



Herricks Public Schools Board of Education

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

Regular Meeting ~ Minutes ~

Thursday, May 21, 2020

7:30 PM

Via Teleconference

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	Present	

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. Executive Session was held via teleconference due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

III Meeting Reconvened

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was reconvened at 7:34pm via teleconference. There were no student government representatives present.

IV Pledge of Allegiance

V Announcements and Correspondence

Mrs. Chin thanked and welcomed the Public for joining our live meeting via teleconference. Mrs. Chin then opened the meeting to any announcements and correspondence from the Board. Among the items raised were the following:

Ms. Maggiacomo stated that normally at a board meeting, we would recognize members of our staff who would be retiring or had retired throughout the year. Unfortunately, this is another celebration that we cannot have in-person. She added that she still wants to give a shout out to our teachers, teaching assistants, aides and clerical workers, who will be retiring. Ms. Maggiacomo thanked them for their service and added that we are going to miss them. She wishes we could be together in person to celebrate everything that they have done for the district.

Mr. Gounaris asked Ms. Maggiacomo if she could put the names of the retirees on a list and send a notice out to the District. He wants the retirees to know that the Board thanks and appreciates them for all their years of service. He added that this would be nice to share with the entire District.

Ms. Guercin shared that she sent out a notice today regarding the latest update on our remote learning plan and wants to emphasize many of our teachers are already doing synchronous instruction. The synchronous is real time instruction happening in the moment, where students can engage with the teacher. She added that not all of the instruction was being done face-to-face, which is something we really want to make sure was happening more. Face-to-face helps with the social and emotional well-being of students by giving students the ability to see and make contact with other people. Ms. Guercin stated that it has been very challenging for students to not exchange and engage with their classes in the traditional way. We are hoping that this will add one more layer to our plan and make it a little bit more robust.

Mrs. Chin stated that if parents have questions, concerns or suggestions, they can reach out to their child's teacher or building principal.

Ms. Guercin stated absolutely, and they are certainly welcome to reach out to her as well. She added to definitely talk with the teacher first, because sometimes the teacher is not aware of what the current concerns may be. Ms. Guercin then stated again to reach out to the building administration, and certainly reach out to her with any additional questions.

Ms. Guercin informed the Public that in the very near future, the District will be sending out a remote learning survey for parents, just to get a sense of what their thoughts were. Hopefully, this will help us as we move into the new school year. She added that we want to be able to build a program and a plan that works well for all, so getting that feedback will be really important.

Ms. Rutkoske reminded the Public that we are leading up to the Budget Vote, which was changed to Tuesday, June 9 and will be by absentee ballot. Residents should have already received a postcard in the mail, informing them of the changes per the governor's orders. She added that we will be mailing out our Budget Newsletter very soon, as well as our absentee ballots. The absentee ballots are due back by 5:00 PM on June 9. Ms. Rutkoske also reminded the Public that we are having our budget hearing on May 28 at 7:30, virtual as well.

Mrs. Chin asked Ms. Rutkoske if the absentee ballot has to be mailed in. Ms. Rutkoske stated yes.

Mr. Gounaris stated that he walks around different neighborhoods on different days and, as sad as it is to see all those college graduation lawn signs and the Herricks high school graduation lawn signs, it makes you feel happy that these kids. It shows that no matter what has happened, they know their lives are going to continue and that they're going to go on to the next thing.

Mr. Hassan stated that on Friday, he attended the Searingtown Teacher Parade. He added that he stopped in two different locations, one at the school and one at the corner of his block, and he thought there was a great turnout.

Mr. Hassan then stated that he also walks around the neighborhood, and added that he has never seen so many people walking and biking in all the years that he has lived there. It is kind of nice even though it is not for the right reasons. He thinks it is good that people are out and taking advantage of the nice weather and keeping up with social distancing. Hopefully, we will get back to normal soon. He then wished everyone the best and added that we will get through this.

Mrs. Feinstein stated that she is very thankful for the people that are social distancing and following the rules, and hopefully enabling us to open up more things sooner rather than later.

Mr. Zanetti wished everyone a good evening and stated that he would like to echo some of what Mr. Gounaris and the others said. He urged those who are moving up, those graduating, and all students to cherish the memories and not what you missed. He added that everybody's missed something; some have had it worse than others. Cherish the good things and move on because there is a lot of life left.

Mr. Zanetti stated that he is looking forward to the Center Street parade that will take place tomorrow around 12:30pm.

Mr. Zanetti gave a shout out to the retirees, especially one who he feels influenced his daughter to do what she is going to do in college. He added that he wishes the best for all of them.

Mr. Zanetti then stated that as far as the signs go that Mr. Gounaris stated he sees around the neighborhoods, we have to give a special thank you to the PTAs.

Mr. Gounaris announced that he and Mr. Zanetti are seeking reelection for another three-year term to the Board of Education.

Mrs. Chin thanked Mr. Gounaris for his announcement and wished Mr. Gounaris and Mr. Zanetti the best of luck.

Mr. Zanetti stated that he is looking forward to another three years with eagerness and to try and overcome the things we are facing at this time.

Mrs. Chin stated that, like her fellow board members, she is also very thankful to the community for helping the Board get through this time. She added that Mr. Zanetti said it well when he said to cherish the memories and not focus on the things that we have missed. She added that our beloved math guru, Dr. Geetha Murphy, spoke a few years back about grit, and she feels like our students are going to come out stronger in the end.

Mrs. Chin then stated that she was also at the Searingtown parade with Mr. Hassan, and added that the best purchase in the entire district was the mascot costume. Mrs. Chin encouraged every school to go out and buy a mascot costume. Scotty, the Searingtown

mascot, was the hit of the car parade and it was awesome to see him standing outside the car roof. It was just really great and she is hoping that, within the next year or so, every school in the District has a mascot costume because it is so much fun. Mrs. Chin added that she had emailed Diana DeGiorgio, Principal of Searingtown Elementary School, commenting on how wonderful it was to see the mascot and to watch the children's faces light up. Mrs. Chin stated that Ms. DeGiorgio commented that it was just as therapeutic for the adults.

Mrs. Chin stated that we are all human and no matter if you are a parent, a student, a teacher, or a staff member, we are all here and we are all in this together. We will get through this.

Dr. Celano stated that he also had the pleasure of attending the Searingtown parade and that it was a great experience. He added that it was wonderful to see all the teachers, administrators and some Board of Education members there as well. It was also wonderful to see the parents, students, and grandparents out in the neighborhood, waving signs of appreciation. It really was a special event. Dr. Celano added that Center Street School will be having their parade tomorrow. Denton and the High School had a parade earlier and we will see if there is a parade in the mix for the Middle School too. Dr. Celano then congratulated everyone on these wonderful events that show our unity and strength as a community.

Dr. Celano mentioned that as some of you may have seen or heard from the Governor today, there will be no in-person summer school in New York State and it sounded like he was going to eliminate camps as well. This is to keep everybody safe and healthy. He added that while these things are a disappointment, we can understand the reasons for it. Dr. Celano then stated that Herricks will be cancelling all in-person summer programs, including the YMCA Summer Recreation Program. He added that he knows this is disappointing, but fortunately for those of you that already paid for that program, you will get a full refund from the YMCA.

Dr. Celano was happy to say that Herricks will be offering several remote learning summer programs. Information about these programs will be sent home to parents and posted on our website. He then stated the remote programs that will be offered are as follows:

High School Writing Program for students in grades 9 through 12
Middle School Writing Program for students rising to grades 6 through 8
Camp Invention STEM Program, which is a really fun program for students moving into grades 3 to 6 this summer.

Dr. Celano encouraged all parents and students to consider enrolling in these summer programs. In addition, as always, we will be offering the extended school year special education program remotely this year. We are proud to offer these programs.

Dr. Celano stated that in addition, per the governor's announcement, school districts will continue providing free lunches for families who need it, so we will be continuing the Grab and Go Lunch Program, and also the Child Care Program for Children of First Responders. He added that information about these programs are on our website.

Dr. Celano then shared some information. He stated that the district is forming a District Reopening Task Force. It will be made up of Herricks constituents to discuss plans for the fall. We are getting and gathering information right now from various agencies, such as the CDC. The task force will include administrators, teachers, support staff, and parents. We will be contacting the PTA Council leaders to get some volunteer parents to serve on this committee and we will have subcommittees.

Dr. Celano then stated that these meetings will take place over the summer. We will focus on several critical areas. The critical areas will be health and safety, food service, transportation, security, curriculum and instruction, and social emotional learning dealing with trauma. We will be meeting as a committee and subcommittees to talk about how we can best meet the needs of our students when we reopen and to talk about what we need to do to prepare ourselves for the reopening of school. This is a situation that changes every day. At the Governor's press conference today, he made a comment that we will have to plan for three possible contingencies starting in September. They are:

- reopening of school
- plan for continued remote learning
- plan for a hybrid approach, which is the possibility of a combination of the two things

We will be planning for all three of these possible contingencies within the structure of the subcommittees. We really want to make sure that we plan well. Dr. Celano stated that the governor also mentioned that the State Education Department would be sending out some guidelines to the school district sometime in June. He added that it is likely not going to be the beginning of June but be more likely the middle. These are guidelines that are very important for us to review and to consider. He added that up until now, we have not received any guidance from the State Education Department about next year and, when asked about it, we were told they have to hold off making a final decision. This is why we have to plan for all three of those contingencies.

Dr. Celano stated that the District will be sending out a survey regarding remote learning. He added that this is obviously our very first attempt at remote learning and that it was a big learning curve, although he feels our teachers did a very good job. The survey will give us feedback from both parents and teachers, as well as students. This feedback will help inform us as we create a Phase 3 plan if we need it. We want to be prepared for various contingencies.

Dr. Celano stated that we will be providing professional development to our teachers over the summer on remote learning. The District typically has professional development days in August, just before school starts but we have been in conversations with the Teachers' Association about changing the date. The professional development will be on the topic of remote learning and other items. We want to do this so that we can be prepared for the beginning of the school year. He added that things are changing constantly, so we are waiting to get more direction from State Education Department and the governor. In the meantime, as a district, we are moving forward to developing plans for the various different contingencies.

Dr. Celano stated that our entire Board of Education has also been very busy during this closure, and into the summer months as well. We are very lucky to have five extremely dedicated hardworking board members and it is always a pleasure to work with them. Dr. Celano then thanked each and every one of the Board members.

Dr. Celano reminded the Public that the Budget Hearing is coming up. He added that several weeks ago the Governor stated that there may unfortunately be drastic cuts in state aid of up to 20%. We have not gotten anything beyond the first 2% cut, which we have accounted for in our budget. However, the governor said at different points during the school year that there may be additional cuts, so we are trying to prepare for that as best as we can.

Dr. Celano stated that today, he attended a virtual meeting with Congressman Suozzi. The Congressman met with a small number of Superintendents and Dr. Celano said that he was invited to the meeting. The Congressman talked about a bill that passed through the House of Representatives, providing billions of dollars of funding to the states. Congressman Suozzi said that if this bill is approved and signed by the president, we will have the funds that we need, so as to avoid those state cuts. This is important because, the bill may provide additional funding to the states including schools. Dr. Celano stated that the bill is going to the Senate and he thinks at this point it is important to notify our United States Senators the need for this funding. We hope that the bill gets approved by the Senate and that it is signed by the president because these are funds that are sorely needed here in New York. The funds will help pay for salaries of some of the most important people we have, such as firefighters and hospital workers, as well as our teachers. Hopefully, the funding will come through from the federal government. We will see, but it does sound as though Congressman Suozzi is doing everything that he can as our local congressman to provide us with the funds that we need.

Dr. Celano reminded the Public to vote. He added that as Ms. Rutkoske said residents will be getting your ballot in the mail and it is very important to vote. He also reminded the Public that we will have a Budget Hearing a week from tonight on May 28th at 7:30pm and that it will be a virtual meeting. He added that you will get to ask questions via email and listen in. Dr. Celano stated that he, along with Ms. Rutkoske, will be doing the budget presentation slides and the public is invited to view the slides at the Budget Hearing on May 28. We are looking forward to it and hope a lot of people attend.

VI Recognition of Board of Education Student Representatives

Mrs. Chin stated that at this meeting, if we were live, we would be recognizing our Board of Education Student Representatives along with our retirees. She added that she wishes we were back in our Board Room so that we can thank the students in person for all that they have done throughout the school year.

On behalf of the Board, Mrs. Chin then recognized the 2019-2020 Board of Education Student Representatives:

- Kathryn Ritchie
- Kiruthiga Shanmuganathan
- Elana Keller

Mrs. Chin then thanked the three students for all that they have done throughout the school year and stated that she knows it was cut short, but the Board appreciates the time they put in to our Board Meetings and for the input that they have always given. We truly do appreciate our student representatives!

Mrs. Chin stated that she hopes the student representatives are listening in right now and wants them to know that certificates were mailed home to them, for recognition of all that they have done for the Board.

Dr. Celano added that he too hopes the student representatives are listening in tonight, and stated that the students have been delightful. It was always a pleasure to hear their comments, questions and reports that they delivered over the year. We really do appreciate their hard work.

Dr. Celano stated that he knows we will see Kiruthiga and Elana around next year because they are 11th graders. He added that we all want to wish Kathryn well because she will be graduating this year, and will be going off to Cornell University in the Fall. He then congratulated Kathryn and wished her good luck with college.

VII Recommended Actions - Routine Business

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

A

1 Minutes - May 4, May 6 & May 7, 2020

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 May 4, 2020, May 6, 2020 and May 7, 2020 Minutes.

B

1 Personnel Report - May 21, 2020

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 May 21, 2020 Personnel Report.

C

1 Report of Committee on Special Education - May 21, 2020

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 May 21, 2020 Report of Committee on Special Education.

D

1 Transfer Report - May 21, 2020

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 May 21, 2020 Transfer Report.

E

1 Warrants - May 21, 2020

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 Warrants:

General Fund Schedule: 98 through 103

Trust & Agency Schedule: 33

Warrant #98	General Fund	\$ 24,551.33
Warrant #99	General Fund	\$ 414,903.80
Warrant #100	General Fund	\$ 2,761,347.62
Warrant #101	General Fund	\$ 208,178.88
Warrant #102	General Fund	\$ 704,058.25
Warrant #103	General Fund	\$ 240.00
Warrant #33	Trust & Agency	\$ 2,894,517.85

VIII Recommended Actions - New Business

A Appointment of Election Workers for Budget/Trustee Vote

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 resolution to appoint the personnel necessary to conduct the Budget/Trustee Vote.

- Resolved:** that the following resolution concerning the appointment of Chief Inspector, Inspectors, Assistant Clerks, and Special Poll Clerks for the District Budget/Trustee Vote to be held on June 9, 2020.

Section 1. Pursuant to the provisions of the Education Law, Lydia Pettinato, a qualified voter of the District, is hereby appointed to act as the PERMANENT CHAIRPERSON at the Budget/Trustee Vote to be held on June 9, 2020.

Section 2. Pursuant to the provisions of the Education Law Section 2025, the qualified voters listed below are hereby appointed to act as INSPECTORS OF ELECTION and Kathryn Cerra, Joanne Savitt and Michele Epstein and Lydia Pettinato to act as the CHIEF ELECTION INSPECTORS, each to perform such duties and to take such action as prescribed by the Education Law:

Kathryn Cerra
 Deana Marafino

Joanne Savitt

Michele Epstein

and the following qualified voters are hereby appointed to act as ASSISTANT CLERKS pursuant to Section 2025 of the Education Law.

Wanda Cusenza	Nicholas Svitak	Gary Pettinato
Erika Rivera	Kathryn Cerra	Joanne Savitt
Deana Marafino	Lydia Pettinato	Michele Epstein
Andrea Curtin	Sosamma Joy	Dianne Meshejian
Ruth Meshejian	Sushma Sharma	David Shaffsick
Gustav Szoke	Rosalie Szoke	Yedidah Gershony
Manzoor Patoli	Pratibha Butala	Sudhir Butala
Jeannette Ceballos	Ellen Janowski	Baby K. Kuriakose
MaryAnn Weaver	Geraldine Kilmurray	

Note: *On the date of the Budget/Trustee Vote, a number of inspectors may also work as Assistant Clerks for part of the time. District Counsel suggested including those names under both categories.*

Section 3. The District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to give written notice of the appointment to each qualified voter so appointed by this Board of Education.

Section 4. The District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to notify this Board of Education forthwith if any of such persons herein above appointed to the respective offices refuses to accept such appointment or fails to take such further action as may be authorized in such circumstances pursuant to the Education Law. In the event that this Board of Education is unable to hold a meeting to appoint a qualified voter to this District to fill a vacancy caused by the refusal of any person herein designated to accept his/her appointment or the failure of any such persons to serve, the District Clerk is hereby authorized to appoint a qualified voter of this School District to fill such vacancy.

- Resolved:** In compliance with the provisions of the Education Law, Section 2019-a, the following named employees of the BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HERRICKS UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT are hereby appointed as special poll clerks to cast and canvass sealed ballots filed with the inspectors of election at the Budget/Trustee Vote on June 9,2020, pursuant to Section 2019-a:

Lydia Pettinato	Kathryn Cerra	Michele Epstein
Wanda Cusenza	Nicholas Svitak	Joanne Savitt
Deana Marafino	Erika Rivera	Gary Pettinato
Andrea Curtin	Sosamma Joy	Dianne Meshejian
Ruth Meshejian	Sushma Sharma	David Shaffsick
Gustav Szoke	Rosalie Szoke	Yedidah Gershony
Manzoor Patoli	Pratibha Butala	Sudhir Butala
Jeannette Ceballos	Ellen Janowski	Baby K. Kuriakose
MaryAnn Weaver	Geraldine Kilmurray	

Be It Resolved: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby sets the salary for the June 9, 2020 Budget/Trustee for the Chairperson and Chief Election Inspectors at \$14.35 per hour and for the Inspectors of

Election and Assistant Clerks at \$13.00 per hour.

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

B Approval of Herricks Mentoring Program with the Herricks Teachers' association (HTA)

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 Herricks Mentoring Program with Herricks Teachers’ Association for the 2020-2021 school year, and

Be It further Resolved: that the Assistant Superintendent of Business be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

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

C Acceptance of Donation

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 a monetary donation in the amount of \$2,000.00 from Bernice Magalnick, 180 Dogwood Road, Roslyn, NY 11576, in memory of her son Steven Magalnick. The donation is to be used towards faculty lounge renovations at Searingtown Elementary School.

On behalf of the Board and Central Administration, Mrs. Chin thanked Mrs. Magalnick for her very generous donation.

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

D Nassau BOCES Letter of Intent for 2020-2021

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 filing of the Nassau BOCES Letter of Intent for various BOCES contracts for the 2020-2021 school year, including any adjustments for subsequent Letters of Intent approved by the Board of Education.

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

E Nassau BOCES 2020-2021 Letter of Intent #734017- TI 84+ Calculators

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 attached BOCES 2020-2021 Letter of Intent

#734017 in the amount of \$16,091.63 for the purchase of 14 TI 84+ Teacher 10 pack calculators.

Note: By contracting for these instructional devices via BOCES, the total cost noted above is aidable in the subsequent school year.

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

F BOCES Putnam Northern Westchester 2020-21 Cross Contract - COSER #504 - INTEGRATED SOCIAL STUDIES/ELA CURRICULUM K-8

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 attached BOCES Cross Contract with Putnam Northern Westchester Coser #504 in the amount of \$2,750.00 for Integrated Social Studies/ELA Curriculum K-8 for the 2020-2021 school year.

Note: This is a web-based integrated social studies/integrated curriculum for Grades K-8. The curriculum is aligned with NYS Framework for Social Studies, including inquiry investigations. The curriculum is also aligned to the NYS Common Core Standards/NYS Learning Standards for ELA and Literacy.

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

G BOCES Putnam Northern Westchester 2020-21 Cross Contract - COSER #608 - OLAS (ONLINE APPLICATION SYSTEM)

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 attached BOCES Cross Contract with Putnam Northern Westchester, Coser #608 in the amount of \$7,000.00 for renewal of the OLAS (On-Line Application System) Subscription for the 2020-2021 school year.

Note: This subscription was included in the budget. By contracting for this subscription via BOCES, the total cost noted above is aidable in the subsequent school year.

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

H Nassau BOCES Letter of Agreement - FrontEdge Inc.

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 BOCES Letter of Agreement for FrontEdge, Inc. for the 2020-2021 school year at a fee of \$68,130.49.

Note: FrontEdge Inc service will allow for the District to digitize the Onboard Hiring Process. This will allow the District to begin to develop digital personnel files on new employees.

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

I Nassau BOCES Letter of Intent #733391 - Konica Minolta Business Solutions

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 attached BOCES Letter of Intent #733391 to acquire over a forty-eight month period five copiers from Konica Minolta Business Solutions USA, Inc. and related hardware and services for the replacement copiers listed on the attached in the amount of \$37,165.57 inclusive of BOCES Administrative Project Costs (15% coordination and 2% inventory).

Note: These copiers replace 5 Konica Minolta copiers currently off of lease. By contracting via Nassau BOCES, these costs associated with the copiers are aidable in the subsequent school year.

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

J Nassau BOCES Letter of Agreement - Blackboard Inc.

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 BOCES Letter of Agreement for Blackboard Inc. for the 2020-2021 school year at a fee of \$6,111.57.

Note: Blackboard Connect teacher edition will allow district administrators and teachers to use our mass notifications system and be able to target specific classes and groups. It will also help teachers connect with families where they are, in a safe and consistent way, and without adding extra work for busy teachers and parents. Global translation empowers teachers to easily communicate with all parents, regardless of language barriers. Teachers can create and send messages from anywhere using the mobile messaging app on their smartphone or a browser on their computer.

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

K Nassau BOCES 2020-2021 Letter of Intent - CoSer #602.059 - Shared Data Protection Officer Support Service

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 Boces Letter of Intent Co-Ser#602.059 for Shared Data Protection Officer Support Service for the 2020-2021 school year, at a cost of \$11,000.00 plus administrative fees.

Note: Shared Data Protection Officer Support Service will help the district meet the needs of Ed-law 2d part 121 implementation. Includes but not limited to; develop the action plan, help developing Data Security & Privacy policies and procedures, creating a disaster recovery plan and a mitigation plan, creating an incident response and breach notification plan, and developing a data breach complaint response process for parents and staff. In addition to ensuring the district has a complete inventory of applications available on its website in compliance with Ed Law 2-d, reviewing, assessing, and planning district employee training in cybersecurity, reviewing district data privacy practices and investigating, creating, and performing next steps in the event of data security breaches.

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

L Nassau BOCES 2020-2021 Letter of Intent #708828 - Crown Castle Directly Deployed Internet

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 BOCES Letter of Intent #708828 for Crown Castle Directly Deployed Internet for the 2020-2021 school year at a cost of \$15,228.00 plus administrative fees.

Note: This service will provide a backup internet service connection to help mitigated a potential loss of internet to the district if our main connection would be severed. In addition this would provide us load balancing for days when bandwidth may need to be increased. This is new service for 2020-2021 school year and was a recommendation from Network Outsource after they completed an assessment of our Network Operations Center (NOC).

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

M Nassau BOCES 2020-2021 Letter of Intent - Instructional Data Warehouse

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 BOCES Letter of Intent with Instructional Data Warehouse for the 2020-2021 school year at a cost of \$19,540.00 plus administrative fees.

Note: The Premium Subscription level to the IDW includes all that is offered in the Standard Subscription ELA, Math, Science, Regents, NYSITELL,

NYSESLAT, NYSAA as well as updated College Board Reports, National Student Clearinghouse College Tracking Reports which are updated three times per year. It also includes one additional half-day IDW training, and one in-district half-day training for administrators/lead teachers on the Teacher Interface.

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

N Nassau BOCES 2020-2021 Letter of Intent #733354 - BoTIE 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 BOCES 2020-2021 Letter of Intent #733354 with BoTIE Services for the 2020-2021 school year, in the amount of \$62,244.24 plus administrative fees.

Note: Currently our main internet service is 500 mbps. In order to increase our capacity to add more devices and provide internet bandwidth to the district and our student we need to increase our speed to 1 gpbs for 2020-2021 school year.

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

O Nassau BOCES 2019-2020 Letter of Intent #734383I -Apple Inc.

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 BOCES 2019-2020 Letter of Intent #734383 with Apple Inc. for the purchase of iPads at a fee of \$60,846.65 plus administrative fees.

Note: These iPads will replace aging/obsolete iPads for the K-1 PLTW program at the elementary schools.

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

P BOCES Eastern Suffolk 2020-2021 Cross Contract Co-Ser #644 - Verizon Intellipath

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 BOCES Eastern Suffolk Cross Contract Co-Ser #644 - Verizon Intellipath for Verizon Intellipath usage, for the 2020-2021 school year. Total estimated usage cost is \$15,404.52.

Note: The District has contracted in prior years via ESB for this service. This service reflects analog, non-voice internet telephone service for fire/burglar/fax lines in the District.

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

Q BOCES Eastern Suffolk 2020-2021 Cross Contract Co-Ser #601 - Qware

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 Eastern Suffolk BOCES Cross Contract Co-Ser #601 - Qware, in the amount of \$6,016.50 for the 2020-2021 school year.

Note: Qware is a maintenance software for school facilities management. This software will be used to manage use of facilities and work orders.

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

R Approval of Purchase of Technology (Chromebooks)

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 resolution:

Whereas, the Board of Education of the Herricks Union Free School District has Board Policy 6700 and its accompanying regulation, which permits the Board of Education to enter into contracts through cooperative purchasing; and

Whereas, the Herricks Union Free School District wishes to utilize a contract through NIPA for the purchase of technology (chromebooks); and

Whereas, NIPA let Contract #R160201 between CDW-G and NIPA for the purchase of technology products and services; and

Whereas, Contract #R160201 authorizes municipalities, like Herricks Union Free School District, to purchase technology products and services pursuant to the contract.

Whereas, said contract is in compliance with Board of Education Policy 6700 and its accompanying regulation, and New York State General Municipal Law §103(16).

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Education authorizes the Herricks Union Free School District’s participation in the NIPA Purchasing Program for the 2019-2020 school year; and,

Now Therefore, Be It Further Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Herricks Union Free School District authorizes the Herricks Union Free School District’s use of NIPA #R160201 between CDW-Government LLC and Region-4 Education Service Center-Texas for the purchase of technology; and

Now Therefore, Be It Further Resolved, that the Board of Education authorizes Lisa Rutkoske, Assistant Superintendent for Business or the Purchasing Agent to issue a

purchase order through NIPA in accordance with NIPA #R160201 between CDW-Government LLC and Region-4 Education Service Center-Texas.

Note: OMNIA Partners, a cooperative purchasing organization for public sector procurement purchased National IPA and U.S. Communities to form OMNIA Partners, Public Sector

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

S Approval of Extension of Contract for Road Service, Maintenance and Repair of district School Buses and Vans

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 an extension of the contract with Nesco Bus Maintenance Inc., 202 South Fehr Way, Bay Shore, NY 11706, at current prices with an increase of CPI%, for maintenance and repair of school district buses and vans for the 2020-2021 school year.

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

T Approval of Health Services 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 Health Services Contracts for the 2019-2020 school year.

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

U Approval of Dues for Long Island School Nutrition Directors Association for 2020-2021

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 annual dues of \$200.00 for the District’s membership in the Long Island School Nutrition Directors Association for the 2020-21 school year and;

Whereas, the Herricks School District agrees to remit \$500.00 to the Cooperative Treasurer to participate in the bidding program.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Assistant Superintendent for Business, be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

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

V Approval for Participation in Long Island School Nutrition Cooperative Bid for Food Service Commodities, Food and Food Service Supplies

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 resolution:

Whereas, it is the plan of a number of public school districts in Nassau/Suffolk Counties, New York to bid jointly on selected Food Service Commodities, Food and Food Service Supplies during the 2020-21 school year.

Whereas, Herricks Union Free School District (“District”), is desirous of participating with other districts in Nassau/Suffolk Counties in the joint bidding of the commodities mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0 and,

Whereas, the District, wishes to appoint a committee to assume the responsibility for drafting of specification, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, reporting the results to the boards of education and making recommendations thereon; therefore,

Be It Resolved, that the BOARD OF EDUCATION of the District, hereby appoints Long Island School Nutrition Directors Association Cooperative Bid Committee to represent it in all matters related above, and,

Be It Further Resolved, that the District’s Board of Education authorized the above-mentioned committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above-mentioned commodities, and,

Be It Further Resolved, that the District’s Board of Education agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs of the cooperative bidding, and

Be It Further Resolved, that the District’s Board of Education agrees (1) to abide by majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; (2) that unless all bids are rejected, it will award contracts according to the recommendations of the committee; (3) that after award of contract(s), it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s), and

Now, Be It Further Resolved, that the Assistant Superintendent for Business, be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

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

W Approval of Educational Data Services - Cooperative Procurement Management Program / Supply Bid

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 licensing and maintenance agreement with Educational Data Services, Inc., 236 Midland Avenue, Saddle Brook, NJ 07663, at an annual cost of \$9,110.00 for the participation of the New York Cooperative Bid Maintenance Program, for the 2020-2021 school year, and;

Be It Further Resolved: that the Assistant Superintendent for Business be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

Note: Educational Data Services is a shared services program for the purchase of skilled trades and services bids.

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

X Approval of Educational Data Services- Skilled Trades Time & Material Bid

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 Educational Data Services, Inc., 236 Midland Avenue, Saddle Brook, NJ 07663, at a cost of \$2,050.00, which includes \$50.00 for the purchase order diskette, for participation of the New York Skilled Trades Time & Material Bid, for the period of April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021.

Note: Educational Data Services is a shared services program for the purchase of skilled trades and services bids.

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

IX Questions Emailed to the Board of Education from the Public

Mrs. Chin stated that we are now at the part of our agenda, where we take questions emailed to the Board of Education. We try to keep it as similar as our regular live meetings. If you still have questions at this time, you are free to email them before we end the session. She added that we will try to answer whatever questions that come in real time.

Mrs. Chin then stated that the Board received a few emails that they responded to and addressed tonight regarding live teaching.

Mrs. Chin stated that she wants to reiterate to parents, to please know that if you have any concerns, questions, thoughts, or any suggestions when it comes to your child’s learning, you do not have to come straight to us. She added that the Board wants parents to know that they can speak to their child’s teachers or to the building principal. We really want you to be able to address them and not necessarily have to wait for a board meeting to have your concerns heard.

Mrs. Chin then stated that the Board gets many emails from parents who are so happy about everything that is happening. We also get emails from parents who are looking for more, which is understandable. She added that is why she wants to reiterate that if you have specific concern about a specific situation, please speak to your teacher or your building principal, or to Dr. Celano or Ms. Guercin. Please know that someone will be there to help you.

Dr. Celano state residents should not hesitate to contact their child's teacher or principal. He and Ms. Guercin are available as well. He added that we address those issues right away and, typically what happens, is there are some changes that maybe need to take place. Dr. Celano stated that every child is different, every child is unique, and every child has individual needs. We want to know if their needs are not being met and we will make the necessary adjustments.

Mrs. Chin stated that we did receive a couple of emails asking about field usage. Mrs. Chin said that she wants to mention that we do have security guards out there. Obviously, they are not out there 24 hours a day, but know they do have hours. She added that it has to be a community effort and she does not think that we need to condemn anybody, nor do we have to be overly allowing people to do things. We all have to be very smart about this, as we are trying to move forward not just as a school community, but as a state and as a nation. Practicing social distancing is also showing the younger generation what it is to be a good citizen. She added that if you see things that are literally not right and you know and you feel it inside, then you have to contact one of us and we will try to follow up.

Mrs. Chin then stated that it is getting to a point where the weather is getting nicer, so the town, county and state parks are starting to open up. They said outdoors is better for you than indoors, so you know we do want to facilitate that with a little bit understanding.

Mr. Gounaris stated that we are not the police. Everyone should be responsible for themselves. If you are walking on the track and you see a bunch of kids not social distancing, you should make sure you are social distancing from them and protecting yourself. He added that if they want to be foolish or other people want to be foolish, it is on them. We need to make sure we take care of ourselves and that we maintain distance. Mr. Gounaris then stated that if you do not feel comfortable, wear the mask and do whatever you can to protect yourself and your family. This is the most important thing we can really offer to you.

Mrs. Feinstein stated that she agrees with Mrs. Chin and Mr. Gounaris, if you think the field looks crowded and you are uncomfortable in that situation, then find someplace else to walk.

Mr. Zanetti stated that he has been by the high school field a lot, probably 60 times, just driving through, mostly between 11:00am and say 2:00pm, it is probably not the peak times but he has not seen a lot of problems at those times. He added that he has seen people walk the track and has seen some people sitting in groups on the field, but they do not have masks, which is the worst thing he has seen. Mr. Zanetti then stated that he was just up there today and he did see the security guard standing right there on the field watching everybody, so there is somebody there most of the time.

Mrs. Chin stated that even though there are signs around the track, it irks her when she sees dogs, bicycles, and skateboards on the track, which are not allowed. We have spent money trying to fix the track and to keep it nice. Mrs. Chin added that she does not want to be the police, but if she does see it, she tries to tell the person nicely. We want to keep the track as beautiful as possible. Dogs are great, but not on school property.

Dr. Celano stated that as a Community, we have to take pride in our facilities and take care of them. It is important that people take that responsibility, but we will be stepping up the security guard hours because it is starting to get warmer and it is staying light out later. We are going to have the guards at the field until 8:00pm starting next week. He added that we specifically asked them to address it if anybody is using a bicycle, stroller or a scooter on the track, because those are the things that really create a lot of damage.

Mrs. Chin stated that the Board received a two-part question from a resident. The first part of the question is, do you know if there is a specific date by which a decision will be made about school opening in the fall and what it will look like. Also, we are interested in knowing when the decision will be made about both in-person classroom learning and extracurricular activities, particularly sports.

Dr. Celano stated that we touched upon this very briefly and this is the kind of thing that is so frustrating and difficult to manage. He added that he is a big planner and believes in goals and in taking incremental steps to reach those goals. This is a kind of a situation that is very difficult to really get a handle on, because things are changing constantly. Dr. Celano stated that one of the things that he has been keeping track of is the progress on the vaccine is hoping and how soon it could become available. The progress has been good but we have to wait and see. The other thing that is going to be really important, which he asked Congressman Suozzi about, is having more widespread testing and contact tracing, so that we can get a handle on how healthy our community is. If our community is healthy, he thinks that our parents and our faculty will feel much more comfortable coming back to school. Dr. Celano added that on Long Island we have not even begun that process, so it has been very frustrating. It is a day-to-day thing. As he has said earlier, we have different contingencies, whether they be remote or coming back or a combination of those things. He wishes he could tell everyone that there is a date that a decision will be made, but Governor Cuomo said today that he may not make a final decision until September and that is why we have to be prepared for all three of those possibilities.

Dr. Celano stated that he was reading through the CDC guidelines for opening school and they are very challenging requirements. He added that, on a school bus, they are requiring one student in a seat but every other row. The only way to complete such a task would be to get additional buses. The cost for this would be astronomical, especially at a time when budgets are very tight, and there is the possibility of losing state aid. Social distancing is very hard with small children. It is not natural, since kids like to play together. The CDC guidelines right now say if we do open up, we cannot have large groups of kids. One of the recommendations is to possibly end extracurricular activities for the time being. These are very tough things that the *Task Force* will look into. Dr. Celano then stated that as he said earlier, we are waiting for more direction from the State Education Department. The Nassau County Superintendents are meeting to take a look at ideas and

we are doing the best we can, but unfortunately there are so many variables here that are unknown. It is hard to say when we will have a final decision, which is the reason why we are planning several different contingencies. We are going to be thoroughly planning and be prepared for whatever happens.

Mrs. Chin stated that one of the things we can look back at and learn, and whether it be good, better, or indifferent, is that our governor does not say anything too soon. He does not call things off too quickly, but he also does not bring it back too quickly. Like Dr. Celano said, it is very hard to plan ahead for these kinds of things. We are talking about months and months and months of planning going into these things. She added that she does not know if it is good or if it is bad but, to the governor's credit, he tells us in two week increments just to be safe. He is not falling off too much and he's not calling it off too early. Unfortunately, that makes it really hard for the rest of us when we are trying to figure things out.

Dr. Celano stated that we received a question about the Disney trip that was recently cancelled. The CDC guidelines are recommending no field trips until everybody is safe. We are all very disappointed, because field trips are an important part of the educational process for our kids. He added that it provides enrichment and different fun activities. The Disney trip unfortunately had to be cancelled because if we didn't cancel it now, we wouldn't be guaranteed that everyone would get a full refund. Since Disney is still closed, we were able to get everybody a full refund less \$150 cancellation fee. We hope to be able to do some sort of a trip in the spring, but it is hard to say. If it is possible, we will look into some fun activity for the students in the Music Department. He added that this was a heartbreaking thing and he is sure that a lot of kids were disappointed, but we didn't want to risk people losing money.

Mrs. Chin stated that the second part of the question from the resident is, without Regents exams and finals, how are we as parents and educators supposed to feel comfortable that our students have reached the same level of proficiency as students in prior years.

Dr. Celano stated that this is a very important question because we don't want our students to fall behind. He then stated that when it became clear that the Regents exams were cancelled, the teachers continued to follow the Regents curriculum because that was very important. While the exam is cancelled, the teacher assessments continued, so the teachers have a handle on how well their students are progressing. Dr. Celano stated that as a parent, what he would do is get the answer to the question by contacting the child's teachers and ask them what they think. He added that the teacher has been working with students remotely over the past couple months and the teacher will have a really good understanding about whether or not they have been progressing in terms of the Regents curriculum. Teachers integrate Regents questions in their own assessments throughout the year, and so they would have a good understanding and a good handle on how well the child is doing. Step one would be checking with the teacher, because we do want to continually assess their progress.

Ms. Guercin stated that the June Regents are cancelled and August Regents are cancelled as well. She added that she is not sure in January if the students would be taking the same regents they were going to take now. There is a big gap between now and January. She

then stated that she does not know what those results would be if you took the exam in January.

Mrs. Chin stated that she does not know where she heard this, but she heard that this might be the time when they get rid of Regents exams altogether in New York.

Dr. Celano stated yes, that there was a committee that was working up until the pandemic and they were looking at maybe doing something different. He added that these exams have been given in New York State for over 100 years.

Ms. Guercin stated that there a lot of implications involved in doing away with the Regents, because they are part of the graduation requirement.

Dr. Celano stated that this is one exam, but there are many different ways that teachers assess students' progress on the Regents curriculum. He added that it could be done through projects, research, homework, tests and quizzes, so the best person to be able to answer the question of whether or not your child has made good progress would be your child's teacher.

Mr. Zanetti stated that the Regents exams dates back to 1865, the end of the Civil War.

Mrs. Chin stated that she is the finding a silver lining kind of girl. New York students are going through this, but really students nationally. All students are not going to school right now. They are all doing remote learning, even kids around the world have lost a very similar amount of schooling, and so it is not just our students. If we look at it from grade to grade, this grade might not know as much as prior grades at this time. However, you know when you look at it as a whole, at least the whole world is going through it together. Anything that comes out of this is going to affect all students everywhere.

Ms. Guercin stated that she thinks Universities are aware of this and that every school across the nation has been impacted in this way. She added that some of the anxiety parents have been worried about has been the concern that somehow their child is going to be at a disadvantage. Ms. Guercin thinks we are fortunate because our teachers know the Regents curriculum and so they have still been teaching towards it. We have still been teaching with the same rigor in and the same intensity and the same understanding of curriculum that we know. Our students will not be at a disadvantage going into whatever their next adventure is in life.

Mrs. Chin stated that actually that is applicable not just for our high school students in Regents, but going all the way down to kindergarten because even parents of elementary school kids have the same sort of concerns. She added, the whole world is going through this together and the whole world needs to adapt together. Whether it be in the fall when we come back to school or even a year later or whatever it might be, the kids are going to end up where they are going to end up, and where they need to be.

Mrs. Chin stated that the Board received another question from a resident. This question is for Dr. Celano. How do we volunteer on the committee discussed for the upcoming school year?

Dr. Celano stated that he assumes the resident is referring to the *Reopening Task Force Committee*. He then stated that we will be asking PTA to get us some names. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to your PTA Council representative and let that person know that you are interested in volunteering.

Mrs. Chin reminded everyone again that they can email the Board of Education questions and that they will address them during the live meeting. However, if you get something that is pressing, or if it is something that you have a question on, please know you do not need to wait. You can email us at any time and you know we will point you in the right direction. If we are not the right direction, we will at least get you an answer to whatever question you might have. Please do not feel you have to wait another week or two weeks for our next meeting. If you have any questions reach out to us, your teachers, building administrators, or central administration. We are here for you.

X New Business and Future Agenda Items

Mrs. Chin asked the Board if there was any New Business or Future Agenda items. There were none at this time.

Mrs. Chin mentioned the following dates:

May 28, 2020 – Budget Hearing – via teleconference. Please email any questions you may have to the Board of Education at boardofeducation@herricks.org

June 9, 2020 – Budget Vote by Absentee Ballot – Please remember to mail your ballots in. They must arrive at the Community Center by June 9, 2020.

June 11, 2020 – Regular Meeting

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

May 28, 2020	Via Teleconference	2020-2021 Budget Hearing
June 9, 2020	Absentee Ballot	Budget Vote
June 11, 2020	Location To Be Determined	Regular Meeting

XII Adjournment

At 8:26pm, Mr. Gounaris made a motion to adjourn the Board of Education Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Feinstein and passed by unanimous vote.

On behalf of the Board of Education and Central Administration, Mrs. Chin wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Rutkoske, C.P.A.
District Clerk