

**MOUNT SINAI UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA**

**THE AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION UP TO THE START OF THE MEETING**

Meeting Date: June 2, 2020  
Meeting Place: Virtual Meeting  
Meeting Time: 8:00 p.m.

**TONIGHT’S BOARD MEETING IS BEING LIVESTREAMED**

- I. OPENING OF MEETING – Pledge of Allegiance**
  
- II. BUDGET HEARING – Review of 2020-21 Proposed Budget**
  
- III. ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Motion Supporting State and Federal Support for Public Schools**

Resolved, the Board of Education hereby approves the below resolution in Support of State and Federal Support for Public School to Prevent the COVID-19 Shutdown from Damaging Education in New York State:

WHEREAS, New York State has reported a potential \$13 billion budget deficit caused by the expense of COVID-19 consequence and the loss of revenue so related; and

WHEREAS, States need the support of the Federal government to ensure the continuation of critical, essential services including public education; and

WHEREAS, a federal-state partnership is a necessary lynchpin to responding to and recovering from the COVID-19 global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the local public school system is an important foundation to our Community’s, County’s, State’s and Nation’s success; and

WHEREAS, New York State possesses the primary and constitutional obligation to fund and support public education as provided for in Article XI, Section 1 of the New York State Constitution, stating, in pertinent part: “The legislature shall provide for the maintenance and support of a system of free common schools, wherein all the children of this State may be educated;” and

WHEREAS, the State (on average) provides less than 40% of the total revenues to school districts despite such constitutional obligation with the balance derived from the Community's property taxes; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that public school districts are due and owed over \$3.8 billion in Foundation Aid for the 2020-21 school year; and

WHEREAS, the State legislature is considering multiple proposals that will raise revenue for New York State and to support our public schools, it is and

NOW, THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Mount Sinai Union Free School District demands that the elected leaders of the State of New York recognize their Constitutional and moral obligation to act to preserve public schools; their education programs; and related essential positions to ensure that the COVID-19 crisis does not corrupt the State's commitment to a quality public education;

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mount Sinai Union Free School District urges the State Legislature to act and immediately pass legislation that will preserve and/or increase revenue before the end of this legislative session; in order to meet its commitment to assuring a quality education for our children; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that THE Board of Education beseeches Federal government to provide for necessary and additional support to public education to assist states that have suffered revenue losses due to the COVID-19 crisis and in particular New York State that has been the epicenter of the pandemic in our Nation.

## **2. Election Inspectors**

Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby appoints the following persons to act as Inspectors of Election for the Budget Vote/Board Election being held by absentee ballot on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, at the rate of \$15.00 per hour:

JoAnn Alfaro	Lisa Krulder
Cathy Cognitore	Claire McWade
Kaitlyn Jensen	Debra Wesolowski
Christine Sfakis	Kelly Johnston
Janice Singer	

## **3. Annual Meeting and Election**

Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby authorizes and empowers Ms. Linda Jensen, Assistant Superintendent for Business, in the absence of the District Clerk, to perform any of the acts or duties required of the District Clerk in connection with the Annual Meeting and Election to be held on June 9, 2020. Ms. Jensen shall also serve as Chairperson of the Annual Meeting/Election that is being held on June 9, 2020.

## **IV. ADJOURN MEETING**