

MINUTES OF THE BELLMORE-MERRICK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION – May 20, 2014

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A special meeting of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Board of Education was held on Tuesday, May 20, 2014, in the Superintendent's Conference Room at the Administrative Offices at the Brookside School at 1260 Meadowbrook Road, Merrick, New York 11566.

The following members of the Board of Education were present:

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

The following member of the Board of Education arrived late:

George "Skip" Haile

Also present:

John DeTommaso, Superintendent of Schools
Cynthia Strait Régal, Deputy Superintendent
Dr. Mara Bollettieri, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel

The special meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Board President Mrs. Schwartz. Mrs. Schwartz waived the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Kaplan moved that the Board of Education enter into executive session at 7:32 p.m. Mrs. DeLauter seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education return to public session at 7:42 p.m. Mrs. Blane seconded and the motion was carried 7-0.

Mr. Haile arrived at 7:44 p.m.

Mrs. DeLauter moved that Board of Education approve the following policy: Policy No. 9520.2 – Family and Medical Leave (Renumbered from 4151 and revised). Mrs. Blane seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

POLICY

Mr. Haile moved that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

NOMINATION

"WHEREAS, Dr. Matthew Kushner is completing 10 years of distinguished and dedicated service as a member of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kushner has been an exceedingly strong advocate for public education and the philosophy of "Excellence in Education"; and

**NOMINATION
(Continued)**

WHEREAS, Dr. Kushner has served as Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Board of Education President (2006-2007 and 2011-2012), and as Vice President (2005-2006 and 2010-2011), and thereby assumed a strong leadership role in the District; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kushner has received awards for his commitment to the community and was inducted into the John F. Kennedy High School Hall of Fame on November 13, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kushner has a long-standing record of working with community youth to further their participation in athletics; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kushner has provided sage counsel and expertise in all matters pertaining to instruction, finance, legislation, school facilities, as well as other areas of concern; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kushner has been a champion of numerous district initiatives, including programs such as Project Lead The Way, Gilder Lehrman, China Institute, Big History, which have led to Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District's reputation as a desirable, high performing district; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kushner has provided leadership and oversight in the district's finances, as a member of the Audit Committee, ensuring that the students of Bellmore-Merrick are provided with a high quality education in a cost-effective manner; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kushner promoted and endorsed a fifty million dollar Capital Improvement Bond to enhance the district's facilities and capabilities well into the 21st Century which the Bellmore-Merrick community supported; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kushner has demonstrated a true love for children as well as an appreciation for the importance of professional development to ensure that the district attracts and retains professionals of the highest caliber; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kushner has been a role model of community service, as a Board of Education member; and

WHEREAS, to attempt to catalog the many significant and varied individual contributions would only tend to trivialize them, and

WHEREAS, we, your colleagues, on the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Board of Education recognize the enormous contributions that you have made to the Bellmore-Merrick community; and

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WHEREAS, we express our deep gratitude and abiding respect to Dr. Kushner for his many contributions;

**NOMINATION
(Continued)**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Board of Education, hereby nominate Dr. Matthew Kushner to receive the *New York State School Boards Association Everett R. Dyer Award*, which is presented annually to a school board member who should be recognized for their outstanding contribution to public education and children in their school district.”

Mrs. Goller seconded and the motion was carried 7-0-1 with Mrs. DeLauter opposed.

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

BOCES

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve two (2) agreements with BOCES as follows:

1. Three year agreement for the provision and installation of computers;
2. Five year agreement for the provision and installation of SmartBoards, and for wireless connectivity.

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

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent of Schools’ Personnel Report, dated May 20, 2014, as stated in the agenda.

PERSONNEL

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

On a motion by Mrs. DeLauter, seconded by Dr. Kaplan and carried 8-0, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Neufeld
District Clerk