

MINUTES OF THE BELLMORE-MERRICK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING August 6, 2014

A regular meeting of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday evening, August 6, 2014, in the Board of Education Conference Room of the Administrative Offices at the Brookside School at 1260 Meadowbrook Road, North Merrick, New York.

The following members of the Board of Education were present:

JoAnn DeLauter, President
George Haile, Vice President
Wendy Gargiulo
Janet Goller
Dr. Nancy Kaplan
Nina Lanci

The following member of the Board of Education was absent:

Susan Schwartz

The following member of the Board of Education arrived late:

Marion Blane at 7:58

Also present:

John DeTommaso, Superintendent of Schools
Cynthia Strait Regal, Deputy Superintendent of Business
Dr. Mara Bollettieri, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel and Administration
David Seinfeld, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum
Joseph Innaco, Director of Instructional and Technology Services
Jon Simpkins, Director of School Facilities and Operations
Michelle Gagnon, Administrative Assistant I
Claire Neufeld, District Clerk

The work session was called to order at 7:55 p.m. Mrs. DeLauter led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. DeLauter stated the first part of the evening is a Board of Education work session.

Mr. DeTommaso announced there are a couple of presentations scheduled for tonight. He added there will be presentations at each meeting. Mr. Simpkins will give an update on the Bond projects and Mr. Seinfeld will give a presentation on the Advanced Placement exam results. Mr. DeTommaso pointed out the newly installed technology in the Board room.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Mrs. Blane arrived.

Mr. Seinfeld gave an overall view of the last four years noting the number of students taking Advanced Placement (AP) exams has increased each year even though the population has decreased. The success rate has remained constant. Mr. Seinfeld compared the district's results in English, Mathematics, sciences, social studies, LOTE and Art with those on the state and national level.

**ADVANCED
PLACEMENT (AP)**

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Dr. Kaplan stated many colleges do not accept a grade of 3 and she would like to know how Bellmore-Merrick compares to great academic districts. Mr. Seinfeld stated BOCES assembles the numbers on the AP data and a report will probably be available sometime in November or December.

Dr. Kaplan questioned why the buildings' participation and success rates vary.

Mr. Seinfeld stated there may be many reasons for the differences and he and other administrators are investigating.

Mr. DeTommaso stated there have been open, frank and honest discussions of the district's results. We are problem solvers and there are a variety of reasons and factors involved in these results. Mr. DeTommaso wants to promote student participation in AP and International Baccalaureate (IB) courses and would like to encourage every student to take demanding courses. Since 97% of our graduating students attend either a two or four year college, Mr. DeTommaso believes every graduating student should take an AP course. He added with the new technology upgrades, the district is looking into on-line course.

**BOND PROJECTS
UPDATE**

Jon Simpkins gave an update on Phase I of the Bond projects. The artificial turf fields are being installed. Mephram has turf and will receive inlays next. JFK is approximately one week away from laying turf. Calhoun is two weeks away. The deadline is September 10th. Mephram has a game scheduled for September 17th. The gymnasium floors have been sanded, logos installed, lines added and have received three coats of polyurethane. Pictures of the progress are posted on the district website. Asbestos tiles have been removed in all buildings except Merrick Avenue MS. Security cameras are in place at JFK. Principals and assistant principals will receive training in the use of these cameras. Card access is in JFK and Calhoun is having security wires run throughout the building. Door alerts will be working in September. Mr. Simpkins passed around a sample of the turf being installed stating Sprint Turf is providing cool fill for the turf at no cost to the district.

Mr. DeTommaso stated not all of the improvements being done this summer are funded by the bond and he thanked Deputy Superintendent Strait Régal and Jon Simpkins for making all this additional work possible. He stated cool fill will reduce the temperatures on the turf by approximately 10° to 15°.

Mr. Haile, on behalf of the sports community, thanked the district.

Mr. DeTommaso introduced Mr. Innaco stating the technology initiatives being done this summer are equally important and are game changing.

**TECHNOLOGY
UPGRADES**

Mr. Innaco stated the district is in the middle of a major transformational shift into a 21st Century environment with the technology changes this summer. 90% of access points and software have been installed. Our wireless network will be

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up and running by August 18th. Due to these changes, the district had a first reading tonight on a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy. Every classroom will have an interactive platform. 340 new computers and 165 new chromebooks were purchased. Badge reader devices have been installed. There will be new swipe ID cards for building entry and Lexmark printer use. The district is continuing to upgrade infrastructure and installing an uninterrupted power system. The district has purchased a new interactive platform for teachers with multimedia functions. He thanked the Board and administrators for their leadership and support.

**TECHNOLOGY
UPGRADES**

Mrs. Goller moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the July 8, 2014 and July 15, 2014 meetings. Mr. Haile seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

MINUTES

Mrs. Goller moved that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer's Report, dated June 30, 2014. Mrs. Lanci seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. DeTommaso mentioned that August 26th is the 7th Grade Student Orientation, August 27th is the 9th Grade Student Orientation, August 28th is a Superintendent's Conference Day and September 2nd is the first day of school.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Dr. Banks asked if the security cameras show the entire body or just a face.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Simpkins stated the cameras at the intercoms are basically face only while the vestibule cameras show the entire body. He added security staff has been trained and can use their discretion on who to allow into a building.

Dr. Banks asked the procedure in a panic situation.

Mr. Simpkins advised, depending upon the circumstances, the building will go into a lock-out or lock-down.

Mr. DeTommaso advised Nassau County will provide panic system cameras for each of the district's five schools. He added many more cameras will be installed in the district.

Dr. Banks was informed technology upgrades will be posted on the website, principals will update parents in mailings and there will be presentations at Back To School nights.

The Board of Education accept the following policies for a first reading:

POLICIES

Policy No. 4526.2 – Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)/Mobile
Learning Device (MLD)

Policy No. 9620 – Child Abuse in an Educational Setting

SPECIAL EDUCATION Mrs. Goller moved that the Board of Education approve the special education placements as recommended by the Committee on Special Education. Dr. Kaplan seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

DONATIONS Mr. Haile moved that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$4,500 from Curé of Ars Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) for the purchase of a new score clock for Merrick Avenue Middle School and increase the appropriations budget by this amount. Mrs. Gargiulo seconded and the motion was carried 7-0. Mrs. DeLauter thanked Curé of Ars CYO for their donation.

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$9,000 from Mephram Sports Booster Association toward the purchase of a new outdoor sound system at Mephram's new turf field and increase the appropriations budget by this amount. Mr. Haile seconded and the motion was carried 7-0. Mrs. DeLauter thanked Mephram Sports Boosters for their gift.

DIGNITY ACT Ms. Goller moved that the Board of Education approve the appointment of John Gibilaro and Kevin Darcy, both of Merrick Avenue MS, as 2014 – 2015 Dignity Act Coordinators. Dr. Kaplan seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

APPR LEAD EVALUATORS Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the following resolution: 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-c 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 in §30-2.9(b) of the Rules of the Board of Regents; and therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County certifies Taryn Johnson and Neil Testa as lead evaluators; and, therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Taryn Johnson and Neil Testa as 2014 – 2015 Bellmore-Merrick APPR lead evaluators.

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

PERSONNEL Mr. Haile moved that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent of Schools' Personnel Report, dated August 6, 2014, as stated in the agenda. Dr. Kaplan seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

BILLS The Board of Education reviewed the Summary of Bills, dated August 6, 2014, and the corresponding warrants.

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Dr. Kaplan moved that the Board of Education approve the bids as stated in the agenda. Mr. Haile seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

BIDS

The Board of Education reviewed the Budget Summary Report.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the following 2013-2014 budget transfer:

BUDGET TRANSFERS

From: A2250 472 00 0000 \$97,357.00

To: A2250 471 00 0000

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

Mr. Haile moved that the Board of Education approve the following 2014-2015 budget transfers:

From: A1621 400 00 0000 \$237,826.86

To: A1620 400 00 0000 \$157,826.86

A1620 450 00 0000 \$ 80,000.00

From: A1621 425 00 0000 \$25,000.00

A1620 425 00 0000 \$25,000.00

To: A1621 450 00 0000 \$50,000.00

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

Mr. Haile moved that the Board of Education approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the allocation of the Bellmore Merrick Central High School District's tax levy for 2014-2015, and

**COMPONENT TAX
ALLOCATION**

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 2014-2015 school year.

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

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education declare obsolete and approve the disposal of the following Mephram HS items:

**SURPLUS/OBSELETE
PROPERTY**

Microfiche-Canon, Model #M3243, serial #32103928

Panasonic TV, Model #CT-2581VY

Panasonic Video Recorder, Model #PV-V4021, serial #F11J80383

Mr. Haile seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education declare obsolete and approve the disposal of Kennedy HS textbooks/books as recommended in the memo dated 7/8/14. Dr. Kaplan seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

Mr. Haile moved that the Board of Education declare obsolete and approve the disposal of Kennedy HS LOTE and Social Studies Department equipment as recommended in the memo dated 7/8/14. Mrs. Gargiulo seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

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QUALITY FITNESS SERVICE

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve a contract with Quality Fitness Service for the maintenance of district fitness machines as per the provisions in said contract for the period of 9/1/14 – 8/31/15, at a cost not to exceed \$3,650. Dr. Kaplan seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

NASSAU BOCES

Mr. Haile moved that the Board of Education approve the 2013-2014 Final AS-7 agreement with Nassau BOCES as required by Education Law Section 1950. Mrs. Blane seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the Letter of Intent with Nassau BOCES in the amount of \$8,612,644.86 for the 2014-2015 school year. Mr. Haile seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

INTERNAL AUDITOR REPORT

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education accept the 2014 – 2015 Risk Assessment Update Report of Sanford Schulsohn, BMCHSD Internal Auditor. Mrs. Blane seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDERS

Mrs. Gargiulo moved that the Board of Education approve Change Order No. 1, Bond Referendum Projects – Phase 1, Athletic Field Reconstruction at S.H. Calhoun High School, SED No.: 28-02-53-07-0-004-047, in the add amount of \$20,140 for Laser Industries, Inc. site work/general construction contract. Mr. Haile seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

Mrs. Goller moved that the Board of Education approve Change Order No. 2, Bond Referendum Projects – Phase I, Athletic Field Reconstruction at S.H. Calhoun High School, SED No.: 28-02-53-07-0-004-047, in the add amount of \$14,190 for Laser Industries, Inc. site construction. Mr. Haile seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

SEDCAR

Mrs. Goller moved that the Board of Education authorize its President to execute the 2014 – 2015 school year SEDCAR agreements as required by NYSED. Dr. Kaplan seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

BOARD CONFERENCES

Mrs. Goller moved that the Board of Education approve the following resolutions:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent of Schools, John DeTommaso's, registration plus expenses to attend the New York State Council of School Superintendent's annual conference in Saratoga Springs, New York, on September 20 – 23, 2014, at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Board of Education President JoAnn DeLauter's registration plus expenses to attend the New York State School Board Association's annual conference in New York, New York, on October 26 - 28, 2014, at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00.

Mr. Haile seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

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There was none.

CORRESPONDENCE

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was none.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

On a motion by Dr. Kaplan, seconded by Mrs. Gargiulo, and carried 7-0, the Board of Education agreed to enter into Executive Session for reasons of a personnel matter at 8:56 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mrs. Lanci, seconded by Mrs. Blane and carried 7-0, the Board of Education reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the following resolutions:

MEMORANDUMS OF AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an amendment pertaining to "Schedule E," Termination Leave Payments of the January 13, 2014 Memorandum of Agreement with the Clerical Unit of the CSEA.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an amendment pertaining to "Schedule C," Termination Leave Payments of the October 28, 2013 Memorandum of Agreement with the Custodial Unit of the CSEA.

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

On motion by Mrs. Lanci, seconded by Mrs. Goller and carried 7-0, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Neufeld
District Clerk