



Herricks Public Schools Board of Education

999B Herricks Road
New Hyde Park, NY 11040
<https://www.herricks.org/HUFSD>

Regular Meeting ~ Minutes ~

Thursday, September 26, 2019

7:30 PM

Herricks Community Center

I Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by President Juleigh Chin

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Juleigh Chin	President	Present	
Henry Zanetti	Vice President	Present	
Nancy Feinstein	Trustee	Present	
James Gounaris	Trustee	Present	
Brian Hassan	Trustee	Absent	

II Executive Session

Mrs. Chin moved that the Board of Education recess into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations and personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zanetti and passed by unanimous vote.

III Meeting Reconvened

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was reconvened at 7:42pm.

IV Pledge of Allegiance

V Announcements and Correspondence

Mrs. Chin opened the meeting by welcoming students, parents, teachers and the public to tonight's Board meeting. Mrs. Chin then asked if there was any announcements and correspondence from the Board. Among the items raised were the following:

Mr. Gounaris stated that he attended the High School's Back to School Night and added that it is always great to see friends, students, and our wonderful staff. It is a night filled with pride.

Mr. Zanetti stated that he also attended the high school's Back to School Night and agrees with Mr. Gounaris. It is a wonderful night, but added that he can empathize with the teachers, as they try to review student expectations with parents in such a limited time.

Mr. Zanetti stated that he also attended the first Center PTA meeting of the new school

year and added that it was well-attended; lots of good things happening at Center Street School.

Mr. Zanetti stated that he attended the first EdLeader21 workshop, Portrait of a Graduate. He added that the workshop included various members of the District including Board members, students, teachers, parents, alumni, a member of Hofstra University, and an employee of a Human Resource company. Mr. Zanetti then stated that it was a great discussion centered on what we think our students need as competencies before entering college.

Ms. Guercin stated that she attended the first Curriculum Council meeting of the new school year. She added that it is great to see teachers sharing and collaborating about the curriculum workshops they attended over the summer.

Ms. Guercin stated that she attended the EdLeader21 workshop, the first of which included various members in and around the community. She then attended the afternoon session, which included all of the administrators. It was great to see how both sessions had a closely aligned vision of what our students need by the time they graduate from high school.

Mrs. Feinstein stated that the ten minutes that teachers are allotted on Back to School Night to go over rules and student expectations is not enough.

Mrs. Chin stated that she and Mr. Zanetti attended a Board Member workshop. She added that it was interesting and demonstrated troubleshooting on certain topics that may arise at Board of Education meetings.

Mrs. Chin stated that she attended both the 32nd Anniversary of the Alzheimer's program and the 39th Anniversary of the Senior Nutrition Program during Adult Day Care Week. She added that Herricks supports everyone in the District and these programs are so vibrant and amazing. Mrs. Chin then encouraged the Public to tell Senior Citizens to take advantage of these great programs.

Mrs. Chin stated that she attended the SEPTA Meet and Greet last Friday. It was great to see the new administrators and also to see how SEPTA is thriving. There are so many educational programs for students with special needs and programs to help parents of students with special needs. Mrs. Chin encouraged the public to join SEPTA and added that you don't need to have a special education student to join.

Mrs. Chin was proud to state that the local papers announced Herricks as one of the top areas to live in. She added that she is happy that they are calling our District a great neighborhood.

Dr. Celano stated that on Tuesday night, the District held its elementary schools' Back to School Night; all the Back to School Night events were very successful, well-attended, and provided an important opportunity for parents to meet with their child's teachers.

Dr. Celano stated that this evening we will have an update on our capital construction projects from our architect, Steve Walsh.

Dr. Celano stated that on Tuesday, the District participated in two interactive workshops, facilitated by Mr. Ken Kay from EdLeader21, a national educational organization that promotes the development of 21st Century Skills. The workshops have helped the District continue to work towards the goal of developing a Herricks Portrait of a Graduate. Dr. Celano added that these workshops will help us prepare our students for the challenges of the 21st Century and for jobs that don't exist today. During both workshops, discussions centered on competencies that our students will need for successful careers, such as creative problem solving, self-direction, empathy and collaboration. Dr. Celano added that two more meetings with both groups will be held during the school year to help develop and refine the Portrait of a Graduate for Herricks.

Mrs. Chin stated that it's not just a high level of skills that we want for our students but the take away is to leave as genuinely good people.

Dr. Celano stated that the workshop brings together our goals for social emotional learning, teaching empathy and compassion.

On behalf of the Board of Education, Mrs. Chin read the following statement on HTA negotiations:

At our last board meeting I was pleased to report that the District and the Herricks Teachers' Association had achieved a tentative settlement on September 11th of the terms for a successor labor agreement to the expired 2018 labor contract. We are actively engaged in the important process of preparation of a detailed Memorandum of Agreement that we expect to complete in short order. Details of the agreement will be released upon ratification of the tentative settlement by both the District and Association. A copy of tonight's statement can be found on the Herricks website at: <https://www.herricks.org/Domain/53>.

Dr. Celano was proud to announce that tonight we will be recognizing outstanding student accomplishments for nine students who have been named National Merit Semifinalists and for another student who was recently named to the All-National Symphony Orchestra.

VI Recognition of Outstanding Student Achievement

Dr. Celano announced that tonight we will be recognizing outstanding student achievement. Ms. Guercin announced each of the student's names and their bios.

- 9 Herricks High School Seniors have been named National Merit Semifinalists in the 65th annual National Merit Scholarship Program.
- 1 Herricks High School Senior has been accepted to the prestigious All-national Honor Ensembles sponsored by the national Association for Music Education.

On behalf of the Board and Central Administration, Dr. Celano congratulated the students, their parents and teachers for an outstanding job.

VII Questions or Comments from the Public

Mrs. Chin asked if there were any questions or comments from the Public. Among the items raised were the following:

A resident asked the Board if they could give clarification on how much longer the teacher's contract will take to ratify. Dr. Celano stated that nothing has changed, we still have a tentative agreement with the HTA and we are finalizing the Memorandum of Agreement, which is about twelve pages long. Dr. Celano added that the HTA has to then go through the ratification process outlined in their by-laws. Dr. Celano emphasized that we are optimistic, and asked the public for patience.

The resident stated that if we are moving in a positive direction then why are the teachers still doing things in the buildings. Mrs. Feinstein asked, what things? The resident stated that the middle school teachers wore their HTA shirts for the yearbook pictures, and during Back to School Night. According to the resident, teachers were also instructed by the HTA to not join the PTA. Mrs. Feinstein stated that she understands the parents' frustration and added that the members of the Board joined the Board of Education to give the public transparency. Mrs. Feinstein then asked the residents to please trust the Board; the Board wants to have the right information when they sign the contract. Mr. Gounaris stated that he understands, but also asked the residents for a little more patience. Dr. Celano stated that he is optimistic the contract will be resolved soon.

VIII Recommended Actions - Routine Business

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Gounaris, Trustee
SECONDER:	Henry Zanetti, Vice President
AYES:	Juleigh Chin, Henry Zanetti, Nancy Feinstein, James Gounaris
ABSENT:	Brian Hassan

A Approval of Minutes

1 September 12, 2019 - Minutes

The following resolution has been prepared for the Board's consideration:
Resolved: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the September 12, 2019 Minutes.

B Approval of Personnel Report

1 Personnel Report - September 26, 2019

The following resolution has been prepared for the Board's consideration:
Resolved: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the September 26, 2019 Personnel Report.

C Acceptance of Report of Committee on Special Education

1 Acceptance of Report of Committee on Special Education

The following resolution has been prepared for the Board's consideration:
Resolved: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of

Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the report of Committee on Special Education.

D Approval of Treasurer's Report

1 Approval of July 2019 Treasurer's Report

The following resolution has been prepared for the Board’s consideration:

Resolved: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the July 2019 Treasurer's Report.

E Approval of Warrants

1 Approval of Warrants

The following resolution has been prepared for the Board’s consideration:

Resolved: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following:

General Fund Schedules: 22 through 25

Trust & Agency Schedules: 8

Warrant #22	General Fund	\$ 614,451.07
Warrant #23	General Fund	\$ 2,777,536.11
Warrant #24	General Fund	\$ 207,370.70
Warrant #25	General Fund	\$ 47,039.12
Warrant # 8	Trust & Agency	\$ 2,942,862.98

IX Capital Projects Update: Steve Walsh from BBS Architects

Dr. Celano introduced Mr. Steve Walsh from BBS Architects. Mr. Walsh began his Capital Projects update by stating that site work and parking lots are completed at all of the elementary schools. The courtyard is in closeout stage, mechanical ventilation arrived and will be installed over the weekend, room 708 at the high school is complete, and electrical upgrade at the high school is complete. Mr. Walsh then continued by stating that Phase III is underway. Windows should be delivered in about 14 weeks for the elementary schools. The addendum was submitted to SED for the fitness center. He added that electrical was approved and the State Parks approved the designs for the fitness center.

Mrs. Chin asked if there were any questions from the Board. Among the items raised were the following:

Dr. Celano asked Mr. Walsh if he could give an estimate on when the windows and curtain walls would be installed. Mr. Walsh stated that in about 14-16 weeks or early Spring.

Mr. Gounaris asked when ground breaking will take place on the fitness center. Dr. Celano stated that the plans have to be approved by SED before we can estimate a date.

Mrs. Chin asked if there were any questions or comments from the Public. Among the items raised were the following:

A resident asked if the fitness center is being built at the high school. Mr. Walsh stated yes and the State Department had to approve the plans because it is an addition to the building. They need to make sure the high school wasn't a historical site.

A resident asked if there would be two accesses to both gyms when construction on the fitness center begins. Mr. Walsh stated yes.

A resident stated that she saw the notice that the high school track and field is closed to the public during school hours. Ms. Chin stated yes, but we will hold this discussion until the questions and comments section of the meeting.

Mr. Walsh then announced that the architectural design of the high school cafeteria has won an award for outstanding design for interior renovation. He then presented the Board of Education with a plaque of the design and copies of American School and University magazine with an article and pictures of the high school cafeteria.

On behalf of the Board and Central Administration, Mrs. Chin thanked Mr. Walsh for the award and the capital projects update.

X Recommended Actions - New Business

A Adoption of District-Wide School Safety Plan and Building-Level Emergency Response Plans

The following resolution has been prepared for the Board’s consideration:

Resolved: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby adopts the Herricks Union Free School District District-Wide School Safety and Building-Level Emergency Response Plans for the 2019-2020 school year.

Note: Education Law 2801-a and the Commissioner’s Regulation 155.17 require districts to develop and implement a District-Wide School Safety Plan. The Building-Level Emergency Response Plans must be kept confidential and are not subject to disclosure under Article 6 of the Public Officers Law.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Nancy Feinstein, Trustee
SECONDER:	James Gounaris, Trustee
AYES:	Juleigh Chin, Henry Zanetti, Nancy Feinstein, James Gounaris
ABSENT:	Brian Hassan

B Rescind Capital Projects Constructive Change Directive

The following resolution has been prepared for the Board’s consideration:

Resolved: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby rescinds the approval of Constructive Change Directive No 1 with Stalco Construction Corp in connection with the New Comfort Station at Herricks High School (SED No 28-04-09-03-7-018-001) contained in resolution IX.AK approved by the Board of Education on August 13, 2019 directing the Contractor to

credit the total contract sum by \$25,000 per liquidated damages.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Gounaris, Trustee
SECONDER:	Nancy Feinstein, Trustee
AYES:	Juleigh Chin, Henry Zanetti, Nancy Feinstein, James Gounaris
ABSENT:	Brian Hassan

C Approval of Capital Projects Change Orders

The following resolution has been prepared for the Board’s consideration:

Resolved: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the change orders (CO) as indicated below.

NYSED Project	Contractor	CO No.	Description
High School New Comfort Station (SED No 28-04-09-03-7-018-001)	Stalco Construction Corp.	4	This change order will decrease the contract with Stalco in the amount of (\$25,000.00). CO 4-STALCO represents contractor negotiated contract credit.
High School Cafeteria, Kitchen & Site Work Improvements (SED No 28-04-09-03-0-008-034)	WHM Plumbing	4	This change order will increase the contract with WHM in the amount of \$5,235.38. CO 4-WHM represents the cost to provide connections/complete work for Health Dept. inspection and school opening.
High School Cafeteria, Kitchen & Site Work Improvements (SED No 28-04-09-03-0-008-034)	WHM Plumbing	5	This change order will increase the contract with WHM in the amount of \$3,417.14. CO 5-WHM represents the cost to install new steam header and valve off outlets in steam kettles; supply steam traps and return line.
High School Cafeteria, Kitchen & Site Work Improvements (SED No 28-04-09-03-0-008-034)	WHM Plumbing	6	This change order will increase the contract with WHM in the amount of \$12,154.06. CO 6-WHM represents the cost to relocate existing floor sink and run new supply lines to water filtration system and new hose seals due to existing conditions.
Center Street ES Site Work Improvements (SED No 28-04-09-03-0-002-021)	Graci Paving Associates Inc.	1	This change order will result in a net increase in the contract with Graci in the amount of \$5,015. CO 1-GRACI represents the cost to remove and replace additional concrete curb and sidewalk \$15,015.00 offset by the general allowance (\$10,000.00).
Searingtown ES Site Work Improvements (SED No 28-04-09-03-0-005-023)	Graci Paving Associates Inc.	1	This change order will result in a net increase in the contract with Graci in the amount of \$12,560. CO 1-GRACI represents the cost to remove, replace and recompact unsuitable subgrade \$22,560.00 offset by the general allowance (\$10,000.00).

Searingtown ES Site Work Improvements (SED No 28-04-09-03-0-005-023)	Graci Paving Associates Inc.	2	This change order will result in a net increase in the contract with Graci in the amount of \$3,000. CO 1-GRACI represents the cost to repair existing fuel oil and sanitary sewer lines \$3,000.00.
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RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: James Gounaris, Trustee
SECONDER: Nancy Feinstein, Trustee
AYES: Juleigh Chin, Henry Zanetti, Nancy Feinstein, James Gounaris
ABSENT: Brian Hassan

D Approval of Consultant for Saturday Recreation Program

The following resolution has been prepared for the Board’s consideration:

Resolved: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a consultant from Tae Cole Tae Kwon Do Fitness, Inc., 900 Willis Avenue, Albertson, NY 11507, for martial arts instruction for the Saturday Recreation Program at the Herricks Middle School which runs from October 16, 2019 through April 25, 2020, at a rate of \$30.85 per session for a total of 32 sessions. There is an additional \$100 consultant fee. The total cost will be no more than \$1,087.20.

Note: Tae Cole Tae Kwon Do Fitness of Albertson provides the Herricks Saturday Recreation Program with experienced instructors who are highly skilled in "kids martial arts."

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Henry Zanetti, Vice President
SECONDER: Nancy Feinstein, Trustee
AYES: Juleigh Chin, Henry Zanetti, Nancy Feinstein, James Gounaris
ABSENT: Brian Hassan

E Approval of Agreement for Temporary Clerical Support Services

The following resolution has been prepared for the Board’s consideration:

Resolved: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves Beatty’s Services, Inc., 127 West 127th Street, Suite 308, New York, NY 10027 (OGS Contract #PS67878SBMBEWBE) and Randstad North America, Inc., 300 Broadhollow Road, Suite 102W, Melville, NY 11747 (OGS Contract #PS67917), to provide temporary substitute clerical support staff services to the District when needed.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Henry Zanetti, Vice President
SECONDER: Nancy Feinstein, Trustee
AYES: Juleigh Chin, Henry Zanetti, Nancy Feinstein, James Gounaris
ABSENT: Brian Hassan

F Approval of Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES Cross Contract

The following resolution has been prepared for the Board’s consideration:

Resolved: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a cross contract with Oneida-Herkimer-Madison for CountryWatch and Elsevier Database Subscriptions for the 2019-2020 school year in

the amount of \$3520.24 plus BOCES administrative fee.

Note: Elsevier database, Scopus, is a science research database. CountryWatch is a new database for the High School library's resources. CountryWatch provides critical country-specific data for High School students.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Henry Zanetti, Vice President
SECONDER:	Nancy Feinstein, Trustee
AYES:	Juleigh Chin, Henry Zanetti, Nancy Feinstein, James Gounaris
ABSENT:	Brian Hassan

G Approval of BOCES Transportation Contracts

The following resolution has been prepared for the Board’s consideration:

Resolved: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the BOCES Transportation Contracts for the 2019-2020 school year.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Gounaris, Trustee
SECONDER:	Henry Zanetti, Vice President
AYES:	Juleigh Chin, Henry Zanetti, Nancy Feinstein, James Gounaris
ABSENT:	Brian Hassan

H Approval of Trip for the High School Model UN Club Conference Hosted By Boston College

The following resolution has been prepared for the Board’s consideration:

Resolved: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a trip for the High School Model UN Club to the National High School Model UN Conference at the Westin Copley Place, 10 Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02116. The Conference is hosted by Boston College and takes place from March 19, 2020 to March 22, 2020, at a cost of approximately \$350.00 per student.

Note: The students will be spending all day and evening debating international relations in committees that range from 15 to 150 other students from across the United States and the rest of the world. The students will be missing two days of school.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Henry Zanetti, Vice President
SECONDER:	James Gounaris, Trustee
AYES:	Juleigh Chin, Henry Zanetti, Nancy Feinstein, James Gounaris
ABSENT:	Brian Hassan

I Approval of Trip for High School and Middle School Students to Compete in NYS History Day Competition

The following resolution has been prepared for the Board’s consideration:

Resolved: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a trip for the High School and Middle School Students to Compete in NYS History Day at Fenimore Art Museum & The Farmers’ Museum in

Cooperstown, NY, from April 26, 2020 through April 27, 2020. The cost is approximately \$50.00 per student, which includes transportation, hotel, registration, and food expenses for staff.

Note: The students will be missing one day of school.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Henry Zanetti, Vice President
SECONDER:	James Gounaris, Trustee
AYES:	Juleigh Chin, Henry Zanetti, Nancy Feinstein, James Gounaris
ABSENT:	Brian Hassan

J Approval of Trip for High School and Middle School Students to Compete in History Day's National Competition

The following resolution has been prepared for the Board's consideration:

Resolved: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a trip for the High School and Middle School Students to Compete in History Day's National Competition at the University of Maryland, Washington DC, from June 14, 2020 through June 17, 2020. The cost is approximately \$350.00 per student, which includes transportation, hotel, registration, and food expenses for staff.

Note: The students will be missing 3 days of school.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Henry Zanetti, Vice President
SECONDER:	James Gounaris, Trustee
AYES:	Juleigh Chin, Henry Zanetti, Nancy Feinstein, James Gounaris
ABSENT:	Brian Hassan

K Approval of Trip for Herricks High School DECA Students to the DECA State Career Conference

The following resolution has been prepared for the Board's consideration:

Resolved: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a trip for the High School DECA Students to attend the DECA State Career Conference in Rochester, NY from February 26, 2020 through February 28, 2020, at a cost of approximately \$550.00 per student.

Note: These students have advanced from the Regional Nassau County Competition to the State level. The competitors start at the Nassau County Level then advance to the State level and finally after the State level is the International level. The District will contribute \$10,000 towards the cost of this trip. The students will miss 3 days of school.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Henry Zanetti, Vice President
SECONDER:	James Gounaris, Trustee
AYES:	Juleigh Chin, Henry Zanetti, Nancy Feinstein, James Gounaris
ABSENT:	Brian Hassan

L Approval of Middle School Trip to Frost Valley YMCA

The following resolution has been prepared for the Board’s consideration:

Resolved: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a Middle School trip to Frost Valley - YMCA, 2000 Frost Valley Road, Claryville, NY 12725, from January 8, 2020 through Friday, January 10, 2020, for 6th grade students, at a fee of approximately \$380.00 per student.

Be It Further Resolved: that the Board of Education President is authorized to execute the respective agreements.

Note: This trip gives students the opportunity to experience outdoor education. They will be given the opportunity to develop problem solving skills, interpersonal skills and self-confidence in the challenging adventure and team building activities. Students will each miss three days of school. This program is coordinated via Nassau BOCES and Frost Valley YMCA.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Henry Zanetti, Vice President
SECONDER:	James Gounaris, Trustee
AYES:	Juleigh Chin, Henry Zanetti, Nancy Feinstein, James Gounaris
ABSENT:	Brian Hassan

M Approval of Special Education Contracts

The following resolution has been prepared for the Board’s consideration:

Resolved: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following 2019-20 Tuition contract for students with special needs:

1. Harmony Heights School

Note: This contract has been approved by our attorney.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Gounaris, Trustee
SECONDER:	Nancy Feinstein, Trustee
AYES:	Juleigh Chin, Henry Zanetti, Nancy Feinstein, James Gounaris
ABSENT:	Brian Hassan

N Approval of Agreements for Special Education Related Educational Services

The following resolution has been prepared for the Board’s consideration:

Resolved: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves agreements for Special Education Related Educational Services for selected students and Special Education Consulting Services to the District during the 2018-19 School Year with the following service providers and authorizes

the Board of Education President to execute the respective agreements once prepared.

1. *All About Kids SLP, OT, PT, LMSW, Psychology, PLLC (2)
2. Humanistic Consultants, Inc.
3. *LI Neuropsychological Consultants

Note: As per Board Policy #6700, the School District may engage the services of professionals without the need for seeking alternative proposals. The individual or company should be chosen based on accountability, reliability, responsibility, skill, and education. The Board of Education authorized an Inter-Municipal Cooperative Agreement for Special Education Related Services Request for Proposal (RFP) on March 9, 2017 to participate with other Nassau County public school districts for the solicitation of proposals for Special Education Related Services on a cooperative basis, subject to the terms and conditions of the IMA. Service providers denoted with an (*) responded to the RFP. All contracts have been prepared by our attorney.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Gounaris, Trustee
SECONDER:	Nancy Feinstein, Trustee
AYES:	Juleigh Chin, Henry Zanetti, Nancy Feinstein, James Gounaris
ABSENT:	Brian Hassan

O Approval of Special Education Contracts

The following resolution has been prepared for the Board’s consideration:

Resolved: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the following 2019-20 contract for students with special needs:

1. Great Neck UFSD-Parentally Placed DOR

Note: This contract has been approved by our attorney.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Gounaris, Trustee
SECONDER:	Nancy Feinstein, Trustee
AYES:	Juleigh Chin, Henry Zanetti, Nancy Feinstein, James Gounaris
ABSENT:	Brian Hassan

P Acceptance of Donation of Trees from Herricks High School PTSA

The following resolution has been prepared for the Board’s consideration:

Resolved: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby accepts the following donation with a total value of \$1,035.00, from the Herricks High School PTSA, 100 Shelter Rock Road, New Hyde Park, NY 11040. The items will be placed in the High School Courtyard. Five Trees, as follows:

- 4 - Cornus Kousa 6-7’
- 1 - Prunus Okame 1½” caliper

On behalf of the Board and Central Administration, Mrs. Chin thanked the High School PTSA for their very generous donation.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Henry Zanetti, Vice President
SECONDER:	James Gounaris, Trustee
AYES:	Juleigh Chin, Henry Zanetti, Nancy Feinstein, James Gounaris
ABSENT:	Brian Hassan

Q Approval of Obsolete Library Materials Declared as Surplus

The following resolution has been prepared for the Board’s consideration:

Resolved: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the disposal of obsolete library materials from the Middle School Library.

Note: The library materials are outdated and irreparable.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Gounaris, Trustee
SECONDER:	Henry Zanetti, Vice President
AYES:	Juleigh Chin, Henry Zanetti, Nancy Feinstein, James Gounaris
ABSENT:	Brian Hassan

XI Questions or Comments from the Public

Before asking if there were any questions or comments from the Public, the Board, Central Administration and the public started a discussion over safety concerns involving the use of the track and field at the high school during school hours. They went on to say that they are asking the community members to use the facilities when school is not in session. The track lights are turned on beginning at 5:00am until dawn, and they are turned on in the evenings from dusk until 10:00pm. Herricks, as well as other school districts on Long Island, have reviewed and strengthened security and safety protocols to ensure the safety and well-being of our students. However, Herricks was still one of the few Districts that allowed the general public the use of facilities during school hours. We want to strike a balance between the needs of our community and the importance of protecting the safety and well-being of our students.

Mrs. Chin asked if there were any other questions or comments from the Public. Among the items raised were the following:

A resident asked that if, for some reason, the tentative agreement with the teachers does not come through, if the public will get a copy of the Fact-finder's report. The Board answered yes and then stated that we are optimistic that we will come to a final agreement. The Fact-finder would have to write a report if no agreement is reached. They added that once the contract is settled, the public will be able to view the contract. The Board understands the frustration of the community and asks the public for a little more patience.

A resident stated that she appreciates the positive outlook from the Board. She then went on to say how she is not anti-union but the teachers have been acting unprofessionally with the constant wearing of their union shirts during student events such as the yearbook pictures. The resident added that it has become personal for the parents and very disappointing. The Board agreed that the resident couldn't have said it any better.

A resident asked if there was a timeline for ratification. Mr. Gounaris stated that the tentative agreement was reached on September 11 and we are hoping to have a settlement by November.

A resident asked if the union can drag out the tentative agreement. Mrs. Chin stated that the Board is working in good faith with the union.

XII New Business and Future Agenda Items

Mrs. Chin asked if there were any concerns or future agenda items from the Board. Among them were the following:

Mrs. Chin asked that the discussion on use of the High School facilities be placed on the October 10, 2019 agenda and, at that time, the public can bring questions and concerns to the Board for discussion.

Mrs. Chin then mentioned the following future meetings:

- October 10, 2019 - Regular Board Meeting
- October 24, 2019 - Regular and External Audit Committee Meeting
- November 7, 2019 - Regular Board Meeting

XIII Future Business - Meetings are held at 7:30 PM unless otherwise noted

October 10, 2019	Community Center	Regular Meeting
October 24, 2019	Community Center	Regular Meeting & <i>External Audit Committee Meeting</i>
November 7, 2019	Community Center	Regular Meeting
November 21, 2019	Community Center	Regular Meeting
December 12, 2019	Community Center	Regular Meeting & <i>Internal Audit Committee Meeting</i>

XIV Adjournment

At 8:44pm Mr. Zanetti made a motion to adjourn the Board of Education Public Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gounaris and passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

**Lisa Rutkoske, C.P.A.
District Clerk**