

BELLMORE-MERRICK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021 – 8:00 PM

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 3, 2021 (See attached)
- IV. TREASURER’S REPORT – February 28, 2021 (See attached)

V. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

A. Presentations

Budget

Mikaela Coni Assistant Superintendent

Nassau County Girls Varsity Bowling Champions

Marissa Anselmo Mephram High School

Beth Delles Calhoun High School

Lauren DeMarco Calhoun High School

Shannon Lisle Calhoun High School

Noelle McIntosh Calhoun High School

Sophie Orlich Calhoun High School

Kylie Persampire Mephram High School

Caitlin Snoddy Calhoun High School

Kyra Wauchope Calhoun High School

B. Future Dates:

April 20

BOCES Vote

May 5

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VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS – **Agenda Items Only**

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VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Donations

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$2,100.00 from the Mephram High School baseball team towards the purchase of a batting cage for the baseball field, and increase the appropriations budget by the same amount. (See attached)
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$300.00 from the Merrick Lions Club Foundation Inc. for the Community Cupboard. (See attached)
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$150.00 from the Kiwanis Club of the Bellmores, Inc. for the Community Cupboard. (See attached)
4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$120.00 from the Bellmore-Merrick CHSD Coordinating Council of PTAs for the Community Cupboard. (See attached)
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a donation of six ping-pong tables with an approximate value of \$2,298.00 from the Calhoun Sports Boosters for Calhoun High School. (See attached)

B. Special Education

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following Special Education placements as recommended by the Committee on Special Education: 000011333, 000012214, 000012380, 000012556, 000013017, 000512108, 000512130, 000512135, 000512341, 080440007, 082140000, 131261226, 131261480, 131261996, 181911133, 201700017, 201700135, 201900125, 202000067, 202000097, 202000133, 202110205, 370001541. (See attached)

VIII. PERSONNEL REPORT – April 7, 2021

(See attached)

- A. Resignations
- B. Appointments
- C. Recommendation for Permanent Employment
- D. Recommendation for Continued Employment
- E. Volunteer
- F. Salary Reclassification
- G. Miscellaneous – Cell Phone Reimbursement
- H. Assigned Services - Non-Athletics – Cancellation
- I. Assigned Services – Non-Athletics
- J. Assigned Services – Athletics – Cancellation
- K. Assigned Services – Athletics

IX. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

- A. Bills and Corresponding Warrant – April 7, 2021 - *Information Only* (Previously sent)
- B. Budget Summary – March 31, 2021 - *Information Only* (Previously sent)
- C. Adoption of Budget Proposition
PROPOSITION NO. 1 – CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District, Town of Hempstead, County of Nassau, is authorized to expend the sums in the General Fund Appropriate of one hundred sixty-nine million, six hundred forty-five thousand, nine hundred fifty-four dollars (\$169,645,954) to be raised through taxation in the several districts included with the Central High School District after first deducting the monies available from state aid and other sources.
- D. 2021-2022 Fire Inspection Report
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the Fire Marshalls' 2021-2022 Inspection Reports. (See attached)
- E. Obsolete/Surplus Property
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education declare obsolete and approve the disposal of five (5) televisions, three (3) projectors, two (2) DVD/VCRs and two (2) television carts at Mepham High School. (See attached)
- F. Consultant
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the hiring of a consultant, The Business & Education Leadership Authority, to provide a Teaching and Learning Excellence Consultation and Presentation for teachers and staff, at a cost of \$6,500,000. (See attached)
- G. Receipt, Collection and Review of Certified Payroll Records
WHEREAS, contractors and subcontractors engaged by a school district for construction work are required to pay prevailing wages to their workers and are required to submit certified payroll records to the school district in connection with their obligation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Labor Law §220, the Board of Education designates Jon Simpkins as the individual responsible for Receipt, Collection and Review for facial validity of Certified Payroll Records.
- H. Employment Agreement
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District hereby authorizes and directs the Board President to execute addendum No. 8 to the April 2013 Employment Agreement between the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. John DeTommaso.
- I. Municipal Advisor Services
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve a municipal advisor services agreement with Munistat to provide research and analysis at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00. (See attached)

- J. Cooperative Bid – 2021-2022 – Nassau County Association of Buildings & Grounds
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following Cooperative Bidding Resolution for the 2020-2021 school year:

WHEREAS, it is the plan of a number of Nassau County Public School Districts, during the 2021-2022 school year, to bid cooperatively for the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment and repairs (the “Commodities”); and

WHEREAS, the Bellmore Merrick Central High School District (the “School District”) is desirous of participating in the cooperative bidding of the Commodities, as authorized by General Municipal Law, Article 5-G; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Education has reviewed the Cooperative Bid Procedures (“Procedures”) governing its rights and responsibilities should it elect to participate in the cooperative bidding of the Commodities;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints the Superintendent or his designee to represent it in all matters relative above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Procedures, the Board of Education agrees to award bid item purchases according to the recommendations of the Superintendent and the Boards of Education of the Cooperative School Districts, if such award is in the best interest of the school district. (See attached)

- K. Inter-Municipal Transportation Management
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the renewal of an existing Inter-Municipal Transportation Management Services agreement between Bellmore-Merrick Central HS District, the Bellmore UFSD, the Merrick UFSD, the North Bellmore UFSD and the North Merrick UFSD authorizing inter-municipal cooperation and assistance with and among each other for the consolidation of their transportation management services and administration of the transportation management by a single transportation coordinator for the 2021-2022 school year.

- L. Non-Public School Transportation
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District approve the provision of bus transportation to particular non-public schools for a period of three years starting with the 2021-2022 school year. This period of time will become irrelevant if an eligible student should register for transportation to the school in question during this time. The three-year period will restart once there are no longer eligible students in attendance. (NY State Education Law §3635.)

M. Inter-Municipal Transportation Cooperative

WHEREAS, a number of public school districts in Nassau County wish to jointly solicit proposals, together with the Nassau Board of Cooperative Educational Services (“BOCES”) for pupil transportation services for the 2021-2022 school year (and any renewal period) in accordance with the applicable provisions of General Municipal Law;

WHEREAS, the public school districts and the BOCES have agreed to form a Cooperative (the “Cooperative”) for this purpose;

WHEREAS, the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District is desirous of participating in the Cooperative for joint solicitation of proposals for pupil transportation services as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Inter-Municipal Cooperative Transportation Agreement attached hereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the School District to participate in the Cooperative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Inter-Municipal Cooperative Transportation Agreement attached hereto and authorizes the Board President to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education. (See attached)

N. Special Counsel – Lewis Brisbois, LLP

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute an Engagement Letter with Lewis Brisbois, LLP, subject to final review by Ingerman Smith, LLP, wherein Lewis Brisbois is appointed as Special Counsel to the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District (“School District”) at the rate of \$225 per hour for the purpose of representing and defending the School District in connection with a lawsuit captioned as *Dominic Baldi v. ABB, Inc.*, New York County Index No. 190217/2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute a Disclosure and Consent Agreement with Ingerman Smith, L.L.P. agreeing to joint representation as to counsel and guidance of the School District with other school districts named in the lawsuit in the form attached hereto on behalf of the Board of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute a Consent to Joint Representation with Lewis Brisbois, LLP agreeing to joint representation in the defense of the School District with other school districts named in the lawsuit, subject to final review by Ingerman Smith, LLP. (See attached)

O. 3020-a Decision

WHEREAS, per N.Y. Education Law Section 3020-a, disciplinary charges were preferred against a certain tenured teacher of the School District;

WHEREAS, the State Education Department assigned the disciplinary case a particular case number, that is State Education Department Case No. 35,619;

WHEREAS, a hearing was held and completed before Jay Nadelbach, Esq., the designated Hearing Officer in this matter;

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2021, the Hearing Officer issued his final decision in the form of the Opinion and Award regarding the case;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the N.Y. Education Law, the Board of Education is obligated to implement said decision;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education having reviewed the Hearing Officer's decision in the form of his Opinion and Award, hereby authorizes the implementation of the decision and terminates the tenured employee, known to the Board of Education in Executive Session, from his employment in the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District, effective close of business April 9, 2021;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to take necessary administrative steps for the implementation of the decision.

X. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

XI. CORRESPONDENCE

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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XIII. POTENTIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Special BOCES Budget Vote/Trustee Election: April 20, 2021
Next Regular Meeting/Budget Public Hearing: May 5, 2021
Budget Vote: May 18, 2021