

MINUTES OF THE BELLMORE-MERRICK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING January 4, 2017

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A regular meeting of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday evening, January 4, 2017, in the Board of Education Conference Room of the Administrative Offices at the Brookside School at 1260 Meadowbrook Road, North Merrick, New York.

The following members of the Board of Education were present:

Janet Goller, President
Dr. Nancy Kaplan, Vice President
Marion Blane
JoAnn DeLauter
Wendy Gargiulo
Lisa Katz
Nina Lanci
Gina Piskin

Also present:

John DeTommaso, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Mara Bollettieri, Deputy Superintendent of Personnel
Kate Freeman, Assistant Superintendent for Business
David Seinfeld, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum
Eric Arlin, 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 Instructional and Technology Services
Helen Kanellopoulos, Assistant Director of Special Education
Jon Simpkins, Director of School Facilities and Operations
Tom Volpe, Transportation Supervisor/Health and Safety Coordinator
Christopher Powers, School Attorney
Claire Neufeld, District Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. Mrs. Goller, Board of Education President, led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Goller stated she hoped everyone had a wonderful holiday and a Happy New Year. With the New Year, she has reflected on the past and is proud to be a member of this Board of Education. The New Year is a good opportunity to acknowledge and thank the seven other women on the Board and a wonderful leader with a vision, our Superintendent, John DeTommaso. She thanked him for the tone he has set in the district. She also mentioned the Deputy and Assistant Superintendents, Dr. Mara Bollettieri, David Seinfeld and Kate Freeman and the school attorney, Christopher Powers. She also thanked the Central Office administrators by name, the building Principals and Assistant Principals, chair people, faculty, staff, clerical employees, custodians, PTAs and our student representatives. She stated she is excited for 2017 and is looking forward to a great year. She added she had the pleasure of attending the first ever districtwide musical showcase and that night was a testament to "One Voice, One Message". She thanked Cheryl Fontana for organizing that event and Paul Sorino for organizing the first districtwide trip for French students to Quebec. **CALL TO ORDER**

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MINUTES

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the December 7, 2016 meetings. Ms. Gargiulo seconded, Mrs. Goller and Mrs. Piskin abstained, and the motion was carried 6-2-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer's Report, dated November 30, 2016. Dr. Kaplan seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. DeTommaso stated everyone who works in the district, knows they have a golden ticket. It is satisfying to work here. He too has reflected on the New Year. The district has two Coca Cola Scholarship semi-finalists and four Regeneron (formerly Intel) Science Competition Scholars. We take amazing pride in these and other accomplishments and it should not be taken for granted.

Lorraine Poppe, Kennedy High School Principal, stated an ice cream party for all the ASR students was held while awaiting the announcement of the 2017 scholars. It is about all the kids and their passion. Since the program's inception in 2002, the district has had 43 semifinalists. Rob Soel stated students start in their sophomore year and approximately 25-30 projects a year are submitted to the competition. This year's scholars are Claire Kelly, Jennifer Rakhimov and Michael Sternbach from Kennedy High School and Rachel Jozwik from Mephram High School. He added ASR is now spilling over into engineering. He thanked all the teachers involved. Madison Uzwy stated ASR students become connected to a large scientific community and the research process helps them in the future. Sarah Samir added it is remarkable to have this in our district.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Sara Samir of Calhoun High School stated the holiday concerts were great and students held multiple food and toy drives. The Martin Luther King (MLK) Day of Service is scheduled and students will be packaging collected food. Winter sports are off to a good start. This is the first year that Calhoun has a coed Cheer team. She congratulated Calhoun's Poetry Out Loud winners and two other students recognized as Outstanding Students in Physical Education.

Abigail Jellinek of Kennedy congratulated the three Regeneron scholars and the teachers involved. There were many community service activities last month and clubs and teams collected food. The winter concerts were phenomenal. Kennedy participated in a Flash Mob event. The Sprig Gardner Tournament was held and a Virtual Enterprise class adopted children for the holiday. Crazy Sweater Day raised money for Ronald McDonald House. Students collected and mailed over 22 tons of goods to overseas military service men and women. She congratulated an Outstanding Student in Physical Education and the Coca Cola Scholarship semifinalist and added that the JV cheer team qualified to compete in an Orlando, Florida competition.

Derek Baumann stated MAP students had two trips to the Ronald McDonald House in December. Ambassadors had a trip to the UN. MAP students attended a presentation of "A Christmas Carol" at Theatre III in Port Washington. Students also assisted at the Lions Club Holiday Party. Key Club members helped with food and toy distribution.

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Madison Uzwy of Mephram High School stated there were two winter concerts and a drama production held in December. Bellmore-Merrick Broadcasting students live-streamed the shows. She urged everyone to check YouTube. A special concert was held for sixth grade students. Holiday gift bags were prepared for 15 families. Students helped at the Bellmore Lions Club Polar Express Toy Drive and Party. She thanked the coordinators. She announced the names of the Poetry Out Loud winners and congratulated Mephram's Regeneron Scholar. The Guidance Department hosted an on-site admissions event and several students were awarded scholarships. "The Government Inspector" was a hit and Mephram students will also participate in the MLK Day of Service event.

**STUDENT
RERESENTATIVES**

Dr. Bollettieri advised each school is providing a meal and they expect to fill 2,000 bags. The bags will be brought to 3-4 local shelters.

Mr. DeTommaso stated there are 5,600 students plus 700 staff members that will be working together on MLK Day of Service to provide 2,000 bags of meals in and around the Bellmore-Merrick area. For a school district, this is amazing.

Mrs. Lanci stated it is ordinary students doing extraordinary things.

Dr. Kaplan added it is the power of Bellmore-Merrick.

Dr. Bollettieri advised the Community Cupboard is utilized by 12 Bellmore-Merrick families and community service has become part of the district's culture.

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the following Special Education placements as recommended by the Committee on Special Education (CSE): 000010878, 000011448, 000011958, 030420022, 030770000, 050400004, 050480003, 070610000, 070740008, 071910002, 081420002, 090430001, 121520002, 131261691, 370000510, 370000877, 992450072, 992450182, 992450195 and 999011251. Ms. Gargiulo seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Dr. Kaplan moved that the Board of Education accept a donation of two (2) Canon HF R70 16GB Camcorders and carry bags, approximate value \$600, from Calhoun Sports Boosters to be used by all Calhoun sports teams. Ms. Gargiulo seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

DONATION

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the recommended new courses for the Spring 2017 semester. Mrs. Blane seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

ADULT EDUCATION

Mrs. Piskin moved that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent of Schools' Personnel Report, dated January 4, 2017, as stated in the agenda. Dr. Kaplan seconded, and the motion was carried 8-0.

PERSONNEL

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- BILLS** The Board of Education reviewed the Summary of Bills, dated January 4, 2017, and the corresponding warrants.
- BIDS** Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the bids as stated in the agenda. Mrs. Katz seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.
- BUDGET SUMMARY** The Board of Education reviewed the Budget Summary Report.
- BUDGET TRANSFER** Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education of the Bellmore-Merrick CHSD approve a transfer of \$100,000 from A1620 400 00 8300 (Contractual Fuel) to A1620 400 00 0000 \$50,000 (Contractual Other) \$50,000 and A1620 450 (Supplies) \$50,000 to cover fencing and other projects. Mrs. Blane seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.
- CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS** Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the Corrective Action Plan for the Annual External Audit for the school year 2015-2016. Mrs. Katz seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.
- Mrs. Blane moved that the Board of Education approve the Corrective Action Plan for the State Comptroller's Office, for the period of July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2016. Dr. Kaplan seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.
- CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDERS** Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the following Bond Referendum Projects Phase 2B construction change order:
John F. Kennedy High School, SED No. 28-02-53-07-0-007-037 –
Change Order No. 1 in the add amount of \$7,304.22 for JNS
Mrs. Katz seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.
- Ms. Gargiulo moved that the Board of Education approve the following Bond Referendum Projects Phase 3 construction change orders:
1. Mephram High School, SED No. 28-02-53-07-0-005-049 –
Change Order No. 1 in the add amount of \$32,000 for Renu
 2. Mephram High School, SED No. 28-02-53-07-0-005-049 –
Change Order No. 2 in the add amount of \$31,403 for Renu
- Mrs. Lanci seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.
- CORRESPONDENCE** There was none.
- PUBLIC COMMENTS** There were none.
- OLD/NEW BUSINESS** There was none.
- Mrs. Goller announced the next regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.
- ADJOURNMENT** On a motion by Ms. Gargiulo, seconded by Mrs. Blane and carried 8-0, the Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Claire Neufeld
District Clerk