

MINUTES OF THE BELLMORE-MERRICK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SEPTEMBER 23, 2022

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A special meeting of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Board of Education was held on Friday morning, September 23, 2022, in the Superintendent's 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
Marion Blane
Melissa Cmar-Grote
Dr. Nancy Kaplan
Gina Piskin

The following members of the Board of Education were not present:

Janet Goller, Vice President
Edward Corona
Tracey Miller

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
Christopher Powers, School Attorney
Pattianne Guccione, District Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Lanci called the meeting to order at 7:50 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Blane, seconded by Dr. Kaplan and carried 5-0, the Board of Education approved items III.A

III. BUSINESS

A. Denial of Request for Legal Defense and Indemnification

WHEREAS, in accordance with Education Law §3811 and/or Public Officer's Law §18, a former staff member, whose identity is known to the Board of Education, has submitted a timely written request for legal defense and indemnification in an action dated September 9, 2022, and received by the District on September 19, 2022, under index no: 900350-2021; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned legal action contains allegations, inter alia, that such individual staff member, known to the Board of Education, engaged in acts which constitutes acts outside the scope of this staff member's duties and responsibilities as a teacher; and

WHEREAS, according to Section 3811 of the Education Law and Public Officer's Law Section 18, under circumstances as stated above, such individual staff member known to the Board of Education, is not entitled to defense and indemnification in the above-referenced legal action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District DENIES and REJECTS such individual staff member's request for defense and indemnification in the above-referenced legal action.

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IV. ADJOURNMENT

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Blane, seconded by Ms. Cmar-Grote and carried 5-0, the Board of Education meeting adjourned at 7:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pattianne Guccione
District Clerk