

MINUTES OF THE BELLMORE-MERRICK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AUGUST 3, 2022

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A regular meeting of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Board of Education was held on Wednesday evening, August 3, 2022, in the Board of Education Conference Room of the Administrative Offices at the Brookside Educational Center at 1260 Meadowbrook Road, North Merrick, New York.

The following members of the Board of Education were present:

Nina Lanci, President
Janet Goller, Vice President
Edward Corona
Dr. Nancy Kaplan
Gina Piskin

The following members of the Board of Education were not present:

Marion Blane
Melissa Cmar-Grote
Tracey Miller

Also present:

Michael Harrington, Superintendent of Schools
Mikaela Coni, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Christopher Powers, School Attorney
Pattianne Guccione, District Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Lanci called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

On a **MOTION** by Dr. Kaplan, seconded by Ms. Piskin and carried 5-0, the Board of Education moved to appoint Michael Harrington as the Acting District Clerk during Executive Session.

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Goller, seconded by Ms. Piskin and carried 5-0, the Board of Education moved into Executive Session to discuss a specific personnel issue, contract negotiations and late transportation requests.

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Goller, seconded by Ms. Piskin and carried 5-0, the Board of Education reconvened to Public Session at 7:35 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a **MOTION** by Dr. Kaplan, seconded by Ms. Goller and carried 5-0 the Board of Education approved the minutes from the July 12, 2022 meeting.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Piskin, seconded by Dr. Kaplan and carried 5-0, the Board of Education approved the Treasurer's Report dated June 30, 2022.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Harrington said that summer is going great. He discussed our Bridge Program, a program for students who failed two or more subjects in 8th grade to help prepare them for 9th grade. Students in the program came up with a project for the district to install solar powered benches at our schools. The project has caught the attention of local legislators and today the Town of Hempstead Clerk, Kate Murray, visited the program and committed to helping the students find funding and permits. Mr. Harrington said he was very proud of these students.

Mr. Harrington discussed Calhoun High School's program Cal-Connect, a program in the wellness center that helps with making summer connections and allows counselors to be available for assistance with college admissions. News12 was at the school today doing a piece on the Wellness Centers.

Mr. Harrington mentioned that our summer programs are ending soon and mentioned the future dates.

A. Future Dates

August 29	7 th and 9 th Grade Orientation
August 30-31	Superintendent's Conference Day
September 1	First Day of School
September 2-5	Labor Day Weekend
September 7	Board of Education Meeting

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS – *Agenda Items Only*

Being no members of the public were present at the meeting, there were no public comments.

On a **MOTION** by Dr. Kaplan, seconded by Ms. Piskin and carried 5-0, the Board of Education approved items VII.A through IX.M.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR)

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize its President to sign the 2022-2023 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	Mary Allegretta	Danielle Amato
Eric Arlin	Adeline Atkins	Scott Bersin
Heather Bizewski	Eric Caballero	Danielle Caliendo
Kate Caporusso	Dr. Jen Carne	Theresa Catalina
Christina Cone	Carlo Conte	Jeffrey Cronk
Theresa Dell'Olio	Andrew DelRosario	Anthony DeMartinis
Ann Donaldson	Katelyn Dunn	Robyn Einbinder
Cheryl Fontana	Ron Giarrafa	Justin Gioia
Eric Gomez	Michael Harrington	Nicole Hollings
Michael Hughes	Joseph Innaco	Dan Jantzen
John Jimenez	Rosa Kaplan	Maura Kempton
Mark Melkonian	James Mollica	Enrique Montes
Gerard Owenburg	Renee Owenburg	Emily Paluseo
Vincent Pisano	David Prince	Nicole Rhodes
Christopher Riccardi	Melissa Rohr	Christopher Safina
Kim Serpe	Robert Soel	Mary Vetro

- B. Academic Intervention Services Plan
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopt the 2023 Academic Intervention Services Plan upon the recommendation of the Office of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment.
- C. Professional Development Plan
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the 2022-2023 Bellmore-Merrick Central HS District Professional Development Plan.
- D. Special Education
1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the revised recommended Special Education vendors for the 2022-2023 school year.
 2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following special education placements as recommended by the Committee on Special Education: 181910038 and 201900111.

VIII. PERSONNEL REPORT – August 3, 2022

- A. Resignations
- B. Appointments
- C. Salary Reclassification
- D. Leave Requests
- E. Recommendation for Permanent Employment
- F. Recommendation for Continued Employment
- G. Assigned Services – Athletics – Cancellation
- H. Assigned Services – Athletics
- I. Assigned Services – Non-Athletics

IX. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

- A. Bills and Corresponding Warrant dated August 4, 2021
The Board of Education reviewed the bills and corresponding warrant.

- B. Budget Summary dated July 31, 2021
The Board of Education reviewed the budget summary
- C. 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 2022-2023, 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 2022-2023 School Year.
- D. Nassau BOCES
1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the 2021-2022 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 \$10,438,317.41 for the 2022-2023 school year.
- E. SEDCAR
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize its President to execute the 2022 – 2023 school year SEDCAR agreements as required by NYSED.
- F. 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.
- G. 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 2022-2023 school year at a cost of \$6,750.00 per student and authorize the Board President to sign said agreement.
- H. Ice Arena
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an amendment to the September 2008 National Rink Management Corp. agreement.
- I. 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.
- J. Transportation - Eastern Suffolk BOCES
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve a Contract Modification Agreement with Eastern Suffolk BOCES for transportation services provided by Eastern Suffolk BOCES for the Summer 2022 beginning July 1, 2022 at full C.P.I., and, as has been done for prior extensions, continue the waiver of the performance bond for the period of the contract extensions. The extension parameters listed include Special Ed vans and matron services for students attending programs in the Eastern Suffolk BOCES region.

K. Construction Change Orders

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following Cosmetology Suite Reconstruction Change Order Sanford H. Calhoun High School, SED No. 28-02-53-07-0-004-054:

1. Change Order No. 1 in the add amount of \$1,611.10 Crossroads Construction Corp., the General Construction Contract.

L. APTS – AP Test & Adult Education Service Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Achievement Point Test Service, LLC. for registration and scheduling services for Advanced Placement exams and Adult Education class registration for the 2022-2023 school year at the rates specified in the contract.

M. Obsolete Equipment/Property

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education declare obsolete and approve the disposal of 4 Guardian Dryer Wigs, 4 Belmont Hair Dryers and 1 Belmont Hydraulic Chair in the Calhoun High School Cosmetology room B273.

Mr. Harrington welcomed Mr. Cronk as the new Assistant Principal of Kennedy High School saying he knows that he will do great things.

X. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Corona discussed the substitute teachers' per diem rate, asking how the district's rate compares with other school districts. He asked when the rate was last increased and if there are any other groups of staff that are not part of a bargaining unit. He suggested that raising the rate could allow us to hire better substitute teachers.

Ms. Coni said that we polled other districts and that the per diem rate for our substitutes is slightly below the average from other school districts. She said the last rate increase was about 3-4 years ago and the custodial and clerical substitutes are not part of a bargaining unit either. Ms. Coni said at this point we do not have a staffing issue but it is something that can be re-visited should a problem arise.

Mr. Corona feels the per diem rate for our substitute teachers should be increased, saying that 3-4 years without an increase is a hard freeze.

Mr. Harrington said in the past when we had issues with staffing, as we had with hiring security, we raised the pay rate and were able to resolve the issues. He explained that substitute teachers tend to want to become permanent teachers. He also said if a staffing becomes a problem, the Board of Education would be notified of the issue.

Dr. Kaplan feels that the substitute teacher per diem rates should not be raised at this point, stating we do not have a staffing issue and they are not permanently part of our team. She also feels we have an obligation to our taxpayers to be fiscally responsible.

Ms. Goller feels that until administration approaches the Board of Education with an issue then the per diem rates should remain as is.

Ms. Piskin feels that the per diem rates are low but feels the Board of Education should follow the advisement of administration.

Ms. Lanci feels that the per diems rates should remain where they are at this point adding that substitutes receive training and receive networking opportunities while employed here.

XI. CORRESPONDENCE

The Board of Education received three emails between July 9, 2022 and July 29, 2022.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

XIII. POTENTIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Education did not enter into executive session.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

On a **MOTION** by Ms. Piskin, seconded by Ms. Goller and carried 5-0, the Board of Education meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pattianne Guccione
District Clerk