

**Monthly School Board Meeting (Monday, February 13, 2023)****Members present**

Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran

**Absent:** Will Luciani

**1. OPENING**

Information, Procedural: A. Call to Order at 5:33 by Vice President, Ed Corona

Action, Information, Procedural: B. Executive Session

The Board of Education approves entering into Executive Session for matters of negotiations.

Vice President, Ed Corona, negotiations.

Motion by Kathy Moran, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran

Not Present at Vote: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Will Luciani

Action, Information, Procedural: C. Reconvene to Public to begin the budget hearing

Reconvene to public to begin the budget hearing at 6:00 PM.

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Failed

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

Information, Procedural: D. Call to Order 7:00 by Board President, Megan Ryan

Information, Procedural: E. Pledge of Allegiance

Board President Megan Ryan stated that the Merrick Chamber of Commerce honored the North Merrick School District and Merrick School District at a dinner at Mio Posto Restaurant. She thanked Dr. Seniuk for representing North Merrick and accepting the award and accolades for the district.

Ms. Ryan said fifth grade students in the WINGS program participated in a "Shark Tank" event, which was a great experience for the students. She said they did a great job with their proposed inventions, and there was a great turnout. Ms. Ryan thanked the Old Mill Road PTA for organizing the Sweetheart Dance at Elisa's Restaurant. She also thanked the Budget Advisory Committee members for being part of the process of planning the budget for 2023-24 and attending the extra meeting on January 31.

**2. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS**

Information, Procedural: A. Superintendent's comments

Dr. Cynthia Seniuk, Superintendent of Schools, announced that the SCOPE Saturday Enrichment program and the district's Spanish Academy are in full bloom. She said the students are quite happy to come to school on a Saturday morning and thanked Ms. Hocevar for doing an amazing job supervising the program. Dr. Seniuk said the Summer Learning Adventure programs is now under the leadership of Jaclyn Guidice, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Personnel, and she is already planning for the various components, including SCOPE Recreation, Camp Invention, and the Lunch Bunch Clubs.

Dr. Seniuk thanked Thomas McDaid, Assistant Superintendent for Business, and the entire team for working so hard on the proposed budget. She added that online kindergarten registration took place over three days, and approximately 140 students are registered as of February 10, which is on par with the trend over the last five years. Dr. Seniuk also said the Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) application process ended last Friday, February 10, and there are approximately 140 families who registered their four-year-olds for the program. She noted that New York State has not yet published the tuition rate per student, but the district is going ahead with the lottery on Friday at 9 a.m., which will be live-streamed. Dr. Seniuk remarked that she will use an old-fashioned Bingo wheel to pick 140 names and will assign everyone a number in the lottery but cannot start assigning students until the state provides the tuition rate.

Dr. Seniuk said the monthly PTA District Council meeting was held earlier in the day, and these meetings are always so positive with the PTA presidents and principals sharing a lot of information.

### 3. ROUTINE APPROVALS

Action, Minutes, Procedural: A. Approval of Minutes - January 10, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes  
Consent Agenda Items 3A-3C

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action, Information: B. Approval of Warrants, Wires, Budget Transfers  
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Consent Agenda Items 3A-3C

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action, Information: C. Approval of Treasurer's Report  
Approval of Treasurer's Report  
Consent Agenda Items 3A-3C

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

### 4. 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  
None

### 5. BUSINESS

Action, Procedural: A. The Board of Education approves the 2023-2024 school calendar.  
The Board of Education approves the 2023-2024 school calendar.  
Consent Agenda Items 5A-5P

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action, Procedural: B. The Board of Education approves the disposal of old and obsolete office desk that is no longer operational. This desk is to be disposed of in a manner which serves in the best interest of the district.  
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Consent Agenda Items 5A-5P

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action, Procedural: C. The Board of Education approves the agreement with Educational Data Services, Inc. for the 2023/24 school year to provide bid specifications and interactive software for an amount not to exceed \$3,000.

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Consent Agenda Items 5A-5P

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: D. The Board of Education approves entering into a consulting agreement with HDH Davidson for the 2023 Theatre Arts production to provide set building, lighting and sound. Cost not to exceed \$5,000.

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Consent Agenda Items 5A-5P

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: E. The Board of Education approves the consulting agreement with HDH Davidson to provide videotaping service for the 2023 North Merrick Theatre Arts Program. Cost not to exceed \$1,500.

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Consent Agenda Items 5A-5P

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: F. The Board of Education authorizes a transfer of \$522,165 from the fund balance of the General Fund to the Retirement Contribution Reserve as of February 14, 2023.

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Consent Agenda Items 5A-5P

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: G. The Board of Education authorizes a transfer of \$250,000 from the fund balance of the General Fund to the Reserve for Employee Benefit Accrued Liability as of February 14, 2023.

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Consent Agenda Items 5A-5P

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: H. The Board of Education authorizes a transfer of \$527,835 from the fund balance of the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund-2019 as of February 14, 2023.

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Consent Agenda Items 5A-5P

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: I. The Board of Education accepts the Federal Single Audit Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, as prepared by R.S. Abrams & Co, in accordance with Section 170.3 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.  
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Consent Agenda Items 5A-5P

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Kathy Moran.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carried  
Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran

Action: J. The Board of Education approves the following 22/23 school year transfers: ACCOUNTS FROM: A5540.401-04- TRANS PRIVATE \$41,000; A2815.160-02 - School Nurses- \$16,000 and A2815.160-04- School Nurses- \$3,000 - ACCOUNT TO: A2815.409.04 HEALTH OTHER EXP -\$60,000  
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Consent Agenda Items 5A-5P

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Kathy Moran.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carried  
Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran

Action, Procedural: K. The Board of Education approves the appointment of clerks for the following votes: North Merrick Library Vote on April 26, 2023 from 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM; Library evening voter's registration on April 19th from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM North Merrick Budget/Trustee Vote May 16, 2023 from 6:30 AM to 9:00 PM; Evening voter's registration on May 10th from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM BOLD Training and Board of Elections training for the 2023-2024 school year. Chief Election Inspector - Joanne Long Clerks: Judy Horvath, Patricia Grecco; Cathy Onolfo, Annette Starala; Babette Nicosia, Ann Foley and Bernice Holzmacher (on an as needed basis). The clerks will be paid \$15.00 per hour. Election Inspector, Michele Hagan, will be paid at her clerical hourly wage of \$19.64. Spanish translator, Giovanna Amarain, will be paid \$25 per hour. The District will be reimbursed by the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District for half of the expenses related to the May 16, 2023 vote.  
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Consent Agenda Items 5A-5P

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Kathy Moran.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carried  
Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran

Action: L. The Board of Education approves North Merrick UFSD to participate with other school districts to solicit proposals for Special Education Related 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 5A-5P

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Kathy Moran.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carried  
Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran

Action, Procedural: M. The Board of Education approves the revised staff members to serve on the district's APPR Committee for the 2022-23 school year: Dr. Cynthia Seniuk, Superintendent of Schools, Chairperson; Jaclyn Guidice, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Personnel; Laura DeLuca, Principal; Howard Merims, Principal; Hillary Bromberg, Principal; Suzanne Winkel NMFA; Andrew Brunson NMFA; Kelly Caminiti NMFA; Nicole Ziminski NMFA.

The Board of Education approves the revised staff members to serve on the district's APPR Committee for the 2022-23 school year:

Dr. Cynthia Seniuk, Superintendent of Schools, Chairperson;

Jaclyn Guidice, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Personnel;

Laura DeLuca, Principal;

Howard Merims, Principal;

Hillary Bromberg, Principal;

Suzanne Winkel NMFA;

Andrew Brunson NMFA;

Kelly Caminiti NMFA;

Nicole Ziminski NMFA.

Consent Agenda Items 5A-5P

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: N. The Board of Education approves entering into an agreement with Emily Kang, for the purpose of professional development related to the new science standards. The cost is \$1,700 (funded by Teacher Center).

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Consent Agenda Items 5A-5P

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: O. The Board of Education approves entering into an agreement with RCP Consultants, Rose Peppe, for training with compliance and legislation on grant applications. (Not to exceed \$6,000, partially grant-funded).

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Consent Agenda Items 5A-5P

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: P. The Board of Education approves entering into an agreement with the Center for Responsive Schools for the purpose of professional development on the Introduction to Responsive Classrooms. Cost not to exceed \$3,900 (Title IV-funded).

The Board of Education approves entering into an agreement with the Center for Responsive Schools for the purpose of professional development on the Introduction to Responsive Classrooms. Cost not to exceed \$3,900 (Title IV-funded).

Consent Agenda Items 5A-5P

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

## 6. PERSONNEL ACTIONS REPORT

Action, Procedural: A. The Board of Education approves the Personnel Actions Report, as detailed in the mailing.

The Board of Education approves the Personnel Actions Report, as detailed in the mailing.

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

## 7. SPECIAL SERVICES

Action, Procedural: A. The Board of Education approves the agreement between Dr. Caryl Oris and the North Merrick School District to provide psychiatric evaluations for the 2022-2023 school year.

The Board of Education approves the agreement between Dr. Caryl Oris and the North Merrick School District to provide psychiatric evaluations for the 2022-2023 school year.

Consent Agenda Items 7A-7E

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Mary Keene.

Action, Procedural: B. The Board of Education approves the contract agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and the North Merrick School District for tuition for one special education placement as per IEP for the 2022-2023 school year.

The Board of Education approves the contract agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and the North Merrick School District for tuition for one special education placement as per IEP for the 2022-2023 school year.

Consent Agenda Items 7A-7E

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

Action, Procedural: C. The Board of Education agrees to pay Four Winds Hospital for tutorial services for a district student who is currently admitted to Four Winds Hospital at the rate of \$64.00/hour for 10 hours/week of instruction for the student's length of stay.

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Consent Agenda Items 7A-7E

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

Action, Procedural: D. The Board of Education approves the twelve(12) Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) which were developed by the North Merrick Committee on Pre-School Education, as detailed in the mailing.

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Consent Agenda Items 7A-7E

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

Action, Procedural: E. The Board of Education approves the fifteen (15) 2022/23 and two (2) 2023/24 Individualized Education Plans (IEP's) which were developed by the North Merrick Committee on special Education, as detailed in the mailing.

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Consent Agenda Items 7A-7E

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

## 8. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Information, Procedural: A. High School

Ed Corona, Board Vice President, announced that the Boys' Cross Country team and Boys' Volleyball team are Nassau County Champions and the Girls' Volleyball team won the New York State Championship. Ms. Ryan said she was in the Nassau County Executive's office when the Girls' Volleyball team members received their citations.

Mr. Corona stated that Kennedy High School seniors Tyler Bissoondial and Luke Feldman were named Regeneron Science Talent Search Scholars. He noted that this is the nation's oldest and most prestigious science and math competition for high school seniors in which only

300 students are selected nationwide.

Mr. Corona also recognized Erin Thompson, a Mepham teacher, who recently achieved National Board Certification. Additionally, he said the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District participated in the "One Voice One Message" initiative, and students created lesson plans on sharing and performed community service honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., for which they collected funds and goods for the Community Cupboard

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

Ed Corona said the PTAs were very busy this month sponsoring events, such as the Science Fairs, Book Fairs, PTA Founders Day as well as Sweetheart Dances, yoga workshops and Sports Night. He noted that SEPTA sponsored the Pizza My Heart fundraiser and a second sale of spirit wear. Mr. Corona said the schools are celebrating International Day of Happiness on March 20 with a visit by the Harlem Wizards.

Information, Procedural: C. Buildings & Grounds

Sam Carder, Director of School Facilities, updated the board on projects in the district. He said the air conditioning in the Old Mill Road cafeteria is being installed and construction on the OMR playground should be completed within the week. He said he worked with Mr. McDaid on next year's budget, partnered with Nassau BOCES to find a vendor for security software upgrades, and spoke with State Senator Steven Rhoads with Dr. Seniuk to secure another playground grant, and he is hoping to have the grant money in April. Over the February recess, he said the maintenance staff will seal the wood floors and help with the Theatre Arts props and set for their performance of The Wizard of Oz on March 17-18.

## 9. COMMUNICATIONS

Information, Procedural: A. Communications  
One

## 10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Information, Procedural: A. Unfinished Business  
None

## 11. NEW BUSINESS

Information, Presentation: A. New Business  
None

## 12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Information, Procedural: A. Comments  
None

## 13. INFORMATION REPORTS (BOE only)

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

Information: B. Absences of Five Consecutive Days

Information, Procedural: C. Enrollment

Information, Procedural: D. Health office and accident reports

Information: E. Building & Grounds Reports

## 14. ADJOURNMENT

Action, Procedural: A. Adjournment 7:20