

MINUTES OF THE BELLMORE-MERRICK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING JUNE 1, 2022

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A regular meeting of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday evening, June 1, 2022, in the Auditorium of the Administrative Offices at the Brookside Educational Center at 1260 Meadowbrook Road, North Merrick, New York.

The following members of the Board of Education were present:

Edward Corona, President  
Nina Lanci, Vice President  
Marion Blane  
Melissa Cmar-Grote  
Janet Goller  
Dr. Nancy Kaplan  
Tracey Miller  
Gina Piskin

Also present:

Michael Harrington, Superintendent of Schools  
Mikaela Coni, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
Scott Bersin, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment  
David Seinfeld, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Administration  
Eric Arlin, Executive Director of Alternative Education  
Emily Paluseo, 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 Administrative & Instructional Technology and Data Protection/Security  
Maura Kempton, Assistant Director of Special Education and Pupil Services  
Jon Simpkins, Director of School Facilities and Operations  
Tom Volpe, Supervisor of Transportation  
Christopher Powers, School Attorney  
Pattianne Guccione, District Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Corona called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Corona led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Piskin, seconded by Ms. Miller and carried 8-0, the Board of Education moved to appoint Michael Harrington as the Acting District Clerk during Executive Session.

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Goller, seconded by Ms. Piskin and carried 8-0, the Board of Education moved into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and a specific personnel issue.

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Miller, seconded by Ms. Lanci and carried 8-0, the Board of Education reconvened to Public Session at 7:20 p.m.

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Piskin, seconded by Ms. Miller and carried 8-0, the Board of Education moved into Executive Session to discuss a specific personnel issue at 7:45 p.m.

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Goller, seconded by Ms. Cmar-Grote and carried 8-0, the Board of Education reconvened to Public Session at 8:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Corona led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Corona asked for a moment of silence to remember the 21 souls that lost their lives in the tragic school shooting in Uvalde, TX.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a **MOTION** Ms. Piskin, seconded by Ms. Blane and carried 8-0 the Board of Education approved the minutes from the May 4, 2022 meeting.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Piskin, seconded by Ms. Lanci and carried 8-0, the Board of Education approved the Treasurer's Report dated April 30, 2022.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Harrington thanked our Veterans and Servicemen and Servicewomen for their efforts and sacrifices for our country as we remembered them on Memorial Day. He thanked the community for passing the school budget and congratulated Ms. Piskin and Ms. Goller on their re-election to their elementary school's Board of Education.

Ms. Harrington said this has been a difficult week for everyone with the devastation from the school shooting in Uvalde, TX. He explained the security measures that the district has in place, such as our security personnel having current or past law enforcement backgrounds, additional interior and exterior cameras, security vestibules, and our enhanced partnership with Nassau County Police and Homeland Security. Mr. Harrington said we use Go Guardian Platform so that our technology department receives an alert if a student uses key words which are alarming or concerning. He also mentioned how our partnership with South Oaks/Northwell Health and the hiring of additional counselors and psychologists has helped with mental health support. Mr. Harrington further explained that the district will be enhancing our door locks and has reassigned some safety personnel to do more exterior patrols based on recommendations from Nassau County. He assured everyone that school safety and security will always be a top priority, and we will make sure that we are doing the right thing based on current standards and information. Mr. Harrington said times like this are scary and we will make sure that our schools are safe for our students and staff.

A. **Presentations**

Mr. Harrington said that our June meeting is always special because we get to recognize so many people and had so many wonderful events. He congratulated the Girls Flag Football, and Calhoun Boys Baseball for winning the County Championship. He mentioned the excitement of the County Championship game of Mepham vs Calhoun in Girls Softball with Calhoun taking the County Championship. He said there were so many amazing athletes this year, 2 divisional track champions, Mepham and Calhoun Girls Lacrosse making it to the quarter finals and Kennedy's Golf Team winning the Conference Championship. He said students just keep getting better and better and he congratulated them on these tremendous accomplishments.

Mr. Harrington congratulated the Valedictorians and Salutatorians, calling them the best of the best in academics.

2022 Bellmore-Merrick Valedictorians and Salutatorians

Mr. Corona presented an Award of Honor certificate to Tina Cheng, Valedictorian of Calhoun High School and said that one of Tina's most admirable traits is her completely independent nature. Her intrinsic work ethic and inherent drive for success led her to score a 35 on her ACTs, and is the reason why she will be graduating Calhoun High School with a 101.96 GPA! We wish Tina all the best next year as she begins her journey at Cornell University.

Ms. Miller presented an Award of Honor certificate to Kaitlin Bondi, Salutatorian of Calhoun High School and said Kaitlin has created a path for herself that has led to success in every realm, excelling academically and as an athlete, a science researcher and a committed advocate to service within the school and community. She has served as a student leader in many facets, a friend to many, and a mentor and role model to all. Katie will be pursuing her degree in Health Science at Northeastern University in the fall.

Ms. Goller presented an Award of Honor certificate to Christopher Prainito, Valedictorian of Kennedy High School and said Christopher is intellectually curious and willing to take risks to follow his passions. He is wise beyond his years and is exceedingly prepared for the intensity and lifestyle that a college environment offers. He is a respectful young man who is decent to the very core, and we wish him nothing but the best as he begins his journey at Harvard University in the fall.

Dr. Kaplan presented an Award of Honor certificate to Michelle Brown, Salutatorian of Kennedy High School and said Michelle is the absolute "real deal": a scholar, a musician, a scientist, a leader and so much more. Her dependable, ambitious and personable persona make her a true role model to all and someone you can rely on for anything. She is a genuine learner who excels in all academic areas and accepts nothing less than her best. We wish her all the best as she begins her next chapter at Duke University this fall.

Ms. Piskin said Jenna Friedlander, Valedictorian of Meadowbrook Alternative Program (MAP) was not present to accept her Award of Honor Certificate but said that Jenna has a love for learning. You can often find Jenna learning a new language or researching the history of a person of interest. She strives to be the best and at MAP is serious about getting her work done in a timely manner at the highest level of quality. Jenna plans to continue her academic achievement as an honors student at Nassau Community College.

Ms. Piskin presented an Award of Honor certificate to Dara Levitt, Salutatorian of MAP and said Dara is courageous in his pursuit of learning. His confidence in himself has developed tremendously over a very short period of time while at MAP. Academically, he is an active participant in class who is both inquisitive and curious in his pursuit of knowledge. Dara is a valued member of the MAP community who will be greatly missed. He will continue his academic studies at Nassau Community College next year.

Ms. Lanci presented an Award of Honor certificate to Helena Fu, Valedictorian of Mepham High School and said Helena is an exceptional young lady. Throughout her four years at Mepham, Helena has had the opportunity to take countless courses. Once such course was AP Research, a two-year course in which Helena conducted a study on sustainable development in urban centers. Helena received a 5 on her paper, and was also one of only 375 out of 24,049 students worldwide to score all possible points on this research. Helena has enrolled in the Sciences Po Paris-Columbia University dual BA Program and will have the opportunity to study at both universities beginning in the fall.

Ms. Cmar-Grote presented an Award of Honor certificate to Justin Dioguardi, Salutatorian of Mepham High School and said Justin has challenged himself throughout his high school tenure with his rigorous course selection taking a high concentration of Advance Placement, Honors, and Dual Enrollment classes. Justin has been named an AP Scholar with Distinction and was also commended by his AP Chemistry teacher with the Outstanding Scholastic Achievement Award. We wish Justin continued success as he begins his next chapter majoring in Economics at Northwestern University.

Conference Player of the Year and NYS All-State Basketball

Ms. Lanci presented Hailey Guerrero of Mepham High School with an Award of Honor certificate and said this past season Hailey led us to a 16-3 record in Nassau County Girls Basketball. She was named All-County for her second straight season, and was named Conference Player of the Year in A1. Hailey was also named to the All-State Basketball Team A which is a true honor as only 14 players in all of Nassau County were recognized including students from public, private and catholic school. Hailey will play softball next year for Stony Brook University.

Mr. Harrington presented each of the student representatives with a personalized gavel and said on behalf of the Board of Education and the community of the Bellmore-Merrick CHSD, we would like to thank you for your role as Student Representatives at our Board of Education meetings. Their monthly updates were extremely informative and, many times, entertaining. It was truly a pleasure to see their enthusiasm and school spirit and wished them much success in all their future endeavors. He invited them to sit on the dais as they give their last presentation to the audience.

Student Representatives

Amanda Montalbano from Meadowbrook Alternative Program said MAP has been a very busy lately, starting with their Brookside Buddies Program. MAP and Prep Academy came together to take part in various activities. They made a memory garden for Alzheimer's awareness and added a hamster named Gershwin to the MAP family. She congratulated Valedictorian Jenna Friedlander and Salutatorian Dara Levitt. In closing, she announced that 18 students will be graduating and are ready to take on the world.

Julie Moehringer from Calhoun High School said their spring sports did amazing this year. The Girls Track and Softball were second in the county. The Boys Baseball team won the Nassau County Championship and the Lacrosse team is playing tonight in the county championship. Last week they had their senior awards and a successful Bellmore-Merrick challenge day. In closing, she reflected on her years at Calhoun, saying it is a welcoming and amazing place where she formed great friendships. She is grateful for all of the opportunities she was given, saying Ms. Hollings and the rest of the administration truly work so hard to create a wonderful school environment for every student to feel welcome. She thanked the Board of Education for this opportunity and will truly miss Calhoun and this district.

Nicole Rosen said that Kennedy High School hosted their commitment day to honor the seniors and their future plans. The band, orchestra and choir held awesome spring concerts and they had a dedication ceremony for the Lorraine Poppe Pavilion. Kennedy also hosted their Class Night, Color Run, inducted 70 students into the English Honor Society and the senior class had a successful fashion show. She thanked the Board of Education for the opportunity to present every month and said it has been a pleasure.

Anthony Scotto from Mepham High School thanked the Board of Education, central office and administration for their support and encouragement this year, saying it has been a pleasure providing regular updates and learning more about the other buildings. He congratulated the Valedictorians and Salutatorians. He said the Battle of the Classes have now raised over \$75,000 for the St. Baldrick's Foundation and the ASR students participated in the ASR Symposium. He congratulated the cultural Arts Competition winners, Hailey Guerrero, Nicholas Carrano, Merryum Tuurmann, spring athletic teams, Varsity Softball Team and Bellmore-Merrick Girls Flag Football team, for all of their accomplishments. Lastly, he said his years at Mepham have flown by and it has been an honor to serve as Class President of Mepham over the course of his high school career. He is thankful for all of the invaluable lessons he has learned and the various memories he made with peers, teachers and administrators that will undoubtedly prepare him for his future and college.

Recognition of Board President Edward Corona for Service and Leadership

Mr. Harrington thanked Mr. Corona for his leadership in this challenging school year. Ms. Lanci presented Mr. Corona with a plaque, saying that this Board of Education has very talented and strong individuals with the best interest of the students and staff at heart. Ms. Lanci thanked Mr. Corona for his leadership as the Board of Education President. Dr. Kaplan explained that by serving on the Bellmore-Merrick CHSD Board of Education, decisions made sometimes affect the elementary school districts. Dr. Kaplan, on behalf of the Merrick SD, thanked Mr. Corona for his dedication to kids.

Recognition of retiring members of the Bellmore-Merrick Educational Community

Mr. Harrington congratulated the 18 retirees that were recognized earlier this evening whose combined years of service was 433 years.

Recognition of retiring members of the Bellmore-Merrick PTAs

Mr. Harrington said 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. In addition, during the last two and half years, these dedicated parents also served on our School Reopening Committee and were instrumental in helping us navigate the many challenges associated with the pandemic. The community is a better place as a result of their unselfish contributions and we are forever grateful for their selfless service.

The following PTA members were given Award of Honor certificates:

Coordinating Council of PTAs

Alyse Berke, Co-President

Calhoun High School

Carolyn Moehringer, Recording Secretary

Claudine Aievoli, Vice President

Mary Ann Chin, District Council Chair

Cari Horn, Treasurer

Alicia Turbe, Spirit Wear Chairperson

Kennedy High School

Beth Fingeroth, President

Laura Strawa, Vice President of Ways & Means

Mr. Harrington mentioned the future dates and thanked the Board of Education for their support.

B. Future Dates:

June 2	Pirates Treasure Awards Calhoun Blue/Grey Awards Kennedy Cougar Pride Calhoun Spring Arts
June 3	Calhoun On Tour Senior Show Science Performance Ends
June 4	Calhoun Bambino Scholarship Show
June 6	Middle School 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Awards
June 7	Mephram Varsity Awards Calhoun Sports Booster Awards
June 8	Mephram Sports Boosters Senior Breakfast
June 9	High School Proms
June 10	Middle School Moving Up Day
June 12	High School Graduations
June 13	MAP Graduation
June 20	Juneteenth – <b>Schools Closed</b>
June 24	Last Day of School Students and Teachers
July 12	Board of Education - Organizational Meeting

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS – *Agenda Items Only*

Mr. Corona stated:

“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.

Having said that, please note that the Board is here to listen. The public comment period is not designed to be a discussion. Accordingly, please do not expect the Board to respond to your concerns and questions tonight. This is because we take your concerns and questions seriously and want to have sufficient time to process and research issues, if need be. We will, however, respond to your questions and concerns at a future meeting, or have the proper staff member get back to you at the appropriate time.

I also want to point out that under state and federal privacy laws we are unable to entertain any comments or questions about school personnel. Please know, however, that we take personnel concerns very seriously. On these matters, we would ask you to go through the appropriate administrative channels.”

There were no public comments made on agenda items.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Piskin, seconded by Ms. Miller and carried 8-0, the Board of Education approved agenda items VII.A through VII.D.

- A. 2022 Budget Vote Results  
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the 2022 Budget Vote results as reported by the component districts.
- B. Board of Education Meeting Dates  
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the recommended 2022-2023 Board of Education meeting dates.
- 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 2022-2023 average daily attendance as determined by the student attendance computer programs.
- D. Donation  
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a donation from the Calhoun Sports Boosters of a basketball shooting machine with a value of \$6,640.00 to support the basketball program at Calhoun High School.

Mr. Corona thanked the Calhoun Sports Boosters for the donation.

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Piskin, seconded by Ms. Goller and carried 8-0, the Board of Education approved agenda items VII.E through VIII.H.

- E. Special Education
  - 1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the revised recommended Special Education vendors for the 2022-2023 school year.
  - 2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following Special Education placements as recommended by the Committee on Special Education (CSE): 000011700, 000012020, 000012598, 000012884, 000013046, 000513296, 131261607, 131261657, 131262239, 201900111 and 202100236.

VIII. PERSONNEL REPORT – June 1, 2022

- A. Resignations
- B. Appointments
- C. Recommendation for Continued Employment
- D. Recommendation for Permanent Status
- E. Leave Requests
- F. Salary Reclassification

G. Rescission of Prior Granting of Tenure

- 1. RESOLVED, that the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District hereby rescinds its May 4, 2022 Resolution to grant tenure to Employee #4167 effective September 1, 2022. Such rescission is effective immediately.
- 2. RESOLVED, that the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District hereby rescinds its May 4, 2022 Resolution to grant tenure to Employee #4342 effective August 27, 2022. Such rescission is effective immediately.

H. Approval of Letter Agreement/Extension of Probation

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education herewith authorizes and approves a certain Letter Agreement and General Release between a certain probationary employee #4167 and the Board of Education of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education herewith extends the probationary period for the above-referenced probationary employee from August 31, 2022 to August 31, 2023, in accordance with the above-referenced Letter Agreement and General Release.

Mr. Corona said that an Addendum to the Personnel Report has been added to tonight's agenda and it is labeled VIII.I

On a **MOTION** by Dr. Kaplan, seconded by Ms. Miller and carried 8-0, the Board of Education approved the addendum to the Personnel Report, item VIII.I.

- I. Personnel Report  
Appointment Addendum

IX. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

A. Bills and Corresponding Warrant – June 1, 2022

The Board of Education reviewed the bills and corresponding warrant.

B. Bids

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

C. Budget Summary – May 31, 2022

The Board of Education reviewed the budget summary.



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

D. District-Wide Safety Team

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the District-Wide Safety Team for the 2022-2023 school year.

E. School Safety Plans

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has reviewed the district-wide and building-level School Safety Plans for the 2022-2023 school year and directs that the district-wide school safety plan be made available for public comment.

F. External Auditor

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve a \$3,000 fee increase to the agreement with Cullen & Danowski, LLP for External Auditor services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 at an annual cost of \$51,900.

G. Budget Transfers

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Bellmore-Merrick CHSD approve the following budget transfers to cover 2021-2022 school year expenses:

From: A2250.490-00-0000 (BOCES Spec Ed)	\$325,000
To: A2250.400-08-4300 (Contractual Spec Ed-Related Services)	\$325,000
To cover costs for Special Ed related services	

From: A5581.490-00-0000 (BOCES Transportation)	\$75,000
A9060.800-00-0000 (Health Insurance)	\$550,000
To: A5540.410-00-0000 (Out of District Transportation)	\$625,000
To cover out of district transportation costs	

From: A2250.490-00-0000 (BOCES Spec Ed)	\$180,000
A2280.490-00-0000 (BOCES Admin)	\$140,000
To: A2630.490-00-0000 (BOCES Technology)	\$320,000
To cover BOCES technology costs	

H. Reserve Funds

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize a transfer of an amount not to exceed two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) from fund balance of the General Fund as of June 30, 2022 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, 2022 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 five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) from fund balance of the General Fund as of June 30, 2022 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 two million dollars (\$2,000,000) from fund balance of the General Fund as of June 30, 2022 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, 2022 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, 2022 to the Unemployment Insurance Reserve (GML §6-m,2).

I. Memorandum of Agreement

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 this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022 by and between the negotiation representatives of the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc., Local 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO – Clerical Unit and the negotiating representatives of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District.

J. Obsolete/Surplus Property

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education declare obsolete and approve the disposal of 880 Chromebooks and 60 desktops located throughout the district.

K. School Lunch Prices

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the recommended prices for school lunch and food items for school year 2022-2023.

L. 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 2022-23 school year.

WHEREAS, Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District, 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, Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District, 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 Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District, hereby appoints Long Island School Nutrition Directors Association Cooperative Bid Committee to represent it in all matters related above, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District's Board of Education authorized 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 Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District's Board of Education agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs of the cooperative bidding, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District'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; (3) that after award of contract(s), it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).

M. 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 2022-2023 with the total cost of \$2,300.00.

N. Actuarial Analysis – Sound Actuarial Consulting, LLC.

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, 2022 at a cost of \$9,500.00.

O. BOCES of Nassau County-Classroom Use

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with BOCES of Nassau County for the use of one (1) classroom at Kennedy High School from 9/1/2022 – 6/30/2023 at a rental rate of \$8,150.00 for the ten-month period and \$1,725.00 annually per student in connection with mainstreaming.

P. BOCES of Nassau County-Summer School

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with BOCES of Nassau County for a "Regional Summer School Program" with a provision for distance learning for Bellmore-Merrick Central High School students and others commencing on or about July 1, 2022 through August 31, 2022 at costs listed therein.

Q. BOCES Technology Lease Agreement

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District 41-826078 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 \$941,624.34 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 July1, 2022 to June 30, 2027.

R. Owner-Contractor Agreements

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an Owner-Contractor agreement with Crossroads Construction Corp, for interior reconstruction of the Calhoun High School Cosmetology Room, with a contract sum of \$363,000.00 subject to additions and deductions.

S. Pitney Bowes Lease Agreement

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District desires to enter into a five year contract with the Pitney Bowes for the lease of a six SendPro P Series mail machines.

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District hereby approves the agreements with Pitney Bowes for the lease of six SendPro P Series mail machines at for an annual cost of \$3,572.40 each.

T. Transportation Contract Extensions

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the extension of school bus transportation contracts with First Student, We Transport Inc., BOCES Transportation and Suburban Bus Transportation, Inc. for Summer 2022, and school year 2022-2023 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.

U. Transportation Contract Extension

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve year 2 of a 2-year extension of school bus transportation contracts with Guardian Bus Company, Inc. for school year 2022-2023 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 extension. Extension parameters listed include large bus and van contracts in all categories, athletic and charter trips to be included.

V. Settlement of Litigation

WHEREAS, Dominic Baldi commenced litigation against the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District, and multiple other defendants; and

WHEREAS, in connection with said lawsuit the School District asserted various defenses to the claims alleged by Dominic Baldi against the School District; and

WHEREAS, the parties have agreed to settle their claims to avoid further litigation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District hereby authorizes settlement of the action titled “Dominic Baldi, Plaintiffs, -against- ABB, INC., Individually and as successor in interest to ITE Circuit Breakers, Inc, d/b/a Bulldog, et al., [including but not limited to] . . . Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District” venued in New York State Supreme Court, County of New York, Index No. 190217/2020 in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement and Release and Settlement Agreement and Release Medicare Addendum between the parties, said agreements having been reviewed and approved in Executive Session with the Board and counsel for the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President and/or Superintendent of Schools to execute the above-mentioned agreements;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the School District’s attorneys of record to execute any and all other documents necessary to effectuate said settlement and/or discontinue of the action.

W. 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 2022-2023 school year at a cost of \$535.00 per student.

X. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Piskin mentioned that because of a Merrick SD Board of Education meeting she would not be able to attend the Bellmore-Merrick CHSD awards ceremony.

Ms. Goller, on behalf of the Board of Education thanked Mr. Harrington for his hard work and dedication and for doing an incredible job in a very challenging year.

XI. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Corona stated the Board of Education received 1 mailed correspondence and 6 emails between April 29, 2022 and May 26, 2022.

XII. **MOTION TO CONVENE TO PUBLIC HEARING – SCHOOL SAFETY PLANS**

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Lanci, seconded by Ms. Miller and carried 8-0, the Board of Education moved into the Public Hearing for the School Safety Plans.

Ms. Coni explained the School Safety Plan adoption process, saying that the School Safety Team finalized the plan last week and thanked the team for their all of their effort. She said the plan will be posted online and there is a 30 day period for comments and questions before the Board of Education adopts the plan, files it with NYS and shares it with local law enforcement. Ms. Coni explained some safety precautions that are in place such as extended security personnel hours, a security contract with an outside agency, current or prior law enforcement background for 95% of our security team, security cameras and emergency panic buttons which give a top priority alert to law enforcement when used. Ms. Coni said if anyone has any comments or questions to contact her office.

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Miller, seconded by Ms. Blane and carried 8-0, the Board of Education ended the Public Hearing for the School Safety Plans.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Corona stated:

“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.

Having said that, please note that the Board is here to listen. The public comment period is not designed to be a discussion. Accordingly, please do not expect the Board to respond to your concerns and questions tonight. This is because we take your concerns and questions seriously and want to have sufficient time to process and research issues, if need be. We will, however, respond

to your questions and concerns at a future meeting, or have the proper staff member get back to you at the appropriate time.

I also want to point out that under state and federal privacy laws we are unable to entertain any comments or questions about school personnel. Please know, however, that we take personnel concerns very seriously. On these matters, we would ask you to go through the appropriate administrative channels.”

Vincenza S. spoke about her daughter’s social and emotional health, adding she has spoken with Mr. Gomez and Mr. Corona about an issue in one of her daughter’s classes. She wants the Board of Education to do more to resolve this issue.

Mr. Corona confirmed that he has spoken with her at length on behalf of the Board of Education and that every child should feel safe in school adding that they are still in the process of looking into her matter.

XIV. POTENTIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Education did not enter into Executive Session

XV. ADJOURNMENT

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Piskin, seconded by Ms. Miller and carried 8-0, the Board of Education meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pattianne Guccione  
District Clerk