

**SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 22, 2021
BOARD OF EDUCATION
BETHPAGE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
10 CHERRY AVENUE
BETHPAGE, NY 11714
MINUTES**

Attendance Board of Education: President, Michael J. Kelly; Vice-President, Sandra Watson, Anna Israelton, John Lonardo, James McGlynn, Christina Scelta and Marie Swierkowski

Others: Superintendent of Schools, David Schneider; Assistant Superintendent for Business, Scott Harrington; Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Caroline E. Lavelle; and Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Michael Spence; and Lawrence J. Tenenbaum, Esq., Jaspan Schlesinger, LLP.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mr. Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:30PM and lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PRESENTATIONS: Mr. Schneider opened with brief update before turning the presentation over to Mr. Spence to discuss GEER/ESSER funds, American Rescue Plan on how much money we will be getting and what we will be spending it on. Mr. Spence also spoke in regards to the Golden Eagle Academy that will take place this summer.

3. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY. COMMENTS LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON, FOR A TOTAL DURATION OF FIFTEEN (15) MINUTES: At 8:09 pm Mr. Kelly opens the meeting up to the public for comments. He allows 3 mins per person for a 30 minute max public session. Numerous parents and students attended the meeting to speak out against wearing masks at school. Students spoke out about their experience and how the masks made them sad, angry, hindered their learning, is uncomfortable and makes it hard for them to breathe. Parents spoke out against masks and asked school to fight for them. Mr. Kelly advises we are trying to get back to as normal as possible and thanks the students who spoke.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS: None.

5. FUTURE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES: June 29, 2021 Regular Meeting

6. BOARD TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

8:38 pm Motion by Mr. Lonardo, seconded by Mrs. Swierkowski, that the Board of Education enter Executive Session.

7. BOARD TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

9:45 PM Motion by Mr. Lonardo, seconded by Mrs. Swierkowski, that the Board of Education exit Executive Session.

8. ADJOURNMENT

9:45 PM Motion by Mr. Lonardo, seconded by Mrs. Swierkowski, that the Board of Education adjourn the Agenda Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Baebler, Assistant to Acting Assistant District Clerk