

MINUTES OF THE BELLMORE-MERRICK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION Regular Meeting – January 8, 2014

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A work session/regular meeting of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday, January 8, 2014, in the Board of Education Conference Room at the Administrative Offices at the Brookside School at 1260 Meadowbrook Road, Merrick, New York 11566.

The following members of the Board of Education were present:

Susan Schwartz, President
JoAnn DeLauter, Vice-President
Marion Blane
Janet Goller
Dr. Nancy Kaplan
Dr. Matthew Kuschner
Nina Lanci

The following member of the Board of Education was absent:

George Haile

Also present:

John DeTommaso, Superintendent of Schools
Cynthia Strait Régal, Deputy Superintendent
Dr. Mara Bollettieri, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel
Caryn Blum, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum
Eric Arlin, Director of Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services
Joseph Innaco, Director of Instructional and Technology Services
Saul Lerner, Director of Physical Education/Health/Athletics/Driver Education/Adult Ed
Jon Simkins, Director of School Facilities and Operations
Thomas Volpe, Transportation Supervisor/Health and Safety Coordinator
Michelle Gagnon, Administrative Assistant I
Christopher Powers, School Attorney
Claire Neufeld, District Clerk

The work session meeting was called to order at 7:52 p.m. by Mrs. Schwartz.
Mrs. Schwartz led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Caryn Blum advised three new dual credit college course have been added for the 2014-2015 school year. They are Sociology, Drawing and Painting 3 and Drawing and Painting 4. Also, the Engineering strand will be expanded to include grades 9 through 12. Lastly, there will be a BOCES Regional Summer School Program at Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District (BMCHSD) for Bellmore-Merrick students only. This is a recovery program, is BOCES aidable at over 50%.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Mr. DeTommaso advised the District moved to Logan/Guardian Bus Company due to the Atlantic Express bankruptcy. Weather conditions caused some issues in the last few days but the transition becomes smoother every day. Transportation Supervisor/Health and Safety Coordinator Thomas Volpe, advised this company had only two weeks to prepare and they are working diligently at converting their newly acquired property into a proper bus depot.

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PUBLIC SESSION

Dr. Kuschner moved to convene the Board of Education's meeting public session at 8:14 p.m. Dr. Kaplan seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

MINUTES

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the December 4, 2013 Board of Education meeting. Mrs. Blane seconded and the motion was carried 7-0. Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the December 14, 2013 Board of Education meeting. Mrs. Blane seconded and the motion was carried 6-0, with Mrs. DeLauter abstaining.

**TREASURER'S
REPORT**

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer's Report, dated November 30, 2013. Mrs. Goller seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Mr. DeTommaso wished everyone a Happy New Year and stated he appreciated tonight's attendees. He mentioned Mepham High School senior Brian Keohane was selected as a News 12 Scholar/Athlete. Principal Michael Harrington stated Channel 12 shadowed Brian at school. Brian receives a \$1,000 scholarship and will be honored at a dinner in June. Mr. DeTommaso advised 27 school teams and one district team of the district's 28 teams have been designated Scholar/Athlete teams by NYS. Teams must have an average of over 90 to qualify as Scholar/Athlete teams. Mr. DeTommaso stated the district is very proud of this accomplishment and congratulated the students, teachers and coaches. Mr. DeTommaso advised the Senior Citizen Connection's second program was a great success. 20 senior citizens, with assistance from approximately 15 students from the three high schools, learned to skype, acquired computer skills and knowledge of how to operate iPods and other mobile devices. He thanked the Director of Instructional and Technology Services Joseph Innaco and Administrative Assistant Michelle Gagnon. Ms. Gagnon advised the seniors are eagerly anticipating the next event. Mr. Innaco thanked the high school seniors. 300 people attended this year's Transition Fair. Director of Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services Eric Arlin advised students with special needs attended workshops with former students who discussed their experiences and the skills needed. 50 different agencies participated. Mr. DeTommaso congratulated Mr. Arlin and Transition Coordinator Cheryl Gitlitz. Kennedy High School has three (3) semi-finalists in the Intel Competition. Principal Lorraine Poppe stated it was a happy morning for these students and she thanked the Board of Education for their support of this program. Science Department Chairperson Dr. Robert Soel stated the students in the Advanced Science Research (ASR) class have made tangible advances in the science community. Mr. DeTommaso congratulated all the ASR students stating they are doing amazing and critically important work. Mr. DeTommaso mentioned Kennedy and Mepham HS artwork in the central office corridors this month. He congratulated Wendy Tepfer, Coordinator of the Bellmore-Merrick Parents Center, on being named the Bellmore Merrick Herald Life's Person of the Year. The article is posted on the bulletin board in the corridor. Mr. DeTommaso stated all these events occurred in the last two and a half days. Bellmore-Merrick is producing well-rounded young adults and thanked all those involved.

Mrs. Schwartz presented an Award of Honor certificate to Kayla Cappuzzo, a senior at Calhoun High School, for receiving a variety of prestigious awards. Kayla, a starting midfielder on the Calhoun Girls' Varsity Soccer Team since her freshman year, has been a captain of the team for the past two years and demonstrates exceptional athletic ability. She just finished her high school soccer career with 25 goals and 35 assists and was a big reason why Calhoun made it to the Nassau County Finals three years in a row! Kayla has received numerous awards throughout her soccer career at Calhoun, including MVP in her freshman year. Tonight we recognize Kayla for receiving the following awards this season: Athlete of the month of October from Sports Boosters, All-County Athlete, Sue Link Memorial Scholarship award, (In memory of a soccer player who died in a DWI car accident given to a player in Nassau County who demonstrates high academic achievement and exceptional athletic ability.) Conference Player of the Year, Nassau County Player of the Year (Mike Clarke Award), Long Island Player of the Year, NYS Player of the Year and nominated for All-American Status. Kayla was 1 of only 20 girls from the nation that was invited to play in the U-18 U.S. Women's National Soccer Team Camp this past October in Florida and just got invited again to attend the camp for a second time next week in California. In addition to being an outstanding athlete, Kayla demonstrates high academic achievement. Her Grade Point Average is a 93.69%. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Science Honor Society, and Spanish Honor Society. She has been a member of the science club and the AHA (Athletes Helping Athletes) Club. Coach Biscardi summed it all up by saying "It's not just the stats that make this player outstanding. It's her crazy skill, her fancy footwork, her ridiculous speed, her determination, her flawless and humble personality, her work ethic, her self-motivation, her kindness, her sense of humor, her leadership, and most of all her. It's Kayla's heart of gold that makes her a phenomenal athlete and a coach's dream. Kayla is the most ideal student athlete that I have come across in my 14 years of coaching and teaching." Kayla committed to playing D1 Soccer at Northeastern University on a full scholarship last year as a junior, and will be studying physical therapy. Mrs. Schwartz, on behalf of the Board of Education, congratulated Kayla.

**ALL-COUNTY, SUE
LINK SCHOLARSHIP,
CONFERENCE PLAYER
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PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

Dr. Kaplan stated The Bellmore-Merrick Girls' Swim Team sent seven athletes to the State Championships in Ithaca. The Sharks started the meet with a third place finish by the Medley Relay. The relay, consisting of Liz Walsh, Georgeanne Zimmerman, Paige Kaplan, and Jessica Arana, qualified as All-State. Kerry Giovanniello finished eighth in 200 yard freestyle and seventh in the 500 yard freestyle. Paige Kaplan and Jessica Arana finished fourth and seventh, in the 100 yard butterfly. Jessica also finished 20th in the 100 yard backstroke. The 200 freestyle relay, consisting of Paige Kaplan, Danielle Auty, Jaimie Kaefer, and Kerry Giovanniello, finished in the tenth spot at prelims, but was disqualified during the finals. The girls finished the meet with a third place finish in the 400 freestyle relay resetting their own county record. The relay, consisting of Jessica Arana, Jaimie Kaefer, Liz Walsh, and Kerry Giovanniello, qualified as All-State and moved them into third place in team scoring. This is the best finish ever for a Section VIII team!

**BELLMORE-MERRICK
AQUATIC TEAM**

ALL-STATE

Dr. Kaplan presented an Award of Honor certificate to Grand Avenue Middle School 8th grader Elizabeth Walsh. This is her second year swimming for the District team and qualifying for the State Championships. Liz qualified as All-County in the 200 yard Individual Medley and the 100 yard Backstroke, and qualified for the State Championships in both. Liz was also a member of the Shark's 200 yard Medley and 400 yard Freestyle Relays, both of which won division and county titles and earned All-State honors at the State Championships. The Medley Relay set a new school record, while the 400 Free Relay set a new county record. On behalf of the Board of Education, Dr. Kaplan congratulated Elizabeth Walsh.

Mrs. DeLauter presented Georgeanne Zimmerman, a freshman at Calhoun High School, with an Award of Honor certificate. This is Georgeanne's third year swimming for the Sharks, and her first year qualifying for the State Championships. Georgeanne earned All-Division and All-Conference honors in the 100 yard Breaststroke. Georgeanne also swam breaststroke on the 200 Medley Relay which set a new school record and earned All-State honors at this year's State Championships in Ithaca. Mrs. DeLauter, on behalf of the Board, congratulated Georgeanne.

Dr. Kushner presented an Award of Honor certificate to Calhoun High School junior Jessica Arana. This is Jessica's third year swimming for the Sharks. Jessica is a three time county finalist and this year's county champion in the 100 yard Butterfly and 100 yard Backstroke. She was a member of District's 200 yard and 400 yard Freestyle Relays which won county titles three years in a row. Both relays placed first at the Division and County Championships, while setting new county records. She has qualified for the State Championships for the past three years. This year she qualified in the 100 yard Butterfly, 100 yard Freestyle, and 100 yard Backstroke. Jessica finished seventh in the state in the 100 yard Butterfly and has earned All-State Honors in the 200 yard Medley Relay and 400 yard Free Relay. On behalf of the Board of Education, Dr. Kushner congratulated Jessica.

Mrs. Goller presented an Award of Honor certificate to Kennedy High School junior Paige Kaplan. This is Paige's third year swimming for the Sharks, as well as her third year qualifying for the State Championships. Paige qualified as All-County in the 200 yard Individual Medley and 100 yard Breaststroke. Paige was also a member of both the 200 Medley Relay (swimming butterfly), and 200 Freestyle Relay, both of which won Division and County titles, as well as qualifying for the State Championships. Paige earned All-State honors in the Medley Relay which set a new school record, while the 200 Free Relay set a new county record. At the State Championships Paige was a finalist in the 200 Individual Medley and finished fourth in the 100 yard Butterfly. Paige holds individual school records in the 200 yard Individual Medley, 100 yard Butterfly, and 100 yard Breaststroke. Mrs. Goller congratulated Paige on behalf of the Board of Education.

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Mrs. DeLauter presented an Award of Honor certificate to Mepham High School junior Jaimie Kaefer. This is Jaimie's fifth year swimming for the Sharks and her second year qualifying for the State Championships. Jaimie qualified as All-Division and All-Conference in the 100 yard Freestyle, All-Conference in the 200 yard Freestyle, and was a member of both the 200 yard Freestyle and 400 yard Freestyle Relays, both of which won County titles and qualified for the State Championships, as well as setting new county records. As a member of the 400 yard Freestyle Relay Jaimie earned All-State honors. On behalf of the Board of Education, Mrs. DeLauter congratulated Jaimie.

ALL-STATE

Mrs. Lanci presented an Award of Honor certificate to Mepham High School junior Kerry Giovanniello. This is Kerry's third year swimming for the Sharks, as well as her third year qualifying for the State Championships. Kerry earned All-County honors in the 50 and 100 yard freestyle events. Kerry was also a member of both the 200 and 400 yard Freestyle Relays which won county titles three years in a row. As well as qualifying for the State Championships on both relays, and earning All-State honors as a member of the county record breaking 400 Freestyle Relay, Kerry qualified in the 50, 100, 200, and 500 yard Freestyle events. At the State Championships Kerry placed eighth in the 200 yard Freestyle and seventh in the 500 yard Freestyle. Kerry holds individual school records for the 100, 200, and 500 yard Freestyle. Mrs. Lanci, on behalf of the Board, congratulated Kerry.

Mrs. Blane stated Danielle Auty is a senior at Kennedy High School. She is co-captain of the swim team. This was Danielle's fourth year swimming for the Sharks. Danielle is a four time county qualifier and anchored the 200 Medley Relay at the County Championships. The relay won the county title and set a new school record. Danielle also swam on the 200 yard Freestyle Relay, which qualified for the finals at this year's State Championships.

Mrs. Lanci stated the Board would like to see clips of student's accomplishments at future meetings.

Mrs. Goller presented an Award of Honor certificate Gregory Mora, a senior at Kennedy High School, for having been selected as the First Chair - Double Bass in the All-State Symphony Orchestra. The New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Winter Conference was held in Rochester, NY from December 5 – 8, 2013. To be a first chair, one must exhibit exceptional skill with their instrument and be a leader to the others in their section. This honor makes Gregory the top bassist in the state. He is also member of Kennedy's String Ensemble, Pit Orchestra, and Jazz Band and has attended the NY State Summer School of the Arts, School of Orchestral Studies. Gregory is a member of the National, Tri-M Music, Spanish, and Science Honor Societies. He is the president of the Key Club and a Biology Peer Tutor. He was chosen as a Scholar in the National Hispanic Recognition Program and most recently nominated for the New York State Academic Excellence Award. Mrs. Goller congratulated Gregory on behalf of the Board.

FIRST CHAIR

**NASSAU BOCES
EDUCATION PARTNER
2014 HONOREE**

Dr. Kushner presented an Award of Honor certificate to Calhoun High School student Chan Lian. Chan is one of 16 honorees that have been selected from more than 65 nominations for the 2014 Nassau BOCES Education Partner Award. The award recognizes those who share the commitment of providing the best possible education for learners of all ages and abilities. Chan has received this award for her influence on public education and will receive the award at a celebration in her honor at the Crest Hollow Country Club on April 2, 2014. Chan arrived to the United States from Fujian, China four years ago without being able to speak one word of English and is now on track to graduate from Calhoun High School in the spring of 2015. Chan is the President of the “International Buddy Club” which provides orientation for newly arrived English Language Learners. Her ideas and leadership were instrumental in expanding the peer mentoring focus of the club to include community building with the ESL program through various events and parties. Chan is also a member of the World of Difference Club which could not be better suited to her nature; the members aim to break down prejudices and to make the world a better place. She also participates in the Japanese Culture Club and is a member of the Art Club. Chan treats everyone with respect and without prejudice since to her there really is no difference, we are all human. She truly embodies this award as she has demonstrated a measurable impact on public education and has made a difference in the lives of those around her from the moment she arrived at Calhoun. Dr. Kushner congratulated Chan on behalf of the Board of Education.

Mr. DeTommaso stated that only a very few students receive the BOCES Education Partner Award and Chan’s accomplishment could not have happened without supportive parents, teachers and staff.

**STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVES**

Rebecca Peretz began by wishing everyone a Happy New Year. Calhoun’s Toy Drive for children at Winthrop Hospital was very successful. Senator Fuschillo accompanied the Leadership Club members to distribute the toys. Winter concerts were incredible, as always. Alumni were invited to join in at the concert. Two students received All-State honors. Nine students signed commitments to play sports in college. Tri-M Music Honor Society inductions will take place tomorrow, January 9, 2014. On-Tours next production “*Pins and Needles*” runs January 17th and 18th, 2014 and January 24th and 25th, 2014.

Rohan Nagpal also wished everyone a Happy New Year. The two winter concerts were successful. Many alumni joined the performance. Also, a flashmob performance was held at the Sunrise Mall. An evening at the New York Philharmonic is planned. Students in FELA visited the Ronald McDonald House and brought toys. Ping pong tables and supplies to make gingerbread houses were donated to the Ronald McDonald House. The Volleyball team was designated All Long Island. Key Club held a successful Blood Drive and is now sponsoring a book collection. A tribute challenge fundraiser is planned to benefit Nassau Cerebral Palsy Association. Sprig Gardner was held and Jam the Gym night is tonight. Prizes include two prom tickets and \$10,000 half court shot. Assemblies on bullying had taken place and more are scheduled. SADD, GSA and Nice Squad are planning a fundraiser.

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Rachel Fain wished everyone a Happy New Year. Mephram collected eight boxes of toys. She congratulated all the science research students. The proceeds of the annual Scholarship Book Fair, sponsored by the Senior Experience students, will go to Winthrop Hospital. Alumni joined in with students holiday caroling. Varsity Cheerleaders, Kickline and Wrestling teams took honors at recent events. 92 of 96 students passed the Financial Literacy Test. Mephram has two finalists competing in the Poetry Out Loud competition. The two winter concerts were very successful. A returning army officer surprised his son, a Mephram student, by greeting him in his class. The family was provided with four tickets to an Islander game. A fundraiser will be held at Island Sports. She congratulated Brian Cohan on being named a News 12 Scholar/Athlete.

**STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. DeTommaso mentioned a few calendar items.

There were no questions on agenda items only.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Kuschner moved that the Board of Education approve the following Special Education placements as recommended by the Committee on Special Education (CSE): BCSE cases: K10880, 092400008, 121520001, 030720008 and 000010247. Building CSE IEP changes: G11926, 000011290, K10448, 000511682, 000010338, MO3169, G11413, G11473, 053410000, 060960000, 030870001, 000010873, 370000223, 110010789, 000012581, 122160000, 000011185, K11192, G11049, G11344, G11114, 370000714, 000010822, 000010821, 120860000, 000511321, 030500036, 060610005, 033040001, 000511801, 000010419, 362844643, G11031, 060470004, 370000982, 362844559, G10997, KO9521, 030500041, 112430000, K10216, 000511109, 000010820, K10427, 992450072, 000511204, 992450123, 032460002, G11908, 000010920, 000011098, 000011186 and 040200002.

**SPECIAL
EDUCATION**

Mrs. Lanci seconded and the motion was carried 7-0

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education accept a \$200 donation to Calhoun HS in recognition of student Lori Zomback's honorable mention in Hofstra University's Celebration of Suburban Diversity 2013 Essay Scholarship Contest and increase the appropriations budget by this amount. Mrs. Goller seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

DONATION

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the recommended new courses for the Adult Education Spring 2014 semester. Dr. Kaplan seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

ADULT ED

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent of Schools' Personnel Report, dated January 8, 2014, as stated in the agenda. Dr. Kaplan seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

PERSONNEL

The Board of Education reviewed the Summary of Bills, dated January 8, 2014, and the corresponding warrants.

SUMMARY OF BILLS

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BID	Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the bid as stated in the agenda. Mrs. Blane seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.
BUDGET SUMMARY	The Board of Education reviewed the Budget Summary Report. Dr. Kaplan moved that the Board of Education approve the following resolutions:
BUDGET TRANSFER	BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve a transfer of \$390,000 from A2250 490 to various other Special Education codes, e.g. A2250 400, 413 471, & 472.
EXTERNAL AUDIT CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN	BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the External Audit Corrective Action Plan.
SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM	BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with The Friedberg Jewish Community Center for the use of certain facilities in the Brookside Building for the purpose of a Summer Recreation Program for middle school students from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Monday through Friday, beginning 7/7/14 and ending 8/15/14.
OBSOLETE/SURPLUS PROPERTY	BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education declare obsolete and approve the disposal of damaged and outdated Calhoun HS Social Studies textbooks.
FIRE MARSHALLS' REPORTS	BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the 2013-2014 Fire Marshalls' Inspection Reports for BMCHSD buildings.
INSURANCE PROCEEDS	BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept insurance proceeds, in the amount of \$580, and parent contribution for deductible, in the amount of \$250, for a lost musical instrument, and increase the appropriations budget by \$830. Mrs. DeLauter seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.
CAPITAL PROJECTS BOND	Dr. Kuschner moved that the Board of Education approve the following resolution: <u>BOND RESOLUTION OF THE BELLMORE-MERRICK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK, ADOPTED JANUARY 8, 2014, AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS AND ALTERATIONS TO DISTRICT BUILDINGS AND/OR SITES; STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$49,896,150; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFORE; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$49,896,150 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID DISTRICT TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION</u>

Recital

“WHEREAS, at the Special District Meeting duly called and held on December 2, 2013, in the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District, in the County of Nassau, New York (the “District”), a majority of the qualified voters present and voting approved a Bond Proposition authorizing the construction of improvements and alterations to District buildings and sites, at the estimated maximum cost of \$49,896,150; and such qualified voters then present and voting further authorized the Board of Education to levy and collect a tax to be collected in annual installments to pay the principal of and interest on the \$49,896,150 serial bonds authorized to be issued;

Now, therefore,

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BELLMORE-MERRICK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said Board of Education) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District, in the County of Nassau, New York, is hereby authorized to construct improvements and alterations to District buildings and/or sites (the “Project”) substantially as set forth in a plan prepared by the District with the assistance of BBS Architects, Landscape Architects, & Engineers, P.C., such Project to include (as and where required): improvements to the heating, ventilation, air conditioning, electrical, lighting and fire protection systems; interior reconstruction and space reconfiguration to provide improved science, art, music, lavatory, kitchen, auditorium and other space; the replacement of doors, windows, floors and ceilings; roof reconstruction and/or replacement; improvements to enhance accessibility to the physically challenged; athletic and recreation improvements including the construction of new synthetic turf fields and the installation of bleachers; and fencing, parking and curb improvements; all of the foregoing to include the original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, and all ancillary and related site and other work required in connection therewith. The estimated maximum cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, is \$49,896,150 and said amount is hereby appropriated therefore. The plan of financing includes the issuance of \$49,896,150 serial bonds of the District to finance said appropriation, and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the District to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable. The District expects to receive a \$250,000 grant from Nassau County and such grant together with any additional grant funds received by the District for the Project shall reduce by like amount the bonds herein authorized.

Section 2. Serial bonds of the District in the amount of \$49,896,150 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called “Law”) to finance said appropriation.

CAPITAL PROJECTS
BOND (Continued)

Section 3. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

(a) The period of probable usefulness applicable to the purpose for which serial bonds are authorized to be issued pursuant to this resolution, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 97 of the Law, is thirty (30) years.

(b) The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be applied to reimburse the District for expenditures made for the purpose or purposes for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

Section 4. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the District, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the District without limitation of rate or amount. The faith and credit of the District are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the District by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes and Section 50.00 and Sections 56.00 to 60.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Board of Education relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of all bonds herein and heretofore authorized and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, are hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of the District.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

(a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the District is not authorized to expend money, or

(b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or a summary hereof, are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

(c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

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Section 7. This bond resolution shall take effect immediately, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish the foregoing resolution, in summary, together with a Notice attached in substantially the form prescribed by §81.00 of the Law in “*Bellmore Herald Life*”, “*Merrick Herald Life*”, and “*Newsday*” three newspapers each having a general circulation within the District and hereby designated the official newspapers of said District for such publication.

**CAPITAL PROJECTS
BOND (Continued)**

Dr. Kaplan seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

Mrs. Strait-Régal advised Mrs. Schwartz that the District is not borrowing all the money at once but will borrow money as it is needed.

Mr. DeTommaso was advised that bond costs will not go into effect immediately. Ms. Strait-Régal advised there will be no impact on the 2014-2015 budget.

Dr. Kushner moved that the Board of Education approve the attendance of the following Board members at the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Council of PTAs Founders’ Day Dinner on Monday, March 10, 2014, at a cost of \$46.00 per person:

CONFERENCES

Marion Blane
Janet Goller
George Haile
Dr. Nancy Kaplan
Dr. Matthew Kushner

Mrs. Blane seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

There was one letter received just this week.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ross Shulman asked if Atlantic Express owes the District any money and will the District consider having its own buses.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Christopher Powers, School Attorney, advised he has filed a claim in Bankruptcy Court on behalf of the District.

Mr. DeTommaso advised because Bellmore-Merrick is a large District, providing busing would be a huge undertaking and we are part of a consortium.

Debbie Ellis thanked the Board for trying to get back to the BOCES dance program.

Lisa Katz spoke of the 1/15/14 deadline for mandatory upload and asked the District to protect children’s records and privacy.

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- STUDENT DATA** Mrs. Schwartz advised this is a perfect segue into the following resolution:
- BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Board of Education hereby demands that data on Bellmore Merrick Central High School District students not be transmitted to inBloom or any other private third party provider.
- Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the above resolution. Dr. Kaplan seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.
- OLD/NEW BUSINESS** There was none.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION** On a motion by Mrs. Lanci, seconded by Dr. Kaplan and carried 7-0, the Board of Education entered into Executive Session to discuss particular personnel matters at 9:10 p.m.
- PUBLIC SESSION** On a motion by Mrs. DeLauter, seconded by Mrs. Blane and carried 7-0, the Board of Education reconvened at 10:20 p.m.
- BOARD CONFERENCE** Mrs. Goller moved that the Board of Education approve the attendance of John DeTommaso, Superintendent of Schools, and the following Board of Education members at the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association Conference “Suburban Schools in the Center of the Storm,” on Thursday, January 30, 2014, at a cost of \$65.00 per person:
JoAnn DeLauter
George Haile
Dr. Matthew Kushner
Susan Schwartz
Dr. Kushner seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION** On a motion by Mrs. DeLauter, seconded by Dr. Kaplan and carried 7-0, the Board of Education entered into Executive Session to discuss particular personnel matters at 10:21 p.m.
- MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT** Mrs. Goller moved that the Board of Education approve a Memorandum of Agreement signed by the bargaining representatives of the Bellmore-Merrick CHSD and the Bellmore-Merrick Administrators Association, Unit I, dated January 8, 2014, and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to incorporate the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement into a more formal successor collective bargaining agreement. Mrs. Lanci seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.
- ADJOURNMENT** On a motion by Mrs. Blane, seconded by Mrs. Lanci and carried 7-0, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Neufeld
District Clerk