

Monthly School Board Meeting (Tuesday, April 4, 2023)**Members present**

Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Will Luciani

Will Luciani arrived 6:02

Kathy Moran arrived at 7:00 PM to vote on budget.

1. OPENING

Information, Procedural: A. Call to Order by Board President Megan Ryan at 6:01

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Action, Information, Procedural: B. Executive Session

Motion to go into executive session for matters of personnel, an update on CSEA negotiations, and legal advice.

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Mary Keene.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Will Luciani

Not Present at Vote: Kathy Moran

Action, Information, Procedural: C. Reconvene to Public
(not specified)

Motion by Ed Corona, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Will Luciani

Not Present at Vote: Kathy Moran

Information, Procedural: D. Call to Order

Information, Procedural: E. Pledge of Allegiance

2. PRESENTATION

Action, Procedural: A. 2023-2024 Budget by Tom McDaid, Assistant Superintendent of Business

Mr. McDaid did a PowerPoint presentation for the 2023/2024 budget.

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Information, Procedural: A. Superintendent's comments

Dr. Cynthia Seniuk, Superintendent of Schools, reported that the Theatre Arts production of The Wizard of Oz was truly amazing. She announced that the Summer Learning Adventures program flyers are posted on the district website, and there will be a robust schedule with Camp Invention and SCOPE Recreation as well as district programs in the morning and the Lunch Bunch Clubs in the afternoons.

Dr. Seniuk noted all three schools are holding their Science Fairs and that a lab coat can really make you want to be a scientist! She was happy to see children playing on the new Old Mill Road Playground, which has been completed, and was fully funded by a legislative grant. Dr. Seniuk is working to procure more grant money to cover playgrounds for all three schools.

Lastly, she announced that the first annual Mindfulness Retreat for students in grades 4 through 6, sponsored by the North Merrick Mental Health and Wellness Coalition, was held on April 1, and included workshops on yoga, Zumba, breathing, and meditation.

4. ROUTINE APPROVALS

Action, Minutes, Procedural: A. Approval of Minutes - March 14, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

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Motion by Mary Keene, second by Will Luciani.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Will Luciani

Not Present at Vote: Kathy Moran

Action, Information: B. Approval of Warrants, Wires, Budget Transfers

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Motion by Mary Keene, second by Will Luciani.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Will Luciani

Not Present at Vote: Kathy Moran

Action, Information: C. Approval of Treasurer's Report

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Motion by Mary Keene, second by Will Luciani.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Will Luciani

Not Present at Vote: Kathy Moran

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (agenda items only)

Information, Procedural: A. Guidelines for Public Comments - Any person wishing to make comments or raise questions shall fill out a comment card. After you are called, come forward to the microphone and state your full name. All comments or questions shall be directed to the Board President or Superintendent of Schools. The Board or Administration will do their best to immediately respond to any questions. Out of courtesy and fairness to the rest of the audience, each person will limit his/her remarks to no more than 3 minutes, not to exceed a 30 minute session. Public discussion with respect to confidential matters is prohibited.

Information, Procedural: B. Comments

Resident Maeve Schultz spoke about the Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) program and expressed her frustration with the lengthy process and not knowing the locations. She suggested finding additional locations and funding for this program, and she stated that parents should have more of a choice for placement like neighboring districts allow.

Ms. Ryan commented that Superintendent Dr. Seniuk would speak about UPK, and said the district is actively looking to add more seats.

Dr. Seniuk stated that North Merrick brought in UPK last year and was able to get a seat for every student that was requested. She explained about state funding and the tuition rate for preschool and said the district is working to allocate 114 seats. Dr. Seniuk said she was going to a site tomorrow for a tour, and pending approval from the state, to bring SCOPE in to run the program there. She stated that there are school districts in Nassau County that received substantial money for UPK but are unable to provide it for their communities because they are unable to find preschools to participate. Dr. Seniuk said some districts use SCOPE in-house, but North Merrick does not have enough classroom space.

Resident Robert Rolling asked whether the district should wait until after the budget vote before drawing the lottery for UPK placement. But Dr. Seniuk stated that UPK does not impact the budget because the funding comes directly from the state.

6. BUSINESS

Action: A. The Board of Education adopts the proposed budget for the 2023-24 school year in the amount of \$38,885,897.
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Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

No: Mary Keene

Action: B. The Board of Education adopts the 2023-24 Property Tax Report Card for the North Merrick Union Free School District.
The Board of Education adopts the 2023-24 Property Tax Report Card for the North Merrick Union Free School District. Consent agenda Items 6B -6H

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Will Luciani
Not Present at Vote: Kathy Moran

Action: C. The Board of Education approves the contract for External Accounting Services to Cullen & Danowski, LLP for an amount not to exceed \$29,516.00 in accordance with the RFP effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, with an annual option for the board to renew the agreement up to four additional school years.

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Consent agenda Items 6B -6H

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Will Luciani

Not Present at Vote: Kathy Moran

Action, Procedural: D. The Board of Education approves the renewal of the bid award to G.C. Environmental, Inc. to provide petroleum tank repair, testing, alarm, compliance, and inspections on an as-needed basis for the 2023-2024 school year.

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Consent agenda Items 6B -6H

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Will Luciani

Not Present at Vote: Kathy Moran

Action: E. The Board of Education approves the contract between North Merrick UFSD and Auctions International, Inc. for the sale of educational institution assets.

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Consent agenda Items 6B -6H

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Will Luciani

Not Present at Vote: Kathy Moran

Action: F. The Board of Education approves North Merrick UFSD to participate with Bellmore Merrick Central High School District and other Component Districts to solicit proposals for transportation services as authorized by General Municipal Law Section 119-o, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Inter-Municipal Cooperative Agreement ("IMA").

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Consent agenda Items 6B -6H

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Will Luciani

Not Present at Vote: Kathy Moran

Action, Procedural: G. The Board of Education approves the revised meeting dates to be held in the General Purpose Room or the Board Room of the Harold D. Fayette School as follows: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 - BOCES Special Meeting 9:00 AM and Tuesday, July 11, 2023 - 9:00 AM

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Consent agenda Items 6B -6H

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Will Luciani

Not Present at Vote: Kathy Moran

Action: H. The Board of Education authorizes the additional funding of the 2022-23 reserves in accordance with General Municipal Law and Educational Law, as detailed in the mailing.

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Motion by Mary Keene, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Will Luciani

Not Present at Vote: Kathy Moran

7. POLICY

Action, Procedural: A. The Board of Education approves the following resolution: WHEREAS, the North Merrick Union Free School District Policy No. 9310 – Adoption of Policies contains the Board of Education procedures for the adoption, change, and repeal of District policies; and WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that it is necessary to revise Board of Education Policy No. 3440 Capitalization and Accounting for Fixed Assets, at this time; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education waives Policy No. 9310 with respect to the requirements related to the first reading of policies and the sequence of adoption of policies in relation to Policy No. 3440 Capitalization and Accounting for Fixed Assets.

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Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Mary Keene.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Will Luciani

Not Present at Vote: Kathy Moran

8. PERSONNEL ACTIONS REPORT

Action: A. The Board of Education approves the Personnel Actions Report, as detailed in the mailing.
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Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Will Luciani.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Will Luciani

Not Present at Vote: Kathy Moran

9. SPECIAL SERVICES

Action: A. The Board of Education approves a total of thirty-nine (39) Individualized Education Plans which were developed by the North Merrick Committee on Special Education, as detailed in the mailing.

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Consent agenda items 8A -8C

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Mary Keene.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Will Luciani

Not Present at Vote: Kathy Moran

Action: B. The Board of Education approves the six (6) Individualized Education Programs (IEPS) which were developed by the North Merrick Committee on Pre-School Special Education, as detailed in the mailing.
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 Consent agenda items 8A -8C

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Mary Keene.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Will Luciani

Not Present at Vote: Kathy Moran

Action: C. The Board of Education approves the agreement between Thomas M. Doxsee OT PC and the North Merrick School District to provide occupational therapy services for the 2022-2023 school year.

The Board of Education approves the agreement between Thomas M. Doxsee OT PC and the North Merrick School District to provide occupational therapy services for the 2022-2023 school year.

Consent agenda items 8A -8C

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Mary Keene.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Will Luciani

Not Present at Vote: Kathy Moran

10. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Information, Procedural: A. High School

Ed Corona, Vice President of the Board of Education, said three high school athletes and one team from Calhoun High School have been recognized. Sara Manson and Logan Schaeffler set a new school record of 4:13.5 and senior Raymond Adams ended his wrestling career at Calhoun as a two-time All-State and three-time All-County wrestler. The girls' track team won the Nassau County championships in early February.

Information, Procedural: B. School Community Relations/PTA Council

All the activities and events happening in the three schools sponsored by the PTAs.

Information, Procedural: C. Buildings & Grounds

Sam Carder, Director of School Facilities, stated that the Old Mill Road playground is in place, thanks to a grant from former State Senator John Brooks. He said the air-conditioning projects at Camp and Old Mill Road are also completed and already working. In addition, Mr. Carder said the grounds crew has been cutting back landscaping and restoring the area around the playground projects. He announced upcoming events, such as Field of Flags, Field Day, Fun Days and the 100th Anniversary Celebration at Camp Avenue School.

11. COMMUNICATIONS

Information, Procedural: A. Communications

None

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Information, Procedural: A. Unfinished Business

Tracey Miller inquired about the 100 day anniversary for Camp Avenue, May 12th 5 to 7

13. NEW BUSINESS

Information, Presentation: A. New Business

UPK there a lot of information, we mention before talk the before care and after care, we are trying so that's accessible, we mention exectuivts session, we want the parents that don't have we have been diligent to offer as many spots as we can

dr. seniuk , the need for before and after care as essential, having inhouse scope program, tlc merrick brookside we friends that seems to be much mor of a need. that is another piece is to have majority for before and after care.

ms. ryan, we don't have the space and

14. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Information, Procedural: A. Comments
none

15. INFORMATIONS REPORTS (BOE only)

Information, Procedural: A. Appropriation Status Report; Revenue Status Report; Trial Balance

Information: B. Absences of Five Consecutive Days

Information, Procedural: C. Health office and accident reports

Information, Procedural: D. Enrollment

Information: E. Building & Grounds Reports

16. ADJOURNMENT

Action, Procedural: A. Adjournment 7:50 PM
Adjournment

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Mary Keene.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani