

MINUTES OF THE BELLMORE-MERRICK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING June 6, 2018

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A regular meeting of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday evening, June 6, 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
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 Personnel 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
Emily Paluseo, Assistant Director of Special Education and Pupil Services
Jon Simpkins, Director of School Facilities and Operations
Tom Volpe, Director of Transportation/Security & Employee Safety Officer
Ken Zisel, Assistant Principal of Districtwide Services
Christopher Powers, School Attorney
Claire Neufeld, District Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 8:13 p.m. Dr. Kaplan, Board of Education President, welcomed everyone and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dr. Kaplan welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting saying we are coming to the most exciting time of the year.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Gargiulo moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the May 2, 2018 meeting. Mrs. Blane seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

MINUTES

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer's Report, for the month ended April 30, 2018. Mr. Ferrara seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. DeTommaso began by saying that once again, tonight is a celebration of what happens in Bellmore-Merrick. Earlier tonight we recognized our retiring staff. A consistent theme throughout, no matter the position, is "kids, kids, kids and kids." These retirements are bittersweet. Now we will recognize the valedictorians and salutatorians at each of our schools. It is with great pleasure and pride that we recognize these students tonight.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

**VALEDICTORIANS
AND SALUTATORIANS**

Ms. Gargiulo presented an Award of Honor certificate to Joy Ma stating she is insightful, intelligent, caring, hard-working, open-minded and friendly. Joy excels academically while competing in fencing tournaments throughout the world. Joy is also an AP Scholar with Distinction, a National Merit Finalist and a member of the National, Math, Science, Social Studies, Italian, and English Honor Societies. She is recognized as a top American fencing athlete, has completed research on equine hock joints under the mentorship of Dr. Lisa Fortier of Cornell University, and is a valued member of the county finalist Badminton team. She is a talented pianist in our Jazz Band and an exceptional Flutist/Piccolo player for the Nassau-Suffolk Wind Symphony through the Nassau-Suffolk Performing Arts. Joy will be attending Yale University in the Fall. On behalf of the Board of Ed, Ms. Gargiulo congratulated Joy.

Ms. Gargiulo presented an Award of Honor certificate to Amelia Seabold stating she is a brilliant, driven, friendly, athletic, insightful and caring student who does not take her gift of intelligence for granted; nor does she think that it makes her more important than her peers. She is humble, enjoys being an active member of her class and has pursued the most challenging program we offer. She has near-perfect averages in all subject areas and is a teacher's dream. She has taken five Advanced Placement courses in the past three years and has received a five on all of them, earning her the title of A.P. Scholar with Distinction. She is an outstanding soccer player, a valued member of the lacrosse team and played basketball. Amelia is an officer in our Model UN. She has spent the past two summers studying genetics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Amelia will be attending Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Ms. Gargiulo congratulated Amelia on behalf of the Board of Ed.

Dr. Kaplan presented an Award of Honor certificate to David Kantor stating David approaches life with fervor, curiosity, compassion and commitment. He has earned a place in the Business, Math, World Language, Science, Music, and National Honor Societies. Altruistic, affable, athletic, musical, focused, earnest, responsible, curious, funny and poised are just a portion of the adjectives that describe him. David is a game changer, and his willingness to go beyond the banal and superficial will continue to lead him to achieve the extraordinary. As CEO of Virtual Enterprise, David, a true leader, oversees and leads a simulated corporation with maturity and gusto. As president of Key Club, he is equal parts motivator and devoted volunteer, and he leads with kindness and tenacity. David gets tremendous pleasure from helping others and making lives a little better. At Sensory Beans, David works with children ages one through ten, each of whom are at different levels of development. David continues to devote himself to all that he believes in college and beyond. David will be attending Dartmouth College in the Fall. On behalf of the Board, Dr. Kaplan congratulated him.

Dr. Kaplan presented an Award of Honor certificate to Dylan Judd stating the pieces that make Dylan Judd an incredible young man are as impressive as they are in number. He is a scholar, athlete, thinker, motivator, teammate, helper, leader, brother, friend and a truly outstanding human being. He is brilliant, focused, personable, mature, goal-oriented, humorous and comfortable in his own skin.

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Dylan is a member of the Science, Spanish, and National Honor Societies. He isn't driven by grades, accolades, or awards; he's motivated by his journey to be great at all he attempts. He is truly one of the greatest student-athletes to walk the halls of Kennedy High School. Dylan is a star baseball player. As team captain, he leads with tenacity and warm demeanor. He's well-liked by teammates. Dylan will be attending Wesleyan University in the Fall. Dr. Kaplan congratulated him on behalf of the Board of Ed.

**VALEDICTORIANS
AND SALUTATORIANS
(Continued)**

Mrs. Lanci presented an Award of Honor certificate to Jordan Ladd stating Jordan has all the attributes which one would expect of a valedictorian; she has taken AP Psychology, AP European History and AP Literature. She is a member of the National Honor Society and is President of both the Key Club and GSA. She is the MAP representative to the Board of Ed. Jordan has been a faithful supporter of the Community Cupboard, but took her dedication to eradicating hunger in our community to a higher level. She wrote a grant and was awarded the funds to purchase and outfit a greenhouse here at Brookside. The seedlings, which are nurtured there, are planted into raised beds in the courtyard and the produce goes directly to the Cupboard recipients. Jordan will begin classes this fall at Farmingdale State College as a Biology Science major. On behalf of the Board of Ed, Mrs. Lanci congratulated Jordan.

Mrs. Piskin presented an Award of Honor certificate to Chazz Opperman stating Chazz's credo is, "Surround yourself with people who are smarter than you and you will rise to their level." He says it worked for him and if he has a regret, it is that he didn't follow his own advice sooner. Chazz is possessed of an outstanding personality and also a caring and altruistic nature. Have a conversation with him about his job or his love of animals and his eyes light up! This is both his passion and his focus. After graduation, he will parlay his part-time job at Mutts and Butts into a full-time position with an eye to a future in sales. He is well versed in the care and feeding of a plethora of pets and has already begun researching the components of and nutritional requirements for optimum pet health. Though not sure when, he plans to take some business courses in the future. There is no doubt that he will be successful and in turn, inspire others to follow his lead. Mrs. Piskin congratulated Chazz on behalf of the Board.

Mrs. Lanci presented an Award of Honor certificate to Gina Connors stating she is a natural leader who leads by example and with an open mind. She has been recognized as an AP Scholar with Honor and has served as Class President for the past four years. Gina is an active member of five honor societies and holds the leadership position of Secretary in both the Italian and English National Honor Societies. A three-season athlete, Gina has been Captain of our Spring and Winter Cross-Country track teams. As a musician, she is an accomplished flute and piano player; her contributions to our music program have been tremendous. She represents the Mephram student body at the monthly school board meetings. She has devoted countless hours

**VALEDICTORIANS
AND SALUTATORIANS
(Continued)**

volunteering as a peer tutor, raising funds for Rise Against Hunger and working with elementary school student to introduce them to STEAM programs. Gina is a scholar, leader, athlete, motivator and humanitarian. She will continue her studies next fall at the University of Notre Dame. On behalf of the Board, Mrs. Lanci congratulated Gina.

Mrs. Goller presented an Award of Honor certificate to Isabelle Chan stating she possesses a genuine love of learning that is evident in all that she does. Her schedule represents the height of rigor. She is an AP Scholar with Distinction and an integral part of our Advanced Science Research Program, devoting countless hours to conducting research, analyzing data and preparing to present on her topic of Osteosarcoma. Isabelle has received the St. John's Women in Science Award and is an active member of five honor societies. As Vice President of the Leo's Club, she has been instrumental in organizing and implementing programs that have assisted families in need across Long Island. As an athlete, she has demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship and commitment both on and off the court. Serving as Captain of our Girls' Volleyball team and participating on Varsity track, Isabelle leads by example and is a source of encouragement for her teammates. Isabelle plans to attend Boston College in the fall. Ms. Goller congratulated Isabelle on behalf of the Board of Ed.

**RECOGNITION OF
BOARD OF ED
PRESIDENT
RECOGNITION**

Mrs. Lanci presented Nancy Kaplan with a plaque stating Nancy has been a very good President, keeping us on task. We appreciate her dedication and the countless hours she has devoted to the work of this Board of Education and the communities of the Bellmores and the Merricks.

Dr. Kaplan thanked the Board for the plaque and added it has truly been her honor and pleasure to serve. It is a different perspective sitting at this table and she has benefitted from it. She acknowledged Mr. DeTommaso, the school attorney Christopher Powers, the administrators, directors, teachers, teacher's aides and the PTA members.

**RECOGNITION OF
RETIRING MEMBER
OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION**

Dr. Kaplan stated this Board is comprised to two representatives from each of the four component Boards of Education. Dr. Kaplan stated what is truly different about the Central High School District Board of Education is that we meet people from the other component districts. Mr. Enella has done what's in the best interest of this community and presented him with a plaque on behalf of the Board of Ed.

Ms. Gargiulo wanted to add that Mr. Enella is her fellow Board member and that they go way back. Steve has never missed a meeting. Due to protocol and deferring to the Board President, he is not always vocal at meetings but Steve offers his opinions in Executive Session. He has always given to his community and it has been a pleasure to serve with him.

**PTA OFFICERS
RECOGNITION**

Dr. Kaplan presented Award of Honor certificates to retiring PTA officers stating that we honor them tonight for having played important roles in the wonderful partnership that we have in Bellmore-Merrick between our Board of Education, administration and parent leadership. These individuals have demonstrated

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faithful service and given countless hours of volunteer time to our school district as PTA members. The community is a better place as a result of their unselfish contributions. Dr. Kaplan thanked them on behalf of the Board of Education.

**PTA OFFICERS
RECOGNITION
(Continued)**

Dr. Kaplan presented Daniel O’Keefe of Calhoun HS, Rachel Katz of Kennedy HS, Jordan Ladd of MAP and Gina Connors of Mephram HS with engraved gavels stating on behalf of the Superintendent, the Board of Education and the community of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District, we would like to thank you for your role as Student Representatives at our Board of Education meetings. Your monthly updates were extremely informative and, many times, entertaining. It was truly a pleasure to see your enthusiasm and school spirit. We wish you much success in all your future endeavors.

**STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVES
RECOGNITION**

Daniel O’Keefe of Calhoun stated he did not have the traditional monthly briefing. He spoke from the heart relating his experience starting with 7th grade. He was extremely shy but made connections in middle school. He broke through in high school. Calhoun made him what he is today. Once he joined Model UN in his sophomore year he took off. That was the best decision of his life. It peaked his interests and still holds his interest today. He thanked the district.

**STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVES**

Gina Connors of Mephram that the Board and the Mephram administration. She is grateful to all. She congratulated the Salutatorian and herself as Valedictorian. She stated all athletic teams have been designated Scholar-Athlete teams. Varsity M Awards were held last night and 18 seniors signed to play sports in colleges. Ten students received the NYS Seal of Biliteracy. Science Symposium was held. A recent Blood Drive collected over 95 pints. She congratulated recipients of academic awards, cultural arts recognitions, student athletes, students inducted into the Thespian Honor Society and those honored at the Pirates Treasure Awards night.

Jordan Ladd of the Meadowbrook Alternative Learning Program (MAP) stated the Shakespeare Festival was held in May. There were two trips this past month: the Riverhead Aquarium and the Tilles Center. Leadership students attended “A No Place for Hate School” event. MAP hosted a guest speaker from the Tolerance Museum. MAP students volunteered at the Strawberry Festival. The Community Cupboard needs donations this summer. She thanked the Board and Ms. Ellinghaus for this year.

Rachel Katz of Kennedy congratulated Kennedy’s valedictorian and salutatorian and the recipients of Senior Awards and Cougar Pride. AP exams are finished. Yearbook distribution was today. She stated this community, her school, has made a tremendous impact on her and made her what she is today. She values all that the district has given her. She thanked Mr. Seinfeld and other administrators and offered her best wishes to Mr. Owenberg. She presented Dr. Kaplan with a yearbook.

Dr. Kaplan mentioned the upcoming events listed on tonight's agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none on agenda items only.

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

2018 BUDGET VOTE RESULTS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the 2018 Budget Vote results as reported by the component districts.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following Special Education placements as recommended by the Committee on Special Education (CSE): 000011464, 000011573, 000011853, 000012213, 000012278, 000511972, 000512134, 000512255, 000512411, 000512519, 101170000, 201600043, 201600286, 201700055, 201700156, 201700170, 370000399, 370000427, 370000590, 370000608, 370000660, 370000818, 370001241, 370001265, 370001431, 370001627 and 370001925.

POLICY

The Board of Education accepted Policy 8505 – Charging School Meals and Prohibition Against Shaming (Revised) for a first reading.

DAYS OF RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE (DRO)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the exclusion of days of religious observance from the calculation of 2018-2019 average daily attendance as determined by the student attendance computer programs.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the recommended 2018-2019 Board of Education meeting dates.

DONATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$250 from the Bellmore-Merrick United Secondary Teachers (BMUST) for the Community Cupboard.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$2,820 from the Grand Avenue PTSA for the purchase of GAMS student agendas and increase the appropriations budget by this amount.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$3,000 from the Grand Avenue PTSA toward the purchase of a new sign for Grand Avenue Middle School and increase the appropriations budget this this amount.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a donation of two water coolers, for a total value of \$1,898.98, from the Calhoun PTSA.

Mr. Enella seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

Dr. Kaplan read each donation and thanked the organizations for their support.

Mr. DeTommaso also thanked the donors.

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Ms. Gargiulo moved that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent of Schools' Personnel Report, dated June 6, 2018, as stated in the agenda. **PERSONNEL**
Mrs. Blane seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

The Board of Education reviewed the Summary of Bills, dated June 6, 2018, and the corresponding warrants. **BILLS**

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the bids as stated in the agenda. Mr. Ferrara seconded and the motion was carried 8-0. **BIDS**

The Board of Education reviewed the Budget Summary, dated June 6, 2018. **BUDGET SUMMARY**

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District maintains a self-insured workers' compensation program; and **RESERVE FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education previously established and funded a Workers' Compensation Reserve Fund pursuant to Section 6-j of the General Municipal Law; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that it requires the use of said money for the purposes outlined in Section 6-j of the General Municipal Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the transfer of \$150,000.00 from the Workers' Compensation Reserve Fund to the workers' compensation expense line in the 2017-2018 budget for the purpose of utilizing said money for the purposes outlined in Section 6-j of the General Municipal Law, including the payment of Workers' Compensation claims and the payment of third party administrator fees.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District previously established and funded an Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve Fund pursuant to Section 6-p of the General Municipal Law; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that it requires the use of said money for the purposes outlined in Section 6-p of the General Municipal Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes a transfer not to exceed \$200,000.00 from the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve Fund to the Termination Payments Expense line in the 2017-2018 budget for the purpose of utilizing said money

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RESERVE FUNDS	for the purposes outlined in Section 6-p of the General Municipal Law, including the payment of accumulated but unused sick leave, personal leave and other benefits earned by employees and payable upon termination that are not covered by another existing reserve fund.
EXTERNAL AUDITOR	BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Cullen & Danowski, LLP for External Auditor services for fiscal year ending 6/30/18 at an annual cost of \$47,300 and authorize the Assistant Superintendent of Business to sign an engagement letter.
SCHOOL LUNCH PRICES	BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the recommended prices for school lunch and food items for school year 2018-2019.
INTER-MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT	BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an inter-municipal cooperative agreement with the North Bellmore Union Free School District for for shared services of the Food Services Director for the term July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 and authorize the Board President to execute said agreement.
INTER-MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE BID	<p>WHEREAS, it is the plan of a number of public school districts in Nassau/Suffolk Counties, New York, to bid jointly on selected Food Service Commodities, Food and Food Service Supplies for the 2018-19 school year;</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Bellmore Merrick Central High School District (BMCHSD) is desirous of participating with other districts in Nassau/Suffolk Counties in the joint bidding of the commodities mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0; and,</p> <p>WHEREAS, the BMCHSD wishes to appoint a committee to assume the responsibility for drafting of specification, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, reporting the results to the Boards of Education and making recommendations thereon; therefore,</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the BMCHSD hereby appoints the Long Island School Nutrition Directors Association Cooperative Bid Committee to represent it in all matters related above; and,</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BMCHSD's Board of Education authorizes the above-mentioned committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above-mentioned commodities; and,</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BMCHSD's Board of Education agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs of the cooperative bidding; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the BMCHSD's Board of Education agrees (1) to abide by majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; (2) that unless all bids are rejected, it will award contracts according to the</p>

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recommendations of the committee; and (3) that after award of contract(s), it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).

**INTER-MUNICIPAL
COOPERATIVE BID**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the recommended fees for the use of school facilities for School Year 2018-2019.

FACILITIES USE FEES

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the Fire Marshalls' 2018-2019 Inspection Reports.

**2018-2019 FIRE
INSPECTION REPORTS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve a service and maintenance agreement with Professional Fitness Services for fitness equipment in each of the district's buildings from 7/1/18-7/1/19 at a total cost of \$4,000.

**FITNESS EQUIPMENT
SERVICE AGREEMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Rank One Sport for athlete management and scheduling services for School Year 2018-2019 with the total cost remaining at \$1,700.

**ATHLETE
MANAGEMENT &
SCHEDULING**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an amendment to the September 2008 National Rink Management Corp. agreement.

ICE ARENA

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 #34-643839) for the lease purchase of technology equipment, software and services, and authorize the Board President to sign said agreement.

**BOCES TECHNOLOGY
LEASE AGREEMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the disposal or donation of 54 malfunctioning Calhoun HS band instruments.

**OBSOLETE/SURPLUS
PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires to embark upon the Proposed Brookside Administration Building Natural Gas Conversion (Project), listed in attachment A hereto; and

**STATE
ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY REVIEW ACT
(SEQRA)**

WHEREAS, said Project is subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby declares itself lead agency in connection with the requirements of SEQRA; and the Board of Education, as the lead agency, has examined all information related to the Project and has determined that the Project, as a whole listed in attachment A hereto, is classified as a Type II Action as defined by Section 617.5(c)(8) of the SEQRA Regulations and, therefore, requires no further review;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby shall forward an official copy of this Resolution to the NYS Education Department together with a copy of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Project Review Exemption Board based on the Letter of Resolution.

BROOKSIDE 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 amendment to the agreement with TLC at Brookside, Inc. for the lease of space in the Brookside School Building for use as a child care facility for the period 7/1/17 through 6/30/20.

BMCHSD PROJECT – FLOORING, TENNIS COURT AND PARKING LOT RECONSTRUCTION BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve awarding the following Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Project – Flooring, Tennis Court and Parking Lot Reconstruction at Kennedy High School, SED No. 28-02-53-07-0-007-041, bids as follows:

1. Asbestos Abatement & Flooring to Milburn Sales Co., Inc. at a cost of \$88,500.00
2. Site work to Graci Paving Associates, Inc. at a cost of \$398,000.00

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, having received a request for a foreign exchange student to attend Mephram High School for the 2018-2019 School Year, hereby approves such request.

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

CORRESPONDENCE There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Jennifer Simeone asked about school security measures and was advised that the district has accomplished the goals mentioned at the April Board of Ed meeting. The Nassau County Police Department (NCPD) audit was conducted and staff have attended NCPD workshops. The district is ahead of the curve and is looking to tightening up security. The Board will continue on-going discussions on this matter.

Dr. Kaplan stated she is a member of and has attended the Nassau County Police Commissioner’s committee which is comprised of representatives from every legislative area in Nassau County. There have been conversations advocating for Nassau County Police Officers in school buildings. The committee is awaiting guidelines.

Michelle Levine asked about any additional security measures being considered.

Susan Rupp is happy with the vestibules installed in our school buildings but is worried about the student ID badges. She added she is a proponent of metal detectors and hopes that will happen quickly. She feels mental health issues need to be addressed.

Mr. DeTommaso stated next year’s budget includes four additional guidance counselors and three high school psychologists. The School Counseling and Wellness Centers slated to begin in October of 2018 will deal with simple to

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complex issues. Parent workshops and connections with therapy centers such as TEMPO will also be available.

Ms. Rupp also inquired as to the procedure when a threat is made and was advised that any threat is taken seriously and investigated immediately. Creditable or not, appropriate steps are taken quickly and efficiently. Nothing is taken for granted. Police cars are at the buildings for a variety of reasons. We have an extremely good relationship with NCPD, and they are checking in at the schools. When there is information that needs to be disseminated, it will be. The school attorney stated the district assesses if an actual threat exists and weighs the facts. Everything is taken seriously and efforts are coordinated.

Michelle DeLutri asked about teacher training with regard to potential threats and was advised the district has continuous meetings, site-based, faculty, etc., workshops and drills. Teachers receive training in various situations. The recent situation will be discussed.

Michelle Levine reiterated her concerns about security and mental health issues and commended the Board for their multi-faceted approach.

Ms. Gargiulo mentioned that Guidance Counselor Carol Cupo was named Guidance counselor of the Year and congratulated her.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Lanci stated it was a great night throughout the district at all the Senior Awards nights. They are all amazing.

Dr. Kaplan thanked the One Voice, One Message committee for including her at the "No Place for Hate" ceremony where a Mepham student was honored. She also thanked everyone who supported "Robbie's Run" this past weekend.

On a motion by Ms. Gargiulo, seconded by Mrs. Blane and carried 8-0, the Board of Education entered into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 9:38 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Ferrara, seconded by Ms. Gargiulo and carried 8-0, the Board of Education reconvened at 10:58 p.m.

Mrs. Goller moved that the Board of Education approve an Addendum to the Personnel Report, dated June 6, 2018. Ms. Gargiulo seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

PERSONNEL

On a motion by Mrs. Blane, seconded by Mrs. Lanci and carried 8-0, the Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 10:59 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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Respectfully submitted,

Claire Neufeld
District Clerk