

MINUTES OF THE BELLMORE-MERRICK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING JUNE 7, 2023

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A regular meeting of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday evening, June 7, 2023, in the Board Conference Room 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:

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

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

Dr. Nancy Kaplan

Also present:

Michael Harrington, Superintendent of Schools
Scott Bersin, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
Mikaela Coni, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Eric Gomez, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Administration
Eric Arlin, Executive Director of Alternative Education
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
Emily Paluseo, 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

Ms. Lanci called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Miller, seconded by Ms. Goller and carried 7-0, the Board of Education moved into Executive Session to discuss a specific personnel matter and business.

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Goller, seconded by Ms. Miller and carried 7-0, the Board of Education reconvened to Public Session at 7:36 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Lanci led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a moment of silence to remember the victims of the shooting tragedy in Virginia.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Piskin, seconded by Ms. Miller and carried 7-0 the Board of Education approved the minutes from the May 3, 2023 meeting.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Miller, seconded by Ms. Goller and carried 7-0, the Board of Education approved the Treasurer's Report dated April 30, 2023.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Harrington welcomed everyone to the meeting and said that this is the last meeting of the school year. He said that June is a month of celebrations and recognition. He thanked the community for passing the school budget and everyone that participated in the Memorial Day parade. He mentioned the wonderful accomplishments in academics, arts, our plays and concerts, the senior awards and said that he doesn't remember a more successful spring athletic season. He said tonight we will have the opportunity to recognize students, staff and parents. We will acknowledge an extraordinary Assistant Principal for his work in technology, a student who brought Stop the Bleed training to every one of her classmates, our Valedictorians and Salutatorians, we will have a special presentation for our Student Representatives. We also get to recognize our Board of Education President and outgoing PTA parents.

A. **Presentations**

Nassau Association of School Technologists Award Recipient

Ms. Lanci presented Andrew DelRosario of Mepham High School with an Award of Honor certificate and said the Nassau Association of School Technologists Award Recipients (NASTARS) are chosen for their innovation, their ability to seamlessly integrate technology, and for their exemplary technology leadership. Andy is a founding member of the district's Technology Integration Mentor program. In this role he oversees both the Technology Integration Mentor and Technology Support teams, and has been instrumental in the overall success of many district initiatives, including but not limited to: 1:1 rollout, transition to Infinite Campus and Google Workspace for Education, Cybersecurity and Ed-Law 2D, Achieve3000, BYOD, and the award winning Mepham HS Broadcasting program. Andy always embraces the many challenges that come along with the ever-changing digital age, viewing it as a means to professional growth. He is a forward-thinking problem solver with an innovative mindset and the definition of a true team player. But perhaps what makes Mr. DelRosario most deserving of this award is that every decision he makes regarding not only instructional and administrative technology but education as a whole is done so with the best interest of students always at the forefront of his mindset. His humble and genuine nature makes him a leader our entire community respects and admires.

Stop the Bleed

Ms. Piskin presented Sydney Brewer of Kennedy High School with an Award of Honor certificate and said that with three quick actions, you can be trained to save a life. The number one cause of preventable death after injury is bleeding. That is why you need to be trained to STOP THE BLEED. Sydney Brewer, a junior at Kennedy High School, knew something needed to be done after watching the news about the Sandy Hook school shooting tragedy when she was a little girl. Her goal is to make sure each classroom at Kennedy High School has kits that have the essential products that can help to save a life. So far Sydney has raised money through raffles, donations, and an event held at the Brokerage in Bellmore. Sydney is working to get doctors from Northwell Health to come to school and teach the students and teachers how to use the kits. Sydney is still accepting donations to expand further and to get this in each school in our district.

2023 Bellmore-Merrick Valedictorians and Salutatorians

Serena Palmer, Valedictorian of Calhoun High School was not present to accept her Award of Honor certificate but Mr. Corona said Serena is a quintessential example of what it takes to be a successful student. Her ability to prioritize and manage her responsibilities effortlessly are ingrained in her work ethic. Her intelligence, ambition and independence have guided her to her current successes. Serena is an active member of Math Club, Book Club, Science Club, Medical Club, in seven Honor Societies and is the Vice President of Key Club. She is also an outstanding gymnast who competes at the gold-level. The most meaningful part of Serena's Calhoun experience has been her involvement in Key Club. Being the club's secretary in her junior year and being promoted to Vice President during her senior year was second nature to her. Serena enjoyed bringing the community together by creating fundraisers and events through the club's platform. Serena's natural leadership qualities and impressive academic standing will leave a lasting impression at Calhoun. We wish her well in her next chapter at Binghamton University.

Evana Toumazatos, Valedictorian of Calhoun High School was not present to accept her Award of Honor certificate but Ms. Miller said Evanna is an outstanding young woman who has truly made an impact in the Cahoun community. She is a mature, resilient, determined and kindhearted individual who has an innate drive to succeed and a thirst for knowledge. Throughout her Calhoun career, Evana has worked beyond her potential and has taken advantage of everything Calhoun has to offer. No matter the Challenge, no matter the setback, Evana has never given up. Evana is a Quest Bridge Junior Scholar, AP Scholar with Distinction, and a National Merit Scholarship Commended Student. She is a member of the National Honor Society and five other Honor Societies. Within the Calhoun community, Evana has a wide range of impressive extracurricular activities, such as President of the Philosophy club, Captain of the Varsity Tennis team, Captain of the Varsity Badminton team, member of the Math, Art and Environmental Clubs, and Biology and Science Olympiads. When Evana isn't busy over at Calhoun, she spends her time tutoring students, interning at the Cold Spring Harbor DNA Learning Center and working as a tennis instructor on the side. She is a well-rounded leader who has strong ambitions and focus. We are eager to hear all about her future accomplishments at Amherst College this upcoming fall.

Mr. Corona presented Joseph Fiscella, Salutatorian of Calhoun High School with an Award of Honor certificate and said Joseph is a model scholar and a student who has mastered all of his academic classes. This highly motivated young man is the consummate scholar and is extremely goal oriented. He is the student who will be remembered for his curiosity and genuine sense of wonder in the classroom. As well as taking a full load of AP courses, Joe is a member of five Honor Societies, an accomplished cellist and a leader in our On Tour Program. He was once asked to describe himself to his guidance counselor, he told her that anyone outside of the On Tour program would know him as a purely academic student. However, he loves that he can revel in the ridiculousness of an improvised scene at one of On Tour's improve nights or move an audience with intense, emotional performances in his productions. On Tour has provided Joe an outlet for an environment that really juxtaposes with the classroom and he loves it! As a leader he mentors his peers and celebrates their talents and achievements, he celebrates his friend's successes as much as he celebrates his own. He is gifted with an elevated work ethic and will be attending Brown University in the fall.

Ms. Goller presented Otto Velting, Valedictorian of Kennedy High School with an Award of Honor certificate and said Otto is a multifaceted senior at Kennedy High School who embodies kindness, scholarship, intensity and commitment. This extraordinary student is a young man who cares about others and embraces the opportunity to help make the world a better place. He champions selfless causes and embraces curriculum – inside and outside the classroom – that is geared toward preserving our environment. Science remains a central focus amidst Otto’s uniquely demanding academic program. Embracing rigor at every turn, Otto has assembled a flawless record while building a diverse interdisciplinary background. Through our AP Capstone program and seemingly countless AP classes, Otto remains inspired by research, synthesis and pragmatic application. He continues to earn recognition, especially for his investment within Environmental Science pursuits, within competitions as a member of our Science Club and Science Olympiad team. In our school community, Otto’s commitments to our varsity volleyball and baseball programs remain a source of great pride. He is a treasured teammate, known for his positivity and drive. Beyond our settings, Otto dedicates himself to community service groups such as SIBSHOPS, serving special needs students and their families. Otto eagerly looks forward to majoring in sustainability Engagement at Duke University.

Ms. Piskin presented Ty Gelman, Salutatorian of Kennedy High School with an Award of Honor certificate and said Ty incorporates everything it means to be a well-rounded student with outstanding character. Valued for his kindness towards his peers and teachers, it is in the classroom, the hallways, the Student Government events and on the Kennedy Cougar soccer field, that Ty’s personality really shines. His prominent accomplishments during the past four years have been his ability to be a high achiever, while giving service to his community and school. Intrinsically motivated and academically driven, Ty is committed to his studies and always eager to learn. Receiving superlative marks in the most intensive of classes we offer, he is a tremendous contributor to the atmosphere of the classroom and beyond. Heavily involved in our prestigious Advanced Science Research program, he invested countless hours of his time to his graduate level research project. Representing Kennedy admirably, his commitment to his research is continuously acknowledged and recognized. Ty was named a Child Mind Institute Rising Scientist and awarded 2nd place in the Regional Regeneron Long Island Science and Engineering Fair. As a true Scholar-Athlete, Ty was a starter for all four years on the varsity soccer team and was named Captain in his senior year. Ty’s philanthropic mindset and unmatched time-management skills enabled him to give back to the community in many ways, including being the Co-President for the Tutors-for-a-Cure campaign for our entire district. Ty will confidently continue his passions and dedication to academic excellence, as an Economics major at the University of Pennsylvania.

Ms. Goller presented Camerin McManus, Valedictorian of the Meadowbrook Alternative Program with an Award of Honor certificate and said Camerin has been a successful student at MAP right from the start of his participation in the program. Camerin boasts a very high GPA with a rigorous course load, and has taken college level course at Nassau Community College in his free time. Academics is not only the place where Camerin excels, he is a Bellmore-Merrick One Voice-One Message District Ambassador for MAP, a part of the FBLA Entrepreneurial Fundraising and Community Service Club, a published artist in two books, and he has played tennis and cross-country on District teams. Additionally, Camerin has been instrumental in organizing the MAP Kindness Bar activities where students received treats in return for acts of kindness. He is currently involved in a MAP beautification project, building a fountain for the MAP atrium, and has been a friend to the Prep Academy Program going surfing on Fridays during the fall and spring months. After

school and on the weekends, Camerin works in the athletic world at Gravity Vault helping people learn to rock climb and enjoys many outdoor activities. Camerin plans to attend Virginia Commonwealth University where he will study photography while exploring other areas of interest to study.

Ms. Lanci presented Jordan Nelson, Salutatorian of the Meadowbrook Alternative Program with an Award of Honor certificate and said Jordan arrived at MAP and instantly changed the landscape. He took the program by storm with his big heart, strong work ethic, and huge creative mind. As a student, Jordan achieved high levels making him MAP's Salutatorian. Jordan took on many leadership roles while at MAP: He represented MAP at the Board of Education meetings, Student Ambassador on the One Voice One Message committee, and was a member of the Leadership class. In this role, Jordan planned and executed many events to enhance mental health awareness and support through a series of Kindness Bar events. Jordan has also been an active participant in "Brookside Buddies" working with our students with developmental disabilities in the Prep Academy program. Jordan is currently spearheading a project to properly recycle balloons so they are not a danger to the environment as well as a project to recycle & reuse textiles and clothing. Jordan is a talented young man whose music that he wrote, performed and produced will be featured before and after the MAP graduation ceremony. Next year, he plans on attending Five Towns College to study business and music production.

Ms. Lanci presented Matthew Manno, Valedictorian of Mepham High School with an Award of Honor certificate and said Matthew has taken advantage of the opportunity to pursue his academic passions, while excelling in some of the most challenging classes Mepham has to offer. Most noteworthy was Matthew's enrollment in the AP Capstone program. His culminating research project was scored a five by the College Board, but no matter what the subject Matthew puts forth 110% effort in all of his classes earning him the title of AP Scholar with Distinction and an AP Capstone Certificate. Outside the classroom, Matthew is a recognizable face to the entire Mepham community. As Bellmore-Merrick Broadcasting's (BMB) Sports Director, he oversees the production of BMB's award-winning live sports production and creates a multitude of graphics to enhance the viewing experiences. Matthew has won two programs awards, two Broadcast Awards for Senior High through Stony Brook University and was National runner-up in Best Live Sports Broadcast twice with the entire BMB crew. Matthew's drive and passion is also reflected on the track. He gained an 18 second improvement in the 400m dash over the last three years. He also helped his team win a division championship in the 400m hurdles. Matthew is also an active member of six honor societies, a four-year member of "Mephacapella", and lends himself to the Mepham community through the Peer Tutoring club, community service opportunities and aids those with disabilities playing baseball as a buddy with the League of Yes. As the first ever junior to earn the title of Mr. Mepham, it is safe to say Matthew Manno has made an impact on our community. Matthew hopes to study broadcast journalism in college and will be attending Cornell University.

Ms. Cmar-Grote presented Gabriella Simal, Salutatorian of Mepham High School with an Award of Honor certificate and said throughout her time at Mepham High School, Gabriella has utilized every opportunity to engage in challenging courses that support her academic passions. She found a particular interest in the science field, which led to her participation in the science field, which led to her participation in the Advanced Science Research program. Gabriella had the privilege to submit her paper to the Regeneration competition as well as present her work at the LISEF competition. Gabriella's enthusiasm for learning earned her several accolades such as an AP Scholar with honor, a part of the National

Society of High School Honors, and a member of the National Honor Society as well as five other honor societies. Aside from her academic interests, Gabriella committed her time to the Mephram Varsity Kickline team. This served as a paramount component to Gabriella's high school experience. As a freshman, she was a part of the first Mephram team to win a NDA championship and being both junior and senior captain was a reflection of Gabriella's natural aptitude to holding herself accountable. Gabriella has always shown gratitude towards community service. Being able to help others is a primary reason for her career choice in the medical field. She is a member of the Leo Club and The World of Difference Club where she volunteered for organizations such as Santa's Little Allstars, participated in beach clean-ups, walked for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and worked alongside others during Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service to collect books and donate them to Book Fairies. In addition, she volunteered with the Emergency Medical Services as a member of the junior squad to receive first-hand training and experience. Gabriella will be missed at Mephram as she attends the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill next year.

Student Representatives

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. He said it has been a pleasure getting to know you as you gave us monthly updates, you made everyone very proud and you will leave a very special legacy. He invited them all to sit on the dais as they give their last presentation to the audience.

Jordan Nelson from Meadowbrook Alternative Program/Prep Academy thanked Mr. Harrington and the Board of Education saying tonight is bittersweet for him because he will remember this as one of the greatest moments of his high school career. Presenting to the Board of Education on behalf of his school has given him great pride throughout the course of his senior year. He thanked MAP and Prep Academy faculty for being an excellent family of supporters and educators and said joining MAP has been the greatest academic choice he could have made for himself. He said as the year is coming to an end, students celebrated Teacher and Nurse Appreciation Week, returned to the beach to continue surf therapy, took field trips to the Cradle of Aviation, Roosevelt Field Mall, Babylon Village, Levy Park and went to a Mets game. Students are wrapping up their end of year projects, finals and regents. In closing he said he feels he is ready for the road ahead, that he enjoyed his journey and will never forget his high school experience.

Rachel Oppenheim from Kennedy High School said that students have selected Sydney Brewer as President and Maxwell Izen as Vice-President of the student body for the 2023/2024 school year. She said that Kennedy students organized the 3-on-3 basketball tournament which was great. They also held the annual Cougar Pride awards in which 14 seniors were recognized for their commitment to the Kennedy community and teachers were honored for having a profound impact on students. They recently concluded the Student Government's End-of-Year celebration and Advanced Science Research Symposium which were very successful events. In closing, she said she is very grateful for the opportunity to share Kennedy's achievements at the Board of Education meetings every month. She thanked Mr. Harrington, the Board of Education and all of the administrators for their continued support of all of the students at Kennedy.

Sophia Tripiccione from Calhoun High School said seniors received their yearbooks and have been walking around getting them signed by their peers and teachers. Calhoun had many ceremonies celebrating the wonderful accomplishment of our seniors, including Blue & Grey Awards, general senior awards and scholarships, Seal of Biliteracy Awards, athlete awards and departmental awards. She said that sports finished up their seasons successfully and today they had their senior countdown event. She mentioned that tomorrow is prom and graduation is on Sunday, saying it is a very exciting week. She thanked the Board of Education for inviting her to speak at the monthly meetings saying it was a great experience. She said that for her, high school was an incredible experience with many ups and downs that taught her life lessons. She learned to embrace every moment, that hard work leads to high achievement and most importantly to stay true to herself and her passions.

Lily Yopez from Mephram High School said she is very grateful for the opportunity to be at the Board of Education meetings every month. She said in June, students held Senior Awards, Murphy Awards, Pirate Awards and honored teachers. She said that BMB students took 5 awards at the BASH Awards ceremony at Hofstra and the Senior Experience and Drama showcase was so impressive. She said tomorrow is prom and graduation is Sunday, and she thanked everyone for everything that she received in high school.

Recognition of Board President Nina Lanci for Service and Leadership

Mr. Harrington said assuming the role of President on this Board of Education is more challenging because the trustees on this Board of Education serve on two boards. He said they bring all of the elementary districts together and they support all of our programs. He said Ms. Lanci also has a full-time job in the business office of another district and dedicates her time to helping families in our community through the Bellmore Lions, all while taking care of her own family, she makes us all want to be a better person.

Ms. Goller presented Ms. Lanci with a plaque and said that his has been an honor working alongside her. She said Ms. Lanci is a true leader, always putting children first, always making decisions based on the best interest of the kids. She said we are honored to work with you, thank you for being an amazing leader and friend.

Ms. Lanci said that it has always been a pleasure to work with this Board of Education and the administrative team. She said that even if they disagree at times, they always come together for the best interest of the kids, with the same goals in mind.

Recognition of retiring members of the Bellmore-Merrick Educational Community

Mr. Harrington said earlier in the evening we honored 20 retirees that worked a total of 399 years of selfless service. He thanked them and wish them all well, saying they will be missed.

Recognition of retiring members of the Bellmore-Merrick PTAs

Ms. Lanci 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. She presented Award of Honor certificates to the following people:

Kennedy High School

Michelle Zilberzweig, Co-President

Mephram High School

Jennifer Callery, Ways and Means

Lauren Corcoran-Doolin, Membership Co-Chair

Jennifer Fauci, Ways and Means

Deborah Jannazzo, Hospitality Chair

Jim Jannazzo, Hospitality Chair

Amanda McCarthy, Recording Secretary

Adene Muoio, PTA Advisor and former Co-President

Mr. Harrington said saying we have a lot of great things coming up. He said that tonight's Personnel report appoints new teachers Jack Ryan and Brendan Farrell and Daniel Cheatham, and Katherine Lessig as a new District-wide Special Education Chairperson. He also mentioned the upcoming graduations and proms. Mr. Harrington said we will be watching the weather closely and will continue to monitor the air quality and reassured everyone that we have fantastic HAVC systems and will make the best decision for our students.

B. Future Dates

June 8	High School Proms Prep Academy Graduation
June 9	Middle School Moving Up Day
June 11	High School Graduations
June 12	MAP Graduation
June 19	Juneteenth – Schools Closed
June 23	Last Day of School for Students and Teachers
July 11	Board of Education - Organizational Meeting

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS – *Agenda Items Only*

Ms. Lanci 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.

There were no public comments.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Blane, seconded by Ms. Miller and carried 7-0, the Board of Education approved agenda items VII.A through VII.D.

- A. 2023 Budget Vote Results
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the 2023 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 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 average daily attendance as determined by the student attendance computer programs.
- D. Donation
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a donation of a set of drums from Mr. and Mrs. Clare to the Grand Avenue Middle School Music Program, in memory of their son James Clare, a former Grand Avenue Middle School.

Ms. Lanci thanked Mr. and Mrs. Clare for the donation.

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Blane, seconded by Mr. Corona and carried 7-0, the Board of Education approved by consent agenda items VII.E through IX.S.

- 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 revised recommended Special Education vendors for the 2023-2024 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): 000010045, 000010323, 000012390, 000012443, 000012449, 000013221, 000013318, 000014638, 000014864, 000015807, 000512341, 000512616, 000512653, 000512978, 000513103, 000513158, 000513367, 000513839, 000514048, 082970000, 110130001, 131261367, 131261481, 131261595, 131262857, 131265463, 201900111, 202100052, 202100146, 202200115, 202200227, 370001841, 370001848 and 370002066.

VIII. PERSONNEL REPORT – June 7, 2023

- A. Termination
- B. Resignations
- C. Appointments
- D. Recommendation for Continued Employment
- E. Recommendation for Permanent Status
- F. Salary Reclassification
- G. Leave Requests
- 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 dated June 7, 2023

A. Bids

B. Budget Summary dated May 31, 2023

D. School Safety Plans

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education has reviewed the district-wide and building-level School Safety Plans for the 2023-2024 school year and directs that the district-wide school safety plan be made available for public comment.

E. 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 3rd day of April, 2023 by and between the negotiation representatives of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Paraprofessionals and the negotiating representatives of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District.

F. Reserve Funds

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, 2023 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, 2023 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, 2023 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, 2023 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, 2023 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, 2023 to the Unemployment Insurance Reserve (GML §6-m,2).

G. Budget Transfers

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Bellmore-Merrick CHSD approve the following budget transfers to cover 2022-2023 school year expenses:

From: A2110.130	(Teachers' Instr. Dist. Salaries)	\$135,000.00
To: A2855.151	(Districtwide Athletic Supervision)	\$135,000.00

To cover salary costs.

From: A1910.400	(Contractual-Liability other Insurance)	\$60,000.00
To: A2815.160	(Non-Instr Salary Health Svcs)	\$30,000.00
To: A2815.170	(Non-Instr Salary Health Svcs-OT)	\$30,000.00

To cover nurse salary costs.

H. 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., NASSAU BOCES Transportation, Eastern Suffolk BOCES, DELL Transportation and Suburban Bus Transportation, Inc. for Summer 2023, and school year 2023-2024 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.

I. Obsolete/Surplus Property/Equipment

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education declare obsolete and approve the disposal of a Minuteman Auto-Scrubber (Serial#SMC320371065, Tag#002198) located at John F. Kennedy High School.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education declare obsolete and approve the disposal of 315 Buen Viaja textbooks located at Mephram High School.

J. School Lunch Prices

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the recommended prices for school lunch and food items for school year 2023-2024.

K. 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 2023-2024 with the total cost of \$3,200.00.

L. Actuarial Analysis – Sound Actuarial Consulting, LLC.

1. 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, 2023 at a cost of \$7,400.00.
2. 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, 2023 at a cost of \$3,000.00.

M. 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 9/1/2023 – 6/30/2024 at a rental rate of \$8,313.00 for the ten-month period and \$1,760.00 annually per student in connection with mainstreaming.

N. Scholarship Establishment

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the establishment of the Joy Donatuti Memorial Scholarship Program in honor of Joy Donatuti, a former John F. Kennedy student. The scholarship of \$1,000.00 will be awarded annually until the funds run out, to a hard working John F. Kennedy High School student who is interested in pursuing a career in art.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby designate and appoint the District Treasurer as an authorized signatory to approve transactions under the Joy Donatuti Memorial Scholarship Program.

O. Textbook Distribution

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Textbook Central for centralized textbook distribution services for the 2023-2024 school year. Costs are dependent upon the number of participants and are stated with the contract.

P. BOCES Technology Lease Agreements

1. WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District 43-864546 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 \$595,983.99 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 July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2028.

2. WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District 42-864528 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, CoSer 509 Educational Communications

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 \$726,596.19 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 July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2028.

Q. Prep Academy Lease Agreements

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve a lease agreement between the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District and Life's WORK for utilization of space at the Brookside Building for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve a lease agreement between the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District and Community Mainstreaming Associations (CMA) for utilization of space at the Brookside Building for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve a lease agreement between the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District and NYSARC, Inc., Nassau County Chapter, for utilization of space at the Brookside Building for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

R. 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 2023-2024 year.

S. Corrective Action Plan

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the 2022-23 Internal Control Risk Assessment performed by the Internal Auditor, Questar III.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Corrective Action Plan of the 2022-23 Audit of Extraclassroom Activity Funds performed by the Internal Auditor, Questar III.

X. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

No old or new business was discussed.

XI. CORRESPONDENCE

The Board of Education received one mailed correspondence and two emails between April 28, 2023 and June 2, 2023.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

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

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Cmar-Grote, seconded by Ms. Miller and carried 7-0, the Board of Education convened to the Public Hearing on School Safety Plans.

Ms. Coni explained the annual process of adopting a District-Wide School Safety Plan. She explained that first a school safety team is appointed, then a plan is put in place made available to the public. She said the District-Wide School Safety 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. She thanked the school safety team and Mr. Simpkins for making school safety a top priority and said that if anyone has any questions to please contact her or Mr. Simpkins.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Blane, seconded by Ms. Goller and carried 7-0, the Board of Education entered into Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Miller, seconded by Ms. Goller and carried 7-0, the Board of Education meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pattianne Guccione
District Clerk