

**Monthly School Board Meeting (Tuesday, January 10, 2023)****Members present**

Tracey Miller, Steve Enella, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Absent: Megan Ryan, Mary Keene, Ed Corona

**1. OPENING**

Information, Procedural: A. Call to order by Trustee, Tracey Miller at 6:02 PM

Action, Information, Procedural: B. Executive Session for matters of negotiations and confidentiality.  
The Board approves entering into executive session for matters of negotiations and confidentiality.

Motion by Kathy Moran, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Steve Enella, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Action, Information, Procedural: C. Reconvene to Public 6:58 PM

The Board of Education approves to reconvene to public at 6:58 PM

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Steve Enella, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Information, Procedural: D. Call to order 7:02 by Trustee, Steve Enella

Action, Information, Procedural: E. The Board of Education approves appointing Ms. Tracey Miller as acting president, protemp (addendum).

The Board of Education approves appointing Ms. Tracey Miller as acting president, pro temp (addendum).

Motion by Steve Enella, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Steve Enella, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Information, Procedural: F. Pledge of Allegiance led by Tracey Miller

Ms. Miller welcomed everyone to the January board meeting and wished them a Happy New Year.

**2. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS**

Information, Procedural: A. Superintendent's comments

Dr. Cynthia Seniuk, Superintendent of Schools, also extended her wishes for a Happy New Year. She announced that Kindergarten Registration will take place online January 24, 25 and 26, and the Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) lottery application process was opening Friday, January 13, at 9:00 a.m. through February 10. She said the lottery will be drawn (and live-streamed) on February 17 at 9:00 a.m., with the number of seats contingent on state funding.

Dr. Seniuk said the Saturday SCOPE enrichment program and the district Spanish Academy will begin Saturday, January 21. She announced that the Theatre Arts production this year will be The Wizard of Oz with weekend performances on March 17-18.

Dr. Seniuk was pleased to report that the North Merrick School District and the Merrick School District will be honored by the Merrick Chamber of Commerce for over 100 years of educating young students at a dinner on January 24 at Mio Posto Restaurant.

Dr. Seniuk said the first Budget Advisory Committee meeting will be held on January 31, and correspondence will be emailed to committee members. She noted there are additional budget committee meetings this year. The committee will be reviewing the budget process and the various parts of the budget for next year.

Mr. Enella asked if the UPK and Budget Advisory Committee dates are on the printed school calendar. Dr. Seniuk replied that these dates were added after the calendar was printed but will be included in next year's calendar as it is anticipated that UPK registration

will be held next year in January. She said these dates are posted on the district website calendar. Joanne Long, District Clerk, said the UPK information is in multiple places on the website.

### 3. ROUTINE APPROVALS

Action, Minutes, Procedural: A. Approval of Minutes - December 13, 2022 board meeting minutes  
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Consent Agenda Items 3A - 3C

Motion by Kathy Moran, second by Steve Enella.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carried  
Yes: Tracey Miller, Steve Enella, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

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

Motion by Kathy Moran, second by Steve Enella.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carried  
Yes: Tracey Miller, Steve Enella, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

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

Motion by Kathy Moran, second by Steve Enella.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carried  
Yes: Tracey Miller, Steve Enella, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

### 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.  
None

Information, Procedural: B. Comments

### 5. BUSINESS

Action: A. The Board of Education approves school board members, upon their request, to attend the Chamber of Commerce 88th Annual Installation Dinner on January 24, 2023, as per Policy 9170R. The event will take place at Mio Posto at a cost of \$95 per person.  
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Final Resolution: Motion Carried  
Yes: Tracey Miller, Steve Enella, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

### 6. 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 Will Luciani, second by Steve Enella.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carried  
Yes: Tracey Miller, Steve Enella, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

## 7. SPECIAL SERVICES

Action: A. The Board of Education approves the twenty-two (22) 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 - 7B

Motion by Kathy Moran, second by Will Luciani.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carried  
Yes: Tracey Miller, Steve Enella, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Action: B. The Board of Education approves the five (5) 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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## 8. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Information, Procedural: A. High School

Tracey Miller announced that the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District assisted the Bellmore Lions Club for the eighth year in donating toys and gift cards to 600 families across Nassau County. She said that students from all three high schools and the middle schools actively volunteer to help the community, including donations to the Community Cupboard, which feeds about 60 local families.

Ms. Miller congratulated the Calhoun Boys Cross Country and Calhoun Boys Volleyball teams for winning the Nassau County Championships as well as the Calhoun Girls Volleyball team for winning the New York State Championship for the first time.

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

Dr. Seniuk said the monthly PTA District Council meeting was held this past Monday morning, and she commended the PTAs for all the wonderful support they provide to the schools and the truly amazing events they sponsor for the students. She said it is so great to see the assemblies are up and running again for the students and also thanked the PTAs for sponsoring another great districtwide event with a Long Island Nets Game on Saturday night, at which the district chorus will sing the National Anthem.

Dr. Seniuk said she always looks forward to Science Fair season at all three schools, and that it is exciting to see the students create such innovative projects. She added that 26 students are moving forward in the PTA Reflections program, and the schools are also participating in the annual PTA-sponsored PARP (Pick a Reading Partner) program. Further, she said there will also be relaxing yoga classes scheduled at the three schools.

Dr. Seniuk highlighted some recent PTA events: At Fayette, the Amazon Smile fundraiser is going on along with the Sweet Notes fundraiser, and the Mother/Son Bowling and Pizza Night is scheduled for Friday night at Wantagh Lanes. At Camp, TP Ted returned on January 6 and author David Adler visited on January 18 for two interactive assemblies. There is also a Sweetheart Skate Night for grade 3, a Swirls World fundraiser, and Parents Night Out. At Old Mill, there is a Huga Tuga assembly on January 26, Bingo for Books, and the Scholastic Book Fair for Parents on January 16. The next school PTA meetings will all be held in person on January 18. SEPTA is hosting the "Snow Much Snow" slime event at Crafty Hands this Thursday and the "Pizza My Heart" fundraiser through January 13.

Information, Procedural: C. Buildings & Grounds

Sam Carder, Director of Facilities, reported on the cafeteria air-conditioning projects at Camp Avenue and Old Mill Road Schools. He said the Old Mill playground work, which is funded by a grant, will start in about two weeks, and another grant is being processed for the Fayette playground.

Mr. Carder said the district is working on security upgrades with new camera software and server backup. He said the safety committee meetings have been productive, thanks to the principals and all involved, and Nassau County Police provided awareness training for teachers and staff on January 17.

Mr. Carder stated there is a new work order system called Master Library, and he thanked Christine Talbot and Joe Scalise for their assistance with the new technology. He noted that the new system will make tracking expenses and hours more efficient and accountable.

## 9. COMMUNICATIONS

Information, Procedural: A. Communications

12/18 resident from Massapequa

#### 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. INFORMATIONS REPORTS (BOE only)

Information, Procedural: A. Absences of Five Consecutive Days

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

Information, Procedural: C. Enrollment

Information, Procedural: D. Health office and accident reports

Information, Procedural: E. Building & Grounds Reports

#### 14. ADJOURNMENT

Action, Procedural: A. Adjournment at 7:25 PM  
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Motion by Kathy Moran, second by Will Luciani.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carried  
Yes: Tracey Miller, Steve Enella, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani