

MINUTES OF THE BELLMORE-MERRICK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING August 5, 2015 - **REVISED**

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A regular meeting of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday evening, August 5, 2015, 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:

George Haile, President
Janet Goller, Vice President
Marion Blane
Wendy Gargiulo
Nina Lanci

The following members of the Board of Education were absent:

JoAnn DeLauter
Dr. Nancy Kaplan
Gina Piskin

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, Instruction and Assessment
Michael McAlvin, School Attorney
Claire Neufeld, District Clerk

The regular meeting was called to order at 8:13 p.m. Mr. Haile led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the July 14, 2015 meeting. Mrs. Blane seconded and the motion was carried 6-0.

MINUTES

Mrs. Blane moved that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer's Report dated June 30, 2015. Ms. Gargiulo seconded and the motion was carried 6-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Gargiulo moved that the Board of Education approve a change in the order of the agenda and move up the Personnel Report. Mrs. Lanci seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**CHANGE IN THE ORDER
OF THE AGENDA**

Dr. Bollettieri introduced Michael Gattus and thanked his family for attending tonight's meeting. Mr. Gattus will be a Special Education teacher in the district starting in September.

Mrs. Blane moved that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent of Schools' Personnel Report, dated August 5, 2015, as stated in the agenda. Ms. Gargiulo seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Goller stated it is now official and congratulated Mr. Gattus on his appointment, as did Mr. Haile and Superintendent DeTommaso..

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**RETURN TO ORDER
OF THE AGENDA**

Mrs. Blane moved that the Board of Education return to the order of the agenda.
Ms. Gargiulo seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Mr. DeTommaso welcomed everyone and added he appreciates their attendance at tonight's meeting. The district is busy planning for the opening of school on September 1st. Teachers will be back in district on August 31st for the Superintendent's Conference Day but many will be around the buildings earlier than that date. Mr. DeTommaso stated he is looking forward to the coming school year and the launching of the district's broadcasting and culinary arts programs. He reminded everyone that August 25th is the date of the 7th and 9th Grade Orientation. The next Board meeting is September 2, 2015. Mr. DeTommaso stated the Class of 2015 was superb and he has very high expectations for the Class of 2016. In addition, the Superintendent noted that the Smart Schools Investment Plan final copy, which can be found on the district website, includes various funding for projects in the areas of technology and security. This final expenditure report includes funding for all six of our schools, the central office and the non-public schools and students in the Bellmore-Merrick community.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none on agenda items only.

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

POLICIES

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education review the following policy for a first reading:

Policy 6830 Expense Reimbursement (Revised) (1st reading)
(Replacing 8:06.6)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the following policies:

Policy 0100 Equal Opportunity (Revised) (2nd reading)
Policy 0115 Harassment, Bullying & Discrimination (Revised) (2nd reading)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an amendment to the procedures for Policy No. 1740 – Relationship with Non-Public Schools.

**SPECIAL
EDUCATION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following Special Education placement as recommended by the Committee on Special Education: 030140001.

Ms. Gargiulo seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

DONATIONS

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$3,999.41 from the Mephram Alumni Association to Mephram High School to purchase four outdoor benches and two garbage receptacles and increase the appropriations budget by this amount. Ms. Gargiulo seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

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Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$1,200 from the Mepham Alumni Association to Mepham High School to purchase landscaping materials. Mrs. Goller seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**DONATIONS
(Continued)**

Mr. Haile thanked the Mepham Alumni Association for their generosity.

Ms. Gargiulo moved that the Board of Education accept a grant in the amount of \$50,000 from Nassau County and increase the 2014-15 appropriations by that amount. Mrs. Blane seconded. Mr. DeTommaso advised this money was designated for the district for outdoor equipment earlier in the year. The district is now being reimbursed. The motion was carried 5-0.

GRANT

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Katelyn Dunn as a 2015-2016 Dignity Act Coordinator.

**DIGNITY ACT
COORDINATOR**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize its President to sign the 2014-2015 APPR Implementation Certification form for the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District.

**ANNUAL
PROFESSIONAL
PERFORMANCE
REVIEW (APPR)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee, consistent with the terms of the Annual Professional Performance Review plan, to complete the information in the online portal, "Review Room," and to submit the plan via the online portal, or via any other means allowable by law, to the Commissioner of Education for review.

BE IT RESOLVED, 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; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County certifies the following individuals as lead evaluators:

Eric Arlin
Adeline Atkins

Robyn Einbinder
Cheryl Fontana

Enrique Montes
James Morris

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APPR (Continued)	Rochelle Battersby	Renee Fallon	Marie Netto
	Dr. Mara Bollettieri	Mary Ann Goetz	Gerry Owenberg
	Eric Caballero	Eric Gomez	Emily Paluseo
	Kate Caporusso	David Gunder	Vincent Pisano
	Jen Carne	Michael Harrington	Lorraine Poppe
	Theresa Catalina	Nicole Hollings	Chris Safina
	Carlo Conte	Joseph Innaco	David Seinfeld
	Andrew DelRosario	Rosa Kaplan	Kim Serpe
	John DeTommaso	Helen Kanellopoulos	Maria Sinatora
	Mary Donnelly	Jon LaRochester	Robert Soel
	Katelyn Dunn	Patrick Mannion	Neil Testa
	Susan Ellinghaus	Karen McGuinness	Maureen Welsh
		James Mollica	Ken Zisel

Ms. Gargiulo seconded and the motion was carried 6-0.

BILLS The Board of Education reviewed the Summary of Bills, dated August 5, 2015, and the corresponding warrants.

BIDS Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the bids as stated in the agenda. Mrs. Gargiulo seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

BUDGET SUMMARY The Board of Education reviewed the Budget Summary Report.

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

COMPONENT TAX LEVY FOR 2015 – 2016 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the allocation of the Bellmore Merrick Central High School District's tax levy for 2015-2016, 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 Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District for the 2015-2016 school year.

NASSAU BOCES BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the 2014-2015 Final AS-7 agreement with Nassau BOCES as required by Education Law Section 1950.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Letter of Intent with Nassau BOCES in the amount of \$8,574,374.23 for the 2015-2016 school year.

INTERNAL AUDITOR REPORT BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the 2015 – 2016 Risk Assessment Update Report of Sanford Schulsohn, BMCHSD Internal Auditor.

SEDCAR BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize its President to execute the 2015 – 2016 school year SEDCAR agreements as required by NYSED.

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent of Schools, John DeTommaso's, registration plus expenses to attend the NYS Council of School Superintendent's annual conference in Saratoga Springs, NY, on September 26-29, 2015, at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00.

BOARD CONFERENCES

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent of Schools and a representative of the Board of Education registration plus expenses to attend the New York State School Board Association's annual conference in New York, New York, on October 18-20, 2015, at a cost not to exceed \$1,800.00.

Ms. Gargiulo seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

There was none.

CORRESPONDENCE

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was none.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

On motion by Mrs. Lanci, seconded by Mrs. Blane and carried 5-0, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Neufeld
District Clerk