

Monthly School Board Meeting (Tuesday, April 7, 2020)**Members present**

Vincent Lentini, Tracey Miller, Michelle Gordon, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Robert Crowley, Steve Enella

1. OPENING

Procedural: A. Call to order at 7:07 PM by Board President, Megan Ryan.

Action, Procedural: B. Pledge

The Board of Education approves to waive pledge until the public portion of the Board meeting.

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Vincent Lentini, Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Robert Crowley, Steve Enella

Not Present at Vote: Michelle Gordon

Action, Procedural: C. Executive Session for matters of personnel and to obtain advice from counsel.

The Board of Education approves entering into executive session for matters of personnel and to obtain advice from counsel at 7:09 PM.

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Vincent Lentini, Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Robert Crowley, Steve Enella

Not Present at Vote: Michelle Gordon

Action, Procedural: D. Reconvene to Public

The Board of Education moves approval to reconvene into public session at 7:57 PM

Motion by Michelle Gordon, second by Vincent Lentini.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Vincent Lentini, Tracey Miller, Michelle Gordon, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Robert Crowley, Steve Enella

Procedural: E. Call to order by Board President, Megan Ryan 8:00 PM

Action, Procedural: F. Pledge

Megan Ryan, Board President, welcomed all. She stated the Board will not be adopting the budget to give the public the opportunity to ask more questions.

If you have additional questions, please email Dr. Seniuk or the board.

Dr. Seniuk made a statement regarding the COVID-19 crisis and thanked all parent, teachers and staff for their support.

The Board of Education approves waiving the pledge.

Motion by Steve Enella, second by Vincent Lentini.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Vincent Lentini, Tracey Miller, Michelle Gordon, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Robert Crowley, Steve Enella

Action: G. The Board of Education approves the following: WHEREAS, the State of New York, along with the entire nation and world, is in the midst of the COVID-19 (AKA the novel coronavirus) pandemic, a public health emergency unprecedented in modern times; WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Governor Cuomo issued Executive Order 202.4 which suspended the requirements of the Open Meetings Law concerning board of education meetings; and WHEREAS, as permitted by Executive Order 202.1, the Board of Education's meeting tonight will be conducted via www.youtube.com with no public participation. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby suspends all policies pertaining to the format for this meeting, including Policy 1120 which provides for public participation and comment at Board of Education meetings. Megan Ryan stated if anyone has any questions or comments, they can email the board or administrator.

The Board of Education approves the following resolution: WHEREAS, the State of New York, along with the entire nation and world, is in the midst of the COVID-19 (AKA the novel coronavirus) pandemic, a public health emergency unprecedented in modern times;

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WHEREAS, as permitted by Executive Order 202.1, the Board of Education's meeting tonight will be conducted via www.youtube.com with no public participation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby suspends all policies pertaining to the format for this meeting, including Policy 1120 which provides for public participation and comment at Board of Education meetings.

Motion by Vincent Lentini, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Vincent Lentini, Tracey Miller, Michelle Gordon, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Robert Crowley, Steve Enella

2. ROUTINE APPROVALS

Action, Minutes: A. Approval of Minutes - March 10, 2020

The Board of Education approves the minutes as follows: March 10, 2020

Motion by Vincent Lentini, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Vincent Lentini, Tracey Miller, Michelle Gordon, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Robert Crowley, Steve Enella

3. BUSINESS

Action: A. The Board of Education approves the agreement with SCOPE Education Services to provide child-care service for health care professionals and first responders while schools are closed as a result of the Corona Virus.

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Motion by Vincent Lentini, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Vincent Lentini, Tracey Miller, Michelle Gordon, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Robert Crowley, Steve Enella

Action: B. The Board of Education authorizes the school district to participate in the Transportation Cooperative; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Inter-Municipal Cooperative Transportation Agreement and authorizes the Board President to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board of Education, as detailed in the mailing. The Board of Education authorizes the school district to participate in the Transportation Cooperative; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Inter-Municipal Cooperative Transportation Agreement and authorizes the Board President to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board of Education, as detailed in the mailing.

Motion by Vincent Lentini, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Vincent Lentini, Tracey Miller, Michelle Gordon, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Robert Crowley, Steve Enella

Action: C. The Board of Education accepts the donation of \$5,423.00 from the Old Mill Road 6th Grade Committee to be used towards the 6th grade boat trip on June 16, 2020.

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Motion by Vincent Lentini, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Vincent Lentini, Tracey Miller, Michelle Gordon, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Robert Crowley, Steve Enella

Action: D. The Board of Education authorizes the North Merrick Union Free School District the power to approve the issuance of tax anticipation notes and revenue anticipation notes for the 2019/2020 School year, as detailed in the mailing.

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Motion by Vincent Lentini, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Vincent Lentini, Tracey Miller, Michelle Gordon, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Robert Crowley, Steve Enella

Action: E. The Board of Education authorizes the additional funding of the following reserves in accordance with General Municipal Law and Educational Law, said funding will come from undesignated fund balance and appropriations remaining from the 2019-20 budget, and from other available sources: • Employee Benefits Accrued Liability Reserve (GML-§6-p)- Funding not to exceed \$1,500,000. • Retirement Contribution Reserve (GML-§6-r)- Funding not to exceed \$800,000. • North Merrick UFSD Retirement Contribution Reserve Sub-Fund within the Reserve for Accrued Employee Benefits Accrued Liability (GML-§6-r)- Funding not to exceed \$300,000. • Unemployment Insurance Reserve (GML-§6-r)- Funding not to exceed \$25,000. • Capital Reserve (ED Law §3651) approved by the voters on May 21, 2019- Funding not to exceed \$1,000,000. The Board of Education authorizes the additional funding of the following reserves in accordance with General Municipal Law and Educational Law, said funding will come from undesignated fund balance and appropriations remaining from the 2019-20 budget, and from other available sources:

- Employee Benefits Accrued Liability Reserve (GML-§6-p)- Funding not to exceed \$1,500,000.
- Retirement Contribution Reserve (GML-§6-r)- Funding not to exceed \$800,000.
- North Merrick UFSD Retirement Contribution Reserve Sub-Fund within the Reserve for Accrued Employee Benefits Accrued Liability (GML-§6-r)- Funding not to exceed \$300,000.
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- Capital Reserve (ED Law §3651) approved by the voters on May 21, 2019- Funding not to exceed \$1,000,000.

Motion by Vincent Lentini, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Vincent Lentini, Tracey Miller, Michelle Gordon, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Robert Crowley, Steve Enella

4. 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 Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Vincent Lentini, Tracey Miller, Michelle Gordon, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Robert Crowley, Steve Enella

5. SPECIAL SERVICES

Action: A. The Board of Education approves the thirty-one (31) Individualized Education Programs (IEP's) which were developed by the North Merrick Committee on Special Education, as detailed in the mailing.

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Motion by Michelle Gordon, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Vincent Lentini, Tracey Miller, Michelle Gordon, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Robert Crowley, Steve Enella

Action: B. The Board of Education approves the twenty-three (23) Individualized Education Programs (IEP's) which were developed by the North Merrick Committee on Preschool Special Education, as detailed in the mailing.

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Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Michelle Gordon.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

Information: A. None

None

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion, Information: A. Unfinished business

8. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion, Information: A. New business

Mrs. Gordon emphasized that no one could have been prepared for this current crisis and she thanked all the teacher for their hard work and being readily available for the students.

She asked if we can elaborate on Flip Grid moving forward. Dr. Seniuk commented Ms. Friedman and teachers have been working day and night on curriculum. Dr. Seniuk explained they started with Google classroom and went on to Flip Grid. She has gotten positive feedback. Dr. Seniuk went over the state requirements during this crisis. Mrs. Ryan spoke about privacy concerns and the Code of Conduct. Mr. Neil Block, counsel, explained that his or her employment protection applies regardless if in school or at home.

9. INFORMATIONAL

Information: A. Absences of Five Consecutive Days or Longer Reported in February, Continuing Investments; Workers' Compensation Filed; Appropriation Status Report; Revenue Status Report; Trial Balance

10. ADJOURNMENT

Action: A. Adjournment into executive session at 8:35 to discuss matters of personnel.

The Board of Education approved entering into executive session to discuss matters of personnel at 8:35 PM

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Vincent Lentini, Tracey Miller, Michelle Gordon, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Robert Crowley, Steve Enella

Action: B. The Board of Education approves reconvene to public at 9:14 PM

Action: C. The Board of Education approves adjournment at 9:15 PM.