

MINUTES OF THE BELLMORE-MERRICK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING February 7, 2018

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A regular meeting of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday evening, February 7, 2018, 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:

Dr. Nancy Kaplan, President
Nina Lanci, Vice President
Marion Blane
Steve Enella
John Ferrara
Wendy Gargiulo
Janet Goller

The following member of the Board of Education was absent:

Gina Piskin

Also present:

John DeTommaso, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Mara Bollettieri, Deputy Superintendent of Personnel
Kate Freeman, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Michael Harrington, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
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
Ken Zisel, Assistant Principal of Districtwide Services
Christopher Powers, School Attorney
Claire Neufeld, District Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 8:09 p.m. Dr. Kaplan, Board of Education President, welcomed everyone and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Gargiulo moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the January 3, 2018 meeting. Mrs. Lanci seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

MINUTES

Mr. Ferrara moved that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer's Report, for the month ended December 31, 2017. Mr. Enella seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. DeTommaso stated it's been a while since our last meeting. The Faculty Follies were a great success and raised \$1,900 for the Community Cupboard. The Community Cupboard is serving 42 Bellmore-Merrick families bi-weekly. Bellmore-Merrick has had Regeneron semifinalist for the past 15 years. It is one of the most prestigious competitions. Tonight we recognize two Kennedy students as Regeneron Scholars.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

**REGENERON SCIENCE
COMPETITION
SCHOLARS**

Dr. Kaplan stated the Regeneron Science Talent Search (Regeneron STS) is the nation's most prestigious pre-college science competition. Each scholar, selected from 1,818 entrants, receives a \$2,000 award with an additional \$2,000 going to his or her respective school. The 40 finalists chosen to compete in Washington, D.C. in March are announced on January 23rd. Alumni of STS have made extraordinary contributions to science and hold more than 100 of the world's most coveted science and math honors, including the Nobel Prize and National Medal of Science.

Mrs. Goller presented an Award of Honor certificate to Matthew Klein stating he exemplifies the traits of an engineer; meticulous, artistic, scientific and mathematical. Matthew is a bright young man of great humility, maturity, and personal commitment with a tremendous enthusiasm for science and technology. As a result of his penchant, talent, and drive, Matthew was named a nation semi-finalist in the Regeneron Science Talent Search for his research thesis "Galaxy Cluster Assembly and Ignition of Active Galactic Nuclei". This recognition is a testament to Matthew's affinity for astrophysics. Matthew will continue to do collaborative research, share his knowledge, and make meaningful contributions in the worlds of science and technology. Matthew has worked for a local engineering consultant, a New York City environment protection agency, and the American Museum of Natural History. His gifts and unyielding will to succeed will serve him well as he sets out to become an engineer. On behalf of the Board of Education, Mrs. Goller congratulated Matthew.

Ms. Gargiulo presented an Award of Honor certificate to Cameron Levy stating he is an AP Scholar with Distinction, a member of the National Science Honor Society, and National Italian Honor Society. He is also a member of the Community Health and Research in Medicine (CHARM) Committee which supports and organizes various health and science events throughout the school year. His research in Barbi Frank's Advanced Science Research class at Kennedy entitled, "An Analysis of the Interactions Among the Histone Deacetylase Sir2, TOR Signaling, and the Heat Shock Response Instigator Heat Shock Factor 1", was completed at SUNY Farmingdale and recognized him as a 2018 Regeneron Science Talent Search Scholar. Cameron has been a decorated competitive fencer for the past eight years and placed in the top 10 in multiple national and international event. He has been recruited to fence for Princeton's Men's Foil squad. At his fencing club in Brooklyn, Cameron volunteers his time to run a youth 'beginners' class for children interested in the sport. Cameron will be attending Princeton University in the Fall. Mrs. Gargiulo congratulated him on behalf of the Board of Education.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Mr. DeTommaso stated he is proud of all the kids who take part in the ASR Program and their teachers. Bellmore-Merrick ASR students received many Regeneron Science Competition badges too.

**ONE VOICE, ONE
MESSAGE**

Robyn Einbinder and Joe Netto announced the One Voice, One Message (OVOM) Ambassador Program's Fourth Annual 5K Run/Walk, partnered with "*#give kindness*," is scheduled for Saturday, March 24, 2018. The route begins and ends at Grand Avenue Middle School. The Ambassadors partnered with Youth Service

America and on the Martin Luther King Day of Service compiled and distributed 15,000 bags of essential items, collected by Bellmore-Merrick students, to many different organizations. 700 of those bags were donated to the Community Cupboard.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Mr. DeTommaso noted the OVOM Ambassador Program is stronger each year and is not diminishing with time. Mr. DeTommaso announced that Kennedy Principal Lorraine Poppe, after 24 years, will be retiring as of June 30, 2018. She has a tremendous legacy in the JFK family and her accomplishments are many. She will be honored at a future date. Mr. DeTommaso thanked Cheryl Fontana for running the Faculty Follies and mentioned some of the performers. He mentioned important dates listed on the agenda. He urged everyone to participate tomorrow in the BOCES Vote on the purchase of the Jerusalem Avenue property. If it passes, this will go into effect around July 1, 2018. Winter Recess is coming up and Mr. DeTommaso wished everyone a good break. Derek Baumann, a graduate of MAP and a former student representative to the Board, announced he is on the Dean's List.

**STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVES**

Daniel O'Keefe of Calhoun High School congratulated the 16 ASR students who received badges. Seniors received mini-grants for their science work. Students participated in the Long Island Science and Engineering Fair. On-Tour's "Rock You" was very successful. Their next musical will be "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat." A Calhoun Virtual Enterprise team is in the Long Island finals.

Rachel Katz of Kennedy High School stated the girls Jam the Gym is this Friday night. Caring and Kindness students took part in the Martin Luther King Day of Service event. Business students placed in the top ten of a recent competition. She congratulated the ASR students. Incoming 9th graders were welcomed with a building tour and tee shirts. CHAMP provided refreshments. Athletic teams are in championships and tournaments. Boys basketball Jam the Gym was held.

Jordan Ladd of the Meadowbrook Alternative Learning Program stated MAP students participated in the Martin Luther King Day of Service event. Students were visited by a service dog training service. 18 new students came to MAP. The Leadership class went to the Human Rights Conference at Adelphi University. Students had a trip to the Tilles Center and today was College and Career Day.

Gina Connors of Mepham High School congratulated athletic teams on a successful season. Teams are competing in championships and ASR students received badges. U-tube channel is run by Broadcasting students. The Giving Kindness program continues. Leadership students are coordinating events and students participated in the Martin Luther King Day of Service. She thanked the local Stop and Shop for donating over 300 items in the bags put together that day. Students attended the Human Rights Conference. Faculty Follies was preceded by Italian Night. Upcoming events include Art Honor Society Inductions and Mr. Mepham.

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Dr. Bollettieri stated she received many compliments on Bellmore-Merrick students and their presentation at the Human Rights Conference.

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the recommended 2018 – 2019 School Year calendar.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve revised Policy No. 5405 – Student Wellness (Revised)(2nd reading).

POLICY

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following Special Education placements as recommended by the Committee on Special Education (CSE): 000010734, 000011047, 000011701, 000011702, 000011932, 000012021, 000012860, 000013441, 000014841, 000014842, 000014872, 000511722, 000511767, 000512108, 030160000, 030430009, 041270001, 041630001, 050480012, 050600002, 060720006, 061640000, 072330010, 081900001, 091200001, 102370000, 121160000, 131261648, 131261667, 131263296, 201700041, 201700042, 201700058, 201700141, 370000660, 370001247 and 370001265.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$1,500 from Youth Service America to be used by the Ambassador Program and increase the appropriations budget by this amount.

DONATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a donation of a 78 inch, three door refrigerator, valued at approximately \$5,000, from Robert DeLeo to the Community Cupboard.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$500 from the Bellmore Lions Club to the Community Cupboard.

Ms. Gargiulo seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

Dr. Kaplan mentioned each of the donations and thanked the contributors. Mr. DeTommaso added with the donation of a refrigerator, the Community Cupboard will now have expanded capabilities.

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent of Schools' Personnel Report, dated February 7, 2018, as stated in the agenda. Mr. Enella seconded and the motion was passed 7-0 with Ms. Gargiulo recusing herself from Item J.

PERSONNEL

The Board of Education reviewed the Summary of Bills, dated February 7, 2018, and the corresponding warrants.

BILLS

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- BIDS** Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the bids as stated in the agenda. Ms. Gargiulo seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.
- BUDGET SUMMARY** The Board of Education reviewed the Budget Summary, dated February 7, 2018.
- Ms. Gargiulo moved that the Board of Education approve the following resolutions:
- BUDGET TRANSFERS** BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Bellmore-Merrick CHSD approve the following budget transfers:
1. Not to exceed \$80,000 for Building Improvements
From A1620 425 (Repairs) to A1620 400 (Contractual)
 2. Not to exceed \$200,000 for Home Teaching expenses
From A2250 400 (Home Teaching Contractual) to A2250 150 (Home Teaching Salaries)
 3. Not to exceed \$250,000 for the cost of Workers' Compensation expenses
From A1620 400 (Contractual Fuel) to A9040 800 (Workers' Comp)
 4. Not to exceed \$300,000 for Special Education Related Services expenses
From A2250 472 (Special Ed Tuition) to A2250 400 (Spec Ed Contractual)
- CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDERS** BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following two Bond Referendum Projects – Phase 3 Construction Change Orders:
Kennedy HS, SED No. 28-02-53-07-0-007-038, Change Order No. 2 in the add amount of \$1,930 for Roland.
Merrick Avenue MS, SED No. 28-02-53-07-0-003-040, Change Order No. 1 in deduct amount of \$7,085.53 for Hirsch.
- LEASES** BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an amendment to the agreement with EAC, Inc. for the lease of space in the Brookside School Building for use as a senior citizen community center for the period 7/1/17 through 6/30/19.
- BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with the Friedberg Jewish Community Center for the use of certain facilities at Brookside for the purpose of a Summer Recreation Program for Middle School students from 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM, weekdays, beginning 6/30/18 and ending 8/15/18.
- RESERVES** BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the withdrawal of funds from the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve for the payment of sick leave for retirees in the 2017-2018 school year in an amount up to \$600,000.
- BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the withdrawal of funds from the Employee Retirement Reserve for payment of employer retirement expense to the New York State Employee Retirement System in the 2017-2018 school year in an amount up to \$2,023,600.

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an amendment to the list of job titles requiring cellular phones for the 2017-2018 school year.

CELL PHONES

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education declare obsolete and approve the disposal of outdated and/or damaged textbooks from the District's Non-public School Book Room.

**OBSOLETE/SURPLUS
PROPERTY**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education declare obsolete and approve the disposal of 12 obsolete Prentice Hall Biology textbooks (ISBN 0-13-063163-9) from MAP.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education declare obsolete and approve the disposal of Grand Avenue's Minuteman Zamboni, #001209.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education declare obsolete and approve the disposal of two Merrick Avenue MS electric stoves, #01108 and 004310, inasmuch as it will cost more to repair than to replace them.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Nassau BOCES Department of Instructional Programs and Alternative Schools wherein the District may participate in the Nassau BOCES Regional Summer School Program from 7/1/17 – 8/30/17.

NASSAU BOCES

Mrs. Lanci seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

There was none.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Lanci stated she has served on the Board of Ed for many years and added it is a pleasure to serve with people who share a vision and provide support.

Faculty Follies is a great night and she thanked the staff. She is happy to work with this administrative team and thanked the other Board of Ed members.

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Ferrara moved that the Board of Education, having received and reviewed an appeal of a Student Discipline in Executive Session, hereby denies such appeal and directs the District Clerk to notify the parents of the Board's decision. Mr. Enella seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

On a motion by Ms. Gargiulo, seconded by Mrs. Blane, and carried 7-0, the Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Neufeld
District Clerk