

MINUTES OF THE BELLMORE-MERRICK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AUGUST 5, 2020

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The Organizational meeting of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Board of Education was held on Tuesday evening, August 5, 2020, via Zoom video conference in accordance with Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1 for alternative means for public entities to conduct public meetings.

The following members of the Board of Education were present:

Gina Piskin, President
Edward Corona, Vice President
Marion Blane
Melissa Cmar-Grote
Janet Goller
Dr. Nancy Kaplan
Nina Lanci
Tracey Miller

Also present:

John DeTommaso, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Mara Bollettieri, Deputy Superintendent of Personnel
Mikaela Coni, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Michael Harrington, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
Joseph Innaco, Director of Administrative & Instructional Technology and Data Protection/Security
Christopher Powers, School Attorney
Pattianne Guccione, District Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Education met in Executive Session via video conference at 6:31 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter and school reopening plans.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Piskin, Board President at 7:59 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Piskin led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a **MOTION** by Dr. Kaplan seconded by Ms. Blane and carried 8-0 the Board of Education removed the Public Comment sections from this meeting only and changed the order of business accordingly.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 14, 2020

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Goller, seconded by Ms. Blane and carried 8-0 the Board of Education approved the minutes from the July 14, 2020 meeting.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT – June 30, 2020

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Blane seconded by Ms. Lanci and carried 8-0, the Board of Education approved the Treasurer's Report dated June 30, 2020.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Plans for Opening of Schools – September 8, 2020

B. Future Dates

Mr. DeTommaso said he hopes that everyone is ok now that Hurricane Isaias has passed. He said if anyone needs anything, if something has happened in the community or to your home, please let the District know how we can help and assist you in anyway.

Mr. DeTommaso thanked everyone on the school's Re-opening Committees. He thanked the parents for their input over the past several weeks and he thanked Mr. Harrington, Dr. Bollettieri, Ms. Coni and the directors for leading the committees.

Mr. DeTommaso said that the District has submitted the plans to the New York State and to the community. He explained that there were three plans submitted, a remote learning plan, a hybrid learning plan which is a combination of in person and remote learning, and a full in person learning plan with restrictions. Mr. DeTommaso said we expect Governor Cuomo to give his decision on the plans sometime this week and that the District does not have any additional information than anyone else, we will all find out the decision at the same time. He explained that although we do not know what decision the Governor will make, the District has prepared by sending out a survey to the community in which 3,750 out of 5,500 families responded. He asked that parents continue to complete the survey so that the district has the necessary information to go forward with the plans. He also said that the District is asking parents to submit their questions about re-opening. He asks that parents submit their questions by August 12th. Once a decision has been made about the direction that we will re-open, parents can expect weekly communication from the Principals. Mr. DeTommaso again thanked the parents for their input. He said we know that it will be a new world for teachers and kids and that it is important that we understand what the parents and community want.

Dr. Kaplan thanked everyone for their participation in the re-opening of school. She said that the community is set up for success no matter what the opening will be.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS – *Agenda Items Only*

There were no public comments for this meeting.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Donation

On a **MOTION** by Dr. Kaplan, seconded by Ms. Blane and carried 8-0, the Board of Education approved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a donation of a new Matrix R50 Stationary Bike, Model # XRTM6971USC, for the fitness area at Calhoun High School from Lisa DiLemme, a parent of a former wrestler.

Ms. Piskin thanked Mr. DiLemme for the donation.

On a **MOTION** by Dr. Kaplan, seconded by Ms. Blane and carried 8-0, the Board of Education approved by a consent agenda items VII.B through IX.M.2.

B. Dignity Act

1BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopt the revised Dignity Act upon the recommendation of the district-wide school-based planning and Shared Decision-making Committee.

C. Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following resolutions:

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize its President to sign the 2019-2020 APPR Implementation Certification form for the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District.
2. 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-d 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 under the Rules of the Board of Regents;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County certify the following individuals as lead evaluators:

Rick Aceste	Eric Arlin	Adeline Atkins
Dr. Mara Bollettieri	Eric Caballero	Danielle Calliendo
Kate Caporusso	Dr. Jen Carne	Theresa Catalina
Christina Cone	Carlo Conte	Theresa Dell'Olio
Andrew DelRosario	Anthony DeMartinis	John DeTommaso
Ann Donaldson	Mary Donnelly	Katelyn Dunn
Susan Ellinghaus	Robyn Einbinder	Cheryl Fontana
Ron Giarrafa	Eric Gomez	Michael Harrington
Nicole Hollings	Michael Hughes	Joseph Innaco
Dan Jantzen	John Jimenez	Rosa Kaplan
Maura Kempton	Dr. Patrick Mannion	Mark Melkonian
James Mollica	Enrique Montes	Sheila Mullin
Marie Netto	Gerry Owenburg	Renee Owenburg
Emily Paluseo	Vincent Pisano	David Prince
Nicole Rhodes	Christopher Riccardi	Chris Safina
Kim Serpe	Robert Soel	Mary Vetro

D. Academic Intervention Services Plan

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopt the 2021 Academic Intervention Services Plan upon the recommendation of the Office of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment.

E. Professional Development Plan

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the 2020-2021 Bellmore-Merrick Central HS District Professional Development Plan.

F. Special Education

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the revised recommended Special Education vendors for the 2019-2020 school year.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the revised recommended Special Education vendors for the 2020-2021 school year.

3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following special education placements as recommended by the Committee on Special Education: 000514076, 000016160, 101410000 and 370001494.

VIII. PERSONNEL REPORT – August 5, 2020

- A. Resignations
- B. Appointments
- C. Salary Reclassification
- D. Leave Requests
- E. Cancellation of Services
- F. Other
- G. Assigned Services – Athletics
- H. Assigned Services – Non - Athletics – 2019-2020 School Year
- I. Assigned Services – Non - Athletics

IX. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

- A. Bills and Corresponding Warrant dated August 5, 2020-*Information Only*

- B. Bids

- C. Budget Summary dated July 31, 2020 - *Information Only*

- D. Component Tax Allocation

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the allocation of the Bellmore Merrick Central High School District's tax levy for 2020-2021, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize the District Clerk to notify the component districts of their tax levies for the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District for the 2020-2021 School Year. (

- E. Nassau BOCES

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the 2019-2020 Final AS- 7 agreement with Nassau BOCES as required by Education Law § 1950.

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Letter of Intent with Nassau BOCES in the amount of \$8,662,177.26 for the 2020-2021 school year.

- F. SEDCAR

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize its President to execute the 2020 – 2021 school year SEDCAR agreements as required by NYSED.

- G. TEMPO

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve a lease agreement with TEMPO for the use of space at Brookside from 7/1/2020 – 6/30/2021. (See attached)

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with TEMPO to provide five social workers at each district school from 9/8/2020-6/30/2021.

- H. District Disaster Recovery Plan

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the revised District Disaster Recovery Plan providing guidance and procedures for the recovery of information, technology data and equipment in the event of a disaster.

- I. East Meadow Driving School
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with East Meadow Driving School for the provision of In-Car Driver Education instruction, with vehicles, for the summer, fall and spring semesters of the 2020-2021 school year at a cost of \$560.00 per student.
- J. Electrical Training Center Inc.
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Electrical Training Center Inc. to provide an electrical training program for Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District students for the 2020-2021 school year at a cost of \$6,630.00 per student and authorize the Board President to sign said agreement.
- K. Employment Agreement
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes and agrees to the terms of Addendum #7 for the Superintendent's employment agreement dated April 1, 2013.
- L. Memorandum of Agreement – Clerical Unit IV
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District hereby approves and ratifies the attached Memorandum of Agreement dated August 5, 2020, by and between the negotiation representatives of the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc., Local 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO – Nassau Educational Local 865 Unit IV - Clericals and the negotiating representatives of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District.
- M. Budget Transfers
1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District approve the following budget transfers to cover 2019-2020 school year expenses:
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| From: | A5581.490 (BOCES Transportation) | \$ 345,000 |
| To: | A2630.490 (BOCES Technology) | \$ 345,000 |
- To cover costs for BOCES Lease Payment for Technology Switch Project
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District approve the following budget transfers to cover 2020-2021 school year expenses:
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| From: | A1620.400 (Fuel) | \$ 135,000 |
| | A9060.800 (Health Insurance) | \$ 175,000 |
| To: | A1620.450 (COVID-19 PPE) | \$ 310,000 |
- To cover COVID-19 PPE costs for preparation of 2020-21 Re-Opening
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| From: | A9060.800 (Health Insurance) | \$ 30,500 |
| To: | A1910.400 (Unallocated Insurance) | \$ 30,500 |
- To cover costs for Student Accident Insurance

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Blane, seconded by Goller and carried 8-0 the Board of Education approved the following:

X. MOTION TO CONVENE PUBLIC HEARING – SCHOOL SAFETY PLANS

A. School Safety Plans

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopts the district-wide and building-level safety plans and directs that the district-wide plan be filed with the Commissioner of Education within 30 days of the adoption of this Resolution.

Ms. Coni gave a presentation about the School Safety Plans. She explained that NYS requires that the District have two types of Safety Plans, a District-Wide safety plan and Building-Level safety plans which detail how to react in case of an emergency. Ms Coni said that Jon Simpkins was appointed as the Chief Emergency Officer and a District-Wide Safety Team has been appointed. Ms. Coni explained that the Board of Education is required to adopt these plans annually by September 1st, after having a 30-day public comment period and Public Hearing. Once adopted, these plans will be filed with the New York State Department of Education and shared with law enforcement. Ms. Coni said the District-Wide plan is posted on the District's website for review, but the Building-Level plans are confidential and not subject to disclosure under Education Law.

Mr. DeTommaso explained that the safety plans are not connected to the re-opening of school, they are adopted annually.

XVIII. CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Piskin stated the Board of Education did receive correspondence.

XIX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments for this meeting.

XX. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

There was no old or new business.

XXI. POTENTIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Education did not enter into Executive Session

XXII. ADJOURNMENT

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Blane, seconded by Ms. Lanci and carried 8-0, the Board of Education meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pattianne Guccione
District Clerk