

BELLMORE-MERRICK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2019 – 8:00 PM

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 3, 2019 (See attached)
- IV. TREASURER’S REPORT – March 31, 2019 (Previously sent)
- V. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT
 - A. **Presentations**
 - Student Representatives

Matthew Alexander	Meadowbrook Alternative Learning Program (MAP)
Gabriela Daza	Mepham High School
Jonathan Mashal	Kennedy High School
Juliana Tirino	Calhoun High School

 - Future Dates:

May 9	Merrick Avenue Arts Expo
	Middle School Concerts I
May 10	Relay for Life
May 14	Calhoun English Honor Society Inductions
May 16	Grand Avenue Arts Expo
	Middle School Concerts II
May 17	Mepham Senior Production
May 17-18	Calhoun On-Tour – Season Finale
May 20	Middle School Honor Society Inductions
May 21	Budget Vote
	Mepham Business Honor Society Inductions
	Mepham Thespian Honor Society Inductions
	Kennedy “Cougar Pride”
	Calhoun & Mepham Science Symposiums
May 22	Bellmore-Merrick Challenge Day @ Calhoun
	Mepham Pirates’ Treasure Awards
	Kennedy Science Symposium
May 23	Calhoun On-Tour Thespian Awards
May 24	Snow Make-Up Day – Schools Closed
May 27	Memorial Day – Schools Closed
May 28	Snow Make-Up Day – Schools Closed
May 29	Calhoun and Mepham Spring Arts
	Kennedy Concert II
May 30	Mepham Spring Arts
	Mepham Concert II
May 31	Calhoun On Tour Senior Project
June 1	Calhoun On Tour Bambino Scholarship Night
June 3	Calhoun Music Department Dinner

June 4	Kennedy “Letter Night”
	Calhoun & Mepham Sports Booster Awards
June 5	Mepham Sports Boosters Senior Breakfast
	Board of Education Meeting

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS – *Agenda Items Only*

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VII. SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Policy

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

Policy No. 0115 – Harassment, Bullying & Discrimination (revised) (2nd reading)

Policy No. 5151.1 – Homeless Children (revised) (1st reading)

Policy No. 1900 – Parental Involvement (review) (See attached)

B. Information Item

We will be honoring our school district’s retirees at our June 5, 2019 regular meeting. All members of our professional and civil service staff who have retired during the 2018-2019 school year will be invited to attend this reception.

C. Special Education

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the recommended Special Education vendors for the 2019-2020 school year. (See attached)

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following Special Education placements as recommended by the Committee on Special Education (CSE): 000011688, 000011756, 000012141, 000012253, 000013137, 000014872, 000512142, 000512340, 052410003, 053410000, 081900001, 101170000, 121840002, 131261969, 201700005, 201800195, 201800240, 370000837, 370001380, 370001452, 370001996, 992450046, 992450088, 992450270, 999011351. (See attached)

VIII. PERSONNEL REPORT – May 8, 2019

(See attached)

- A. Tenure Recommendations
- B. Resignations
- C. Appointments
- D. Recommendation for Continued Employment
- E. Cancellation
- F. Assigned Services – Athletics – Cancellation
- G. Assigned Services - Athletics

IX.. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

- A. Bills and Corresponding Warrant dated May 8, 2019 – *Information only* (Previously sent)
- B. Bids (Previously sent)
- C. Budget Summary dated April 30, 2019 – *Information Only* (Previously sent)
- D. 2019-2020 Budgeted Reserves and Property Tax Report Card

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the withdrawal of funds from the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve for the payment of sick leave for retirees in the 2019-2020 school year in an amount up to \$600,000.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the withdrawal of funds from the Employee Retirement Reserve for payment of employer retirement expense to the New York State Employee Retirement System in the 2019-2020 school year in an amount up to \$2,274,632.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the withdrawal of funds from the Workers Compensation Reserve for payment of Workers Compensation expense in the 2019-2020 school year in an amount up to \$250,000.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the withdrawal of funds from the Reserve for Tax Reduction to reduce taxes and fund appropriations in the 2019-2020 school year in an amount up to \$2,480,274.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the submission to the State Education Department and publication of the 2019-2020 Property Tax Report Card.

- E. Teachers' Retirement Reserve Sub-Fund
WHEREAS, Section 6-r of the New York State General Municipal Law was amended to allow school districts that participate in the New York State Teachers' Retirement System to establish a sub-fund within its retirement contribution reserve fund to finance retirement contributions to the New York State Teachers' Retirement System and/or to offset all or a portion of the amount deducted from the moneys apportioned to the school district from the State for the support of common schools pursuant to Education Law §521; and

WHEREAS, the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District participates in the New York State Teachers' Retirement System; and

WHEREAS, the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District established a retirement contribution reserve fund on 9/28/05, entitled Reserve for Retirement Contributions.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District hereby establishes a sub-fund, entitled the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Retirement Contribution Reserve Sub-Fund, within its retirement contribution reserve fund, subject to the requirements of New York State General Municipal Law §6-r, effective immediately.

F. Transportation Contract Extensions

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve year 2 of a 3-year extension of school bus transportation contracts with Guardian Bus Company, Inc. for school year 2019-2020 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 extension. Extension parameters listed include large bus and van contracts in all categories, athletic and charter trips to be included.

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the extension of school bus transportation contracts with First Student, We Transport Inc., Suburban Bus Transportation, Inc., Acme Bus Corporation, Baumann Bus Company, Inc. and Educational Bus Transportation, Inc. for Summer 2019 beginning July 2019, and school year 2019-2020 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.

G. District Reserves Plan

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the District Reserves Plan as of March, 2019 and authorizes the publication on the District's website. (See attached)

H. Echocardiogram Screening

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize its President to sign an agreement with Long Island Jewish Medical Center, Cohen Children's Medical Center, to provide echocardiogram and EKG screenings for BMCHSD middle school students.

(See attached)

I. Textbook Distribution

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Textbook Central for centralized textbook distribution services for the 2019-2020 school year. Costs are dependent upon the number of participants and are stated with the contract.

(See attached)

J. Education Data Service, Inc.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Education Data Service, Inc. for software licensing and maintenance services for the NY/Island Cooperative supply bids at a cost of \$9,300, and Skilled Trades & Ancillary services at a cost of \$2,000 for the 2019-2020 school year.

(See attached)

K. New York/Island Cooperative Bid

WHEREAS, it would be in the joint interest of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District and the following school districts (*SEE ATTACHED LISTING*) to participate in cooperative bids for the purchase of various supplies, services, materials and equipment, as advertised by and awarded by the Clarkstown Central School District acting as the Lead Agency, as provided by General Municipal Law Section 119-0, and,

WHEREAS, each BOARD retains the legal authority to contract with the successful Vendor(s) and shall not be bound by purchase contracts or other agreements made by the other BOARD(S),

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District hereby agrees to participate with the attached named school districts in such cooperative bids. (See attached)

L. BOCES of Nassau County

1. 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 9/1/2019 – 6/30/2020 at a rental rate of \$7,680.00 for the ten-month period and \$1,625.00 annually per student in connection with mainstreaming. (See attached)

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with BOCES of Nassau County for a “Twilight Alternative High School Program” at Brookside for Bellmore-Merrick Central High School students and others commencing on or about 9/9/2019 through 6/30/2020 at costs listed therein. (See attached)

M. Friedberg Jewish Community Center Lease

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with the Barry and Florence Friedberg Jewish Community Center for the use of certain facilities at Brookside for the purpose of a Summer Recreation Program for Middle School students from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning 7/5/2019 and ending 8/19/2019. (See attached)

N. Obsolete/Surplus Property

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education declare obsolete and approve the disposal of a folding machine. (See attached)

O. Foreign Exchange Students

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board having received a request for three foreign exchange students to attend Mepham High School for the 2019-2020 school year, hereby approves such request.

P. Attendance Functions

(See attached)

X. CORRESPONDENCE

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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XII. MOTION TO CONVENE PUBLIC HEARING – 2019-2020 SCHOOL BUDGET

XIII. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

XIV. POTENTIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Budget Vote: Tuesday, May 21, 2019
Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, June 5, 2019