

MINUTES OF THE BELLMORE-MERRICK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING March 1, 2017

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A regular meeting of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday evening, March 1, 2017, in the Board of Education Conference Room of the Administrative Offices at the Brookside School at 1260 Meadowbrook Road, North Merrick, New York.

The following members of the Board of Education were present:

Janet Goller, President
Dr. Nancy Kaplan, Vice President
Marion Blane
JoAnn DeLauter
Wendy Gargiulo
Lisa Katz
Nina Lanci
Gina Piskin

Also present:

John DeTommaso, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Mara Bollettieri, Deputy Superintendent of Personnel
Kate Freeman, Assistant Superintendent for Business
David Seinfeld, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum
Eric Arlin, Director of Special Education and Pupil Services
Eric Caballero, Director of Physical Education/Health Ed/Athletics/Driver Education
Cheryl Fontana, Director of Music/Fine and Performing Arts and Adult Education
Joseph Innaco, Director of Instructional and Technology Services
Helen Kanellopoulos, Assistant Director of Special Education
Jon Simpkins, Director of School Facilities and Operations
Tom Volpe, Transportation Supervisor/Health and Safety Coordinator
Antonia Hamblin, School Attorney
Claire Neufeld, District Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. Mrs. Goller, Board of Education President, led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Kaplan moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the February 1, 2017 meetings. Ms. Gargiulo seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

MINUTES

Dr. Kaplan moved that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer's Report, dated January 31, 2017. Mrs. DeLauter seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. DeTommaso stated he was happy to see everyone tonight. The "Faculty Follies" involved 40 performers and raised approximately \$1,800. It was an Enormously good time and everyone's performance was great. Mr. DeTommaso mentioned that Assistant Superintendent David Seinfeld is retiring and assuming at position at LIU Post. He also is attaining tenure tonight. He has performed his job as Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment (CIA) superbly and has earned and deserves tenure. He congratulated

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Seinfeld. Mr. Seinfeld thanked Mr. DeTommaso and the Board of Ed. Mr. DeTommaso announced that Michael Harrington will be appointed the next Assistant Superintendent for CIA. Mr. Harrington has been an exceptionally fine principal at Mephram HS. His guidance and leadership led to his new appointment. Mr. DeTommaso wished Mr. Harrington lots of luck and congratulated him. Mr. DeTommaso stated we celebrate the greatness of Bellmore Merrick at every meeting. We have a great administrative team.

Dr. Mara Bollettieri introduced two new administrators: Malgorzata Baldyga, Science chair, and Christopher Riccardi, Math chair. They will join us on July 1st, 2017.

Mr. DeTommaso stated they got the golden ticket and congratulated and welcomed them to Bellmore Merrick.

**STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVES**

Sara Samir stated Calhoun's Poseidon VE team is awaiting the results of today's competition. The coed Cheerleading team is in Syracuse and both boys and girls Basketball teams went to counties. Several student athletes are competing in states. 33 students were inducted into the Art Honor Society. The leadership trip to Mississippi was very successful. A Calhoun student is a National Merit Scholarship finalist and another is the Long Island Scholar Artist. Class Night is tomorrow evening and St. Baldrick's will be held on March 31, 2017.

Abigail Jellinek stated Kennedy students have received recognition for performances and awards in writing, art and science competitions. Boys Basketball was in play-offs and JV Cheerleading competed in Florida. Several students are competing in states. Boys Wrestling is in the top ten in New York. All sports teams are Scholar-Athlete teams. Key Club is holding a blood drive this Tuesday. Students attended an Interactive Science Show. The next production will be "Pippin." The Senior Fashion Show is the end of March.

Mr. DeTommaso mentioned the work involved in getting JFK's JV Cheerleading team to Florida and now Mephram's Kickline team to Florida.

Derek Baumann stated MAP students, due to the snow days and recess, have been preparing for Regents. MAP students attended a Chinese New Year event at Queens College. Students have been preparing sandwiches for a food pantry program. MAP participated in the district talent show and performed a scene from "Young Frankenstein" with Mr. Arlin playing the lead role. Seniors are awaiting college acceptance letters.

Madison Uzwy stated last month's annual Mr. Mephram competition was successful. She was a judge and congratulated the winners. Girls Basketball was in the play offs. Several students are attending states. The Bulldogs are competing in the NYS Hockey Championship. Kickline will compete in Florida. Kind messages decorated the hallways in Mephram this month. Faculty Follies were held at Mephram. Key Club collected over 300 Oprom dresses. The 7th Annual Chop Your Locks is scheduled for March 16, 2017.

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Dr. Mara Bollettieri reminded everyone present that March 25, 2017 is the One Voice, One Message 5K Run/Walk with a superhero theme again this year. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and the Run/Walk starts at 9:00 a.m.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

There were none on agenda items only.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the 2017 Registration and Voting Information. Mrs. Blane seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

**REGISTRATION &
VOTING
INFORMATION**

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the following Special Education placements as recommended by the Committee on Special Education: 000010920, 030160006, 030430009, 052150000, 062370001, 070740013, 121160002, 121650000, 131261655, 201600044, 201600104, 370000577, 370001126, 370001265, 370001380, 370001549 and 999011287. Ms. Gargiulo seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Ms. Gargiulo moved that the Board of Education approve revised Policy No. 4532 – Volunteers (2nd reading.) Mrs. Blane seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

POLICY

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education accept a donation of sixty-five (65) sewing patterns, approximate value of \$260, from Karen A. Graham to the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District. Mrs. Lanci seconded and the motion was carried 8-0. Mrs. Goller thanked Ms. Graham.

DONATIONS

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$500 from the Bellmore Lions Charitable Foundation, Inc. to support the “One Voice, One Message” Superhero 5K Run/Walk and increase the appropriations budget by this amount. Mrs. Katz seconded and the motion was carried 8-0. Mr. DeTommaso thanked the Lions.

Ms. Gargiulo moved that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$500 from the Merrick Kiwanis Foundation, Inc. to support the “One Voice, One Message” Superhero 5K Run/Walk and increase the appropriations budget by this amount. Mrs. Katz seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent of Schools’ Personnel Report, dated March 1, 2017, as revised. Ms. Gargiulo seconded, and the motion was carried 8-0. Mrs. Goller congratulated tonight’s appointees and Mr. Seinfeld on receiving tenure.

PERSONNEL

The Board of Education reviewed the Summary of Bills, dated March 1, 2017, and the corresponding warrants.

BILLS

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the bids as stated in the agenda. Mrs. Blane seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

BIDS

BUDGET SUMMARY	<p>The Board of Education reviewed the Budget Summary Report.</p> <p>Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the following resolutions:</p>
CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDERS	<p>BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following Bond Referendum Project – Phase 2B:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. J. F. Kennedy High School, SED No.: 28-02-53-07-0-007-037, Change Order No. 2 in the add amount of \$20,744.64 for Hirschb. S.H. Calhoun High School, SED No.: 28-02-53-07-0-004-048, Change Order No. 3 in the add amount of \$5,391.34 for JNS <p>BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following Bond Referendum Project – Phase 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. W.C. Mephram High School, SED No.: 28-02-53-07-0-005-049, Change Order No. 1 in the deduct amount of \$7,100 for Hirsch
BOCES	<p>BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Nassau BOCES Department of Instructional Programs and Alternative Schools wherein the District may participate in the Nassau BOCES Regional Summer School Program from 7/1/17 – 8/30/17.</p>
RECYCLE SERVICES	<p>BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the use of AHRC Nassau to provide recycling of the District’s computer hardware and related devices.</p>
CONSULTANT	<p>BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the hiring of a consultant, Sensory Lighting and Sound, Inc., to provide sound services at Kennedy HS’s 2017 spring musical and concerts for a maximum of 22 sessions at \$98.00 per session, for a total not to exceed \$2,156, funded by Kennedy Building Student Activities.</p>
TRAFFIC & SAFETY STUDY	<p>BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Dunn Engineering Associates, PC, to conduct a Traffic and Safety Study at a cost not to exceed \$15,000, and authorize the Board President to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education</p>
STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA)	<p>BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education desires to embark upon the Proposed Installation of a Concession Stand and Metal Storage Container (Project) listed in attachment A hereto; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, said Project is subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and</p> <p>NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares itself lead agency in connection with the requirements of SEQRA; and the Board of Education, as the lead agency, has examined all information related to the Project and has determined that the Project as a whole listed in attachment</p>

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A hereto is classified as a Type II Action as defined by Section 617.5(c)(8) of the SEQRA Regulations and therefore requires no further review;

**SEQRA
(Continued)**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby shall forward an official copy of this Resolution to the New York State Education Department together with a copy of the final Project acceptance, upon receipt, from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, in connection with its request for approval.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires to embark upon the Sanford H. Calhoun High School Proposed Track Resurfacing & Classroom Renovations (Project), listed in attachment A hereto; and

WHEREAS, said Project is subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares itself lead agency in connection with the requirements of SEQRA; and the Board of Education, as the lead agency, has examined all information related to the Project and has determined that the Project as a whole listed in attachment A hereto is classified as a Type II Action as defined by Section 617.5(c)(8) of the SEQRA Regulations and therefore requires no further review;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby shall forward an official copy of this Resolution to the New York State Education Department together with a copy of the NYS Office of Park's, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Project Review Exemption Based on the Letter of Resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the attendance of the Superintendent of Schools and Board members Marion Blane, JoAnn DeLauter, Janet Goller, Wendy Gargiulo, Dr. Nancy Kaplan, Lisa Katz, Nina Lanci and Gina Piskin at the Bellmore-Merrick Cultural Arts Luncheon at the LI Marriott in Uniondale on 5/15/17 at a cost of \$48.00 per person.

BOARD CONFERENCES

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the attendance of the Superintendent of Schools and Board members Janet Goller, Marion Blane, JoAnn DeLauter, Wendy Gargiulo, Dr. Nancy Kaplan, Lisa Katz, Nina Lanci and Gina Piskin at the BMUST Awards Dinner/Dance at the Woodbury Country Club on 6/15/17 at a cost of \$60.00 per person.

Mrs. Katz seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

There was none.

CORRESPONDENCE

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Harrington thanked the Board and Mr. DeTommaso for this opportunity stating he has been more than lucky. He also congratulated the newly appointed administrators and wished them the best.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Goller advised a Public Forum on the possibility of selling the Jerusalem Avenue school will be held on April 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. She also advised the next regular Board of Ed meeting is Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.

SETTLEMENTS AND AGREEMENTS

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve a Settlement Agreement in connection with an Impartial Hearing and authorize its President to sign said Settlement Agreement on behalf of the Board. Mrs. Blane seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District hereby approves a Settlement Agreement in connection with a contemplated impartial hearing, a copy of which has been provided to and reviewed by the members of the Board of Education, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign said Settlement Agreement, and other documents, pertaining to the settlement of the contemplated impartial hearing, on behalf of the Board. Mrs. Lanci seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Ms. Gargiulo, seconded by Mrs. Katz and carried 8-0, the Board of Education entered into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 8:46 p.m.

On a motion by Mrs. DeLauter, seconded by Mrs. Katz and carried 8-0, the Board of Education reconvened at 9:25 p.m.

PERSONNEL

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, having considered a Step III grievance on this date, hereby denies such grievance and directs the District Clerk to notify the grievant within five (5) school days of today's date that such grievance has been denied.

Mrs. Katz seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mrs. Lanci, seconded by Ms. Gargiulo and carried 8-0, the Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Neufeld
District Clerk