BOARD OF EDUCATION
Baldwin  New York

March 16, 2020

An Emergency Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order on Monday, March 16, 2020, at 2:35 PM at the District Office.

Members of the board present:
Annie Doresca, President
Mary Jo O’Hagan, Vice President
Susan Cools
Karyn Reid
Tom Smyth

Also present:
Dr. Shari L. Camhi, Superintendent of Schools
Mary Hobbs, District Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES
Mrs. Doresca led the salute to the flag and indicated the emergency exits.

DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING BOND AND POTENTIAL ACTION RELATED THERETO, INCLUDING CANCELING, POSTPONING OR RESCHEDULING BOND VOTE
The board of education held a discussion regarding the upcoming bond and issues concerning the Coronavirus. Dr. Camhi offered several scenarios as to what the board might want to consider going forward. Some suggestions were to include it on the May 19 budget vote and election, cancel but hold it on different date in the future, cancel it entirely, or keep it on the original date. Discussion ensued regarding these suggestions. Questions were asked regarding timing, community safety, and the positives and negatives of each situation. The board asked about keeping the community members safe if it was decided to keep the original date. It was suggested that the district would limit to ten the amount of people in the gym to vote at one time, including the vote clerks. Signing in would take place in the Commons and that would be limited to ten people as well. Cones would be set up to ensure voters were six feet apart and there would be hand sanitizer and wipes widely available. There was consensus among the board members to go forward with the original date, making sure to implement the safety procedures discussed.

WAIVE THE 24-HOUR RULE
It was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Thomas Smyth that the board of education waive the 24-hour rule.

Unanimous Affirmative

There was discussion regarding the resolution below. Dr. Camhi explained the state of emergency in which the Nassau County Executive Laura Curran required schools to be closed for students for two weeks beginning March 16, 2020. Conversation ensued regarding calendar days, snow make-up days and how the district can best deal with this issue.
RESOLUTION

It was moved by Mary Jo O’Hagan and seconded by Susan Cools that the board of education adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the official 2019/2020 school calendar identifies April 8th, May 21st and May 22nd as make-up snow days; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County Executive Laura Curran has declared a state of emergency which has required all school districts in Nassau County to be closed for student instruction for two weeks beginning March 16, 2020; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is authorized to move the remaining three make up snow days in the 2019/20 School Calendar in the best interests of the District if deemed necessary.

Unanimous Affirmative

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:58 PM, it was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Thomas Smyth that the meeting be adjourned.

Unanimous Affirmative

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hobbs, District Clerk