# ROSLYN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT Meeting of the Board of Education

Monday, November 25, 2024

8:00 A.M.

## **Administration Building – Boardroom**

## 8:00 a.m. - Board of Education Meeting

Preliminary Announcements Emergency Procedures Cell Phones

## Pledge of Allegiance

**Board President's Comments** 

**Superintendent's Comments** 

### **PUBLIC COMMENT Limited to Agenda Items ONLY**

(Will be limited to ½ hour, no more than 2 minutes per speaker. One speaker per topic).

Though not required by law, the Roslyn Board of Education invites public comment during its meetings. Please fill out an index card with your name, address and comment topic. Citizens will be recognized by the presiding officer. Please direct all comments to the Board. This is not a time for citizen-to-citizen exchanges. We ask that comments not include the names of students or staff members, and comments are not permitted with respect to confidential matters. Please also be reminded that Board meetings are designed by law to facilitate the school district's business and provide for public Board deliberations. Thank you

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Action may be taken for each individual resolution or by the titled subgroups. Bracketed information following resolutions is not part of the Board's official action and does not become part of the official record.

#### **BUSINESS/FINANCE:**

## ALL ITEMS ON THE BUSINESS/FINANCE PORTION OF THE AGENDA ARE WITHIN THE BUDGET UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

B.1. WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District solicited bids in connection with the 2023-2024 Capital Improvements – Site Reconstruction – Phase II Contracts at Roslyn High School, Bid No. 24/25-49 (hereinafter referred to as the "Bid");

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education awarded the Site Reconstruction Base Bid GC-1 with Add Alternates 1 through 5 to The LandTek Group, Inc., at its Board meeting held on November 7, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that the best interests of the

School District are not promoted by award of this Bid at this time;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District hereby rescinds its award of the contract to The LandTek Group, Inc.

**B.2. WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District solicited bids in connection with the 2023-2024 Capital Improvements – Site Reconstruction – Phase II Contracts at Roslyn High School, Bid No. 24/25-49 (hereinafter referred to as the "Bid");

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education awarded the Plumbing Reconstruction Base Bid PC-1 to WHM Plumbing & Heating Contractors, Inc., at its Board meeting held on November 7, 2024, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has determined that the best interests of the School District are not promoted by award of the Bid at this time;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Roslyn Union Free School District hereby rescinds its award of the contract to WHM Plumbing & Heating Contractors, Inc.

**B.3.** Recommendation to approve revisions to the Cooperative Transportation Contract Extensions for 2024-2025, which were initially approved on June 26, 2024 (item B.25.) to accommodate two additional students, one attending an existing school and one a new school, both traveling via vans provided by Everywhere Transportation.

#### **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**BOE.1 WHEREAS**, the State Education Department has issued proposed rulemaking titled "Development and Implementation of Regionalization Plans";

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has serious concerns about the legality of the proposed rulemaking, including whether it complies with the New York State Constitution, the New York State Administrative Procedure Act ("SAPA"), and New York State Education Law;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education fully supports Senate Bill 9944, entitled the "our schools, our rules" act and supports the enactment of this legislation;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, to the extent that it may hereafter be necessary, the Board of Education will consider legal action to preserve and protect local control of the school district and seek any and all remedies that may be available under state and/or federal law. **(Attachment BOE.1)** 

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION (if needed)**

Adjournment

## STATE OF NEW YORK

9944

### IN SENATE

October 30, 2024

Introduced by Sens. MARTINS, RHOADS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to enacting the "our schools our rules act"

## The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "our schools our rules act".

- § 2. Legislative findings and intent. The legislature finds that local school districts in the state, particularly those on Long Island, have historically maintained high standards of education through locally controlled governance and decision-making processes. The recent proposal by the education department and the board of regents to mandate the development and implementation of regionalization plans, as outlined in part one hundred twenty-four of the commissioner of education's regulations, threatens to undermine local control, dilute the quality of education, and impose significant administrative burdens on local school districts. The intent of this act is to preserve the autonomy of local school districts by prohibiting any state-mandated regionalization of local school districts.
- 15 § 3. The education law is amended by adding a new section 1527-b to 16 read as follows:
- § 1527-b. Mandatory regionalization plans prohibited. 1. For the purposes of this section, the term "mandatory regionalization plan" shall mean any rule or policy that requires the sharing of resources, administrative operations, or instructional services among two or more school districts, boards of cooperative educational services (BOCES), charter schools, private schools, or any combination thereof, pursuant to a regulation, order, or directive issued by the commissioner, the department, or the board of regents.
- 25 2. (a) No local school district shall be required by any regulation, 26 rule, or policy of the commissioner, the department, or the board of 27 regents to develop, implement, or participate in a mandatory regionali-28 zation plan, including but not limited to mandatory regionalization

EXPLANATION--Matter in <a href="italics">italics</a> (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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- 1 plans related to shared resources, operational efficiencies, or joint 2 educational programs.
- 3 (b) The department and the board of regents shall not enact, imple-4 ment, or enforce any regulation, rule, or policy that requires local 5 school districts to develop, implement, or participate in a mandatory 6 regionalization plan.
  - 3. Any regulation enacted or proposed by the commissioner that relates to boards of cooperative educational services (BOCES) and requires the development of regionalization plans by local school districts shall be deemed null and void. The department and the board of regents shall not make any effort to implement any such regulation.
- 4. Nothing in this section shall prohibit local school districts from voluntarily entering into agreements or partnerships related to shared services with other school districts, boards of cooperative educational services (BOCES), charter schools, and private schools.
- 5. Local school districts shall retain full autonomy over such school district's governance, budgeting, and operational decisions without interference by the department pursuant to this section.
- 19 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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