

# **HANCOCK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

HANCOCK, NEW YORK 13783

## **AGENDA FOR SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

**Thursday, November 3, 2022**

**Special Meeting 6:00 PM**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 P.M.**

Meeting called to order at \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ presiding.

#### **Attendance**

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Christopher Geer, Sr., Vice-President		
Gene Homer, President		
Todd Jacobs		
Cliff Johnston		
Tammi Wadson, District Clerk		

<b>Others</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Terrance Dougherty, Superintendent		
Lothar Holbert, Wayne Highlands Rep		
Julie Bergman, MS/HS Principal		
Thomas Durkot, Elementary Principal		

### **II. PRESENTATIONS:**

A) N/A

### **III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Please note that comments will be limited to five minutes per person*

- This is a meeting being held for the purpose of conducting the business of the Board of Education of the Hancock Central School District. If you wish to address the Board, please submit your request in writing to the Superintendent by Friday prior to the meeting at which you wish to speak.
- The Public Comments section is offered to allow members of the community, faculty, staff, or student body to address the Board with items of interest. The Board listens to comments and will consider ideas, but the Board does not typically respond immediately to questions or comments.
- Complaints regarding school personnel, positions, or students cannot and will not be heard in Open Session of a Board meeting. After the chain of Command has been followed, including a meeting with the Superintendent, the Board may consider meeting with an individual in Executive Session.

- When addressing the Board, please stand, state your name and topic of discussion.  
\*(ref. Policies #2342 and #2350)

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**  
N/A

**V. REGULAR AGENDA**

**A) Approve Contract**

It is recommended to approve the Attorney-Client Fee Contract between the Hancock Central School District and Frantz Law Group, APLC (“Attorney” or “We”), and Ferrara Fiorenza PC (“Ferrara Fiorenza”) to provide legal services in connection with pursuing claims for damages associated with JUUL and Electronic Cigarette (e-cigarette) litigation including the preparation and filing of the District’s individual action.

**WHEREAS**, the use and abuse of e-cigarettes and vaping devices has increased dramatically among high school and middle school students in recent years, leading to significant risks of addiction, potentially life threatening respiratory ailments, and other health consequences; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of e-cigarettes and vapid devices by students has caused the Hancock Central School District (the “School District”) to incur costs in the form of staff time, disciplinary proceedings, and other costs, with the expectation that these costs will only increase unless and until student use of these devices decreases; and

**WHEREAS**, the School District’s Board of Education (the “Board”) has been invited to join a nation-wide lawsuit by school districts against Juul Labs, Inc. the largest seller of e-cigarettes in the United States and other parties responsible for the production, marketing, sale and distribution of e-cigarettes and vaping devices; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board wishes to join this lawsuit to discourage the proliferation of e-cigarettes, end the marketing of e-cigarettes to children, and seek compensation for harm caused to the District due to e-cigarette use.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby resolves:**

1. To appoint the law firms of Ferrara Fiorenza PC, and the Frantz Law Group, APLC and approve the agreement to provide legal services in connection with pursuing claims for damages against Juul Labs, Inc. and others consistent with the recitals above;
2. To authorize the Superintendent to take all steps necessary for the District to become an active co-plaintiff to pending litigation filed on behalf of school districts Nationwide by the Frantz Law Group against Juul Labs, Inc. and others.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Abstain Motion Carried Yes No

**B) Approve Extension of MOA**

It is recommended to approve the extension of an MOA between the Hancock Central School District and the Hancock Association of Paraprofessionals to allow the donation of 30 sick days to Employee “X” from Employee “X’s” spouse effective November 3, 2022.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Abstain Motion Carried Yes No

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

For the Board to enter into Executive Session at \_\_\_\_\_.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Abstain Motion Carried Yes No

For the Board to move out of Executive Session at \_\_\_\_\_ and regular meeting resumed.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Abstain Motion Carried Yes No

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Consideration of a motion to adjourn the meeting at \_\_\_\_\_.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Abstain Motion Carried Yes No