

MINUTES OF THE BELLMORE-MERRICK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING July 9, 2013

The Organizational meeting of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Board of Education was held on Tuesday evening, July 9, 2013 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:

Susan Schwartz, President
JoAnn DeLauter, Vice President
Marion Blane
Janet Goller
George Haile
Dr. Nancy Kaplan
Dr. Matthew Kushner
Nina Lanci

Also present:

John DeTommaso, Superintendent of Schools
Cynthia Strait Regal, Deputy Superintendent of Business
Dr. Mara Bollettieri, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel and Administration
Caryn Blum, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum
Eric Arlin, Director of Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services
Joseph Innaco, Director of Instructional and Technology Services
Saul Lerner, Director of Physical Education/Health/Athletics/Driver Education/Adult Ed
John Dzedzic, Interim Director of School Facilities and Operations
Thomas Volpe, Transportation Supervisor/Health and Safety Coordinator
Michelle Gagnon, Administrative Assistant I
Christopher Powers, School Attorney
Claire Neufeld, District Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 8:21 p.m. Mrs. Neufeld, District Clerk, led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Neufeld announced the appointments to the Board of Education for the 2013-2014 school year.

APPOINTMENTS

Bellmore UFSD	Janet Goller, Marion Blane
Merrick UFSD	Susan Schwartz, Dr. Nancy Kaplan
North Bellmore UFSD	JoAnn DeLauter, Nina Lanci
North Merrick UFSD	George "Skip" Haile, Dr. Matthew Kushner

Mrs. Neufeld asked for nominations for the position of President of the Board of Education. Dr. Kushner moved to nominate Mrs. Schwartz, and Mrs. Goller seconded. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed and the motion was carried 8-0. Mrs. Neufeld administered the oath of office to Mrs. Schwartz.

**ELECTION OF
BOARD OF
EDUCATION
PRESIDENT**

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**ELECTION OF
BOARD OF
EDUCATION
VICE PRESIDENT**

Mrs. Neufeld asked for nominations for the position of Vice President of the Board of Education. Mrs. Lanci moved to nominate Mrs. DeLauter and Mrs. Goller seconded. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed and the motion was carried 8-0. Mrs. Neufeld administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. DeLauter.

Mrs. Schwartz assumed the Chair.

**BOARD OF
EDUCATION
APPOINTMENTS**

Dr. Kushner moved that the Board of Education approve the annual appointments for the 2013-2014 school year as presented in the agenda. Mr. Haile seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

**SCHOOL
DEPOSITORIES**

Dr. Kushner moved that the Board of Education approve the following banks as depositories for school funds:

1. Chase Bank, Bellmore – Operating Accounts, Investments and Collateral Account
2. Citibank, N.A., Bellmore – Investments and Collateral Account
3. Bank of America, Merrick/North Merrick – Operating, Investment and Reserve Accounts, General Fund Accounts, Payroll Account, Trust and Agency Accounts, Cafeteria Accounts, Federal Funds Account, Workers' Compensation Insurance Account, Unemployment Insurance Account, General Organization Account, and Scholarship
4. The Bank of New York, New York – Investments and Collateral Account
5. MBIA Class – New York – Cooperative Liquid Assets Security System – Investments
6. Capital One of New York – Investments and Operating Account
7. TD Bank – Investments only
8. Flushing Commercial Bank – Investments and Operating Accounts

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

Dr. Kaplan moved the following resolutions. Mr. Haile seconded.

CHECK SIGNATURES

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer to sign all checks pertaining to school funds and that the District Clerk's signature be used as an alternate.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent of Business to certify all payrolls for the 2013-2014 school year.

The motion was carried 8-0

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
DISHONESTY
INSURANCE**

Dr. Kushner moved that the Board of Education authorize the maintenance of a Public Employee Dishonesty insurance policy in the amount of \$1,000,000. Mrs. Blane seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

Mrs. Lanci moved the following resolutions. Dr. Kushner seconded.

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the designation of Bellmore Herald and Merrick Herald as official district newspapers. (Ed. Law 2004).

**OFFICIAL DISTRICT
NEWSPAPERS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the designation of Bellmore Life and Merrick Life as official district newspapers. (Ed. Law 2004)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the designation of Newsday as the official District newspaper only for the purposes of the Nassau County Transportation Consortium and the Nassau County Directors of Facilities Purchasing Consortium.

The motion was carried 8-0.

Dr. Kushner moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the June 5, 2013 and June 17, 2013 meetings. Mr. Haile seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

MINUTES

Mr. Haile moved that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer's Report dated May 31, 2013. Dr. Kushner seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. DeTommaso stated it is his honor and privilege to be here tonight. He is pleased to come home to Bellmore Merrick where he learned his craft. When he left Calhoun in 2003 he had many rich and deep memories of Bellmore Merrick. He envisions greater success for Bellmore Merrick. His plan will include the many different groups within the Bellmore Merrick communities. Together we will set goals and promote success. He wants to increase academic performance and maximize the opportunities for students. He is already working with staff on improvements and will strengthen the district's ties with the elementary districts. He recognizes the need to upgrade our facilities. He wants students prepared to meet their career needs when they leave our schools. He will renew initiatives and further Bellmore Merrick's reputation. He will always keep students first in any decision making. He thanked the Board, administrators and staff for their help and guidance over these past few days. He stated "the measure of a man can be judged by the company he keeps" and he has some great company here at Bellmore Merrick. He looks forward to working with everyone to meet these goals.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Mr. DeTommaso made special note of the upcoming Board of Education meetings and the first day of school.

There were no agenda item related questions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education re-adopt all policies and Code of Ethics in effect during the 2012-2013 school year for the 2013-2014 school year. Dr. Kushner seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

BOARD POLICIES

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- BOARD POLICIES (Continued)** The Board of Education accepted revised Policy No. 5300 – Code of Conduct for a first reading.
- PUBLIC HEARING – CODE OF CONDUCT** Mr. DeTommaso gave a brief presentation explaining the revised content of Policy No. 5300 – Code of Conduct required by law.
- SPECIAL EDUCATION** Dr. Kushner moved that the Board of Education approve the following special education placements as recommended by the Committee on Special Education: BCSE Cases: G10880, 000510969, 030570002, 110010789, 362844533, 110010706, G11725 and G10425. Building CSE IEP changes: 050610003, K11192, K10616, K11086, 370000005, 000512052, 061790000, 000511228, 50550023, 52940000, 052720001, K10837, K11183, K10009, G11721, MO3176, 102180000, 000511321, K10327, G10732, 000512405, 121520002, G11699, K11043, K10872, MO3251, G10597, 030430001, G10790, G11223, 102020000, 050610003, 042470000, 32450010, 000511166, 121210000, K10556, 052420002, 082420003, 112290001, 093090000, 902700039, 000511448 and 41110002. Dr. Kaplan seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.
- IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICERS** Dr. Kushner moved that the Board of Education approve the list of Impartial Hearing Officers (IHO) as maintained by the New York State Education Department Impartial Hearing Reporting System IHO Rotational List for the 2013-2014 school year. Mrs. Goller seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.
- Dr. Kushner moved that the Board of Education approve the following resolutions and Mrs. Lanci seconded.
- STANDARD WORK DAY** BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education reaffirm the standard work day at seven (7) hours.
- TREASURER** BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the position of Treasurer as a Public Officer and employee and that the appointment of the Treasurer is a one year term commencing July 1st and ending on June 30th of the following year.
- TREASURER’S WORK LOG** WHEREAS, The Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Board of Education established that the Standard Work Day is seven (7) hours; and
- WHEREAS the District Treasurer was appointed by the Bellmore Merrick Central High School District Board of Education from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014; and
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept and recertify the Board of Education Treasurer Theresa McCurry’s record of work activities for a period of three (3) consecutive months, as required by the New York State Local and Retirement System (NYSLRS), Regulation 315.4 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations, concerning appointed school officials; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education designates two (2) days per month be reported for the District Treasurer.

**TREASURER'S WORK
LOG (Continued)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education established the mileage reimbursement rate (Education Law section 2118) at the IRS standard mileage rate effective January 1st for the school year commencing July 1st of the same calendar year.

**MILEAGE
RE-IMBURSEMENT
RATE**

The motion was carried 8-0.

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$100 from the Central Office staff on behalf of Dr. Henry Kiernan, former Superintendent of Schools, to the Meadowbrook Alternative Learning Program (MAP). Mr. Haile seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

DONATIONS

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$250 from The Kiwanis Club of the Bellmores and \$250 from the Bellmore Lions, for a total of \$500, to MAP and increase the appropriations budget by this amount. Dr. Kushner seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$2,750 from the Grand Avenue PTA for the purchase of 2013-2014 student agendas and increase the appropriations budget by this amount. Dr. Kushner seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education accept a donation of a Project Lead the Way (PLTW) mini grant in the amount of \$420 from the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) to Calhoun High School and increase the appropriations budget by this amount. Mr. Haile seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the following resolutions and Mr. Haile seconded.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Mr. Frank Sansanelli as the McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaison for the summer of 2013.

**SUMMER HOMELESS
LIAISON**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopt the revised Dignity for All Students Act Plan upon the recommendation of the district-wide school-based planning and shared decision-making committee.

**DIGNITY FOR ALL
STUDENTS ACT PLAN**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the appointments of the recommended 2013 Dignity for All Students Act coordinators in each of the district schools.

**DIGNITY FOR ALL
STUDENTS ACT
COORDINATORS**

The motion was carried 8-0.

Dr. Kuschner moved that the Board of Education approve the following resolutions and Mrs. Goller seconded.

**ANNUAL
PROFESSIONAL
PERFORMANCE
REVIEW (APPR)
PLAN**

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.

"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:

Rochelle Battersby	Mary Ann Goetz	Gerry Owenberg
Dr. Mara Bollettieri	Eric Gomez	Emily Paluseo
Caryn Blum	Michael Harrington	Lorraine Poppe
Eric Caballero	Nicole Hollings	Dr. Meador Pratt
Jen Carne	Joseph Innaco	Chris Safina
Ivy Cohen	Saul Lerner	David Seinfeld
Eileen Connelly	Erin Lindsay	Kim Serpe
Carlo Conte	Rosa Manzo	Maria Sinatora
Andrew DelRosario	Sally Maya	Susan Sklar
John DeTommaso	Karen McGuinness	Robert Soel
Madeline Donohue	James Mollica	Maureen Welsh
Robyn Einbinder	James Morris	Ken Zisel
Renee Fallon	Marie Netto	

The motion was carried 8-0.

**UNIFORM NOTICE
OF CLAIM ACT**

Dr. Kuschner moved that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, the New York State Senate has passed, and the New York State Governor has signed into effect, the Uniform Notice of Claim Act (hereinafter the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, Section 6 of the Act amends the General Municipal Law by adding a new Section 53, effective June 15, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, New York General Municipal Law Section 53(2) requires that all public corporations, who are entitled to service of a Notice of Claim as a condition precedent to commencement of an action or proceeding shall file a Certificate with the Secretary of State designating the Secretary of State as Agent for service in a Notice of Claim;

**UNIFORM NOTICE OF
CLAIM ACT
(Continued)**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby directs and empowers the District Clerk to submit to the New York State Secretary of State a Certificate pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 53, designating the Secretary of State as an agent for service of a Notice of Claim as described above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby designates the District Clerk as the individual to whom the Secretary of State will forward any notices of Claim; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District Clerk to take any and all other other actions required to carry out the provisions of this Resolution.”

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

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education accept \$96,000 in New York State Senate funding, obtained through Senator Charles Fuschillo, Jr., to help defray the cost of replacing the bleachers at Mepham High School. Mr. Haile seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

**NEW YORK STATE
BULLET AID**

Mr. DeTommaso thanked Senator Fuschillo for being so very supportive and added the process is well under way and we will soon see results.

Mrs. Goller moved that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent of Schools’ Personnel Report, dated July 9, 2013, as stated in the agenda. Dr. Kushner seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

PERSONNEL

The Board of Education reviewed the Summary of Bills, dated July 9, 2013, and the corresponding warrants.

SUMMARY OF BILLS

Dr. Kaplan moved that the Board of Education approve the bids as stated in the agenda. Mr. Haile 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 and Dr. Kushner seconded.

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- DISTRICT OWNED CELLULAR PHONES** BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the list of job titles requiring cellular phones for the 2013-2014 school year.
- LEGAL SERVICES** BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize its President to sign an agreement with Ingerman Smith, LLP to provide legal counsel in the amount of \$24,480 annually for Board counsel services and \$20,400 annually for Labor counsel services and \$195 per hour for additional legal services for the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.
- SCHOOL PHYSICIAN** BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Nassau University Medical Center for School Year 2013-2014 at a cost of \$18,125.
- INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDITOR** BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Nawrocki Smith, LLP for Internal Claims Auditor services for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 at an annual cost of \$23, 806.
- 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 June 30, 2014 at an annual cost of \$56,700 and authorize the Deputy Superintendent of Business to sign an engagement letter.
- THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATORS** BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following as Third Party Administrators for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 at the indicated rates:
- a. Wright Risk (Workers' Compensation) \$42,900.63 per year
 - b. OMNI 403(b) \$ 1,500.00
+ \$36.00 per non P3 participant
 - c. USI (unemployment cost control services) \$4,000.00
 - d. Western Suffolk BOCES (flex plan) \$92.00 per participant per year
+ \$2.00 for printing
- INSURANCE SERVICES** BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following insurance services providers:
- 1. NYSIR Comprehensive Coverage
 - 2. Edwards & Co. Pupil Benefits (student accident)
 - 3. Jennifer Flynn Group life and disability
 - 4. Sterling & Sterling Excess Coverages:
 - a. Excess Workers' Compensation
 - b. Excess Flood & Earthquake
 - 5. Kurz Planning Dental Insurance
- ACTUARIAL AND TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS, INC.** BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Actuarial and Technical Solutions, Inc. to provide Workers' Compensation actuarial analysis for fiscal year 2013-2014 at a cost of \$6,700.

The motion was carried 8-0.

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Dr. Kaplan moved that the Board of Education approve the following resolutions and Mrs. DeLauter seconded.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve a 2012-13 budget transfer of \$35,000 from the 2110 480 (textbook codes) to the 2630 463 (software code) for a required software purchase.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve a 2012-13 budget transfer of \$125,610 from A2110 130 00 0000 (instructional salaries) to A 2110 140 00 0000 (substitute salaries).

The motion was carried 8-0.

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education of Bellmore-Merrick CHSD, based on information received from a structural engineer, Thomas D. Reilly, PE, declares an emergency situation at the visitor bleachers at Mepham High School. Reconstruction will be an ordinary contingent expense of Bellmore-Merrick CHSD, with project work to begin as soon as reasonably possible. Funding is from NYS Bullet Aid as well as 2013-14 interfund transfer to Capital monies. Dr. Kaplan seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

MEPHAM BLEACHERS

Dr. Kushner moved that the Board of Education approve the following resolutions and Mr. Haile seconded.

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 13 classrooms from 10/6/13 to 5/18/14 for 25 sessions for a total cost of \$19,400.

**NAT'L COMMITTEE
FOR FURTHERANCE OF
JEWISH EDUCATION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an Inspection/Maintenance Agreement on the six (6) generators with Cooper Power, an authorized Kohler Dealer. Cost per generator is \$695; District total: \$4,170.

COOPER POWER

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the cost of registration plus expenses for John DeTommaso, Superintendent of Schools, to attend the New York State Council of School Superintendent's annual conference in Saratoga Springs, New York, on September 22 – 24, 2013, at a cost not to exceed \$1,700.00.

CONFERENCES

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve registration plus expenses for Nina Lanci, Board member, to attend the New York State School Board Association (NYSSBA) 94th Annual Convention and Education Expo in Rochester, New York, on October 24-26, 2013, at a cost not to exceed \$1,600.00.

The motion was carried 8-0.

There was no correspondence.

CORRESPONDENCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Linda Lampert asked who chose Pupil Benefits as a provider and who at the district assists the public with claims submitted to Pupil Benefits.

Pamela Banks welcomed Mr. DeTommaso and had some items she wanted to bring to the Board's attention. She asked how the district is incorporating STEM. She is glad to hear Mr. DeTommaso will be working with the elementary superintendents. She asked if online classes for Bellmore Merrick students is under consideration. She also stated she is disappointed with the choices available in district vending machines.

Mrs. Blum, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, the district is increasing the engineering program and introducing bio medical. The district has a very strong science research program and is looking to improve the labs.

Mr. DeTommaso stated the district is already moving in the direction of STEM, is looking into online classes and examining the benefits to students and will look into the vending machine choices

Caren Kabak asked what are the differences between a regular Board of Education meeting and a Work Session and will student representatives be a part of Board meetings.

Mr. DeTommaso advised student representatives will remain a part of the Board of Education regular meetings. He stated Work Sessions do not generally take public comments but these meetings are open to the public for observation.

Sina Faberman asked what the money from the Appropriated Fund Balance will be spent on this year.

Mrs. Strait Régal advised it will be used to help relieve the burden on the taxpayers.

Sina Faberman asked why a program for At Risk Children was cancelled this year.

Mrs. Blum stated a summer school program for graduating seniors and special ed students is in place this summer.

Mrs. Schwartz replied, unfortunately, the Board had reviewed all the possibilities and reductions had to be made to save money

Mr. Seinfeld offered congratulations to Mr. DeTommaso and commended the Board of Education for including many focus groups in their Superintendent Search. He wished Mr. DeTommaso success and added every one is with him every step of the way.

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Mrs. Schwartz advised the Board of Education has met with financial advisors and architects to put together a list of potential Capital projects. The Board needs advisement in these matters.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. DeLauter nominated Mrs. Nina Lanci to be the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Board of Education delegate at the New York State School Board Association's 94th Annual Convention and Education Expo in Rochester, New York, on October 24-26, 2013. Mr. Haile seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

**NYSSBA ANNUAL
CONVENTION
DELEGATE**

Mr. Kevin Malone of Landtek, after explaining his background and experience, gave the Board of Education a synopsis on the condition of the districts fields and what options are available. He stated the district fields are typical of most school districts' fields and, for the most part, are in pretty good condition. He stated the fields should be renovated. He advised Mr. Haile that because of the amount of play on the fields, he would recommend frequent aeration and overseeding several times a year. He added the fields would need to be reseeded and have a drainage system installed. Mr. Malone advised there are thresholds, 150 to 200 events on a field, after which it is almost futile to attempt to grow grass. If there is a lot of use of the fields, synthetic fields may be the solution. He advised Dr. Kaplan the cost of synthetic turf is between \$700,000 and \$900,000 per field. It would cost approximately \$100,000 to resod the fields. Mrs. Schwartz was advised that the amount of renovation needed is greatly determined by the amount of maintenance the field receives. You could get a couple of good years. The fields are on track to be usable in September of 2013.

LANDTEK

Mrs. Davis stated Mr. Malone observed the fields after the season was over. She stated teams are not able to go on the fields now for practice.

Mr. DeTommaso advised the district is doing all it can to have the fields ready for September and will coordinate with all those involved in maintenance. Mr. DeTommaso stated the practice fields have been repaired.

Dr. Kaplan advised that no matter what the Board decides, there will not be Synthetic turf fields for September 2013.

Mr. Haile stated the Board is contemplating a long term strategy about the fields.

Mr. D'Auria asked about checks and balance during this process, who is monitoring the fields and how many fields are involved.

Mr. DeTommaso stated the interim Director of Facilities is on top of this.

Dr. Kaplan advised the Board is looking into all of the district's facilities.

Dr. Pamela Banks asked about the district using volunteers for field maintenance.

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LANDTEK

Mrs. Schwartz advised the district does not use volunteers and that the elementary districts have no school teams and different policies.

Ellen Brach stated she feels the money spent over 10 years to repair the fields would be better spent on synthetic turf fields and will save money in the long run.

Ross Shulman thanked the Board for having Mr. Malone give a report and was happy to listen to the opinion of someone who is not a salesman for synthetic turf.

Meghan Corless, a Mephram HS senior, spoke about work and equipment needed in Mephram HS that she would like the Board to include in their discussion of capital projects.

Mrs. Schwartz advised Ms. Corless that the Board of Education is addressing the very same concerns Ms. Corless brought up and will consider these and other noted items in determining the Board's list of improvements.

Ms. Corless stated she would like to be part of a student committee that makes recommendations to the Board on these issues.

Mrs. Schwartz thanked Mr. Malone.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Dr. Kaplan, seconded by Mr. Haile, and carried 8-0, the Board of Education agreed to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel and student matters at 9:28 p.m.

On a motion by Dr. Kushner, seconded by Mrs. Lanci, and carried 8-0, the Board of Education reconvened at 11:10 p.m.

BOND COUNSEL

Dr. Kushner moved that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Hawkins, Delafield & Wood, LLP to provide bond counsel services in connection with a new project under consideration by the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Board of Education and authorize the Board of Education president to sign this agreement. Mrs. Blane seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

BOND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Dr. Kushner moved that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Munistat to provide financial services in connection with the proposed bond issue and authorize the Board of Education president to sign this agreement. Mrs. Lanci seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

BOCES - TECHNOLOGY

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the following resolution and Dr. Kaplan seconded.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bellmore Merrick Central High School District Board of Education approve an agreement with the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (Project #BM27-375611 AP) to find that:

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(i) the use of the Equipment and the District's participation in the Financial Services project is essential to the District's proper, efficient and economic operation of its education program to be supported by the Equipment, and is necessary to maintain the District's educational program; and that

(ii) the expenses arising under this Agreement constitute ordinary contingent expenses necessary for providing educational services and the transaction is in the best financial interests of the School District because it enables the District to utilize the equipment in a cost effective and economic manner.; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bellmore Merrick Central High School District Board of Education approve an assignment of co-ser agreement between the Bellmore Merrick Central High School District and the Board of Cooperative Educational of Nassau County arising under the agreement for Technology Program Project #BM27-375611 AP to replace obsolete computer equipment at:

Sanford H. Calhoun High School
Wellington C. Mephram High School
John F. Kennedy High School
Grand Avenue Middle School
Merrick Avenue Middle School

AND to authorize the Board President to sign the appropriate assignment and such other documents and agreements as may be necessary to effect the transaction subject to legal counsel review.

The motion was carried 8-0.

On motion by Mrs. Blane, seconded by Mrs. Goller and carried 8-0, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Neufeld
District Clerk

**BOCES - TECHNOLOGY
(Continued)**

ADJOURNMENT