

MINUTES OF THE BELLMORE-MERRICK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING August 2, 2017

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A regular meeting of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday evening, August 2, 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:

Dr. Nancy Kaplan, President  
Nina Lanci, Vice President  
Marion Blane  
Steve Enella  
John Ferrara  
Wendy Gargiulo  
Janet Goller

The following member of the Board of Education was absent:

Gina Piskin

Also present:

John DeTommaso, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Mara Bollettieri, Deputy Superintendent of Personnel  
Kate Freeman, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
Michael Harrington, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment  
Edward McCarthy, School Attorney  
Claire Neufeld, District Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. Dr. Kaplan, Board of Education President, led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the July 11, 2017 meeting. Ms. Gargiulo seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Ferrara moved that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer's Report, dated June 30, 2017. Mrs. Lanci seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. DeTommaso stated the district is preparing for the opening of school and mentioned some important events listed on the agenda. The first 2017-2018 Superintendent's Conference Day will be held at Calhoun HS at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

There were none on agenda items only.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mrs. Goller moved that the Board of Education approve the following resolutions:

The Board of Education accepted Policy No. 8110.1 – District Video Surveillance on School Property for a first reading.

**POLICIES**

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**POLICIES**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve Policy No. 8505 – Charging School Meals.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the removal of following two obsolete policies:

- a. Policy 1313 – Gifts to School Personnel (reaffirmed 11/4/81)
- b. Policy 4212 – Appointment – Civil Service (adopted 5/5/82)

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following placements recommended by the Committee on Special Education: 000512063, 000512112, 121740000, 131261691, 131262038, 370001549, 992450250 and 999011233.

**ANNUAL  
PROFESSIONAL  
PERFORMANCE  
REVIEW (APPR)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize its President to sign the 2016-2017 APPR Implementation Certification form for the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, §30-2.9 of the Rules of the Board of Regents requires certification of lead evaluators for purposes of conducting evaluations of teachers and principals in accordance with the requirements under §3012-d of the Education Law, respecting Annual Professional Performance Reviews; and

WHEREAS, the individuals named below have successfully completed a training course that meets the requirements prescribed under the Rules of the Board of Regents; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County certifies the following individuals as lead evaluators:

|                      |                    |                      |
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| Eric Arlin           | Cheryl Fontana     | Mark Melkonian       |
| Adeline Atkins       | Renee Fallon       | James Mollica        |
| Malgorzata Baldyga   | Michael Gavalas    | Enrique Montes       |
| Dr. Mara Bollettieri | Justin Gioia       | James Morris         |
| Eric Caballero       | Jemal Graham       | Marie Netto          |
| Kate Caporusso       | Eric Gomez         | Gerry Owenberg       |
| Jen Carne            | Michael Harrington | Emily Paluseo        |
| Theresa Catalina     | Nicole Hollings    | Vincent Pisano       |
| Carlo Conte          | Joseph Innaco      | Lorraine Poppe       |
| Andrew DelRosario    | John Jimenez       | Christopher Riccardi |
| John DeTommaso       | Rosa Kaplan        | Chris Safina         |
| Mary Donnelly        | Maura Kempton      | Kim Serpe            |
| Katelyn Dunn         | Jon LaRochester    | Maria Sinatora       |
| Susan Ellinghaus     | Patrick Mannion    | Robert Soel          |
| Robyn Einbinder      | Karen McGuinness   | Neil Testa           |
|                      |                    | Ken Zisel            |

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$926 from the Lions of Nassau County and Bermuda District 20K2 to the Bellmore-Merrick Community Cupboard and increase the appropriations budget by this amount.

**DONATIONS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$155.16 from Anthony's Pizza Fundraiser for the BMCHSD Community Cupboard and increase the appropriations budget by this amount.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the following mini-grants from the Rochester Institute of Technology to be used for the Project Lead the Way students: Calhoun HS \$100; Mephram HS \$60; and Kennedy HS \$100.

Ms. Gargiulo seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

Dr. Kaplan thanked the Lions of Nassau County and Bermuda District 20K2, Anthony's Pizza and the Rochester Institute of Technology for their donations.

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent of Schools' Personnel Report, dated August 2, 2017, as stated in the agenda. D. Kaplan read Item H. Ms. Gargiulo seconded. Items A-G were carried 5-2-0 with Mr. Enella and Mr. Ferrara abstaining from voting on Item H. Items A-F and H, were carried 6-1-0 with Ms. Gargiulo abstaining from voting on Item G.

**PERSONNEL**

The Board of Education reviewed the Summary of Bills, dated August 2, 2017, and the corresponding warrants.

**BILLS**

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the bids as stated in the agenda. Mrs. Blane seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

**BIDS**

The Board of Education reviewed the Budget Summary, dated August 2, 2017.

**BUDGET SUMMARY**

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the following resolutions:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Bellmore-Merrick CHSD approve the following budget transfers to cover Workers Compensation Expenses 2016-17: Up to \$50,000 From A9060 800 (Medical ) to A9040 800 (Workers Comp.)

**BUDGET TRANSFER**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the allocation of the Bellmore Merrick Central High School District's tax levy for 2017-2018, and

**COMPONENT TAX  
ALLOCATION**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize the District Clerk to notify the component districts of their tax levies for the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District for the 2017-2018 School Year.

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| <b>NASSAU BOCES</b>                    | <p>BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the 2016-2017 Final FAS-7 agreement with Nassau BOCES as required by Education Law § 1950.</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Letter of Intent with Nassau BOCES in the amount of \$9,901,037.99 for the 2017-2018 school year.</p>  |
| <b>INTERNAL AUDITOR REPORT</b>         | <p>BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the 2016-2017 Risk Assessment Update Report of Sanford Schulsohn, BMCHSD Internal Auditor.</p>  |
| <b>SEDCAR</b>                          | <p>BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize its President to execute the 2017 – 2018 school year Special Education Data Collection, Analysis and Reporting (SEDCAR) agreements as required by NYSED.</p>   |
| <b>CONSULTANTS</b>                     | <p>BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the hiring of a consultant, RCP Consult, to review the new Title I Consolidated Application and the changes associate with it, for 8/8/17 at a rate not to exceed \$750.</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the hiring of a consultant, Hope for Youth, for the 2017-2018 school year at a rate not to exceed \$7,151 funded by a Title I Grant.</p>   |
| <b>ASSET INVENTORY SOFTWARE</b>        | <p>BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with AssetWorks to provide support of the district’s Asset Inventory software from 9/1/17 – 8/31/18 at an annual cost not to exceed \$1,450.</p>  |
| <b>DISTRICT DISASTER RECOVERY PLAN</b> | <p>BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the District Disaster Recovery Plan providing guidance and procedures for the recovery of information technology data and equipment in the event of a disaster.</p>  |
| <b>FIRE INSPECTION REPORTS</b>         | <p>BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the Fire Marshalls’ 2017-2018 Inspection Reports.</p>   |
| <b>CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDERS</b>      | <p>BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following Bond Referendum Projects – Phase 3 construction change orders;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Calhoun HS, SED No. 28-02-53-07-0-004-049, Change Order No. 1 in the deduct amount of \$9,162 for Roland.</li><li>2. Mephram HS, SED No. 28-02-53-07-0-005-049, Changed Order No. 1 in the add amount of \$29,457 for Ultimate Power.</li><li>3. Mephram HS, SED No. 28-02-53-07-0-005-049, Change Order No. 2R in the revised deduct amount of \$1,778.28 for Hirsch.</li></ol> |
| <b>MORTALITY VERIFICATION SERVICES</b> | <p>BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve a contract with the Berwyn Group to provided mortality verification and locator services for an annual cost of \$954 subject to approval by district counsel.</p>  |

Mr. Ferrara seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

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There was none.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Harrington noted that Business Math teacher Sue Litwin was in tonight's audience.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mrs. Goller congratulated Ms. Gargiulo on being appointed the Adjunct Facilitator for NYSSBA's Leadership Development Team.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

A discussion regarding bullying and social media assemblies and programs between Ms. Gargiulo, Mr. DeTommaso, Dr. Bollettieri and Mr. Harrington was held.

Ms. Gargiulo moved that the Board of Education accept the following resolution:

**TRANSPORTATION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve a settlement agreement with the Courtesy Bus Company and authorize the Board President to execute said agreement. Mr. Ferrara seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

On a motion by Mrs. Goller, seconded by Mr. Ferrara and carried 7-0, the Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Neufeld  
District Clerk