

MINUTES OF THE BELLMORE-MERRICK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING June 1, 2016

A regular meeting of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday evening, June 1, 2016, 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:

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

Also present:

John DeTommaso, Superintendent of Schools
Cynthia Strait Régal, Deputy Superintendent
Dr. Mara Bollettieri, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel
David Seinfeld, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum
Eric Arlin, Director of Special Education & Pupil Services
Eric Caballero, Director of Physical Education/Health/Athletics & Driver Education
Cheryl Fontana, Director of Music/Fine & Performing Arts & Adult Ed
Kate Freeman, School Business Administrator/Purchasing Agent
Joseph Innaco, Director of Instructional and Technology Services
Helen Kanellopoulos, Asst. Director of Special Education & Pupil Services
Jon Simpkins, Director of School Facilities & Operations
Thomas Volpe, Director of Transportation & Safety Officer
Christopher Powers, School Attorney
Claire Neufeld, District Clerk

The regular meeting was called to order at 8:17 p.m. Mr. Haile led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the May 4, 2016 Board of Education meeting. Dr. Kaplan seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

MINUTES

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer's report dated April 30, 2016. Mrs. DeLauter seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. DeTommaso welcomed everyone and mentioned that a retiree reception was held earlier this evening. He spoke of the contribution these people gave to the district and its students. The celebration continues tonight as we honor the valedictorians and salutatorians of our three high schools. They are some of the finest students in the nation.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

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**VALEDICTORIANS
AND
SALUTATORIANS**

Mr. Haile presented an Award of Honor certificate Calhoun High School's 2016 valedictorian Kristi Chan stating her leadership has been seen on all stages and she has achieve unparalleled levels of academic success. She is an AP Scholar with Distinction, a National Merit commended student and inducted into every honor society. She is a member of Calhoun's Badminton team, a Level 6 NYSSMA pianist and current President of DECA. Kristi will attend Cornell University in the fall majoring in Applied Economics and Management with a concentration in Marketing. On behalf of the Board of Education, Mr. Haile congratulated Kristi.

Ms. Gargiulo presented an Award of Honor certificate to Calhoun's 2016 Salutatorian Haley Ryan stating she has pursued academic excellence and possesses an impressive work ethic. Haley is an AP Scholar with Honor, a member of the National Honor Society and enrolled in numerous AP classes. She participated in the Advanced Science Research Program, is a member of both the string ensemble and chamber orchestra and is a member of the winter and spring track teams since eighth grade. She will major in Chemical Engineering at Stony Brook University this fall. Ms. Gargiulo added she has watched Haley grow over the years and added she is a very kind person. Ms. Gargiulo congratulated Haley on behalf of the Board of Education.

Mrs. Goller presented an Award of Honor certificate to Kennedy HS's 2016 valedictorian Samantha Klein stating she has an incredible thirst for knowledge. Samantha currently carries a 101.23 average and is immersed in an as-difficult-as-possible course load. Upon graduation she will have excelled in ten AP course, 13 Honors courses and two college level courses. She is an astute problem solver, a superior athlete, an All-Conference second baseman, captain of the Varsity Softball team and captain of the JV Volleyball team. She is a member of Key Club, Class Government, Math Club and a peer tutor. She will attend the Georgia Institute of Technology in the Fall. On behalf of the Board of Education, Mrs. Goller congratulated Samantha.

Dr. Kaplan presented an Award of Honor certificate to Kennedy's 2016 salutatorian Rachel Mashal stating she was a finalist in the Intel Science Competition, participated in the Advanced Science Research Program, placed 2nd at the LI Science and Engineering Fair, presented at the International Conference on Eating Disorders, named a NYS Child Mind Institute Rising Scientist, received the St. John's University's Women in Science Award and the LI Science Congress Honors Research Award and a medalist in the regional Science Olympiad. Rachel is an AP Scholar with Honor, a member of many honor societies, Science Club, Girls Choir, Key Club, Math Club, Rolling Thunder and President of Tutors for a Cure. Dr. Kaplan congratulated Rachel on behalf of the Board of Education.

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Mrs. DeLauter presented an Award of Honor certificate to Mepham HS' 2016 valedictorian John Grover stating he is a role model to his peers through his work ethic and enthusiasm for the curriculum. He is a National Merit Commended Student, AP Scholar, National Spanish Exam Gold Award and a member of numerous honor societies. He is a member of the Varsity Tennis program, Badminton program, school band, Science Club and Math Club, competing in both Science and Physics Olympiads. He volunteers for a food pantry, donated blood and works for an after-school program. John will study Mechanical Engineering at Cornell University next year. Mrs. DeLauter congratulated John on behalf of the Board of Education.

**VALEDICTORIANS
AND
SALUTATORIANS
(Continued)**

Mrs. Lanci presented an Award of Honor certificate to Mepham's 2016 salutatorian Kristina DiMiceli stating her easy-going and kind demeanor creates a supportive environment for students she tutors in the Peer Tutoring Program. She is an AP Scholar, a member of five honor societies, a member of the Varsity Badminton team and has devoted countless volunteer hours of work with Habitat for Humanity, Autism Awareness and Camp ANCHOR. She will study Pre-Med at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the Fall. On behalf of the Board of Education, Mrs. Lanci congratulated Kristina.

Dr. Kaplan and Mrs. Piskin presented an Award of Honor certificate to Mr. Allen Ma in recognition of his being chosen the Teacher of the Year by the Nassau County Math Teachers Association. Since 1998 Mr. Ma has been a highly respected math teacher at Kennedy HS. He has a wonderful relationship with students, colleagues and parents. He has helped implement new curriculum and developed strategies to prepare students. Additionally, he is advisor to the Math Team, coach of both girls and boys volleyball, mentors Senior Experience Program students and ninth grade advisories.

**NASSAU COUNTY
MATH TEACHERS
ASSN – TEACHER OF
THE YEAR AWARD**

Mrs. Piskin presented an Award of Honor certificate to Kennedy HS' Kathleen King for being the recipient of the 2016 NYS Excellence in School Nursing Award. She is helpful and knowledgeable. She is happy to share her many years of hospital and school nursing experience with colleagues. She is always available, approachable and a great listener; exhibiting an encouraging and calming presence while adhering to the highest standards of nursing. She is an asset to the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District. Mrs. Piskin congratulated Ms. King on behalf of the Board of Ed.

**2016 NYS EXCELLENCE
IN SCHOOL NURSING
AWARD**

Mr. DeTommaso presented an Award of Honor certificate to David Seinfeld, Assistant Superintendent, for having been selected by the Long Island Foreign Language Association as the 2016 Central Administrator of the Year Award. Mr. Seinfeld has helped the district move in many positive ways. It is an honor to be nominated by your staff for this recognition. On behalf of the of the administrative team and himself, he congratulated Mr. Seinfeld.

**LONG ISLAND FOREIGN
LANGUAGE ASSN –
CENTRAL
ADMINISTRATOR OF
THE YEAR AWARD**

**RETIRING BOARD OF
EDUCATION MEMBER
AND
BOARD OF ED
PRESIDENT
SKIP HAILE**

Mrs. Goller presented a plaque to Skip Haile upon his retirement from the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Board of Education stating that, on behalf of the Bellmore-Merrick CHSD community and the Board of Ed, we would like to thank Mr. Haile and express our sincerest appreciation for his dedication and years of service to our district. Mr. Haile has served on the North Merrick School Board and for the past five years on the Bellmore-Merrick CHSD Board. He has been instrumental in establishing programs, devoting countless hours working to improve the quality of our programs, and has consistently supported and encouraged our students to raise the bar academically and artistically. Mr. Haile has been a wonderful additional to the Bellmore-Merrick Board of Education. It has been a pleasure to serve as your Vice President this year. He has represented us very well. His every action and decision is always in the best interest of our children. Thank you for your dedication and service to our children.

Mr. Haile stated it has been an honor and pleasure getting to know and work with this Board of Education. He thanked all the administrators and teachers and staff for their devotion to our children. Finally, he thanked his wife for her , love patience and understanding.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. Haile presented engraved gavels to Student Representatives Jacob Miller of Calhoun, Alex Dobosh of Kennedy, McKayla Cates of Mepham and Derek Baumann of the Meadowbrook Alternative Learning Program, stating on behalf of the Board of Education, the Superintendent, 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 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. He added that he looked forward to what they had to say at meetings. Your dedication to your fellow students is wonderful.

RETIREES

Mr. DeTommaso again mentioned the Retirement Reception held stated earlier this evening.

OUT-GOING PTA

Mr. Haile distributed certificates to three PTA co-presidents, Anne DeNicola, Mepham HS, Ruth Vadnais and Lisa Dwyer, Calhoun HS and SEPTA President Catherine Maloney stating they have played important roles in the Bellmore-Merrick partnership between our Board of Education, administration and parent leadership. They have given countless hours of service to PTA and to our school district. Mr. Haile thanked these women.

Mr. Haile stated that the out-going PTSA Council Co-President Lisa Rattoballi is recognized tonight Lisa for her many years of tireless service. We appreciate all her efforts on the many parent programs, fundraisers and subcommittees to which she has lent her support over the years. She will be missed.

**STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. DeTommaso stated the students have been fantastic and are the highlight of our meetings.

Alex Dobosh of Kennedy HS thanked everyone for this opportunity. This ties in very well with One Voice, One Message. Students are preparing for AP exams and finals. Over 200 students are involved in the Senior Experience Program. A Pre-Prom Program was held. Health classes experienced "Arrive Alive." Over 70 JFK students participated in the districtwide Relay for Life. Students raised money for Camp Sunshiine. Honor society inductions were held and Big History research was displayed at Central. The ASR Program presented research at the Science Symposium. The Spring Concert II and Art Show were outstanding. He congratulated students recognized at the Cultural Arts Luncheon and added many sports teams are play-off bound.

Jacob Miller of Calhoun HS thanked everyone for the opportunity. It made him feel everyone has a lace here and is welcomed. On Tour's show of Shakespeare's work "The Tempest" involved Special Education students in the production. Relay for Life raised nearly \$100,000. Each school was represented at the event and it united the district. The Bellmore-Merrick Challenge was also an incredible day. Special Education students from all over the island participated. Many of Calhoun's sports teams are involved in post season play and are scholar/athlete teams.

McKayla Cates of Mepham HS also thanked everyone for the opportunity and added the Board has also been very entertaining. It was a good experience. Spring concerts and the art show showcased extraordinary talent. Senior Awards were held last night. Mepham hosted a track meet last month. Big History students' work was displayed at Brookside. Science Honor Society inductions, Thespian Honor Society inductions and the Science Symposium were held. Mepham had NYSSMA Festival champions. She congratulated Cultural Arts Award recipients.

Derek Baumann of the Meadowbrook Alternative Learning Program (MAP) also thanked the Board, Mr. DeTommaso and Ms. Ellinghaus for this opportunity stating he is always nervous but the experience helps him get over his fears. MAP students took a trip to the Bronx Zoo while he took the AP Language exam. MAP students walked for ALS and held a Shakespeare Festival and students acted out roles. Students travelled to Port Jefferson to see "Shrek, The Musical." June 9th is MAP's annual End of Year barbeque. MAP graduation is scheduled for Monday, June 20th. He thanked Ms. Ellinghaus adding he doesn't know what he would have done without MAP.

Ms. Gargiulo stated that earlier tonight we noted many retirees had life-long careers in Bellmore Merrick. We appreciate your participation in leadership roles and look forward to all the great things you will do. Continue to be inspired.

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Mr. DeTommaso stated June is a very busy month. He mentioned exam and graduation dates and thanked the community for their support of the budget. The budget passed by over 73%.

FUTURE DATES

Mr. Steve Enella spoke about the Board of Education and Skip Haile.

Mrs. Blane moved that the Board of Education accept the 2016 Budget Vote results as reported by the component districts. Mrs. Lanci seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

2016 BUDGET VOTE RESULTS

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the following Special Education placements as recommended by the Committee on Special Education (CSE): 000011115, 000511433, 030430001, 030690008, 050450013, 050480006, 060120000, 070260001, 110010985, 131261195, 362844533, 370000231, 370000478 and 992450322. Dr. Kaplan seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the following policy: Policy No. 9120.1 – Conflict of Interest. Mrs. Blane seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

POLICY

Mrs. Piskin moved that the Board of Education approve the exclusion of Days of Religious Observance (DROs) from the calculation of 2016-2017 average daily attendance as determined by the student attendance computer programs. Mrs. DeLauter seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

DAYS OF RELIGIOUS OBSERVATION FOR STATE AID/AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE

Mrs. Piskin moved that the Board of Education approve the recommended 2016- 2017 Board of Education meeting dates. Ms. Gargiulo seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

2016-2017 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES

Mrs. Piskin moved that the Board of Education accept a donation of a photo enlarger from Brad Udolf to Mephram High School. Mrs. Gargiulo seconded and the motion was carried. Mr. Haile and Mr. DeTommaso thanked Mr. Udolf.

DONATION

Mrs. Piskin moved that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent's Personnel Report, dated June 1, 201, as revised. Dr. Kaplan seconded and the motion was carried 8-0.

PERSONNEL

The Board of Ed reviewed the Summary of Bills, dated June 1, 2016, and the corresponding warrants.

BILLS

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

BIDS

The Board of Education reviewed the Budget Summary Report.

BUDGET SUMMARY

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

RESERVE FUNDS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize a transfer of an amount not to exceed two million dollars (\$2,000,000) from fund balance of the General Fund as of June 30, 2015 to the Capital Reserve (Ed Law §3651), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize a transfer of an amount not to exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) from fund balance of the General Fund as of June 30, 2015 to the Retirement Contribution Reserve (GML §6-m), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize a transfer of an amount not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) from fund balance of the General Fund as of June 30, 2015 to the Employee Benefits Accrued Liability Reserve (GML §6-p, 2(a)).

**SCHOOL LUNCH
PRICES**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve price increases for school lunch and food items for school year 2016-2017.

**ELEVATOR
MAINTENANCE
AGREEMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve agreements with Thyssen Krupp Elevators to provide elevator maintenance services from 7/1/16 – 6/30/17.

**GENERATOR
MAINTENANCE
AGREEMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve agreements with Cooper Power Systems to provide generator maintenance services from 7/1/16 – 6/30/17.

**PEST CONTROL
AGREEMENTS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve agreements with Orkin Pest Control to provide monthly pest control services from 7/1/16 – 6/30/17.

**FITNESS EQUIPMENT
SERVICE
AGREEMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Quality Fitness Services to provide twice yearly service and eight additional repair service visits when needed for equipment in each of the district's buildings from 9/1/16-8/31/17, the total cost will remain at \$3,650.

**OBSOLETE/SURPLUS
PROPERTY**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the disposal of Grand Avenue MS refrigerator located in the nurse's office, #000717.

SCHOLARSHIP

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the establishment of the Matthew Rosin Memorial Scholarship at Calhoun High School in a variable amount funded by donations and fundraisers.

LEAD TESTING

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education declare lead testing in all buildings an emergency situation due to safety concerns, and further that the project is an ordinary contingent expense of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District. Monies from the 2015-16 interfund transfer, not to exceed \$30,000, will be used to pay for the tests.

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

There was none.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Maddalena spoke about the faculty and staff at Mepham HS. Many family discussions contained references to her children's teachers. She wanted to let them know that they have impacted the lives of her children. She stated 110% of Mepham's staff is making a difference. She thanked Mr. Harrington and his staff.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Haile thanked her for her comments and stated his proudest moment on the BMCHSD Board was when Mr. DeTommaso agreed to join us adding Mr. DeTommaso's leadership is amazing.

There was none.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

On a motion by Mrs. Blane, seconded by Mrs. Lanci and carried 8-0, the Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Neufeld
District Clerk