

MINUTES OF THE BELLMORE-MERRICK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION Regular Meeting – June 23, 2014

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A work session meeting of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Board of Education was held on Monday, June 23, 2014, in the Superintendent's 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
George Haile
Dr. Matthew Kuschner
Nina Lanci

The following members of the Board of Education were absent:

Janet Goller
Dr. Nancy Kaplan

Also present:

John DeTommaso, Superintendent of Schools
Cynthia Strait Régal, Deputy Superintendent
Jon Simpkins, Director of School Facilities and Operations
Dr. Mara Bollettieri, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel
Christopher Powers, School Attorney

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m. by Mrs. Schwartz. Mrs. Schwartz led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Simpkins, Director of School Facilities and Operations, gave a bond project update outlining Phases 1 and 2 and Security 1 and 2.

BOND PROJECTS

Mr. DeTommaso stated the high school proms are this Thursday evening, June 26, 2014. Graduation is scheduled for this Sunday, June 29, 2014 with rehearsals on Friday morning at 11:00 a.m.

Dr. Kuschner moved that the Board of Education approve a change in the order of the agenda. Mrs. Lanci seconded and the motion was carried 6-0.

**CHANGE IN ORDER
OF AGENDA**

Dr. Kuschner moved that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent of Schools Personnel Report, Items 2A-I, dated June 23, 2014. Mr. Haile seconded and the motion was carried 6-0.

PERSONNEL

Mr. DeTommaso commented on the appointments of Mr. David Seinfeld and Ms. Nicole Hollings and congratulated them both.

Dr. Kuschner moved that the Board of Education return to the order of the agenda. Mrs. Lanci seconded and the motion was carried 6-0.

**RETURN TO ORDER
OF THE AGENDA**

Dr. Kushner moved that the Board of Education approve the following resolutions:

**SPECIAL
EDUCATION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the recommended appointments to the Summer Committee on Special Education.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Abilities, Inc., d/b/a Nathaniel H. Kornreich Technology Center, to provide Assistive Technology services from 7/1/14 – 6/30/15 at a rate of \$175/hour for direct hours, \$100/hour for indirect hours and \$60/hour for travel.

DONATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a donation in the amount of \$4,500 to help pay for the air conditioning project in the school store and attendance office from Mephams's vending machines and increase the appropriations budget by this amount.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$9,000 from the North Bellmore-North Merrick Basketball League to be used toward the replacement of the gymnasium scoreboards at the high schools and middle schools in the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District and increase the appropriations budget by this amount.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$402 for the purchase of cheerleading mats from the Merrick Avenue 8th Grade Cheerleading squad and increase the appropriations budget by this amount.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$2,760 for the purchase of agendas for Grand Avenue Middle School students for the 2014-2015 school year from the Grand Avenue PTA and increase the appropriations budget by this amount.

ADULT EDUCATION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the recommended Fall 2014 new Adult Education courses.

Mr. Haile seconded and the motion was carried 6-0.

BILLS

The Board of Education reviewed the Summary of Bills, dated June 23, 2014, and the corresponding warrants.

Dr. Kushner moved that the Board of Education approve the following resolutions:

BIDS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the bids as stated in the agenda.

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Nassau University Medical Center for School Year 2014-2015 at a cost of \$18,185.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with National Rink Management Corp. for practice and game slots from 11/17/14 – 2/27/15 at a rate of \$380 per hour.

ICE RINK

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education declare the abatement of vinyl asbestos tiles and re-tubing of boilers at Jerusalem Avenue an emergency situation due to safety concerns, and further that the project is an ordinary contingent expense of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District. Monies from the 2013-14 interfund transfer, not to exceed \$50,000, will be used to pay for the abatement. Should additional funding be required, the Board will pass an additional resolution approving the amount.

**EMERGENCY
DECLARATION –
JERUSALEM AVENUE**

BOE approved: 5/7/14 2013-14 budget approved: May 21, 2013

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the hiring of a consultant, National Dance Alliance (NDA) for Mephams Varsity Kickline Team Summer Dance Camp from 7/29-31/14 at a cost not to exceed \$4,960 to be funded by the Kickline G.O. account.

CONSULTANTS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the hiring of a consultant, Omshanti Yoga, Inc., to conduct a yoga clinic for district health and physical education teachers and nurses on June 26, 2014 at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the hiring of a consultant, Universal Cheerleading Association/V!ROC, to provide cheerleading routine choreography, music and stunt classes for the Mephams HS Varsity Cheerleading team on 9/15-16/14, at a cost not exceed \$1,000, funded by the Mephams HS Cheerleading G.O. account.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Omni Group to continue as Plan Administrator for the district's 403(b) plan under the new Preferred Provider Program, P3 for the 2014-2015 year.

**THIRD PARTY
ADMINISTRATOR**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the revision of fees in accordance with the Fees for Use of School Facilities – 2014-2015, dated June 12, 2014.

FACILITIES FEE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Lucille Cosentino to provide Bus Driver Compliance Testing required by NYS DMV under Section 19A from 7/1/14-6/30/15 at a cost not to exceed \$1,800.

**BUS DRIVER
COMPLIANCE
TESTING**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve a recommendation that the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District will not participate in the Teacher Retirement System (TRS) Stable Contribution Option (SCO).

**TEACHER
RETIREMENT
SYSTEM – SCO**

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BUDGET TRANSFERS BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following transfer:
\$220,930 from A 2250 490 (BOCES Special Education) to -
\$145,855 A2250 400 (Sp Ed Contractual)
\$24,550 A2250 472 (Private Tuition)
\$50,525 A2250 471 (Public Tuition)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following transfer:
\$162,030 from A2280 490 (Career Ed BOCES) and
\$70,000 from A2332 490 (Other Schools BOCES) to -
\$232,030 total to A2630 490 (Computer Instruct BOCES)

ALPHABETLAND BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve a five (5) year agreement with Patico Corporation, d/b/a Alphabetland, pending review of contract language by Counsel. The agreement will run from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019. The 2014-15 annual rent is \$191,236.44 to be paid in monthly installments of \$15,936.37. Payments will increase annually by the May CPI (published each June) immediately prior to the July 1 anniversary date.

BMUST BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an amendment pertaining to “Schedule C,” Termination Leave Payments of the March 21, 2013 Memorandum of Agreement.

Mrs. DeLauter seconded and the motion was carried 6-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION On a motion by Mrs. Lanci, seconded by Mr. Haile and carried 6-0, the Board of Education entered into Executive Session to discuss a particular student and personnel matters at 9:00 p.m.

On a motion by Mrs. Lanci, seconded by Mrs. Blane and carried 6-0, the Board of Education reconvened at 10:29 p.m.

SETTLEMENT AND AGREEMENT Dr. Kuschner moved that the Board of Education, having received and reviewed an Agreement and Release resolving a contemplated impartial hearing filed on behalf of a district student, hereby approves such Agreement and Release and directs the Board of Education President to execute such Agreement on behalf of the Board. Mrs. Lanci seconded and the motion was carried 6-0.

Mr. DeTommaso thanked both Mrs. Schwartz and Dr. Kuschner for their service to the Board of Education.

ADJOURNMENT On a motion by Dr. Kuschner, seconded by Mr. Haile and carried 6-0, the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Neufeld
District Clerk