

## **Board of Education Meeting (Wednesday, August 2, 2023)**

**A regular meeting of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday evening, August 2, 2023, in the Board Conference Room of the Administrative Offices at the Brookside Educational Center at 1260 Meadowbrook Road, North Merrick, New York.**

### **Meeting called to order at 6:36PM**

#### **Board of Education Members present:**

Janet Goller, President  
Nancy Kaplan, Vice President  
Marion Blane, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Edward Corona, Nina Lanci

#### **Board of Education Members not present:**

Gina Piskin, Megan C. Ryan

#### **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

## **1. Opening**

### **A. Call to Order at 6:36 p.m.**

#### B. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Goller led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance

#### C. Acting District Clerk

Motion to appoint Michael Harrington as the Acting District Clerk during Executive Session

Motion by Nina Lanci, second by Melissa Cmar-Grote.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Edward Corona

#### D. Executive Session

Motion to Convene into Executive Session

Motion by Nancy Kaplan, second by Marion Blane.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Edward Corona

#### E. Reconvene to Public Session

Motion to reconvene into Public Session at 7:13 p.m.

Motion by Melissa Cmar-Grote, second by Nina Lanci.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Edward Corona

## **2. Approval of Minutes**

### **A. Board of Education Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2023 Board of Education meeting.

Motion by Nancy Kaplan, second by Edward Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Edward Corona

### 3. Treasurer's Report

#### A. Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report dated June 30, 2023.

Motion by Nina Lanci, second by Marion Blane.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Edward Corona

### 4. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Harrington welcomed everyone to the meeting and said it has been a busy and wonderful summer. He discussed the success of the new STEAM Camp for our younger students and the first Creative Arts Camp. He mentioned the traditional summer programs which are summer school, Bridge Program and our Extended School year Program. Mr. Harrington said the renovations taking place at Grand Avenue Middle School are going great. He discussed the training that our teachers are receiving about Artificial Intelligence and how to use it wisely and that they are currently doing evaluations and preparing for the new school year.

#### A. Future Dates

August 2	Board of Education Meeting
August 29	7 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation
August 30-31	Superintendent's Conference Day
September 1-4	Labor Day Weekend
September 5	First Day of School
September 6	Board of Education Meeting

### 5. Public Comments-Agenda Items Only

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There were no public comments.

### 6. Superintendent's Recommendations

#### A. Policy No. 6645-Capital Assets Accounting (Revised)

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the following policy for a first reading: Policy No. 6645-Capital Assets Accounting (Revised)

Motion by Nina Lanci, second by Nancy Kaplan.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Edward Corona

#### B. Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR)

Resolution 1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize its President to sign the 2023-2024 APPR Implementation Certification form for the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District.

Resolution 2. 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 certify the following individuals as lead evaluators:

Rick Aceste, Mary Allegretta, Danielle Amato, Eric Arlin, Adeline Atkins, Scott Bersin, Heather Bizewski, Eric Caballero, Danielle Caliendo, Kate Caporusso, Dr. Jen Carne, Theresa Catalina, Christina Cone, Carlo Conte, Jeffrey Cronk, Theresa Dell Olio, Andrew DelRosario, Anthony DeMartinis, Ann Donaldson, Katelyn Dunn, Robyn Einbinder, Cheryl Fontana, Ron Giarraffa, Justin Gioia, Eric Gomez, Michael Harrington, Nicole Hollings, Michael Hughes, Joseph Innaco, Dan Jantzen, John Jimenez, Rosa Kaplan, Maura Kempton, Katherine Lessig, Mark Melkonian, James Mollica, Enrique Montes, Gerard Owenburg, Renee Owenburg, Emily Paluseo, Vincent Pisano, David Prince, Nicole Rhodes, Christopher Riccardi, Melissa Rohr, Christopher Safina, Kim Serpe, Andrea Sheridan and Robert Soel.

Motion by Nina Lanci, second by Nancy Kaplan.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Edward Corona

#### C. Academic Intervention Services Plan

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopt the 2023 Academic Intervention Services Plan upon the recommendation of the Office of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment.

Motion by Nina Lanci, second by Nancy Kaplan.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Edward Corona

#### D. Professional Development Plan

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the 2023-2024 Bellmore-Merrick Central HS District Professional Development Plan.

Motion by Nina Lanci, second by Nancy Kaplan.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Edward Corona

#### E. Donation from Mephram Class of 1954 Alumni

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$1954.00 from the Mephram Alumni Association to be used for supplies in the Mephram library for the 2023/2024 school year and increase the appropriations budget by the same amount.

Motion by Nina Lanci, second by Nancy Kaplan.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Edward Corona

#### F. Special Education Vendor List 23/24 Revised

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the revised Special Education Vendor list for the 2023/2024 school year.

Motion by Nina Lanci, second by Nancy Kaplan.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Edward Corona

#### G. Special Education Report

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following special education placements as recommended by the Committee on Special Education:000016097, 110100019, 201900160, 202000031, 202111082, 202300003.

Motion by Nina Lanci, second by Nancy Kaplan.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Edward Corona

## **7. Personnel Report**

### A. Personnel Report 8/2/23

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Personnel Report for August 2, 2023.

- A. Terminations
- B. Resignations
- C. Appointments
- D. Salary Reclassification
- E. Leave Requests
- F. Recommendation for Continued Employment
- G. Assigned Services-Athletics-Cancellation
- H. Assigned Services-Athletics
- I. Assigned Services-Non-Athletics

## **8. Business and Finance**

### A. Bills and Corresponding Warrant dated August 2, 2023

Motion by Nina Lanci, second by Nancy Kaplan.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Edward Corona

### B. Budget Summary dated July 31, 2023

Motion by Nina Lanci, second by Nancy Kaplan.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Edward Corona

### C. Component Tax Allocation

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the allocation of the Bellmore Merrick Central High School District's tax levy for 2023-2024, and 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 2023-2024 School Year

Motion by Nina Lanci, second by Nancy Kaplan.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Edward Corona

### D. Nassau BOCES AS-7 and Letter of Intent

Resolution: 1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the 2022-2023 Final AS- 7 agreement with Nassau BOCES as required by Education Law § 1950. 2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Letter of Intent with Nassau BOCES in the amount of \$10,771,397.23 for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion by Nina Lanci, second by Nancy Kaplan.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Edward Corona

### E. SEDCAR

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize its President to execute the 2023/2024 school year SEDCAR agreements as required by NYSED.

Motion by Nina Lanci, second by Nancy Kaplan.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Edward Corona

F. District Disaster Recovery Plan

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the revised District Disaster Recovery Plan providing guidance and procedures for the recovery of information, technology data and equipment in the event of a disaster.

Motion by Nina Lanci, second by Nancy Kaplan.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Edward Corona

G. Electrical Training Center Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Electrical Training Center Inc. to provide an electrical training program for Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District students for the 2023-2024 school year at a cost of \$6,750.00 per student and authorize the Board President to sign said agreement.

Motion by Nina Lanci, second by Nancy Kaplan.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Edward Corona

H. School Safety Plans

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopts the district-wide and building-level safety plans and directs that the district-wide plan be filed with the Commissioner of Education within 30 days of the adoption of this Resolution.

Motion by Nina Lanci, second by Nancy Kaplan.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Edward Corona

I. Budget Transfer

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Bellmore-Merrick CHSD approve the following budget transfer to cover 2022-2023 school year expenses:

From: A9060.800 (Employee Benefits-Health Ins) \$41,666.00

To: A9040.800 (Employee Benefits-Workers Comp) \$41,666.00

To cover Workers' Compensation costs.

Motion by Nina Lanci, second by Nancy Kaplan.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Edward Corona

J. Obsolete/Surplus Equipment/Property

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the disposal of 235 Chromebooks, 85 Desktops, 1 printer, 35 laptops and 4 projectors located throughout the district.

Motion by Nina Lanci, second by Nancy Kaplan.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Edward Corona

K. Transportation Agreement-Guardian Bus

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an agreement with Guardian Bus Company Inc for the provision of transportation services to the School District for the 2023-2024 school year and in accordance with a written agreement with Guardian Bus Company, Inc. and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education President is hereby authorized to sign said agreement.

Motion by Nina Lanci, second by Nancy Kaplan.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Edward Corona

#### L. Athletic Trainer

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Achievement Point Test Service, LLC. for registration and scheduling services for Advanced Placement exams and Adult Education class registration for the 2023-2024 school year at the rates specified in the contract.

Motion by Nina Lanci, second by Nancy Kaplan.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Edward Corona

#### M. TLC at Brookside, Inc. Lease

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an amendment to the lease agreement with TLC at Brookside, Inc. for the lease of 812 square feet of space in the Brookside School Building for the period September 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Motion by Nina Lanci, second by Nancy Kaplan.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Edward Corona

#### N. APTS-AP Test & Adult Education Service Agreement

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Achievement Point Test Service, LLC. for registration and scheduling services for Advanced Placement exams and Adult Education class registration for the 2023-2024 school year at the rates specified in the contract.

Motion by Nina Lanci, second by Nancy Kaplan.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Edward Corona

#### O. Memorandum of Agreement-Clerical

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District hereby approves and ratifies the Memorandum of Agreement dated this 31st day of July, 2023 by and between the negotiation representatives of the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc., Local 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO-Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Clerical Unit and the negotiating representatives of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District.

Motion by Nina Lanci, second by Nancy Kaplan.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Edward Corona

#### P. Employment Agreement-Superintendent of School

BE IT RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education be authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the Board, the annexed Addendum No. 2 to the Employment Agreement between the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education.

The Board of Education did not vote on this item and will reconvene after discussing in Executive Session.

### **9. Old/New Business**

No old or new business was discussed.

### **10. Correspondence**

The Board of Education received one mailed correspondence and no emails between July 7, 2023 and July 28, 2023.

### **11. Public Comments**

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There were no public comments.

## **12. Potential Executive Session**

### A. Motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:18 PM

Motion by Nina Lanci, second by Melissa Cmar-Grote.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Edward Corona

### B. Motion to reconvene into Public Session at 7:38 PM

Motion by Nina Lanci, second by Marion Blane.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Edward Corona

## **8. Business and Finance**

### P. Employment Agreement-Superintendent of School

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Motion by Nancy Kaplan, second by Nina Lanci.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Edward Corona

## **13. Adjournment**

### A. Motion to Adjourn at 7:38 PM

Motion by Melissa Cmar-Grote, second by Nina Lanci.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Yes: Nina Lanci, Nancy Kaplan, Melissa Cmar-Grote, Marion Blane, Janet Goller, Edward Corona

Respectfully Submitted by Pattianne Guccione, District Clerk