

MINUTES OF THE BELLMORE-MERRICK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING JUNE 23, 2022

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A special meeting of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Board of Education was held on Thursday, June 23, 2022, in the Boardroom 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  
Melissa Cmar-Grote  
Janet Goller  
Dr. Nancy Kaplan  
Tracey Miller  
Gina Piskin

The following member of the Board of Education was not present:

Marion Blane

Also present:

Michael Harrington, Superintendent of Schools  
Christopher Powers, School Attorney

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Corona at 6:20 p.m.

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Lanci, seconded by Ms. Cmar-Grote and carried 7-0, the Board of Education moved to appoint Michael Harrington as the Acting District Clerk.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Corona said "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.

Mr. Corona asked why the language in the Bellmore-Merrick United Secondary Teachers Memorandum of Agreement does not state that the Board of Education is making this agreement. Mr. Powers explained that the language “School District” is inclusive of the Board of Education.

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Goller, seconded by Ms. Piskin and carried 7-0, the Board of Education approved item IV.

- IV. 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022 by and between the negotiation representatives of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Lanci, seconded by Ms. Cmar-Grote and carried 7-0, the Board of Education entered into Executive Session at 6:25 p.m. to discuss the End of Year Evaluation and 2022/2023 Contract for the Superintendent of Schools.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Lanci, seconded by Dr. Kaplan and carried 7-0, the Board of Education meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Harrington  
Superintendent of Schools