

Board of Education Meeting (Wednesday, June 5, 2024)

A regular meeting of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday evening, June 5, 2024, in the Board Conference Room of the Administrative Offices at the Brookside Educational Center at 1260 Meadowbrook Road, North Merrick, New York.

Members present

Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Gina Piskin

Members not present

Edward Corona, Megan C. Ryan

Also present

Michael Harrington, Superintendent of Schools

Mikaela Coni, Assistant Superintendent for Business

Eric Gomez, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Administration

Eric Arlin, Executive Director of Alternative Education

Eric Caballero, Director of Physical Education/Health Ed/Athletics/Driver Education

Maura Kempton, Assistant Director of Special Education and Pupil Services

Joseph Innaco, Director of Administrative & Instructional Technology and Data Protection/Security

Cheryl Fontana, Director of Music/Fine and Performing Arts and Adult Education

Jon Simpkins, Director of School Facilities and Operations

Tom Volpe, Supervisor of Transportation

Steven Goodstat, School Attorney

Pattianne Guccione, District Clerk

1. Opening

A. Call to Order at 639 p.m.

B. Acting District Clerk

Motion to appoint Michael Harrington as the Acting District Clerk during Executive Session.

Motion by Nancy Kaplan, second by Nina Lanci.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Gina Piskin

C. Executive Session

Motion to Convene into Executive Session at 6:39 p.m.

Motion by Gina Piskin, second by Melissa Cmar-Grote.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Gina Piskin

D. Reconvene to Public Session

Motion to reconvene into Public Session at 7:48 p.m.

Motion by Marion Blane, second by Gina Piskin.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Gina Piskin

E. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Goller led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Goller thanked the community for supporting and passing the 2024/2025 school budget. She congratulated Ms. Cmar-Grote, Ms. Lanci and Dr. Kaplan on their re-election. Ms. Goller thanked Mr. Harrington, Ms. Coni, Mr. Bersin and Mr. Gomez for all of their hard work in putting forward a responsible budget.

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Board of Education Meeting Minutes 5/8/24

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the May 8, 2024 Board of Education meeting.

Motion by Nina Lanci, second by Nancy Kaplan.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Gina Piskin

3. Approval of Treasurer's Report

A. Treasurer's Report

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer's Report dated 4/30/24 .

Motion by Gina Piskin, second by Nancy Kaplan.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Gina Piskin

4. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Harrington thanked the community for their support on the school budget. He said that this is one of the best nights of the year, with so many celebrations, recognitions, and achievements. He congratulated the three wrestlers who placed in the NYSPHSAA tournament, the Calhoun girls track team for winning the Nassau County Championship, the Kennedy girls softball team for winning the LI Championship, the Calhoun girls lacrosse team, and all three of our baseball teams for their amazing seasons. Mr. Harrington noted that this month has been filled with outstanding events, including spring concerts, Senior Awards, 8th Grade Awards, Honor Society inductions, art shows, and end-of-year drama productions. He praised Mr. Caballero, coaches and athletes for an incredible spring season and extended his thanks to them and to Ms. Fontana for their hard work. Mr. Harrington mentioned that this is his 21st year in Bellmore-Merrick, and he believes this has been one of the best years, marked by tremendous staff and student achievements.

A. Award of Honor Presentations - Girls Wrestling 2024 NYSPHAA

Reese Adams - Calhoun High School

Yianna Foufas - Mepham High School

Talia Robles - Mepham High School

Each wrestler was presented an Award of Honor certificate and the following was read about each wrestler:

Reese Adams

Sophomore Reese Adams has been immersed in the world of wrestling her entire life, growing up in a family deeply involved in the sport. This strong foundation laid the groundwork for her own journey, which began this year as she took on the challenge of high school wrestling for the first time. Despite being new to the competitive scene, Reese showcased a consistent and determined mindset at every practice, demonstrating an extraordinary work ethic. She never shied away from any challenge or competition, tackling every obstacle with grit and resilience. Reese Adams made history at Calhoun as the first female wrestler to compete for the school. Her debut season was marked by impressive achievements, as she placed in every tournament she entered. Most notably, she secured second place at the Long Island Championship and finished fifth at the New York State Girls Invitational. Her remarkable performance continued at the New York State Freestyle Championship, where she earned All-State honors, further solidifying her status as a formidable competitor in the wrestling community. Reese's journey is a testament to her unwavering dedication and passion for wrestling. Her ability to excel in her first year is a clear indicator of her potential and the bright future that lies ahead in her wrestling career. Her accomplishments have not only paved the way for future female wrestlers at Calhoun but have also inspired many with her tenacity and commitment.

Yianna Foufas

Yianna Foufas, a senior at Mepham High School began training in the combat sport, Brazilian Jiu Jitsu at the age of eight. Her commitment and dedication to everything she puts her mind to separates her from the rest of the pack. When Yianna joined the Mepham wrestling team as a 9th grader, she was immediately a varsity starter. In the four years of competing for Mepham, there was never a moment too big for her. Yianna is a NYS Freestyle Champion,

NYWAY State champion, Long Island Champion, 3x Fargo Qualifier, Eastern States runner up and champion, a 5th place finisher at the U20 Nationals in freestyle, a 2x NYSPHSAA Champion and is currently ranked 4th in the nation at 120lbs. Off the mat, Yianna attends the Long Island High School for the Arts where her artistic abilities are second to none. Similar to her artwork, in wrestling, Yianna pays attention to every last detail never leaving a stone unturned. Yianna has been accepted to continue her academic and athletic career at her dream school, Lehigh University, where she will wrestle and represent the Bellmore-Merrick community proudly. Congratulations!

Talia Robles

Talia Robles, a senior at Mepham High School has been on the wrestling team for the past four years. When things got tough, Talia never made a single excuse, she just worked harder. One word to describe Talia's wrestling career is "perseverance". Everything Talia accomplished, she earned the hard way through hard work, discipline and a positive attitude. She was always the first person in the wrestling room and after practice she would continue her training by lifting weights and monitoring her nutrition. Talia came into the season with a serious back injury. She had daily physical therapy to get to where she needed to be this season even though it was no easy task. Throughout this process, Talia learned a lot about herself and what it takes to wrestle at the next level. This past season, Talia placed 1t at Copiague's Queen of the Mat, 1s at the Fran Giampaolo Tournament, 1st at the Town of Huntington Tournament, 1st at the Bay Shore Tournament, 1st at Harborfields Tournament, 1st at the Dame of Thrones Tournament, 4th place at the Eastern States Classic, and is now a 2x Long Island Champion. Talia has been accepted and will continue her academic and athletic career at Elmira Collee in the upcoming fall. She embraces any challenge thrown her way and that is the reason why she will be successful in whatever she puts her mind to. Congratulations Talia!

B. Award of Honor Presentations - Calhoun Girls Spring Track - Nassau County Champions

Milan Alexander, Isabella Barnes, Yolina Bastien, Megan Bhansingh, Kiera Brown, Olivia Caditz, Kaitlyn Cancellarich, Brooke Cancellarich, Makayla Condela, Sophia Delcid, Zoe Engstrom, Kaitlyn Etienne, Ava Fierro, Annie Ftizpatrick, Jenny Song Gasparello, Miriam Gunsburg, Emily Guzowski, Lorelei Guzowski, Taylor Halvorsen, Kristen Higgins, Sophia Hines, Brynn Hutchins, Rachel Hyland, Samantha Jacome, Paulina Kakalos, Naina Kapadia, Alexandra Karamitsos, Julia Kopelman, Danielle Lawrence, Katelyn Macnamara, Emily Maxwell, Sydney McCulloch, Katherine McElroy, Kimberly McElroy, Jamie Menninger-Low, Abbie Menninger-Low, Alyssa Pistone, Soraya Primavera, Aileen Rodriguez, Isabela Rohr, Lauren Rosario, Ianna Sanchez Aguilera, Samantha Sanchioli, Juliet Santiago, Nicole Slattery, Kaitlyn Stibritz, Riley Stibritz, Gabriella Torchia, Emily Tuzzolo, Cayleigh Tuzzolo, Jacqueline Ustayev, Dana Wauchope, Brooke Wiles, Brianna Wurria, Sofia Zampella, Selana Zheng, Alexandra Zohar, Sky Zohar and Camryn Zubiria.

Each member of the team was presented with an Award of Honor certificate and the following statement was read: After winning their third consecutive county title this past winter, all eyes were on the girls from Calhoun this spring. A spring county championship has served as a thorn in the girls' side for the past few years. But this year was different. The girls had a drive and focus like no other and lived by the motto "Unfinished Business" all season long. Finally, the girls from Calhoun can say for the first time in school history, they are Spring County Champions and now "Business is Finished!" Coming into the County championship, the girls fought tooth and nail all season long to win their 7th consecutive conference title and 8th straight division title. In the process, the girls earned their 103rd consecutive victory. All three of these are currently the longest women's track streaks in all of New York State! Coach Migliano explained to the girls the significance of this meet and why it meant so much to him and the program. During the 2020 spring season, the girls were the most complete team they ever had; sadly, that season was cut short due to the COVID pandemic. Elizabeth Tuzzolo was a member of that team and now a coach. Coach Migliano said, "This one is special, unlike any other. We didn't want to just win for us, but we wanted this for our 2020 class. The hardest thing I ever had to do as a coach was tell that amazing class that there would be no spring season. This win is bigger than any athlete, bigger than any team; this win is for the program, Elizabeth, and those girls who came before us!" Congratulations!"

C. Award of Honor Presentations - Kennedy Girls Softball - LI Champions

Eva Cohen, Tatiana Cruz, Lia Fong, Kayela Heaney, Kayla Indich, Julia Isaac, Samantha Kapitansky, Callie Lodge, Isabella Parzych, Jamie Pellegrino, Ava Robinson, Gabrielle Schlechter, Paige Seltzer, Maya Silkowitz, Kaitlyn Thayer, Riley Thayer, CeciliaToto, Olivia Toto and Reese Wasserman.

Each member of the team was presented with an Award of Honor certificate and the following statement was read: "One word to describe this season: INCREDIBLE! In the beginning of the season, nothing flowed. Pieces of the puzzle weren't fitting. Midway through the season, the girls all found their rhythm and flow. It's been history ever since. This team is special, they have something that no other team has....a vision. Before every game we ask the girls if they can see a victory, a hard hit off their bat, a great play, the hero of the game, or celebrating after the final moment of the game. All their responses are a strong YES! They have strong visions and when you can visualize something, odds are it will turn into reality. Then we follow up with telling the girls, if they can see all these great things, then so can we. In the Long Island Championship, we took the lead in the first inning with a score of 4-0, these girls knew it wasn't enough. With tighter defense, exceptional pitching and catching we were able to get to the at bats quicker and wreak havoc on the bases to take the Long Island AA Championship! Many players will be receiving post season awards next week and this Friday will be our most challenging game. We will play Clarence High School in the state championship. Whatever the outcome, these girls have made their school and community so proud! JFK softball has made its mark! Congratulations!!

D. Recognition of retiring members of the Bellmore-Merrick Educational Community

Mr. Harrington said that earlier in the evening we honored 21 retirees that worked a total of 465 years of selfless service. He thanked them for their service and wished them much happiness in their retirement.

E. 2024 Bellmore-Merrick Valedictorians and Salutatorians

Fiona Wong, Valedictorian of Calhoun High School was presented with an Award of Honor certificate and the following was said about her: "Beneath the surface of this brilliant National Merit Semifinalist AP Scholar, musician, scientist, innovator and prominent class leader lies a passion for learning that fuels an unrelenting desire to succeed. Fiona Wong is a remarkable young woman in possession of a genuine soul and wisdom beyond her years. Throughout her high school career, Fiona has been continuously distinguished among the student body by her superior aptitude and intelligence. As an integral member of our vibrant artistic community, Fiona has enriched the landscape as a dedicated member of our elite Wind Ensemble and the President of Calhoun's Selective Rock Band. As lead guitarist, Fiona's talent and passion for performance are impossible to miss her when she is up on stage. Beyond the classroom and stage, Fiona serves as Secretary General of the Model United Nations Club, where she has fed her passion for social justice, equality and a better world for all. Constantly seeking new opportunities for herself and others, Fiona co-founded the Quiz Bowl Club. Fiona also volunteers at the local library where she pioneered and established the Little Languages Program, a volunteer opportunity for high school students that provides exposure through free world language instruction and tutoring to elementary school aged children. As one of Calhoun's most committed Science Research students, Fiona was accepted into the prestigious Stony Brook Simon's Summer Program, an opportunity that has served to pique her interest in research and expand her vastly curious mind. Fiona is a student who personifies spirit, character, intelligence and the very best potential that exists among our student body. There is no doubt that Fiona will continue to make us all proud as she continues on to Rice University this coming fall, where she will pursue her degree in Biochemistry/Chemical Biology. Congratulations Fiona!"

Joseph Darcourt, Salutatorian of Calhoun High School was not present to accept his Award of Honor certificate.

Gabriella Tejada, Valedictorian of Kennedy High School was presented with an Award of Honor certificate and the following was said about her: "Gabriella Tejada an industrious and engaging senior embodies inclusiveness compassion, scholarship and commitment. This exceptional student is a young woman who always thinks about others and remains committed to service. Gabriella creates opportunities for many, mentoring others and caring deeply about her community. An extraordinary commitment to rigor defines Gabriella's academic path. While excelling across all academic areas, English remains a central focus for Gabriella. Her commitment to our AP Capstone program has motivated her to incorporate research throughout her bright academic future. Gabriella is an AP Capstone Diploma recipient, a member of the National Honor Society along with five academic honor societies, and an AP Scholar with Distinction. In our school community, Gabriella is a proud founder and Co-President of our inaugural Model UN Club, a member of the Merrick Library Volunteer Program, serving as a language representative, a member of Athletes Compassionately Educating Students (ACES) program, mentoring and inspiring younger students, all while committing to multiple varsity athletic seasons annually, including Cross Country, Spring Track and Badminton. Gabriella will be attending Yale University in the fall. Congratulations Gabriella!"

Cole Wasserman, Salutatorian of Kennedy High School was presented with an Award of Honor certificate and the following was said about him:

"Cole Wasserman, a focused, altruistic and accomplished senior embraces scholarship, research, service and initiative. Cole was recognized as a Regeneron Science Talent Search Scholar; one of three hundred in the country. His inclination to help others motivates him to prioritize using his science endeavors to help those with special needs. He has already earned recognition for developing adaptive technology to help students with physical and developmental disabilities, and continues to pursue similar opportunities. He is a National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist, Science Olympiad regional winner a member of five academic honor societies and had a perfect score on the AP Computer Science Principles Exam. Science remains a central focus amidst Cole's uniquely demanding academic program. Within our Advanced Science Research Program and seemingly countless AP classes, Cole remains inspired by research, synthesis of information and pragmatic application. He has dedicated hundreds of hours to his current research at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, which focuses on immunology. His work is slated to be published citing Cole as a contributing author. In our school community Cole proudly serves as Co-President of our Math team and continues to earn recognition within competitions as a member of our Science Club where he serves as a team leader along with our Science Olympiad team. He also serves as Treasurer of our Tutors for a Cure program. Beyond our settings, Cole is presently working with the Nassau County United Cerebral Palsy Foundation to repair and refurbish ageing adaptive toys and devices that their students rely upon. Cole will be attending Brown University in the fall. Congratulations Cole!"

Olivia Weissman, Valedictorian of Meadowbrook Alternative Program was not present to accept her Award of Honor certificate.

Sarah Kruska, Salutatorian of Meadowbrook Alternative Program was not present to accept her Award of Honor certificate.

Christiana Foufas, Valedictorian of Mepham High School was presented with an Award of Honor certificate and the following was said about her: "Christiana Foufas is a brilliant, authentic, genuine, and compassionate student. Her academic accolades are endless: Valedictorian of the Class of 2024, National Merit Commended student, AP Capstone Diploma and Seal of Biliteracy recipient, AP Scholar with Distinction, score of five on every Advanced Placement exam and a member of five academic honor societies. In the classroom, she is a team player and cheerleader for her peers. Aside from nearly exhausting our catalog of Advanced Placement courses, Christiana has enrolled in our two most rigorous research programs; AP Research and Advanced Science Research. Her AP Capstone Research study examining the financial knowledge of high school students was highlighted on the National Financial Educators Council's website. Through our Advanced Science Research program, Christiana has worked on two original research studies. She worked with Dr. Eric Lamberg, EDd, PT Cped of Stony Brook University and Head Coach of the US National Amputee Soccer Team researching players' perceptions of adaptive sports on their recovery. She received Honors at the Long Island Science Competition for this research. It inspired her to start her own non-profit called EnableAthletics, which promotes adaptive sports. Christiana is working with Dr. Meir Barak, DVM, PhD researching the structure function relationship in rabbit tali. She is the lead mentor for Grand Avenue's Students' Network of Cooperative Science and has been recognized as a Regeneron Scholar and semifinalist for her most recent research. As a Girl Scout, Christiana is currently working on her Gold Award; creating a program to educate others on how to handle medical emergencies. She is an athlete who participates in both our basketball and track and field programs. She was captain of the track and field team where she earned All-Division for both hurdles and discus. She has served as Vice President of her class for the last four years and Vice President of Build-On during her junior year. Christiana has the distinct honor of being named 2023 Miss Laconia, Greece for the Federation of Hellenic Societies of Greater New York. This fall Christiana will be pursuing a degree in Biochemistry at Harvard University. Congratulations Christiana!"

Matt Yang, Salutatorian of Mepham High School was presented with an Award of Honor certificate and the following was said about him: "A National Merit Semifinalist and AP Scholar with Distinction, Matt has utilized every opportunity to pursue academic excellence. His transcript represents the absolute pinnacle of Mepham's course rigor and even then, he has pursued classes beyond what our district offered as he exhausted our mathematics curriculum. This year, Matt took a Calculus III class at Hofstra University. Deeply involved in the Advanced Science Research program, Matt is a published researcher. His experiences in this program have cemented his interest in pursuing scientific research as a career. He spent the last summer conducting graduate-level research in Computational Mathematics at Michigan State University's prestigious High School Honors

Science/Mathematics/Engineering Program. Today Matt continues his work as a member of the graduate research group at MSU. In his free time, Matt works as a software engineering intern and SAT tutor. A true leader, he currently serves as Mepham's President of the Robotics, Math and Coding Clubs, the latter of which he founded. He is a four-time American Invitational Mathematics Examination winner and qualifier and an active member of all academic honor societies. He wishes to pursue a career in scientific research while majoring in Computer Science at Stanford University in the fall. We are very excited to see what he accomplishes in the future, as we know it will be incredible. Congratulations Matt!"

F. Student Representatives

Mr. Harrington said that it has been a pleasure to get to know our student representatives this year. He stated that the impact they have had on their school is evident, as they are leaving behind a legacy and have made a significant mark on the student body. He presented each student representative with a personalized gavel and invited them to give their final board report from the dais.

Matthew Keegan from Mepham High School said "For the final time, good evening board members, central office administrators, and members of the community. We've come a long way since the beginning of the year, and it's been a pleasure to work alongside you all for the last few months. I'd like to take this time to thank the Board of Ed for giving me the privilege to represent Mepham high school at these meetings. From day one, you've welcomed me as if I've been a member here for years. You've given me a newfound sense of confidence and comfort in speaking publicly at formal events like this, a skill which will prove critical to my success in the future. I've also enjoyed getting to learn more about what it takes to lead an organization as large as the BMCHSD using what I've heard from you all at these meetings. It's like discovering a whole new side of high school that my freshman self wouldn't have ever guessed existed. It's clear to me that the district is in good hands under your leadership, and I'm excited to see what the future holds for our schools. Once again, it's been an honor to serve as Mepham's representative and I hope to see you all again sometime soon. Thank you and good night."

Sydney Brewer from Kennedy High School said "We finally made it!!! I literally cannot believe all that we have done this year. Mr. Owenburg told me to keep this short and sweet, so I will quickly talk about the 2 most recent and exciting things. We had our Senior Awards night last week, where I was fortunate enough to be presented an award from our very own Ms. Goeller!! It was a pleasure seeing her there and having her be the one to present it. On Monday, the Kennedy Student Government hosted our annual end of the year ceremony. This is a great way to recognize all of our club members and send off the seniors in an unforgettable way. Each year the executive board picks 1-2 people to get the Friend of the Student Government Award, this year it was my honor to present it to Mr. Harrington for everything he has done for not only the school, but for our community as well. I'd like to thank all of you here. This board has served tirelessly this year and I wanted to let you know that you are all more than appreciated. I remember coming here back in September not knowing what I would say or expect. Personally, I've seen this experience as one for growth. Thank you for this incredible opportunity that I know I will never ever forget."

Ava Kamlet from Calhoun High School said "Good evening Board of Education and Administration. What a year it has been! It has been full of some of the best events to date, and lots of smiles and laughs all around. It has also been the year that I have had the amazing opportunity to attend Board of Education Meetings. When I was first asked to take on this role, I was so beyond honored. I was incredibly grateful to be chosen, and said yes without hesitation. Little did I know, it would become one of the most rewarding roles I have ever had. Writing a report each month about what has been occurring at Calhoun was one of my favorite tasks. This is because it helped me reflect on how much my school and community has done and accomplished. I would ask leaders in the school if they had anything specific they wanted me to mention, and hearing more of the ins and outs of what they have done was inspiring. The days go by so fast, the events even quicker, so sitting down to think about and relive these moments was so special to me. These reports are certainly something I will keep forever, in order to remember these good times. Then, the part that made me most proud and honored - speaking to all of you. Coming to these board meetings has meant getting to know you, and being able to connect with you all has been great. As a leader at Calhoun, I believe it was extremely important for me to meet and become familiar with you. You do so much for us, and that is never questioned, so thank you. It was also quite special to hear from the Mepham, Kennedy, and PREP Academy representatives. Listening to the amazing things going on at the other schools in the district was motivating, fueling my mind with more ideas for Calhoun, and forming connections with other leaders in the Bellmore-Merrick district was a great experience. Leaving Calhoun is a difficult feat, because it is not simply a

school to me. Calhoun has become a home. This isn't because I spend more time there than at my house, but it is because the people there have become family. I am sure you all agree that family is what makes a place home. This is what my Calhoun teachers have given me. My teachers are so special to me, and I will forever be grateful for their unwavering support and guidance. People like Mr. Joyce, Mr. Elias, Mr. Ludwig, Mr. Lessig, Ms. Arresto, Ms. Romito, and so many more, have built relationships with me that I will cherish forever. Being a leader can be stressful, but these teachers have become leaning posts for me. Always there to chat, give me advice, go for a walk, and have a fun time in class. It is truly a unique experience being in a class with these incredible teachers -it is so much more than a class. They teach us so much, while also making classes feel like a family and always making sure we have a fun time. Some of these teachers are my club advisors, and watching the hard work and devotion that they put into everything we do, is inspiring. Parting ways from Calhoun means leaving these relationships, but I know that they'll always be there when I come home. The clubs and organizations that I have been a part of at Calhoun have made this experience what it is. Planning the events that are the heart of Calhoun has been an absolute honor and awesome experience, and I am so excited to see how they will evolve in the future. Thank you to Ms. Hollings for giving me the opportunity to speak at these meetings this year, and for everything you have done to support me for the past 4 years. Thank you all for having me, and I hope you all have the best summer, you deserve it!"

Kyle Haglich from Meadowbrook Alternative Program said "I would like to thank the Board of Education, Superintendent Harrington and the Bellmore-Merrick community for this opportunity to represent MAP and Prep Academy this year at board meetings. Thank you and have a great summer."

G. Recognition of Board President Janet Goller for Service and Leadership

Mr. Harrington said he had the opportunity to work with Ms. Goller for the past 25 years. He said assuming the role of President is never easy, and the trustees on this Board of Education serve on two Boards. This means the volume of work and the constant communication and decision-making are doubled for our board members, but Ms. Goller handles it unbelievably well. He said Ms. Goller is someone that is good hearted and works tirelessly for kids and families. She is an exemplary President but more importantly an extraordinary human being who makes everyone else want to be a better person.

Dr. Kaplan presented a plaque to Ms. Goller for serving as the President of the Board of Education for the 2023/2024 school year. Dr. Kaplan used the following words to describe Ms. Goller: that exemplify who she: role model, professional, knowledgeable, grace, concerned, and always doing what is right for kids and families. She said Ms. Goller makes it look easy but we know that she is the first to get the calls and she thanked her for being such a great role model for all of us.

Ms. Goller thanked everyone and said it is an honor and a privilege to serve this community. She said being able to share and see what our students do in and out of the classroom is incredible. She said she doesn't do it alone, she has help from so many people. She thanked her fellow board members who work selflessly, serve on two boards, always putting kids first and making her role as president so easy. She thanked Mr. Harrington saying he one of the best and most hard-working Superintendents, always putting kids first. She thanked the Principals, Assistant Principals, Chairs, our school attorney, faculty, staff. and PTA. She said it is truly a great district because of everyone serving this community.

H. Recognition of retiring members of the Bellmore-Merrick PTAs

Mr. Harrington thanked the outgoing members of the PTA for their dedication to our students. He reflected on his different interactions with each PTA member and said it is our greatest resource as a school district to tap into the love that parents have for their kids and that their active engagement is what makes it all work. The PTA officers we honor tonight have played important roles in the wonderful partnership that we have in Bellmore-Merrick between our Board of Education, administration and parent leadership. They have demonstrated faithful service and given countless hours of volunteer time to our school district as PTA members.

Calhoun High School

Grace Goodman, President

Mepham High School

Pam Amon –Mepham Treasurer and Co-President of the Council of PTAs

Gayle Gordon – President

SEPTA

Alyssa Geccedi, Former President
Rosemary Pietraniello, Former Treasurer

Council of PTAs

Tara Casucci, Corresponding and Recording for Council of PTAs
Amanda Saldarelli, Vice-President of the Council of PTAs

I. Future Dates

Mr. Harrington mentioned the future dates and wished everyone a great end to the school year.

June 6 High School Proms
June 7 Prep Academy Graduation
June 9 High School Graduations
June 11 MAP Graduation
June 14 Middle Schools Moving Up Day
June 19 Juneteenth - Schools Closed
June 26 Last Day of School for Students and Teachers
July 9 Board of Education - Organizational Meeting

5. Public Comments-Agenda Items Only

A. Guidelines to Public Comments

The Board of Education encourages public participation on school related matters at Board meetings. To allow for public participation, a period not to exceed 30 minutes shall be set aside during each Board meeting. Any person wishing to make comments or raise questions shall complete an information card. Questions are to be addressed to the Board President, not to individual board members. Personal attacks on individual board members, administrators and staff will not be tolerated and may be cause to adjourn the meeting. There will be no back and forth dialogue. Out of courtesy and fairness to the rest of the audience, it would be appreciated if each visitor would limit his/her remarks to not more than three minutes or ask only one question. Public discussion on matters relating to staff and students, by which their reputation, privacy, or rights to due process, or those of others could be in some way violated, is prohibited.

Jay. W discussed changing of the Grand Avenue Middle School logo and mascot.

Mr. Harrington explained that there were many conversations and this change wasn't made without much consideration. He said the new mascot for Grand Avenue Middle School will be the Grizzlies.

6. Superintendent's Recommendations

A. 2024 Budget Vote Results

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the 2024 Budget Vote results as reported by the component districts.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve by consent agenda items 6.A through 8.Y.

Motion by Nancy Kaplan, second by Melissa Cmar-Grote.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Gina Piskin

B. Board of Education Meeting Dates

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the recommended 2024-2025 Board of Education meeting dates.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve by consent agenda items 6.A through 8.Y.

Motion by Nancy Kaplan, second by Melissa Cmar-Grote.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Gina Piskin

C. Days of Religious Observance (DRO) for State Aid/Average Daily Attendance

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the exclusion of days of religious observance from the calculation of 2024-2025 average daily attendance as determined by the student attendance computer programs.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve by consent agenda items 6.A through 8.Y.

Motion by Nancy Kaplan, second by Melissa Cmar-Grote.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Gina Piskin

D. Special Education Vendor List 2024/2025 Revised

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the recommended Special Education vendors for the 2024/2025 school year.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve by consent agenda items 6.A through 8.Y.

Motion by Nancy Kaplan, second by Melissa Cmar-Grote.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Gina Piskin

E. Special Education Report

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following special education placements as recommended by the Committee on Special Education: 000013046, 000013330, 000015473, 000512125, 000512989, 000513465, 000513496, 000513839, 131263714, 202100010, 202200059 and 202200235.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve by consent agenda items 6.A through 8.Y.

Motion by Nancy Kaplan, second by Melissa Cmar-Grote.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Gina Piskin

7. Human Resources

A. Human Resources Report 6/5/24

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Human Resources Report for June 5, 2024.

A. Terminations

B. Resignations

C. Appointments

D. Recommendation for Continued Employment

E. Recommendation for Permanent Status

F. Leave Requests

G. Salary Reclassification

H. Assigned Services – Athletics

I. Assigned Services - Athletics - Intramurals

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve by consent agenda items 6.A through 8.Y.

Motion by Nancy Kaplan, second by Melissa Cmar-Grote.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Gina Piskin

8. Business and Finance

A. Bills and Corresponding Warrant

The Board of Education reviewed the bills and corresponding warrant.

B. Bids

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the bids as stated.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve by consent agenda items 6.A through 8.Y.

Motion by Nancy Kaplan, second by Melissa Cmar-Grote.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Gina Piskin

C. Budget Summary

The Board of Education reviewed the Budget Summary.

D. School Safety Plans

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has reviewed the district-wide and building-level School Safety Plans for the 2024-2025 school year and directs that the district-wide school safety plan be made available for public comment.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve by consent agenda items 6.A through 8.Y.

Motion by Nancy Kaplan, second by Melissa Cmar-Grote.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Gina Piskin

E. Reserve Funds

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize a transfer of an amount not to exceed five million dollars (\$5,000,000) from fund balance of the General Fund as of June 30, 2024 to the Capital Reserve (ED LAW §3651), and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize a transfer of an amount not to exceed three million dollars (\$3,000,000) from fund balance of the General Fund as of June 30, 2023 to the Retirement Contribution Reserve (GML §6-r, 3(a)), and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize a transfer of an amount not to exceed two million dollars (\$2,000,000) from fund balance of the General Fund as of June 30, 2024 to the Retirement Contribution Reserve Sub-Fund (New York State Teachers (GML 6-r). and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize a transfer of an amount not to exceed three million dollars (\$3,000,000) from fund balance of the General Fund as of June 30, 2024 to the Employee Benefits Accrued Liability Reserve (GML §6- p, 3(a)), and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize a transfer of an amount not to exceed one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) from fund balance of the General Fund as of June 30, 2024 to the Workers Compensation Reserve (GML §6-j, 2(a)), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize a transfer of an amount not to exceed three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) from fund balance of the General Fund as of June 30, 2024 to the Unemployment Insurance Reserve (GML §6- m,2).

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve by consent agenda items 6.A through 8.Y.

Motion by Nancy Kaplan, second by Melissa Cmar-Grote.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Gina Piskin

F. Transportation Contract Extensions

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the extension of school bus transportation contracts with First Student, We Transport Inc., NASSAU BOCES Transportation, DELL Transportation, Educational Bud Transportation Inc. and Suburban Bus Transportation, Inc. for Summer 2024, and school year 2024-2025 at full

C.P.I., and, as has been done for prior extensions, continue the waiver of the performance bond for the period of the contract extensions. The extension parameters listed include large buses, vans, matron service and field and athletic trips.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve by consent agenda items 6.A through 8.Y.

Motion by Nancy Kaplan, second by Melissa Cmar-Grote.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Gina Piskin

G. Attendance Function

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent of Schools attendance at the New York State Council of School Superintendents (NYSCOSS) 2024 Fall Leadership Summit from September 22, 2024 through September 24, 2024.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve by consent agenda items 6.A through 8.Y.

Motion by Nancy Kaplan, second by Melissa Cmar-Grote.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Gina Piskin

H. Risk Assessment Report-Internal Auditor

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the 2023-24 Risk Assessment performed by the Internal Auditor, Cerini & Associates, LLP.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve by consent agenda items 6.A through 8.Y.

Motion by Nancy Kaplan, second by Melissa Cmar-Grote.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Gina Piskin

I. Corrective Action Plan-Internal Audit

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Corrective Action Plan of the 2023-24 Internal Audit of Information Technology Inventory performed by the Internal Auditor, Cerini & Associates, LLP.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve by consent agenda items 6.A through 8.Y.

Motion by Nancy Kaplan, second by Melissa Cmar-Grote.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Gina Piskin

J. BOCES Technology Lease Agreement

Resolution: WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District 43-927955 desires to enter into a five year contract with the Nassau BOCES in order for the Regional Information Center to furnish certain services to the District pursuant to Education Law 1950(4)(jj), those services being: CoSer 532 Instructional Technology Services, CoSer 630 Technical Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District agrees to enter into a contract with the Nassau BOCES for the provision of said services to the District not to exceed \$2,941,537.05 which is inclusive of related estimated borrowing fees, plus yearly Regional Information Center support during the term of this contract, finalized by the Superintendent, subject to approval of the Commissioner of Education for a period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2029.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve by consent agenda items 6.A through 8.Y.

Motion by Nancy Kaplan, second by Melissa Cmar-Grote.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Gina Piskin

K. Textbook Distribution-Textbook Central

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Textbook Central for centralized textbook distribution services for the 2024-2025 school year. Costs are dependent upon the number of participants and are stated with the contract.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve by consent agenda items 6.A through 8.Y.

Motion by Nancy Kaplan, second by Melissa Cmar-Grote.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Gina Piskin

L. Obsolete/Surplus Equipment/Property-Piano

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education declare obsolete and approve the disposal of a baby grand piano (tag #00116) located at Mephram High School.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve by consent agenda items 6.A through 8.Y.

Motion by Nancy Kaplan, second by Melissa Cmar-Grote.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Gina Piskin

M. Obsolete/Surplus Equipment/Property-Brookside Textbooks

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education declare obsolete and approve the disposal of 776 obsolete private and parochial textbooks located in the Brookside Educational Center bookroom.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve by consent agenda items 6.A through 8.Y.

Motion by Nancy Kaplan, second by Melissa Cmar-Grote.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Gina Piskin

N. Obsolete/Surplus Equipment/Property-Kennedy Textbooks

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education declare obsolete and approve the disposal of 99 obsolete social studies textbooks located in John F. Kennedy High School

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve by consent agenda items 6.A through 8.Y.

Motion by Nancy Kaplan, second by Melissa Cmar-Grote.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Gina Piskin

O. Obsolete/Surplus Equipment/Property - Refrigerator

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education declare obsolete and approve the disposal of a Frigidaire refrigerator at Calhoun High School.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve by consent agenda items 6.A through 8.Y.

Motion by Nancy Kaplan, second by Melissa Cmar-Grote.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Gina Piskin

P. Pupil Transportation and Assignment System (PTAS)-Applied Data Services

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an extension of professional services in an agreement with Applied Data Services for a three-year period from 7/1/24 – 6/30/25 at an annual cost of \$17,259.00.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve by consent agenda items 6.A through 8.Y.

Motion by Nancy Kaplan, second by Melissa Cmar-Grote.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Gina Piskin

Q. TLC at Brookside, Inc. Lease

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an amendment to the lease agreement with TLC at Brookside, Inc. for the lease of 756 square feet of space in the Brookside School Building for the period September 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve by consent agenda items 6.A through 8.Y.

Motion by Nancy Kaplan, second by Melissa Cmar-Grote.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Gina Piskin

R. CBIZ Valuation Group-Insurance Reporting Services

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with CBIZ Valuation Group, LLC for capital asset and property insurance reporting services for fiscal year ending 6/30/24 at an annual cost of \$4,375.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve by consent agenda items 6.A through 8.Y.

Motion by Nancy Kaplan, second by Melissa Cmar-Grote.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Gina Piskin

S. School Lunch Prices

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the recommended prices for school lunch and food items for school year 2024-2025.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve by consent agenda items 6.A through 8.Y.

Motion by Nancy Kaplan, second by Melissa Cmar-Grote.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Gina Piskin

T. Actuarial Analysis - Sound Actuarial Consulting, LLC

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Sound Actuarial Consulting, LLC to provide GASB 75 valuation/analysis as of June 30, 2024 at a cost of \$9,800.00.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve by consent agenda items 6.A through 8.Y.

Motion by Nancy Kaplan, second by Melissa Cmar-Grote.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Gina Piskin

U. Prep Academy Lease Agreement - CMA

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve a lease agreement between the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District and Community Mainstreaming Associations (CMA) for utilization of space at the Brookside Building for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 (subject to attorney review and approval).

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve by consent agenda items 6.A through 8.Y.

Motion by Nancy Kaplan, second by Melissa Cmar-Grote.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Gina Piskin

V. Prep Academy Lease Agreement - Life's WORC

Resolution: 1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve a lease agreement between the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District and Life's WORC for utilization of space at the Brookside Building for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 (subject to attorney review and approval).

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve by consent agenda items 6.A through 8.Y.

Motion by Nancy Kaplan, second by Melissa Cmar-Grote.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Gina Piskin

W. Prep Academy Lease Agreement - NYSARC

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve a lease agreement between the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District and NYSARC, Inc., Nassau County Chapter, for utilization of space at the Brookside Building for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 (subject to attorney review and approval).

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve by consent agenda items 6.A through 8.Y.

Motion by Nancy Kaplan, second by Melissa Cmar-Grote.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Gina Piskin

X. Owner-Contractor Agreements - Merrick Avenue MS

Resolution: 1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an Owner-Contractor agreement with United Paving Corp., for interior and site reconstruction at Merrick Avenue Middle School, with a contract sum of \$1,119,000 subject to additions and deductions (Subject to attorney review and approval). 2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an Owner-Contractor agreement with J-Cole Construction, for interior and site reconstruction at Merrick Avenue Middle School, with a contract sum of \$229,899.00 subject to additions and deductions.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve by consent agenda items 6.A through 8.Y.

Motion by Nancy Kaplan, second by Melissa Cmar-Grote.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Gina Piskin

Y. Grand Avenue Middle School Mascot/Logo

Resolution: WHEREAS, on April 18, 2023, the New York State Board of Regents adopted a new regulation of the New York State Commissioner's Regulations, Part 123 concerning the use of indigenous team names, logos, or mascots; and

WHEREAS, said rule requires school districts which currently use indigenous team names, logos, and mascots to eliminate the use of all Indigenous names, logos, or mascots by the end of the 2024-2025 school year; and

WHEREAS, in its interpretation of 8 NYCRR Part 123, the New York State Education Department has advised that the elimination of the use of indigenous team names, logos, and mascots includes the continued use of vestiges of said name; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with 8 NYCRR Part 123, the use of the name "Braves", which is used by Grand Avenue Middle School, is required to be eliminated by the School District.

WHEREAS, the School District has gone to great efforts to determine the new mascot for the Grand Avenue Middle School.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby eliminates the use of the name Braves, including vestiges of the name, in connection with the Grand Avenue Middle School's names, logos or mascots, effective June 30, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby adopts that the Grand Avenue Middle School's new name is "Grizzlies".

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve by consent agenda items 6.A through 8.Y.

Motion by Nancy Kaplan, second by Melissa Cmar-Grote.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Gina Piskin

9. Old/New Business

A. Old/New Business

Dr. Kaplan said she had the opportunity to attend the Kennedy girls softball game and noticed that so many administrators and staff attend these special events. She thanked our administrators, directors and faculty for always taking time to support our students.

Ms. Lanci thanked our alumni, non-profit community organizations and our PTAs for always going out of their way to support our kids and for always recognizing our service people at events.

Ms. Piskin mentioned that there is a Merrick Board of Education meeting the same night as the MAP graduation and she is sorry that she will not be able to attend graduation.

10. Correspondence

A. Correspondence

The Board of Education received one mailed correspondence and received two emails between May 3, 2024 and May 31, 2024.

11. Public Comments

A. Guidelines to Public Comments

The Board of Education encourages public participation on school related matters at Board meetings. To allow for public participation, a period not to exceed 30 minutes shall be set aside during each Board meeting. Any person wishing to make comments or raise questions shall complete an information card. Questions are to be addressed to the Board President, not to individual board members. Personal attacks on individual board members, administrators and staff will not be tolerated and may be cause to adjourn the meeting. There will be no back and forth dialogue. Out of courtesy and fairness to the rest of the audience, it would be appreciated if each visitor would limit his/her remarks to not more than three minutes or ask only one question. Public discussion on matters relating to staff and students, by which their reputation, privacy, or rights to due process, or those of others could be in some way violated, is prohibited.

There were no public comments.

12. School Safety Plans

A. Motion to convene to Public Hearing - School Safety Plans

Motion to convene to Public Hearing - School Safety Plans

Motion by Nina Lanci, second by Nancy Kaplan.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Gina Piskin

B. Presentation - School Safety Plans

Ms. Coni reported that the District-Wide School Safety Team has approved the 2024-2025 District-Wide Safety Plan. She said the team continues to work diligently to ensure our safety plans meet legislative mandates and provide for the use of best practice to improve outcomes in emergency situations. If anyone would like to review the plan, it will be available in our District Clerk's Office here at the Brookside Educational Center for a public comment period of 30 days. Both the District-Wide safety plans and the Building-Level Emergency Response plans are scheduled to be adopted by our Board of Education at the August 7th meeting. Following adoption, plans will be submitted to the New York State Department of Education and shared with our local law enforcement teams. The District-Wide Safety plan will be posted on our District website no later than October 1st as required by law. If anyone has any questions on the District-Wide Safety plan, please feel free to contact the District at any time. She thanked the members of our building & district-wide safety teams as well as our threat assessment team for their continued diligence and commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of our school community.

13. Potential Executive Session

Motion to enter into Executive Session

The Board of Education did not enter into Executive Session.

14. Adjournment

A. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

Motion by Melissa Cmar-Grote, second by Marion Blane.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Gina Piskin

Submitted by Pattianne Guccione, District Clerk