

MINUTES OF THE BELLMORE-MERRICK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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A regular meeting of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Board of Education was held on Monday evening, June 19, 2017, 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:

Janet Goller, President
Dr. Nancy Kaplan, Vice President
Marion Blane
JoAnn DeLauter
Wendy Gargiulo
Lisa Katz
Nina Lanci
Gina Piskin

Also present:

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:21 p.m. Mrs. Goller, Board of Education President, led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. DeTommaso stated that normally this second June meeting is a work session but there have been so many accomplishments in the district that need to be recognized.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. DeLauter announced On Friday, March 17, 2017 the Mephram Physics Olympics team competed in the 33rd Annual Physics Olympics, sponsored by the Long Island Physics Teachers Association, against a field of 18 very well-prepared high school teams from all over Long Island held at SUNY Farmingdale. The events the team participated in were: "The Fermi Event" – students estimated quantities such as "How many drops of water are in the Atlantic Ocean." "Bowling for Glory" – students used their understanding of forces and motion to guide a bowling ball through a complex path using only the bristles of a broom. "Laser Light Show" – students calculated the properties of a glass prism and predicted where a laser beam passing through the prism and reflected off a mirror will land. "Rear End Collision" – students have to find where two toy cars of different speeds would rear

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end each other along a fixed track. “Physics Bowl” – a game show style competition where students are challenged on their physics knowledge. The Mephram team earned second place trophies for the Physics Bowl and the Bowling for Glory events. However, they scored so well in all of the events that the team took the overall First Place Trophy in what was a very close competition. On behalf of the Board of Education, Mrs. DeLauter congratulated the students on a job well done.

**PENTATHALON -
NYS CHAMPION**

Dr. Kaplan stated Ryan Cummings has been running track since his freshman year in high school where he was a standout hurdler in the 110 meter High Hurdles. In his sophomore year, he also began competing in the long and triple jump and was a county finalist in the hurdles. After a successful sophomore year, the thought was, that based on Ryan’s athleticism and outstanding ability he would compete in the Pentathlon his junior year. When he competed as a junior, he was the County Champion in the pentathlon and earned All-State honors. During the season, we focused on exposing him to all of the events that he would do in the Pentathlon at each league meet. He was a standout in the High Hurdles, Long Jump, and Triple Jump, and was the Division Champion and named All-County in them as well. Ryan competed at the prestigious Louks Games where he was on the podium and placed 1st at the Bulldog Invitational. At the state qualifier meet, two other athletes met the state standard for the Pentathlon providing Ryan with the push he needed to improve his score. He was seeded as one of the top athletes going in and came out the victor in the end. Dr. Kaplan congratulation Ryan on behalf of the Board of Education.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S
REPORT**

Mr. DeTommaso stated he and the Board watched MAP students graduate earlier tonight and congratulated them and Mrs. Ellinghaus. He presented the Jerusalem Avenue findings and recommended the Board enter into a contract of sale with Nassau BOCES for the Jerusalem Avenue property. Nassau BOCES does not want to pay rent anymore and wish to purchase. The Breslin Appraisal Co., Inc. states Jerusalem Avenue’s value to be approximately \$13,000,000. A discussion of options was had during the March, 2017 Community Forum. A new, in depth appraisal consisting of 57 pages looked at its value if it was sold for residential property, senior housing or Nassau BOCES. It was appraised between \$12.9 million and \$13 million. A developer would purchase the entire property. In the contract with Nassau BOCES, the district retains the sports fields, a little over five (5) acres, and those fields can be used by PAL and the Strawberry Festival. Two referendums are anticipated. The first on December 5, 2017 for the Bellmore-Merrick community and later, somewhere around March/April, 2018, all Nassau County communities. If approved, closing would be approximately July of 2018. The money would go into a reserve and be used to keep taxes down.

Ms. Gargiulo thanked the community for coming to the forum stating attendees raised some important issues. She was advised that if the referendum does not pass, there no contingency. Arrangements would be made depending on the timing. Mrs. DeLauter was advised BOCES current lease expires in June of 2018.

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recommended Special Education placements: 000011185, 000013441, 000511508, 000511952, 030350001, 030500041, 050460010, 061310003, 370000301 and 999010194. Mrs. Piskin seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

Ms. Gargiulo moved that the Board of Education approve the recommended new Fall 2017 Adult Education courses. Mrs. Katz seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

**FALL 2017 ADULT
ED COURSES**

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education herewith approves and adopts the District's Annual Professional Performance Review plan for classroom teachers and principals in compliance with Education Law §3012-d and 8 N.Y.C.R.R. 30-3.0tj the 2017-2018 school year; and

**ANNUAL
PROFESSIONAL
PERFORMANCE
REVIEW PLAN**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the Superintendent or his/her designee to submit the plan via the online portal to the Commissioner of Education for review; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the Superintendent and Board of Education President to execute the Joint Certification Form, as required for submission of the plan to the Commissioner of Education. Mrs. Blane seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the 2017-2018 Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Professional Development Plan. Mrs. Katz seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

**PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT
PLAN**

Dr. Kaplan moved that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$250 from the Kiwanis Club of the Bellmores to be applied toward the creation of a Maker's Space and increase the appropriations budget by this amount. Ms. Gargiulo seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

DONATIONS

Dr. Kaplan moved that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$250 from the Bellmore Lions Charitable Foundation to be applied toward the creation of a Maker's Space and increase the appropriations budget by this amount. Ms. Gargiulo seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent of Schools' Personnel Report, dated June 19, 2017, as stated in the agenda. Mrs. Blane seconded, and the motion was carried 8-0.

PERSONNEL

Mrs. Katz moved that the Board of Education approve the bids as stated in the agenda. Mrs. DeLauter seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

BIDS

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

**SPECIAL MEETING
AND VOTE**

SPECIAL MEETING

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following

AND VOTE
(Continued)

resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District, as follows:

Section 1. That a Special Meeting of the qualified voters of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District shall be held at the polling places hereinafter set forth in the notice of said Special Meeting on the fifth (5th) day of December, 2017, for the purpose of voting by (ballot or voting machine) upon the proposition hereinafter set forth in said notice. Polls for the purpose of voting will be kept open between the hours of 7:00 o'clock A.M. and 9:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time. For purposes of the Special Meeting and vote, the entire BMCHSD shall constitute a single election district; and for the convenience of the voters, multiple polling places shall be provided, the locations of which are hereby designated as set forth in the notice provided in Section 3 hereof.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District is hereby authorized to amend the notice of the Special Meeting hereinafter set forth from time to time as, in his or her discretion, such amendment may be required, consistent with the intent of Nassau BOCES as evidenced by this resolution.

Section 3. That the notice of said Special Meeting, including the proposition to be voted upon, shall be in substantially the following form, to-wit:

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING AND VOTE
BELLMORE-MERRICK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that a Special Meeting of the qualified voters of said Bellmore Merrick Central High School District will be held at the polling places hereinafter set forth on the fifth (5th) day of December, 2017, for the purpose of voting by (ballot or voting machine) upon the proposition hereinafter set forth. Polls for the purpose of voting will be kept open between the hours of 7:00 o'clock A.M. and 9:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time. The proposition is as follows:

PROPOSITION

- Shall the Bellmore Merrick Central High School District be authorized:
- (a) to sell to the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County title to the land and building at 2351 Jerusalem Avenue, North Bellmore, New York, 11710, a school building of approximately 133,216 square feet located on approximately 15.77 acres of land, for use as a school, or for any other permitted

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\$12,000,000.00 subject to adjustments in accordance with the Purchase and Sale Agreement dated July 12, 2018 on file in the office of the Clerk of Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District.

**AND VOTE
(Continued)**

DETERMINATION OF STATUS OF PROJECTS UNDER THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT: Nassau BOCES, acting as Lead Agency under the regulations of the State of New York promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act:

- (1) determined on June 23, 2016 that the acquisition set forth above is an Unlisted Action, which will not have any significant impact upon the environment.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that a person shall be entitled to vote at said Special Meeting of the voters of the Bellmore-Merrick CHSD who is:

- (1) a citizen of the United States; (2) eighteen years of age or older on the date
- (2) of said Special Meeting; and (3) a resident within the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District for a period of at least thirty consecutive days next preceding the Special Meeting date.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the entire Bellmore-Merrick CHSD shall be deemed a single election district, and that, for the convenience of voters, multiple polling places shall be provided so that each voter may choose to vote at any one (but only one) of the polling places as may be convenient for the voter, the locations of which will be determined.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the Clerk of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District, 1260 Meadowbrook Road, Merrick, NY 11566. Any such application must be received by the Clerk of the Bellmore-Merrick CHSD at least seven (7) days before the date of the aforementioned Special Meeting if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before such Special Meeting, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. A list of all persons to whom absentee voter's ballots shall have been issued shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Clerk of the Bellmore-Merrick CHSD not less than five (5) days prior to the date of the Special Meeting (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) during regular office hours until the date of the aforesaid Special Meeting. In addition, such list shall also be posted conspicuously at the places of voting during the hours of such Special Meeting.

Merrick, New York
Date

BY ORDER OF THE BELLMORE-MERRICK CENTRAL HIGH
SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING By _____

AND VOTE
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Name: Claire Neufeld

Title: Clerk of the Bellmore-Merrick CHSD

Section 4. That the Bellmore-Merrick CHSD Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice to be given of said Special Meeting in substantially the form hereinbefore prescribed, with any insubstantial changes thereto as are deemed by the Clerk to be appropriate, consistent with the intent of Bellmore-Merrick CHSD as evidenced by this resolution, by publishing the same four (4) times, once within each of the four (4) weeks next preceding such special meeting, the first publication to be at least twenty-five (25) days before said meeting, in the Bellmore Herald Life and Merrick Herald Life, two newspapers having a general circulation in said Bellmore Merrick CHSD, and by giving such other notice as in her discretion may be deemed advisable.

Section 5. Each chief election inspector, inspector of election, clerk, assistant clerk and alternate appointed for said Special Meeting shall be entitled to compensation for their services. The Clerk of said Bellmore-Merrick CHSD will solicit for these openings respectively for said Special Meeting and vote and the Bellmore-Merrick CHSD will appoint said positions at the October 4, 2017 Board meeting. In accordance with the applicable provisions of the Education Law, the Clerk of the Bellmore-Merrick CHSD shall serve as the Clerk for said Special Meeting and vote.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

**BOCES OF NASSAU
COUNTY**

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Real Estate (“Agreement”) for the conveyance of the parcel, real property, school building, and other structures thereon, situated in the Town of Hempstead, County of Nassau, State of New York, Section 50, Block X, Lot 526 (as described on Exhibit “A” attached hereto) with the BOARD OF OOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES OF NASSAU COUNTY (“BOCES”), for consideration of Twelve Million (\$12,000,000.00) Dollars and authorizes the Board President to execute such Agreement subject to the terms and conditions therein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sale, conveyance, aforesaid Agreement and all components of this resolution are and remain subject to and contingent upon the approval of the applicable proposition by the District’s voters on a date scheduled for such voter approval pursuant to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sale, conveyance, aforesaid Agreement and all components of this resolution are and remain subject to and contingent upon the approval of the applicable proposition by BOCES’ **BOCES OF NASSAU CO.**

voters on a date scheduled for such voter approval pursuant to law; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education President is authorized to execute the letter attached hereto and such other and further documentation as may be required in order to effectuate and in furtherance of this Agreement.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with BOCES of Nassau County to provide a Twilight Alternative High School Program for the 2017-2018 school year for Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District students.

**TWILIGHT PROGRAM
BOCES OF NASSAU CO.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement between the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District and The Board of Cooperative Educational Services (Project #33-595996) for the lease purchase of technology equipment, software and services, and authorize the Board President to sign said agreement.

**TECHNOLOGY
EQUIPMENT
BOCES OF NASSAU CO.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Nassau Health Care Corporation for School Year 2017-2018 at a cost of \$26,850. Additional fees as per attached schedule.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

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 for the 2017-2018 year.

**THIRD PARY
ADMINISTRATOR**

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 7/1/17-6/30/18 at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.

**BUS DRIVER
COMPLIANCE
TESTING**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the revision of fees as stated in the 6/15/17 memo entitled Fees for Use of School Facilities – 2017-2018.

FACILITIES FEES

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education declare obsolete and approve the disposal of the following:

**OBSOLETE/SURPLUS
PROPERTY**

1. Grand Avenue 1996 Ford tractor, VIN 3415-US22415, Tag # 4511190016
2. Merrick Avenue 1997 Ford tractor, VIN3415-UX22800, Tag # 20001026001

ATHLETIC TRAINER

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with

Professional Athletic Training Services, PLLC, to provide athletic trainer services for School Year 2017-2018 at a cost not to exceed \$82,500.

RANKONE SPORT

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with RankOne Sport to provide athletic scheduling software for School Year 2017-2018, at total cost of \$1,700.

GASB 10

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Sound Actuarial Consulting, LLC to provide GASB 10 valuation/analysis for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 at a cost of \$6,800.

PUBLIC CREDIT RATING SERVICES

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Moody's Investors Service to provide public credit rating services, for the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, at a cost of \$20,000.

ATTENDANCE FUNCTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent of Schools attendance at the New York State Council of School Superintendents (NYSCOSS) 2017 Fall Leadership Summit on 9/23-26/17.

SCHOLARSHIP

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the establishment of the Marie J. Giorgio Scholarship for the Arts in the amount of two \$250 awards to two (2) Kennedy HS graduating seniors who have displayed an excellence in the Arts – Music, Drama, Art.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, having received a request for a foreign exchange student to attend Mephram High School for the 2017-2018 School Year, hereby approves such request.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, having received a request for a foreign exchange student to attend Calhoun High School for the 2017-2018 School Year, approves such request.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District, having reviewed a certain Settlement Agreement concerning a contemplated request for a due process hearing in Executive Session, hereby approves the terms of the Settlement Agreement and authorizes and directs the Board President and Superintendent of Schools to execute such agreement on behalf of the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mrs. DeLauter, seconded by Dr. Kaplan and carried 8-0, the Board of Education entered into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 8:47 p.m.

On a motion by Mrs. Lanci, seconded by Mrs. Katz and carried 8-0, the Board of Education reconvened at 8:48 p.m.

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is accessible. Christopher Powers, School Attorney, advised Mr. Cervone to make a FOIL request. Mr. Cervone, who is in real estate, does not agree with that appraisal.

Mr. Micelli stated he disagrees with how and where to disburse the proceeds of the sale of Jerusalem Avenue.

On a motion by Mrs. Katz, seconded by Mrs. Blane and carried 8-0, the Board of Education entered into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 8:55 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Ms. Gargiulo, seconded by Mrs. Piskin and carried 8-0, the Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Neufeld
District Clerk

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