

MINUTES OF THE BELLMORE-MERRICK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION Regular Meeting June 4, 2014

A regular meeting of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday, June 4, 2014, in the Board of Education Conference Room at the Administrative Offices at the Brookside School at 1260 Meadowbrook Road, Merrick, New York 11566.

The following members of the Board of Education were present:

Susan Schwartz, President
JoAnn DeLauter, Vice-President
Marion Blane
George Haile
Dr. Nancy Kaplan
Dr. Matthew Kushner
Nina Lanci

The following Board of Education member was absent:

Janet Goller

Also present:

John DeTommaso, Superintendent of Schools
Cynthia Strait Régal, Deputy Superintendent
Eric Arlin, Director of Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services
Joseph Innaco, Director of Instructional and Technology Services
Saul Lerner, Director of Physical Education/Health/Athletics/Driver Education/Adult Ed
Jon Simkins, Director of School Facilities and Operations
Thomas Volpe, Transportation Supervisor/Health and Safety Coordinator
Michelle Gagnon, Administrative Assistant I
Christopher Powers, School Attorney
Claire Neufeld, District Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Mrs. Schwartz. Mrs. Schwartz led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Kaplan moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the April 24, 2014 Board of Education meeting. Mr. Haile seconded and the motion was carried 6-1-0 with Mrs. Lanci abstaining. Dr. Kaplan moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the May 7, 2014 Board of Education meeting. Mr. Haile seconded and the motion was carried 6-1-0 with Dr. Kushner abstaining. Dr. Kaplan moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the May 20, 2014 Board of Education meeting. Mr. Haile seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

MINUTES

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer's Report, dated April 30, 2014. Dr. Kushner seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

**TREASURER'S
REPORT**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Mr. DeTommaso stated this is a glorious time in Bellmore-Merrick. Night after night has been filled with wonderful events and recognition of wonderful accomplishments. Tonight we celebrate staff, students and community service. Five retirees and their families attended a reception in thanks for their careers devoted to students. Graduation Day is special for students and their families. The day represents individual achievement and is special for a group kids who will forever after be known as the "Class of 2014." Tonight we recognize those with extraordinary achievements.

**VALEDICTORIANS
AND SALUTATORIANS**

Mr. Haile began by stating this is a complete honor to be able to do this presentation. He presented an Award of Honor certificate to the 2014 valedictorian of Calhoun High School, Katherine Kustas stating she is not only dedicated, but remains committed, to both her academics and extracurricular activities. As historian of the student council she has assisted in raising money and planning prom as well as photographing every school event and creating a montage for the senior class. She is a member of the Science Club, has been involved in the Key Club and the Yearbook Club, as well as Peer Tutoring. She has participated in soccer, winter track, and badminton since freshman year. Katherine's involvement in the community includes volunteering at the Merrick Library reading books with children and helping them with book reports. She has also volunteered at the Merrick Street Fair and participated in the Jones Beach Breast Cancer Walk. Katherine volunteers every year at the annual St. Baldrick's fundraising event and has obtained gift cards for raffles from local Merrick merchants. Katherine hopes to become a financial analyst and will be majoring in finance and economics at New York University's Stern School of Business in the fall. On behalf of the Board of Education, Mr. Haile congratulated Katherine.

Dr. Kushner presented an Award of Honor certificate to the 2014 salutatorian of Calhoun High School, Alexander Boyd. He is enrolled in Advanced Placement U. S. History, English Language and Composition, English Literature, as well as International Relations and Creative Writing. Alexander has conducted extensive research and written position papers for the National High School Model United Nations Conference in New York City on such issues as farming in the Middle East, the Arab Spring, and the atrocities in Somalia and Cote D'Ivoire. In addition to Alexander's academic achievements, he is the captain of the cross-country, winter track, and spring track teams. He is the secretary general of the Model United Nations, and president of the band. For the past three years he has volunteered at Robbie's Run. Alexander loves to read and is an avid sports fan. Alexander looks forward to having a career that involves writing and will be attending Georgetown University, double majoring in Political Science and English. Dr. Kushner congratulated Alexander on behalf of the Board of Education.

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AND SALUTATORIANS**

Dr. Kaplan presented an Award of Honor certificate to the 2014 valedictorian of Kennedy High School, Benjamin Rabinowitz, stating he is not only committed to his high achieving academics, but also his extracurricular activities. A member of Kennedy's Advanced Science Research program, he has completed research at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, volunteered at North Shore LIJ Feinstein Center, and participated in fundraising efforts for Hadassah and JCC Maccabi USA. Benjamin also volunteers for the Forever 9 Foundation's annual 5K run, which he helped organize in memory of his friend Robbie Levine. Benjamin has been class president for the past four years in addition to being a member of the Key Club, wind ensemble, Athletes Helping Athletes and National, Science, and Spanish Honor Societies. He has been a Varsity soccer player for four years, team captain as a junior and senior, and was named All-Conference in his junior year. He has also competed on JV track, a travel soccer team, and took part in the Maccabi Games in track and field, earning himself 11 gold, eight silver and three bronze medals. Benjamin aspires to become a surgeon and will be majoring in pre-medicine and psychology at Vanderbilt University. On behalf of the Board of Education, Dr. Kaplan congratulated Benjamin.

Dr. Kaplan presented an Award of Honor certificate to the 2014 salutatorian of Kennedy High School, Benjamin November. Benjamin is an AP Scholar with Honor and a member of the Advanced Science Research program. He spent his sophomore and junior years conducting research at Citi College, and his junior and senior years researching at Brookhaven National Laboratory. His research paper earned him semifinalist status in the prestigious Intel Science Talent Search competition. Benjamin served as chairperson this year of the Stock Market Club for the Future Business Leaders of America. He is a member of Athletes Helping Athletes, Key Club and National, Math, Science and Spanish Honor Societies. Outside of school, he has volunteered at Winthrop University Hospital and during his freshman and sophomore years, he was invited to attend the National Young Conference for students with excellent academic performance and leadership potential. Benjamin has also been a member of the JV and Varsity Football and Track Teams. Benjamin will be majoring in engineering at the University of Chicago. Dr. Kaplan congratulated Ben on behalf of the Board of Education.

Mrs. DeLauter presented an Award of Honor certificate to the 2014 valedictorian of Mepham High School Brian Keohane adding that he is no stranger to the Board of Education. Brian's accomplishments include being a National Merit Semifinalist, a candidate in the prestigious U. S. Presidential Scholars Program, and News 12/Capital One Scholar Athlete of the Week. (This award is presented to only 30 Long Island students who excel in athletics, leadership, and scholarship.) Most recently, Brian's Physics Olympiad team won First Place Overall in the Physics Olympics.

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AND SALUTATORIANS**

Brian is a three-season athlete in cross-country, basketball, and spring track and has served as captain of all three teams this year. Brian has a challenging roster of classes including Advanced Placement U. S. History, English, macroeconomics, Calculus BC, Physics C, Italian and psychology. He is a member of the math team, Science Club and Athletes Helping Athletes. Brian will be majoring in engineering next year at Duke University. On behalf of the Board of Education, Mrs. DeLauter congratulated Brian.

Mrs. Lanci presented an Award of Honor certificate to the 2014 salutatorian of Mepham High School, Matthew Waldmann. Matthew is committed to his studies in mathematics and science and is an active member of the Mepham community. He challenges himself academically with a rigorous course load including Advanced Placement Statistics, chemistry, physics, and Calculus BC. He is a member of the Physics Olympiad team, which recently took First Place Overall in the Physics Olympics, math team, and Athletes Helping Athletes. Matthew has played for the Varsity Bulldogs Ice Hockey Team for the past four years, serving as captain for the past two years, and played three years of Varsity soccer serving as captain this year. Matthew gives back to the community with his involvement in the Wounded Warrior Project and Make-A-Wish Foundation. Matthew plans to study aerospace engineering and will be attending the University of Michigan. Mrs. Lanci congratulated Matthew on behalf of the Board of Education.

**NASSAU COUNTY
CHAMPIONS –
BADMINTON**

Mr. Haile presented Award of Honor certificates to the member of the Calhoun Colt Girls Badminton stating the team defeated Port Washington (5-2) to win the 2014 Nassau County Championship. This was the fourth consecutive year that these two teams met in the County finals with Port Washington being victorious the past two seasons. This was Calhoun's first championship since the 2011 season. A total team effort led to the team's success as Calhoun reached the finals by defeating Jericho (5-2) in the semifinal, and defeating Syosset (7-0) in the quarterfinal. After losing to both Jericho and Port Washington in the first half of the season, the Colts went into the Spring break with a 4-2 record. The girls worked furiously each and every day to catch up to their opposition. In the second half of the season including the playoffs, the Colts went on a perfect 9-0 run, outscoring their opponents 52-11 over this remarkable stretch. On behalf of the Board of Education, Mr. Haile congratulated the 2014 Nassau County Champion Calhoun Colt Girls Badminton Team and their coaches Daniel Bowker and David Quartarone.

**FAMILY PROJECT
VOLUNTEERS**

Mrs. Schwartz presented certificates to students involved in the district's Family Project program. The Family Project, in its 38th year, is a recreational/educational program for improving communication skills through various activities for the special needs students within our community. Tonight we would like to recognize the volunteers who have altruistically provided and dedicated years of unencumbered service to the Family Project family. They

are: Erin Curley, Sasha Deshuk-Flores, Caitlyn Dorn, Sara Hechtman, Jesse Just, Julia Mirsky, Amanda Opperman, Paige Sangiorgio, Amanda Schmitt (Plaque), Vincent Sinisgalli, Matthew Spohrer (Plaque), Taylor Tavella and Nicole Woska. On behalf of the Board, Mrs. Schwartz thanked each person. Mr. Rose, Coordinator of the Family Project, mentioned that the two people who received plaques volunteered after they left school. He thanked the district for allowing and supporting this program,

**FAMILY PROJECT
VOLUNTEERS**

Mrs. Schwartz presented an Award of Honor certificate to Karen McGuinness, Social Studies chair, for having been selected as the 2014 recipient of the Long Island Council for the Social Studies Harry C. Charles Outstanding Social Studies Supervisor Award. This award is given to a social studies supervisor/chairperson who has demonstrated: knowledge in social studies content as well as knowledge of current social studies issues and inspires social studies leadership, including incorporation of effective techniques in supervisory practice. Ms. McGuinness was honored at an awards ceremony and reception on May 29th at the UPSKY Long Island Hotel. Mrs. Schwartz, on behalf of the Board of Education, congratulated Ms. McGuinness.

**LONG ISLAND
COUNCIL FOR THE
SOCIAL STUDIES –
HARRY C. CHARLES
OUTSTANDING
SUPERVISOR/
CHAIRPERSON**

Rachel Fain stated all year long she has wanted to get up and give an award and now she can. Rebecca Peretz stated, on behalf of all the students in the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District, we present to you, Mrs. Schwartz, this plaque, and along with it, our thanks for your dedication and efforts on our behalf. Rohan Nagpal thanked Mrs. Schwartz and the Board of Education for the opportunity and chance to be involved in our community. Mr. DeTommaso, on behalf of himself and the entire staff, thanked Mrs. Schwartz for her incredible work and added a he couldn't think of a more worthy and capable person to chair his first year at Bellmore-Merrick.

BOARD PRESIDENT

Mrs. Schwartz presented a plaque to Dr. Kushner upon his retirement from the Board of Education. She stated on behalf of the Bellmore-Merrick CHSD community and the Board of Education, we would like to thank Dr. Matthew Kushner, and express our sincerest appreciation for his dedication and many years of service to our district. Dr. Kushner has served on the North Merrick Board of Education for the past 18 years and on the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District for the past ten years. He has devoted countless hours and consistently worked to improve the quality of our programs for the benefit and betterment of our schools and students. Dr. Kushner has served as commissioner for CYO and PAL football promoting youths in our community to further their participation in athletics. Dr. Kushner is a member of Kennedy High School's Class of 1977. He is a graduate of SUNY Albany, and continued his studies at New York Chiropractic College. Dr. Kushner has received numerous awards for his commitment to the community including three services awards (2001, 2006, 2011) from the North Merrick school district, the Scope School Board Service Award (2008) and was inducted

**RETIRING BOARD
MEMBER**

into the John F. Kennedy High School Hall of Fame in 2013. Most recently, Dr. Kushner was nominated to receive the New York State School Boards Association Everett R. Dyer Award, which is presented annually to a school board member who should be recognized for their outstanding contribution to public education and children in their school district. Dr. Kushner will be missed and we thank him for his dedication and commitment.

Dr. Kushner thanked the Board of Education for this recognition and stated the highlight of his Board service and best memory has been this year with a dynamic superintendent and a motto of “One Voice, One Message.”

Mr. DeTommaso stated, on behalf of everyone in the Bellmore-Merrick educational community, he wanted to truly thank Dr. Kushner for a big year with a lot of action and added his appreciation for all Dr. Kushner’s work with the Board.

Mrs. Schwartz stated Dr. Kushner added a dimension to the school board and Board meetings. She stated Dr. Kushner is a very special member of the Board of Education.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. Schwartz presented the 2013-2014 school year student representatives to the Board of Education, Rebecca Peretz, Rohan Nagpal and Rachel Fain, with engraved gavels stating it has been a delight to have these students share their schools’ events and achievements at the monthly meetings. She and Mr. DeTommaso thanked them and wished them well in the future.

Mr. DeTommaso stated earlier tonight we recognized our retirees. He read their names: Ann Marie Cangelosi, Jill Klasson, Loretta LaCorte, Mary Ann Meyers, Susan Shapiro, Rosemary Steel and Claire Wood. He thanked them all for their service.

PTA

Mr. DeTommaso presented an Award of Honor certificate to Betty Pitari stating tonight we recognize Betty, who is retiring from her position as co-president of the Bellmore-Merrick Coordinating Council of PTSAs. She has given the PTSA many years of tireless service. We appreciate all of her efforts on the many parent programs, fundraisers, and subcommittees to which she has lent her support over the years. She will be missed.

Mr. DeTommaso presented Award of Honor certificates to Katie Federico, Dominique Tirino, Susan Grippa, Karen Kostulas, Robin Rabinowitz, Sandy Waldman, Lisa Rattoballi, Sheila Korn and Ellen Proszak stating these seven PTA, PTSA and SEPTA co-presidents have played important roles in the wonderful partnership between our Board of Education, administration and parent leadership. They have given countless hours of service to our school district. He thanked them for their devotion to the Bellmore-Merrick students.

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Mr. DeTommaso advised for the students' last time, he thought it would be good for them to address the audience face-to-face in his, the Board President's and the Board Vice-President's seats.

**STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVES**

Rebecca Peretz, Calhoun HS senior, thanked the Board and Mr. DeTommaso for this experience. Calhoun highlights include the Bellmore-Merrick Challenge which was host to 14 schools at this Special Olympics type of event. All sports teams made the play-offs. Calhoun Girls' Badminton team was declared Nassau County champions and two Calhoun students went to States to compete in Track. The 40th Anniversary performance of On-Tour, "Evening at Calhoun" was very enjoyable. A program "Among Us" examining diversity and other issues, was presented on 5/20/14. On 5/23/14, Camp Avenue School students attended a Japanese Tea Ceremony in the garden at Calhoun. Both the Blue and Grey and Senior Awards Night were held this past month. She ended by stating that she appreciates all the Board's work.

Rohan Nagpal thanked Mr. DeTommaso and the Board for the opportunity to learn more about how the district functions. Many end of year awards and programs took place during the last few weeks. Michael Wagner, Class of 2002, and the first district Intel finalist, addressed Kennedy students. Twelve students were honored by Cougar Pride. The music and art departments' shows were well-received. Many of Kennedy's sports teams won conference titles. Track and Field team members will attend States. Two students from Kennedy organized STANDDNY. Ms. McGuinness and Ms. Connolly were recognized by their peers with awards. He ended by stating it has been a pleasure to be a part of the Board of Education meetings.

Rachel Fain stated it was an honor to be a part of the Board of Education this year. She congratulated the faculty members honored at the Tenth Annual Pirates' Treasure Awards. "So They Think They Can Dance" was, once again, very successful. More than 1/3 of the seniors received honors at Senior Awards. She mentioned Mephram students who performed at the Cultural Arts Luncheon and that the Spring Arts is next week along with Senior Countdown and prom. She too thanked Mr. DeTommaso and the Board of Education for this experience. She also thanked her fellow student Representatives Rebecca and Rohan, her principal and other administrators.

Mr. DeTommaso stated it has been an absolute pleasure listening to each student representatives this year. He wished them the best of luck in the future.

There were no public comments on agenda items only.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education gratefully accept the 2014 Budget Vote results as reported by the component districts. Mr. Haile seconded and the motion was carried 7-0. Mrs. Schwartz thanked the community for supporting all of the budgets.

2014 BUDGET VOTE

**SPECIAL
EDUCATION**

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the following Special Education placements as recommended by the Committee on Special Education (CSE): BCSE cases: 070011543, 370000618, 112340001, 030160018, 000010094, 030910004, 062400010, 041480002, 032580000, 110010599, 000511755, G11605, G10415, 040200005, 000511260, 000010725 and 000011079. Building CSE IEP changes: 030920011, G11174, G10947, G11676, 030170004, 992450057, 370000392, G10895, K11098, 370000913, 000511237, 992450057, 992450069, 370000348, 110011027, 032260000, 030430017, 030150002, K10577, 370001792 and 902700040. Dr. Kuschner seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the following resolutions:

DONATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a donation of eight yards of compost, valued at \$176, for Calhoun's "Sue's Garden" courtyard from Vigliotti's Great Gardens.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$200 from the Alpha Phi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma to help pay for pizzas for the Bellmore-Merrick Challenge and increase the appropriations budget by this amount.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a donation of an Elkay water fountain with water bottle re-filling station, model #LZS8WSLK EZH20, valued at \$919, from the Merrick Avenue MS PTA.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept three (3) mini-grants, \$760 to Calhoun HS, \$300 to Kennedy HS and \$100 to Mephram HS, for a total of \$1,160, from the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) for participation in Project Lead The Way (PLTW) and increase the appropriations budget by this amount.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a donation of Resilite protective wall padding in the Calhoun wrestling room, valued at \$22,050, from the Calhoun Sports Boosters.

Mr. Haile seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

Mrs. Schwartz and Mr. DeTommaso thanked all the donors for their generosity.

Dr. Kuschner moved that the Board of Education approve the following resolutions:

**DAYS OF RELIGIOUS
OBSERVATION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the exclusion of days of religious observance from the calculation of 2014-2015 average daily attendance as determined by the student attendance computer programs.

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the recommended Board of Education meeting dates for school year 2014 – 2015.

**2014-2015 BOARD OF
EDUCATION
MEETING DATES**

Dr. Kaplan seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

Dr. Kushner moved that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent of Schools' Personnel Report, dated June 4, 2014, as stated in the agenda. Mrs. Lanci seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

PERSONNEL

The Board of Education reviewed the Summary of Bills, dated June 4, 2014, and the corresponding warrants.

BILLS

Dr. Kushner moved that the Board of Education approve the bids as stated in the agenda, including the recommended bid on our turf fields which the Board is looking forward to accepting. Mrs. Lanci seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

BIDS

The Board of Education reviewed the Budget Summary Report.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Dr. Kushner moved that the Board of Education approve the following resolutions:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with the County of Nassau, New York, to share resources in the undertaking of municipal improvement projects and other purposes, as authorized by Article 5-G of the General Municipal law (GML) of the State of New York.

**INTER-MUNICIPAL
COOPERATION
PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District desires to procure indoor and outdoor scoreboards; and

**SCOREBOARD
STANDARDIZATION**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has investigated all options and has determined that for reasons of economy and reliability the brand of scoreboards procured should remain consistent on a year-to-year basis; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby declares the Daktronics digital scoreboards the standard brand of scoreboards for all schools of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District until or unless it is no longer feasible or appropriate.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve price increases for school lunch and food items for school year 2014-2015.

**SCHOOL LUNCH
PRICES**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Noble Elevator to provide maintenance service for one (1) Canton 4000 lbs. four stop passenger elevator at Calhoun HS from 7/1/14 – 6/30/15 at a cost not to exceed \$2,425.

**ELEVATOR
MAINTENANCE**

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**ELEVATOR
MAINTENANCE
(Continued)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Barist Elevator Company to provide maintenance services for two (2) dumbwaiters at Grand Avenue MS, two (2) dumbwaiters at Merrick Avenue HS, one (1) dumbwaiter at Calhoun HS and one (1) dumbwaiter at Mephram HS from 7/1/14 – 6/30/15 at a quarterly cost not to exceed \$475.50.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Barist Elevator Company to provide maintenance services for one (1) traction passenger elevator at Mephram HS, one (1) hydraulic passenger elevator at Brookside and one (1) traction passenger elevator at Kennedy HS from 7/1/14 – 6/30/15 at an annual cost not to exceed \$10,978.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Thyssen Krupp Elevator Corporation to provide maintenance services for one (1) hydraulic elevator at Merrick Avenue MS from 7/1/14 – 6/30/15 at a monthly cost of \$218.25.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Thyssen Krupp Elevator Corporation to provide maintenance services for one (1) hydraulic elevator at Grand Avenue MS from 7/1/14 – 6/30/15 at a monthly cost of \$218.25.

**GENERATOR
MAINTENANCE**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve six (6) agreements with Cooper Power Systems to provide generator maintenance services in each of the district's buildings from 7/1/14 – 6/30/15 at a cost of \$695 each, for a total of \$4,924.

PEST CONTROL

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve six (6) agreements with Orkin Pest Control to provide monthly pest control services in each of the district's buildings from 7/1/14 – 6/30/15 at a cost of \$50 each per month, for a total of \$3,600.

SYNTAX

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Syntax to provide website services from 7/1/14 – 6/30/15 for a total cost not to exceed \$5,000.

Mrs. Lanci seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

Mr. DeTommaso advised the Inter-Municipal Cooperation Project is \$250,000 from Nassau County to be used toward turf fields. Special thanks to County Executive Ed Mangano and Representative Dave Denenberg who secured those funds. He added the district is happy to renew its contract with our public relations firm, Syntax. The district has been very satisfied with this company.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board will discuss correspondence it received.

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John Pinto wanted to speak about the turf fields bid. He wanted to know who were the vendors and are we getting the best.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Schwartz advised the district received bids from three companies. After examining all the bids and upon the recommendation of SCC, the district selected the lowest bidder, as required, that met the district's specifications.

Mr. Pinto questioned if the district was getting the best product.

Mrs. Schwartz assured him the district is getting the best product.

Paul Adamo, SCC, reviewed the bid specifications and stated the three (3) bidders were:

Custom Clay – only bid on the two (2) middle school fields

Landtech

Laser Industries

He added that it was determined that the lowest responsible bidder was Laser Industries.

Mr. Pinto asked about extras and he was advised the extras include lacrosse netting, main logo, end zone lettering, long jump sand catch at the three (3) high schools and fencing at Calhoun High School. Colored end zones were not accepted by the Board of Education.

Mr. Pinto asked who was the lowest stand-alone bidder and he was advised That Landtech was the stand alone winner but the Board of Education always wanted logo and lettering without going over budget.

Mr. Pinto feels Landtech is the best.

Mrs. Banks asked for an update on security.

Mr. Simpkins advised the district is in the process of Phase One, adding intercoms. Small cameras will be installed at the front doors. Buzzers will allow visitors into the building. Teachers and staff will have ID cards which can access individual doors. Phase Two involves adding 20 to 30 additional cameras at each school.

Mr. DeTommaso stated NYSED promised security issues would go through quickly but that has not been the case.

Dr. Kushner advised he attended Calhoun's Blue and Grey and stated he never experienced anything like that in his life. It was remarkable to hear how the students have impacted their teachers.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

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**OLD/NEW BUSINESS
(Continued)**

Mr. DeTommaso advised he attended the Cultural Arts Luncheon recently and felt the talent presented there was incredible.

Mrs. Schwartz stated many of the Board members attended the senior awards and were very proud of our students. She spoke with students in the 99 Cent store who were purchasing items for the Japanese Tea ceremony with younger students. She stated they were very poised and she was impressed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mrs. Lanci, seconded by Mrs. DeLauter and carried 7-0, the Board of Education entered into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 9:20 p.m.

On a motion by Mrs. Blane, seconded by Dr. Kaplan and carried 7-0, the Board of Education reconvened at 10:44p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Dr. Kushner, seconded by Mrs. Lanci and carried 7-0, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Neufeld
District Clerk