

MINUTES OF THE BELLMORE-MERRICK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING JUNE 5, 2019

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A regular meeting of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday evening, June 5, 2019, 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:

Nina Lanci, President  
Marion Blane, Vice President  
Edward Corona  
John Ferrara  
Janet Goller  
Dr. Nancy Kaplan  
Tracey Miller  
Gina Piskin

Also present:

John DeTommaso, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Mara Bollettieri, Deputy Superintendent of Personnel  
Kate Freeman, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
Michael Harrington, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment  
Mikaela Coni, Administrative Assistant for Business  
Cheryl Fontana, Director of Music/Fine and Performing Arts and Adult Education  
Joseph Innaco, Director of Administrative & Instructional Technology and Data Protection/Security  
Emily Paluseo, Assistant Director of Special Education and Pupil Services  
Tom Volpe, Supervisor of Transportation  
Ken Zisel, Brookside Assistant Principal  
Christopher Powers, School Attorney  
Pattianne Guccione, District Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Lanci, Board of Education President at 8:09 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a **MOTION** by Dr. Kaplan, seconded by Mr. Ferrara and carried 8-0, the Board of Education approved the minutes from the April 16, 2019 and May 8, 2019 meetings.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

On a **MOTION** by Dr. Kaplan, seconded by Ms. Goller and carried 8-0, the Board of Education approved the Treasurer's Report, dated April 30, 2019.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. DeTommaso started by saying tonight was a very special night. Earlier this evening we recognized the Mephram High School Girls' Softball Team for winning the Nassau County Class A Championship. He congratulated the team and wished them good luck on Friday when they play the Suffolk County Champions. He said we also recognized the retiring staff earlier and thanked them for dedicating themselves to the Bellmore-Merrick CHSD. He wished them all well in retirement and thanked their families for lending them to us. Mr. DeTommaso then said that we will now recognize the academic accomplishments of our Valedictorians and Salutatorians at each of the

schools. He said these students have risen very high and he is proud of their accomplishments and what they have given back to their schools.

2019 Bellmore-Merrick Valedictorians and Salutatorians

Mr. Corona presented an Award of Honor certificate to Senya Huda, Valedictorian of Calhoun High School. Mr. Corona stated that Senya earned the highest GPA in her class, calculated to a 101.68 weighted average through her junior year. Her transcript boasts Advanced Placement courses in nearly every subject area with a concentration in the math and science departments. Her ever growing thirst for knowledge coupled with her desire to remain socially connected has made her more than just our Valedictorian; she is also a leader who reaches out to students of all abilities. Senya would like to pursue a major in either Oncology or Neonatology and will attend Hofstra in the fall as a member of the 4+4 medical school pathway.

Ms. Miller presented an Award of Honor certificate to Jessica Lin, Salutatorian of Calhoun High School. Ms. Miller stated that Jessica is a highly motivated researcher, leader, and artist, as well as an exemplary student. In addition to being recognized as Salutatorian, she was inducted into the National Honor Society last year for her excellence in academics, leadership, and community service. She has earned recognition in the English, Social Studies, Mathematics, Science, and LOTE Honor Societies and is fluent in both Mandarin and Fuzhounese. Jessica is an all-around student because she independently searches out each and every opportunity to better herself and expose herself to further learning. She is a student who exemplifies through her activities and improvement in human relations and a bringing together of people and ideas. Jessica will attend the University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

Ms. Goller presented an Award of Honor certificate to Jordan Pitti, Valedictorian of Kennedy High School. Ms. Goller stated that maturity, intelligence, common sense, and a strong sense of morals are just some of the positive attributes of Jordan. Jordan impresses as a courteous, respectful young man, and there is also great depth beyond his low-key exterior. Jordan is the quiet leader others look toward for direction, and he is highly respected by his peers and the faculty. Jordan earned the title of Valedictorian by achieving a grade point average of over 100 while completing the most demanding program available to him every year. He has achieved additional accolades including AP Scholar with Honor, National Honor Society, and Spanish Honor Society member. Jordan will continue his studies at the University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

Dr. Kaplan presented an Award of Honor certificate to Whitney Sussman, Salutatorian of Kennedy High School. Dr. Kaplan stated that Whitney Sussman is a young woman who naturally impresses faculty members and peers alike. She is uniquely motivated, extraordinarily detail oriented, tirelessly focused and a natural leader by example. Whitney's maturity and sense of industry shine through as she remains focused on helping as many future patients as possible within a bright future in the medical field. This extraordinary young scholar has been inducted into six different honor societies, as she has indeed distinguished herself in all subject areas. She has completed a research submission titled "The Role of Clock Genes and Hormones in Small Intestinal Glucose Uptake", earning national recognition as a Regeneron Talent Search Scholar. Whitney will be attending Furman University in South Carolina and will attend medical school after that.

Ms. Piskin presented an Award of Honor certificate to Brianna Ottofaro, Valedictorian of Meadowbrook Alternative Program. Ms. Piskin stated that Brianna is an AP Scholar and currently has a 93.43 average. Brianna has taken AP European History, AP Language and Composition, and AP Literature. After being accepted to six colleges and universities, she has decided on Farmingdale State College where she will study Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Technology.

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This is a brand new field of study at Farmingdale and Brianna is both proud and honored to be a member of the first cohort. She credits her teacher at MAP with helping her along her path to success.

Ms. Lanci presented an Award of Honor certificate to Matthew Alexander, Salutatorian of Meadowbrook Alternative Program (MAP). Ms. Lanci stated that Matthew is an AP Scholar with an overall average of 90.328 and has thoroughly enjoyed AP European History and AP Literature. Matthew is a Community Cupboard volunteer and is the voice of MAP at the Board of Education meetings. He also serves as an Ambassador to both the CHSD and the Nassau County District Attorney's Office. Matthew is an advocate for many causes, with Spectrum Disorders being the one he most identifies with. He and some of his classmates will be presenting a donation to the Plainedge Board of Education for "Rocco's Voice", an organization which provides outreach to families of children with autism. He looks forward to attending the New York Institute of Technology in the fall and has a plethora of career ideas!

Ms. Lanci presented an Award of Honor certificated to David Collins, Valedictorian of Mepham High School. Ms. Lanci said David Collins is an AP Scholar with Distinction. This is a culmination of paramount intellect, unique determination, and a genuine love of learning. He is an active member of Math, Thespian, History, and National Honor Societies and serves as Vice President of the Spanish Honor Society and Co-President of the Science Honor Society. As a humanitarian, David was recognized by the State Senate prior to entering high school for saving the life of a nine-year old boy and awarded the New York State Liberty Medal and Youth Hero Award as such. David plans to attend Binghamton University where he will be a student in their coveted Scholars Program.

Ms. Goller presented an Award of Honor certificate to Gabriela Daza, Salutatorian of Mepham High School. Ms. Goller stated that Class President, Varsity Kickline Captain, St. John's University "Women in Science" Award recipient, and National Hispanic Merit Semifinalist are just a few of the impressive titles earned by Gabriela Daza. In all honors, accelerated, and Advanced Placement courses, she easily grasps difficult concepts and is always willing to assist her peers. During her senior year, she is meeting and exceeding the demands of six Advanced Placement courses and studying two world languages, Spanish and French. Gabriela is an integral member of the Mepham community and has participated in many extracurricular activities. While Gabriela is an active member of six honor societies and has received countless recognitions, she continues to be a kind and humble individual. Gabriela plans to attend the University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

Recognition of Board President Nina Lanci for Service and Leadership

Ms. Blane presented Ms. Lanci with a plaque and stated that that it is her pleasure to honor Ms. Lanci, her friend and colleague. Ms. Lanci is all about integrity, hard work and dedication to this community that we all love. Mr. DeTommaso thanked Ms. Lanci on behalf of the entire Bellmore-Merrick CHSD. Ms. Lanci said it has been her pleasure to serve as President and thanked everyone

Recognition of Wendy Gargiulo, out-going member of the Board of Education

Ms. Lanci presented Ms. Gargiulo with a plaque and said that although Ms. Gargiulo has left our Board, she has not left our hearts. Ms. Lanci said that there are many things beyond what the public sees that go into being a good board member. There are many countless hours and years of dedication and to be a good board member, you must have a vested interest and be hands on in many things. Ms. Lanci said that Wendy has always been steadfast about children and what is best for them and she thanked her.

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Recognition of retiring members of the Bellmore-Merrick PTAs

Ms. Lanci presented Award of Honor certificates to retiring PTA officers and stated that we applaud them for giving many years of tireless service and appreciate their support over the years. They have played important roles in the wonderful partnership that we have in Bellmore-Merrick between our Board of Education, administration and leadership. These individuals have demonstrated faithful service and given countless hours of volunteer time to our school district as PTA members. The community is a better place as a result of their unselfish contributions. Ms. Lanci thanked them on behalf of the Board of Education.

Recognition of High School Student Representatives to the Board of Education

Ms. Lanci presented Matthew Alexander of MAP, Gabriela Daza from Mephram High School, Jonathan Mashal from Kennedy High School and Juliana Tirino from Calhoun High School with engraved gavels stating on behalf of the Superintendent, the Board of Education and the community of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District, we would like to thank you for your role as Student Representatives at our Board of Education meetings. Your monthly updates were extremely informative and, many times, entertaining. It was truly a pleasure to see your enthusiasm and school spirit. We wish you much success in all your future endeavors.

Student Representatives

Matthew Alexander from MAP said that this past month, students went to the Heckscher Art Museum, started AP exams, went to the Liberty Science Center and had a workshop in 3D printing. They also enjoyed the play Hamlet at the Tillis Center and stated that our school district has once again received the No Place For Hate Award. He also said that students raised over \$250 to benefit the Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center. He said that it has been a pleasure serving on the Board of Education and thanked Mrs. Ellinghaus, Mr. DeTommaso, Ms. Lanci and the Board of Education for this opportunity.

Gabriela Daza from Mephram High School started by thanking the Board of Education, Central Office and Mephram Administration for their support and encouragement this year. She said it has been a pleasure providing updates and learning about the other schools. She said that listening to her peers has made her feel so lucky to be in this district, knowing that no matter what school she would have attended she would have been happy. She thanked her fellow Student Representative to the Board of Education, the Valedictorians and Salutatorians. She said that Mephram had their Varsity MVP awards and she congratulated the athletes and the Girls' Softball team for winning the County Championship. She announced that the blood drive collected 87 pints of blood and said that students will be visiting the Middle Schools to warn them about the dangers of vaping and to discuss good decision making. She again thanked everyone for all of the wonderful and positive experiences over the last six years. She said that middle and high school is a very confusing time. She said that she knows the kind of person that she wants to be, thanks to all of the people that she has met and come across with in this school district.

Jonathan Mashal from Kennedy High School said that the past month has been very busy. They had the Advance Science Research Symposium, Cougar Pride awards and AP exams. He also said that students excelled in the National World Language exams. He thanked the Board of Education for the opportunity to represent Kennedy High School for the past ten months. He really enjoyed hearing about the accomplishments of other students in the district and he is confident that Bellmore-Merrick students will achieve success in a variety of fields and will do good by others, one person, one action at a time.

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Juliana Turino from Calhoun High School said that students hosted the Bellmore-Merrick Challenge and had many fun activities. The Business National Honor Society inducted 14 members and they had Culture Day which was a fun event for all. She thanked Mr. DeTommaso, the Board of Education and Ms. Hollings. It has been a phenomenal year and she is very grateful to have been the Calhoun Student Representative. It was a tremendous opportunity and honor. She met a lot of great people and learned a great deal.

Ms. Lanci, the Board of Education and Mr. DeTommaso thanked the Student Representatives for an amazing job. Ms. Goller said that they are reason for everything we do.

Ms. Lanci thanked everyone that contributed to the Annual Strawberry Festival. She introduced Andrew, a student at CHAMP and explained that 1300 individual cakes and 10 flats of strawberries were prepared by CHAMP students as a contribution toward the festival. She also said they had the pleasure of donating the leftover cake to the Community Cupboard.

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Goller, seconded by Ms. Piskin and passed 8-0, the Board of Education accepted the following resolutions:

Donations

1. The Bellmore Lions Club would like to present a donation of \$500.00 for the CHAMP Program. This donation is in recognition of the students help with the annual Nassau County Strawberry Festival and increase appropriations budget by same amount.
2. The Kiwanis Club of the Bellmores would like to present a donation of \$500.00 for the CHAMP Program. This donation is in recognition of the students help with the annual Nassau County Strawberry Festival and increase appropriations budget by same amount.

Future Dates

Mr. DeTommaso mentioned the future dates specifically the Senior Awards Night, Middle School Moving Up Day and Graduation Day. Mr. DeTommaso said that the June 24, 2019 Board of Education meeting has been cancelled but that everyone will still be here for the MAP Graduation. The next Board of Education meeting will be the Re-organizational meeting on July 9, 2019 and stated that the July and August meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. DeTommaso also said that all of the buildings went through an extensive process to become No Place For Hate Schools. He thanked Dr. Bollettieri, the Leadership Classes, Principals, Assistant Principals, Ambassadors and everyone involved for their commitment. He also thanked everyone in the community for their continued support and stated that the Community Cupboard is currently serving 64 families. He said he looks forward to seeing everyone at graduation and thanked everyone for a phenomenal year.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS – *Agenda Items Only*

There were no public comments.

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VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Piskin, seconded by Dr. Kaplan and carried 8-0, the Board of Education approved the following resolution:

A. 2019 Budget Vote Results

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the 2019 Budget Vote results as reported by the component districts.

Ms. Lanci thanked the community for a great response.

On a **MOTION** by Mr. Ferrara, seconded by Dr. Kaplan and carried 8-0, the Board of Education approved the following resolution:

B. Board of Education Meeting Dates

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the recommended 2019-2020 Board of Education meeting dates.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby cancels the Board of Education scheduled for June 24, 2019 and adjust the starting time for the July 9, 2019 and the August 7, 2019 meeting from 8:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

On a **MOTION** by Dr. Kaplan, seconded by Ms. Piskin and carried 8-0, the Board of Education approved by a consent agenda items VII.C through VII.F.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the exclusion of days of religious observance from the calculation of 2019-2020 average daily attendance as determined by the student attendance computer programs.

D. Policies

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following policies for a first reading:

Policy No. 1900 – Parental Involvement (revised)

Policy No. 2160 – School District Officer and Employee Code of Ethics

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following policy for a second reading:

Policy No. 5151.1 – Homeless Children (revised)

E. Fall 2019 New Adult Education Courses

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the recommended new Fall 2019 Adult Education courses.

F. Professional Development Plan

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the 2019-2020 Bellmore-Merrick Central HS District Professional Development Plan.

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On a **MOTION** by Ms. Miller, seconded by Mr. Ferrara and carried 8-0, the Board of Education approved the following resolution:

G. Donation

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$2,990.88 from the Calhoun High School PTSA for the purchase of three bottle filling filtered water stations to be installed and used at Calhoun High School and increase appropriations budget by the same amount.

Ms. Lanci thanked the Calhoun PTSA for the donation.

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Blane, seconded by Dr. Kaplan and carried 8-0, the Board of Education approved by a consent agenda items VII.H through VIII.J.

H. Special Education

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve Seaford Union Free School District as a new vendor for the 2018-2019 school year.

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the recommended Special Education vendors for the 2019-2020 school year.

3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following Special Education placements as recommended by the Committee on Special Education (CSE): 000011425, 000012015, 000012141, 000512099, 000512454, 000513040, 060470005, 070940024, 999011199.

VIII. PERSONNEL REPORT – June 5, 2019

- A. Terminations
- B. Resignations
- C. Appointments
- D. Salary Reclassification
- E. Recommendation for Continued Employment
- F. Cancellation
- G. Assigned Services – Non-Athletics - Cancellation
- H. Assigned Services – Athletics
- I. Assigned Services – Athletics – Spring 2018
- J. Assigned Services – Athletics – Spring 2019

IX. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

A. Bills

The Board of Education reviewed the Summary of Bills, dated June 5, 2019, and the corresponding warrants.

B. Bids

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Piskin seconded by Ms. Miller and carried 8-0, the Board of Education approved the bids as stated in the agenda.

C. Budget Summary

The Board of Education reviewed the Budget Summary, dated May 31, 2019.

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On a **MOTION** by Ms. Blane, seconded by Dr. Kaplan and carried 8-0, the Board of Education approved by a consent agenda items IX.D. through IX.W.

D. East Meadow Driving School

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with East Meadow Driving School for the provision of In-Car Driver Education instruction, with vehicles, for the summer, fall and spring semesters of the 2019-2020 school year at a cost of \$485.00 per student.

E. School Lunch Prices

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the recommended prices for school lunch and food items for school year 2019-2020.

F. Inter-Municipal Cooperative Bid

WHEREAS, it is the plan of a number of public school districts in Nassau/Suffolk Counties, New York, to bid jointly on selected Food Service Commodities, Food and Food Service Supplies for the 2019-2020 school year;

WHEREAS, the Bellmore Merrick Central High School District (BMCHSD) is desirous of participating with other districts in Nassau/Suffolk Counties in the joint bidding of the commodities mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0; and,

WHEREAS, the BMCHSD wishes to appoint a committee to assume the responsibility for drafting of specification, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, reporting the results to the Boards of Education and making recommendations thereon; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the BMCHSD hereby appoints the Long Island School Nutrition Directors Association Cooperative Bid Committee to represent it in all matters related above; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BMCHSD's Board of Education authorizes the above-mentioned committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above-mentioned commodities; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BMCHSD's Board of Education agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs of the cooperative bidding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BMCHSD's Board of Education agrees (1) to abide by majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; (2) that unless all bids are rejected, it will award contracts according to the recommendations of the committee; and (3) that after award of contract(s), it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).

G. Facilities Use Fees

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the recommended fees for the use of school facilities for School Year 2019-2020.



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- H. Fitness Equipment Service Agreement  
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve a service and maintenance agreement with Professional Fitness Services for fitness equipment in each of the district's buildings from 7/1/19-7/1/20 at a total cost of \$4,000.00.
- I. Athlete Management  
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Rank One Sport for athlete management and scheduling services for school year 2019-2020 with the total cost remaining at \$1,700.
- J. Athletic Trainer  
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Professional Athletic Training Services, PLLC, to provide athletic trainer services for School Year 2019-2020 at a cost not to exceed \$81,500.
- K. Ice Arena  
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an amendment to the September 2008 National Rink Management Corp. agreement.
- L. BOCES Technology Lease Agreement  
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement between the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District and The Board of Cooperative Educational Services (Project #35-668803) for the lease purchase of technology equipment, software and services, and authorize the Board President to sign said agreement.
- M. Third Party Administrator  
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Omni Group to continue as Plan Administrator for the district's 403(b) plan for the 2019-2020 year.
- N. Bus Driver Compliance Testing  
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Lucille Cosentino to provide Bus Driver Compliance Testing required by NYS DMV under Section 19A from 7/1/19 -6/30/20 at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00.
- O. Actuarial Analysis -Workers' Compensation  
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Sound Actuarial Consulting, LLC to provide Workers' Compensation valuation/analysis as of June 30, 2019 at a cost of \$7,100.00.
- P. Actuarial Analysis - GASB 75  
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, 2019 at a cost of \$3,000.00.
- Q. Pupil Transportation and Assignment System (PTAS)  
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an extension of professional services in an agreement with Applied Data Services for a one-year period from 7/1/19 – 6/30/20 at an annual cost of \$16,347.00.

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- R. Attendance Function  
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent of Schools attendance at the New York State Council of School Superintendents (NYSCOSS) 2019 Fall Leadership Summit from 9/22/19 through 9/24/19.
- S. Memorandum of Agreement - Bellmore-Merrick United Secondary Teachers  
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District hereby approves and ratifies the attached Memorandum of Agreement dated 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2019 by and between the negotiation representatives of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District.
- T. Memorandum of Agreement – Bellmore-Merrick Paraprofessional Association  
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves a Memorandum of Agreement signed by the bargaining representatives of the Bellmore-Merrick CHSD and the Bellmore-Merrick Paraprofessional Association dated June, 2019, and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to incorporate the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement into a more formal successor collective bargaining agreement.
- U. Reserve Funds  
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, 2019 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 two million dollars (\$2,000,000) from fund balance of the General Fund as of June 30, 2019 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 one million three hundred thousand dollars (\$1,300,000) from fund balance of the General Fund as of June 30, 2019 to the Retirement Contribution Reserve Sub-Fund (New York State Teachers (GML 6-r), and  
  
BE IT FURTHER 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, 2019 to the Employee Benefits Accrued Liability Reserve (GML §6-p, 3(a)), and  
  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize a transfer of an amount not to exceed six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000)<sup>1</sup> from fund balance of the General Fund as of June 30, 2019 to the Workers Compensation Reserve (GML §6-j, 2(a)).
- V. Reimbursement for Attendance Functions  
WHEREAS, Board Policy 6830 permits school district employees, officials and members of the Board of Education to be reimbursed for reasonable, actual and necessary out of pocket expenses which are legally authorized and incurred while traveling for school related activities; and

<sup>1</sup> Amount changed from \$2,000,000 to \$600,000. The revision was approved by the Board of Education on September 5, 2019.

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WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools determined that Central Office Administrators were required to attend certain functions in the best interest of the School District, including the BMUST Retirement/Annual Dinner, Nassau BOCES Awards Dinner, PTA Founders Day, Cultural Arts Luncheon, JFK Hall of Fame Awards Dinner; and

WHEREAS, members of the Board of Education in the best interest of the School District also attended such functions; and

WHEREAS, Central Office Administrators and Board Members attended and paid for said events; and

WHEREAS, such expenses are eligible for reimbursement, pursuant to Board Policy 6830.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes reimbursement to Central Office Administration and Board members for their attendance at said events; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the Assistant Superintendent of Business or her designee to process said reimbursement.

W. Summer Recreation Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Summer Camp of Bellmore-Merrick, Corp. for the lease of space at Merrick Avenue Middle School for the operation of a summer recreation program for the period July 1, 2019 through August 2, 2019, at a cost of \$62.50 per child per session.

X. CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Lanci stated we did receive correspondence.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Connor Desmond spoke about the conjoining and combination of the arts program in Kennedy High School. He stated that combining the classes could lessen the experience for the student. Mr. DeTommaso said that we put a lot of effort into the Arts and we love to run individual courses but a lot depends on the enrollment. He said that he will have Cheryl Fontana, Director of Fine and Performing arts look into it.

Aaron Goldsmith wanted to discuss a private matter with the Board of Education and was addressed by counsel Chris Powers. Mr. Harrington was instructed to update the parent after discussion in executive session.

Hali Herman thanked the Board of Education for their dedication, commitment, and pride in our district. She said that the Board of Education does a lot that other district don't do and she thanked the members for their dedication to the students. She also thanked Ms. Hollings who she called "just awesome".

XII. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Goller thanked Michelle Gagnon, Dominique Tirino, Cheryl Fontana, art and music teachers and everyone that was involved for putting a phenomenal Cultural Arts Luncheon together.

XIII. POTENTIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a **MOTION** by Dr. Kaplan, seconded by Mr. Ferrara and carried 8-0, the Board of Education meeting entered executive session at 9:11 p.m.

RECONVENE

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Blane, seconded by Mr. Ferrara and carried 8-0, the Board of Education meeting reconvened into public session at 9:41 p.m.

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Piskin seconded by Ms. Blane and carried 8-0, the Board of Education approved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the Board, Addendum No. 6 to the Employment Agreement between the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a **MOTION** by Dr. Kaplan, seconded by Mr. Ferrara and carried 8-0, the Board of Education meeting entered executive session at 9:42 p.m.

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On a **MOTION** by Ms. Piskin seconded by Dr. Kaplan and carried 8-0, the Board of Education meeting reconvened into public session at 10:14 p.m.

On a **MOTION** by Dr. Kaplan seconded by Dr. Kaplan and carried 8-0, the Board of Education approved the Addendum to the Personnel Report dated June 5, 2019 item C.1a.a, appointment of Daniel Jantzen as Assistant Principal at Kennedy High School effective July 1, 2019.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Blane, seconded by Mr. Corona and carried 8-0, the Board of Education meeting entered executive session at 10:17 p.m.

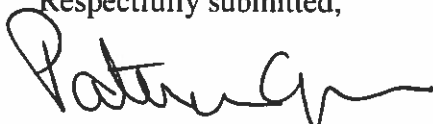
RECONVENE

On a **MOTION** by Dr. Kaplan, seconded by Ms. Miller and carried 8-0, the Board of Education meeting reconvened into public session at 11:13 p.m.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Goller, seconded by Mr. Ferrara and carried 8-0, the Board of Education meeting adjourned at 11:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pattianne Guccione  
District Clerk