

MINUTES OF THE BELLMORE-MERRICK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING September 2, 2015

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A regular meeting of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday evening, September 2, 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
JoAnn DeLauter,
Wendy Gargiulo
Dr. Nancy Kaplan
Nina Lanci
Gina Piskin

Also present:

John DeTommaso, Superintendent of Schools
Cynthia Strait Régal, Deputy Superintendent
Dr. Mara Bollettieri, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel
David Seinfeld, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum
Eric Arlin, Director of Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services
Eric Caballero, Director of Physical Education/Health Ed/Athletics/Driver Education
Cheryl Fontana, Director of Music/ Fine & Performing Arts/Adult Ed
Joseph Innaco, Director of Instructional and Technology Services
Jon Simpkins, Director of School Facilities and Operations
Tom Volpe, Transportation Supervisor/Health and Safety Coordinator
Kate Freeman, School Business Administrator
Christopher Powers, School Attorney
Claire Neufeld, District Clerk

The regular meeting was called to order at 8:20 p.m. Mr. Haile led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Haile welcomed Gina Piskin to the Board again and acknowledge former Board member Susan Schwartz who is in the audience tonight.

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the August 5, 2015 Board of Ed regular meeting. Mrs. Blane seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

MINUTES

Mrs. Goller moved that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer's report dated July 31, 2015. Dr. Kaplan seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. DeTommaso welcomed everyone and asked the six principals to give a brief synopsis of the first day of school. Ms. Poppe, Kennedy HS, stated it was hot but fun. Orientation was great and the first day went smoothly. She thanked all the staff. Ms. Hollings, Calhoun HS, said it was a fabulous start, full of energy and exciting. Mrs. Ellinghaus, MAP, said MAP welcomed

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new students and new classes. Mr. Harrington, Mephram HS, stated he was happy to see smaller class sizes and the new Broadcasting program. He's looking forward to a great school year. Ms. Johnson, Merrick Avenue MS, stated Day 1, Year 2 was a scene from a Disney movie. It was perfect and the kids were energetic, connected, lively and comfortable. Mr. Conte, Grand Avenue MS, stated he was happy to see new students make connections through shared experiences. He complimented the staff on their nurturing nature and added that the new hires have already made an impact.

Mr. DeTommaso added kudos to everyone for getting things ready. He thanked Tom Volpe, Transportation, for ironing out first day wrinkles and Jon Simpkins, Buildings and Grounds, for having everything ready to go which made a smooth opening.

BOND UPDATE

Mr. DeTommaso gave a brief summary of Phase II of the Bond. NYS approved Phase II in late June making it difficult to begin work but work on the bathrooms will begin soon. Work on the science labs and HVAC cannot be done while school is in session and will begin the summer of 2016. Phase III has been sent to NYSED and will most likely be approved and begin also during the summer of 2016. It is anticipated that the EPC presentation will be submitted to NYSED in November. The district is incorporating LED lighting throughout the district and that work will begin this fall.

Mr. DeTommaso stated Bellmore-Merrick had an outstanding academic year. In keeping with the district's mission, "for kids and about kids," Mr. Seinfeld will give a brief presentation on the 2014-2015 year.

DATA PRESENTATION

Mr. Seinfeld began by stating these results include the summer school grades. He congratulated Ms. Ellinghaus and her team on their incredible work and the summer school students' remarkable achievements. His presentation will be posted on the district website tomorrow, September 3, 2015. He stated there was a tremendous drop in the number of students taking the assessments due to the Opt Out movement which did skew the results. In the case of the science regents, the district had a record number of students taking the test. The district's results were very good overall. In some areas the results were phenomenal and in other areas, there is room for improvement. The district will take advantage of its unique circumstances and schools with better results will share their insights. The district has good diploma rates and college bound statistics. He is interested to see how our inclusion students fare next year. He predicted an increase in the number of students enrolling in AP classes.

FUTURE EVENTS

Mr. Haile mentioned the school closure dates and other important upcoming events listed on the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none on agenda items only.

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Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the following policy: **POLICY**

Policy No. 6830 Expense Reimbursement (Revised)
(2nd reading)(replacing 8:06.6)

Mrs. Lanci seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the following special education placements as recommended by the Committee on Special Education: 000010717, 000011536, 110010789, 130003247, 370000182 and 370000577. Dr. Kaplan seconded and the motion was carried 8-0. **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Ms. Gargiulo moved that the Board of Education accept the following donations, total value of \$8,100, from Calhoun Sports Boosters: **DONATIONS**

24 clear rain jackets and 24 customized umbrellas, valued at \$1,000

NOAH Basketball Shooting System, valued at \$4,600

8.5 ft., fiberglass "rearing horse" statue, bronze finish, valued at \$2,500

Dr. Kaplan seconded and the motion was carried 8-0. Mr. Haile and Mr. DeTommaso thanked the Calhoun Booster Club for their generosity.

Ms. Gargiulo moved that the Board of Education accept a \$5,000 grant from Youth Service America to the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District and increase the appropriations budget by this amount. Mrs. Blane seconded and the motion was carried 8-0. **GRANT**

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent of Schools' Personnel Report, dated September 2, 2015, as stated in the agenda. Mrs. Goller seconded and the motion was carried 8-0. Mr. DeTommaso announced the appointment of Mary Donnelly as the new ELA Chair at Mepham and Grand. Members of the Board of Ed welcomed her. **PERSONNEL**

The Board of Ed reviewed the Summary of Bills, dated September 2, 2015, and the corresponding warrants. **BILLS**

Dr. Kaplan moved that the Board of Education approve the bids as stated in the agenda. Ms. Gargiulo seconded and the motion was carried 8-0. **BIDS**

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following 2014-2015 Budget Transfer: **BUDGET TRANSFERS**

From: A2250 150 00 0000	-54,664.15 (SpEd Salaries)
A2250 400 00 0000	-94,695.00 (SpEd Contractual)
To: A2250 472 00 0000	149,359.15 (SpEd Private Tuition)

CONSULTANTS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the hiring of a consultant, Hope for Youth, to provide case management and services from 9/3/15 through 6/30/16 at a cost not to exceed \$12,130 and fully funded by Title I.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the hiring of a consultant, Regina Residence, to provide case management and services from 9/3/15 through 6/30/16 at a cost not to exceed \$4,000 and funded by Title I.

ELWOOD UFSD

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve a Special Education services agreement with Elwood UFSD for the education of their student in BMCHSD'S MAP program at an estimated tuition rate of \$40,884.

ASSET WORKS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Asset Works, Inc. to provide support of the District's Asset Inventory software from 9/1/15 – 8/31/16 at a cost not to exceed \$1,400; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Deputy Superintendent to execute an agreement with Asset Works, Inc.

**NATIONAL
COMMITTEE FOR THE
FURTHERANCE OF
JEWISH EDUCATION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with the National Committee for the Furtherance of Jewish Education for the use of 6 classrooms from 9/20/15 to 5/15/16, with 25 sessions anticipated, for a total cost of \$13,511.25.

FEE WAIVER

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve waiving the fees for the Senior Pops Orchestra's use of the Brookside auditorium for their free holiday concert series on the following Sundays: 10/11/15, 12/6/15 and 5/15/16.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve waiving the fees for Integral Ballet's use of the Brookside auditorium on Friday, 4/8/16, to raise funds for the Andréa Rizzo Foundation.

**SURPLUS/OBSOLETE
PROPERTY**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education declare obsolete and approve the disposal of an electric typewriter, #001416, inasmuch as it is not in proper working order.

**HEALTH INSURANCE
PORTABILITY AND
ACCOUNTABILITY
ACT (HIPPA) OF 1996**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve a contract and a Business Associate contract with Seneca Consulting Group, Inc. establishing the permitted and required maintenance, use and disclosure of Protected Health Information (PHI).

Ms. Gargiulo seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

**STUDENT
DISCIPLINE
APPEAL**

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

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BE IT RESOLVED, that upon reviewing the appeal of a student discipline matter, the Board of Education affirms the decision of the Superintendent of Schools in all respects, and

**STUDENT
DISCIPLINE
APPEAL
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk shall notify the parents, in writing, of the Board's determination.

Mrs. Goller seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

There was none.

CORRESPONDENCE

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was none.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

On a motion by Dr. Kaplan, seconded by Ms. Gargiulo and carried 8-0, the Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Neufeld
District Clerk