

MINUTES OF THE BELLMORE-MERRICK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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A regular meeting of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday evening, January 3, 2018, 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
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
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
Jon Simpkins, Director of School Facilities and Operations
Ken Zisel, Assistant Principal of Districtwide Services
Claire Neufeld, District Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m. Dr. Kaplan, Board of Education President, welcomed everyone and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Blane moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the December 6, 2017 meeting. Mrs. Lanci seconded and the motion was carried 8-0..

MINUTES

Ms. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer's Report, for the month ended November 30, 2017. Mr. Ferrara seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. DeTommaso announced it will be a snow day tomorrow. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and added stay safe tomorrow. 2017 ended with many wonderful concerts. He reviewed the future dates listed on the agenda. The Board of Education will approve the Safe Harmless policy tonight. We value the work kids do over 40 weeks and our expectations are always very high.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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**STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVES**

Jordan Ladd of the Meadowbrook Alternative Learning Program (MAP) stated the Leadership Program and classes went to the Newbridge Road School and made dream catchers. Students also had a UN trip. MAP students assisted at the Lions Club party. Two students are graduating. Seniors have applied to many colleges. MAP students had a bowling trip with Calhoun Prep students. Mr. DeTommaso stated MAP students are very involved with Calhoun students.

Gina Connors of Mephram High School stated this year's Field of Honor displayed 300 flags and the proceeds, over \$3,000, went to veterans' services. Holiday concerts were good and on 12/21/17, sixth graders came to a concert. The Broadcasting class filmed many events. Poetry Out Loud was held in December. Students participated in the Lions Club holiday party and collected eyeglasses. Over 200 kind messages were posted. ELITE continues to encourage students to explore. All sports teams were designated Scholar Athlete teams and participated in tournaments and other events. Students will participate in and collect for the Martin Luther King (MLK) Day of Service.

Rachel Katz of Kennedy High School stated students participated in the Lions Club party and collected for Toys for Tots. JFK adopted local families. The Blood Drive raised 43 units and the Trivia Challenge raised \$1,000. Students also raised money for the Community Cupboard by raffling off baskets. Students will collect items for the MLK Day of Service. Poetry Out Loud was held. A Kennedy student was a finalist in a photography competition and students participated in a News 12 Television sports quiz show. Senior Night and Jam the Gym are scheduled for this month.

Daniel O'Keefe of Calhoun High School stated the concerts were amazing. Students presented "A Christmas Carol" with Prep students. Holiday decorating flourished and an art expo was held. A Calhoun student is a Pepsi Cola Scholar finalist. Students participated in the school-wide volleyball game in December. Poetry Out Loud produced two ninth grade winners.

Dr. Bollettieri stated that each school is collecting specific items for the MLK Day of Service. Students will be packing bags with the items they collected on 1/12/18 and will distribute those bags on 1/13/18 to different charities. The Community Cupboard routinely services approximately 30 families. Packages have been delivered when family can't make it here.

Mr. DeTommaso announced that Dr. Bollettieri will be honored as a Nassau BOCES Partnership Award recipient. He congratulated the Physical Education Department which will be honored at the Forever Nine event adding that our kids have saved lives because of the training they receive.

Mrs. Lanci spoke about the Lions Club's Polar Express party and added the student who played this year's elf was outstanding. Food and candy was given away to approximately 400 families. She thanked everyone on behalf of the Lions Club and stated she is looking forward to next year.

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There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Gargiulo moved that the Board of Education approve the following resolutions:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following Special Education placements as recommended by the Committee on Special Education (CSE): 000011687, 000011716, 000011934, 000012043, 000512501, 000512592, 000512655, 050450007, 052210002, 052430000, 053320000, 053570001, 060690010, 060810000, 070540003, 071700001, 072620000, 080710001, 081420002, 081560001, 100780001, 100810001, 131261969, 201600070, 201600254, 201700008, 201700143, 370000618, 370001254, 370001259, 998011085 and 999011419.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Board of Education accepted revised Policy No 5405 – Student Wellness for a first reading.

POLICIES

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve revised Policy No. 5124.3 – Final Grade Computation, Course Completion and Credit and revised Policy No. 5425.1 – Opioid Overdose Prevention.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$250 from the Merrick Brotherhood Council to the Community Cupboard.

DONATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$100 from the Bellmore Merrick United Secondary Teachers (BMUST) Association to the Community Cupboard.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$234,845.90 from the Estate of Michael J. Dubin to be used for the creation of learning centers at John F. Kennedy High School and increase the appropriations budget by this amount.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$100 from the family of Dr. Nancy Kaplan to the Community Cupboard.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the recommended new Adult Education courses for the Spring 2018 semester.

ADULT EDUCATION

Dr. Kaplan mentioned each of the donations approved by the Board tonight and thanked those people for their generosity.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent of Schools' Personnel Report, dated January 3, 2018, as stated in the agenda.

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Lanci seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

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BILLS	The Board of Education reviewed the Summary of Bills, dated January 3, 2018, and the corresponding warrants.
BUDGET SUMMARY	The Board of Education reviewed the Budget Summary, dated January 3, 2018. Ms. Gargiulo moved that the Board of Education approve the following resolutions:
CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDERS	BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following Bond Referendum Projects – Phase 3 Construction Change Orders: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Calhoun HS, SED No. 28-02-53-07-0-004-049, Change Order No. 1 in the deduct amount of \$4,097 for Ambrosio.2. Kennedy HS, SED No. 28-02-53-07-0-007-038, Change Order No. 1 in the deduct amount of \$7,500 for Ambrosio.
RANK ONE SPORT	BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement for athletic scheduling software with Rank One Sport for School Year 2018-2019 at an annual cost not to exceed \$1,700.
ATTENDANCE FUNCTION	BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the attendance of Marion Blane, Steve Enella, John Ferrara, Wendy Gargiulo, Janet Goller, Dr. Nancy Kaplan and Nina Lanci at the Council of PTAs Founders Day Dinner at the Coral House, 70 Milburn Avenue, Baldwin, New York, on Monday, March 12, 2018, at 6:00 PM at a cost of \$48.00 per person: Mrs. Lanci seconded and the motion was carried 8-0. Mr. DeTommaso thanked everyone for their donations and mentioned the \$234,845.90 from the Estate of Michael Dubin, a retired Social Studies teacher at Kennedy High School, is designated for the JFK Library.
EMERGENCY REPAIR	Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education declare an emergency to repair the auditorium ceiling at J.F. Kennedy High School at a cost not to exceed \$100,000. Ms. Gargiulo seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.
CORRESPONDENCE	There was none.
PUBLIC COMMENTS	Sabana Oza read a statement requesting that the two EID holydays be added to the school calendar as days off.
OLD/NEW BUSINESS	There was none.
ADJOURNMENT	On a motion by Mrs. Blane, seconded by Mr. Ferrara and carried 8-0, the Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Claire Neufeld
District Clerk