letters for the Project from the Department of Education. The Board has heretofore elected and hereby elects to receive debt service aid pursuant to Section 9 of the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-1 *et seq.* (the "Act"). The Board of Education further agrees to accept the determination of the space eligible or ineligible for State support and the preliminary eligible costs determined by the Department of Education as final eligible costs and not to appeal. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is authorized, if necessary, to notify the Department of Education of the Board's elections and decisions set forth herein.
6. Parette Somjen Architects LLC, the School District's appointed architect for the Project (the "Project Architect"), has heretofore been authorized and delegated the responsibility to prepare the plans and specifications for the Project in consultation with and under the supervision of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, who has heretofore been delegated the responsibility to work with the Project Architect for this purpose on behalf of the Board of Education, in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-16, and such authorizations and delegations are hereof reconfirmed.
7. The educational plans, where required, and the schematic plans for the construction of the Project have heretofore been approved by this Board of Education, and such approval is hereby reconfirmed.
8. The Board President, the Superintendent of Schools, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, the Project Architect, Bond Counsel, and other appropriate representatives of the Board of Education (the "Board Representatives") have heretofore been authorized, and such authorization is hereby reconfirmed, to submit the educational plans, where required, and the schematic plans for the Project, together with such other information as may be required, to the State Department of Education for approval and to make application to the Commissioner of Education for approval of the educational plans, where required, the schematic plans and the Project and, if necessary, any required amendment to the long-range facilities plan, in accordance with the requirements of the Act and N.J.A.C. 6A:26-2.1(f), 2.3(c), 3.1 and 3.2, as appropriate.
9. The Board Representatives have heretofore been and are hereby further authorized and directed to submit the plans and any other required information to the Planning Board and the Department of Environmental Protection for review and comment, if necessary, and such authorization and direction are hereby reconfirmed.
10. This Board of Education hereby makes the following covenants and declarations with respect to obligations determined to be issued by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary through a public offering or private placement or through a conduit borrower on a tax-exempt basis. The Board of Education hereby covenants that it will comply with any conditions subsequent imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), in order to preserve the exemption from taxation of interest on its bonds or notes if issued as tax-exempt, including, if necessary, the requirement to rebate all net investment earnings on the gross proceeds above the yield on its bonds or notes. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the Board of Education to deem

the obligations authorized herein as bank qualified for the purposes of Section 265 of the Code, when appropriate. The Board of Education hereby declares the intent of the Board of Education to issue bonds or temporary notes in the amount not to exceed the amount set forth in the bond proposal approved by the voters as set forth in Section 1 and to use the proceeds to pay or to reimburse expenditures for the costs of the school capital project authorized therein. This resolution is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of Treasury Regulations §1.150-2 or any successor provisions of federal income tax law.

11. The Board Representatives are hereby authorized to take all steps necessary to implement this resolution. Any actions authorized herein and taken prior hereto are hereby ratified. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is further authorized to act on behalf of the Board of Education to make such determinations required of the Board of Education for the conduct of the election as may become necessary.
12. The reference to officers of this school district herein includes any interim, acting, or successor officer holding that position.
13. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

2. **Bond Referendum Laura Bishop Communications** (Attachment)

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves the contract proposal for Laura Bishop Communications for professional services for the bond referendum campaign.

**Personnel and Human Resources**

1. **Substitute Teacher**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mendham Township Board of Education approves Nicole Russo as a substitute teacher, pending completion of paperwork, at the current rate of \$92.00 per day for the 2021 - 2022 school year.

**Mr. Thayyar moved to approve the action items as listed on the October 12, 2021 work session agenda: Operations and Finance items 1-2 and Personnel and Human Resources item 1, seconded by Mr. Gondek, and the motion was CARRIED in a roll call vote: Mr. Thayyar; yes, Mr. Dumovic; yes, Mr. Gondek; yes, Dr. Mandel; yes, Mrs. Mody; yes, and Mrs. Holquist, yes – motions carry.**

**XI. Discussion**

Mr. Dumovic – For clarification purposes, what is the total cost for the district to hold this election.

Dr. Constantino – It depends on the day and if anyone else is having an election on that day, if so, the cost will be split amongst everyone.

Mr. Dumovic - I support this bond proposal.

The timing is good. First, it's a great time to go out for a loan; interest rates are currently very low. Second, by holding a new bond referendum just before our existing debt from the previous 20-year bond expires, ensures that the future local tax rate for the debt service repayment will remain essentially stable or the tax rate may even be slightly less than it is today. And third, we now know from the NJ DOE that there will be a significant financial contribution from the State for the proposed plan.

The bond proposal, or plan itself, will enhance conditions for students and teachers in the classroom - today, and tomorrow. The plan outlines critical infrastructure needs and renovations at the elementary school and the middle school, including safety and security upgrades. Longer-term, the plan also outlines additional capital improvements at each school, including a health and wellness center, a media center, and an outdoor learning center at each school.

I believe the plan identifies projects that a majority of people in our community would like to see. The board listened to the community and incorporated input from various stakeholders, including feedback from a community-wide survey that was conducted earlier this year. But the community will ultimately have its say on the \$19.9 Million bond, and it will be important for residents to have sufficient opportunity to hear the details of the plan to allow a truly informed opinion, in advance of the vote next January.

I will be voting yes on tonight's resolution.

Mrs. Mody – I agree with Mr. Dumovic that this is a fiscally responsible plan and that it is necessary also for maintenance purposes and the excellence of our schools, therefore this plan and proposal I support it fully.

Mr. Thayyar – to keep the continued momentum moving forward for generations to come, this is the right moment to do it, I too support this.

Dr. Mandel – For me, the largest part of this is to maintain our buildings at the level that they need to be and to continue on a path of advancing our district and students. I am a big supporter of this.

Mr. Gondek – I'm glad we are getting an outside firm to help get the word out there. It has always been a challenge to get the news out to everyone. I support this completely.

Mrs. Holquist – I am confident that this is the right thing to do to invest in the future of our students. I look forward to getting the word out and moving forward with this.

Dr. Constantino – We are looking at doing this amount of work to support the level of education that we provide and save the average accessed household \$97 per year. This is a great story to tell.

## **XII. Verbal Communications from the Public**

Mr. Keeling – what would happen if there is a huge snowstorm on the night of the referendum election?

Dr. Constantino – would have to see if it would be moved, it is up to the county.

Mr. Keeling – I had the privilege to attend in-person assemblies at each of the schools recently. They were both amazing and moving. I salute and applaud everyone that was involved.

Dr. Constantino – thank you.

## **XVI. Adjournment**

Moved by Mr. Thayyar, second by Dr. Mandel to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna Mosner  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary