

**Monthly School Board Meeting (Wednesday, June 17, 2020)****Members present**

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

**1. OPENING**

Action, Procedural: A. Call to order at 6:07 PM by Megan Ryan, Board President.

Action, Procedural: B. The Board of Education approves to waive pledge until the public portion of the Board meeting. Megan Ryan, Board President, asked school counsel, Neil Block, to advise whether the Board could accept the District Budget Vote and Board Trustee Election results at this time. Neil Block responded that as long as it is done in a public, the results can be read.

Megan Ryan thanked Joanne Long, District Clerk, for all her hard work. Ms. Ryan commented on the amount of work that went on behind the scenes, and on behalf of the Board of Education, she expressed her gratitude for Mrs. Long getting out the ballots in such a timely manner.

District Clerk, Joanne Long, said she was proud of the process that was in place for the election. She noted that the election inspectors did a great job, and they really went above and beyond to help because we were limited in the number of people assisting due to COVID-19.

Joanne Long, District Clerk, then read the vote and election results.

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

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

Action: C. The Board of Education approves to change order of agenda and accept the vote results.

**2. 2020 BUDGET VOTE RESULTS**

Action, Action (Consent): A. The Board of Education accepts the results of the school district election held on June 9, 2020, for Proposition 1, North Merrick School District Budget for 2020-2021 school year. 1611 – Yes; 1099 – No

Resolution: The Board of Education accepts the results of the school district election held on June 9, 2020, for Proposition 1, North Merrick School District Budget for 2020-2021 school year. 1611 – Yes; 1099 – No

The Board of Education accepts the results of the June 9, 2020 vote, Items A – F.

Motion by Michelle Gordon, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action, Action (Consent): B. The Board of Education accepts the results of the school district election held on June 9, 2020, for (2) candidates to be members of the North Merrick Board of Educations for a three (3) year term commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2023: Ed Corona 1321; Hali Herman 1018; Lisa Katz 1175; Tracey Miller 1346

Resolution: The Board of Education accepts the results of the school district election held on June 9, 2020, for (2) candidates to be members of the North Merrick Board of Educations for a three (3) year term commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2023: Ed Corona 1321; Hali Herman 1018; Lisa Katz 1175; Tracey Miller 1346

The Board of Education accepts the results of the June 9, 2020 vote, Items A – F.

Motion by Michelle Gordon, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action, Action (Consent): C. The Board of Education accepts the results of the school district election held on June 9, 2020, for Proposition 2, Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Budget for 2020-2021 school year. – 1648 Yes; 1,115 – No

Resolution: The Board of Education accepts the results of the school district election held on June 9, 2020, for Proposition 2, Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District Budget for 2020-2021 school year. – 1648 Yes; 1,115 – No

The Board of Education accepts the results of the June 9, 2020 vote, Items A - F.

Motion by Michelle Gordon, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action, Action (Consent): D. The Board of Education accepts the results of the school district election held on June 9, 2020, for Proposition 3, Bellmore-Merrick Capital Improvement Project for 2020-2021 school year. – 2064 Yes; 686 - No  
Resolution: The Board of Education accepts the results of the school district election held on June 9, 2020, for Proposition 3, Bellmore-Merrick Capital Improvement Project for 2020-2021 school year. – 2064 Yes; 686 - No

The Board of Education accepts the results of the June 9, 2020 vote, Items A - F.

Motion by Michelle Gordon, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action, Action (Consent): E. The Board of Education accepts the results of the school district election held on June 9, 2020 for Proposition 4, North Merrick Public Library Budget for the school year 2020/2021. - 1786 Yes; 916 - No  
Resolution: The Board of Education accepts the results of the school district election held on June 9, 2020 for Proposition 4, North Merrick Public Library Budget for the school year 2020/2021. - 1786 Yes; 916 - No

The Board of Education accepts the results of the June 9, 2020 vote, Items A - F.

Motion by Michelle Gordon, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action, Action (Consent): F. The Board of Education accepts the results of the school district election held on June 9, 2020, for (1) candidate to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the North Merrick Library for a (5) year terms commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2025. 1257 Karen Brown 830 Marion Schurade  
Resolution: The Board of Education accepts the results of the school district election held on June 9, 2020, for (1) candidate to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the North Merrick Library for a (5) year terms commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2025. 1257 Karen Brown 830 Marion Schurade

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Motion by Michelle Gordon, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action, Action (Consent): G. The Board of Education accepts the results of the June 9, 2020 vote, Items A - F.  
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Motion by Michelle Gordon, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action, Procedural: H. Executive Session

The Board of Education approves entering into executive session at 6:10 to discuss matters of personnel and to obtain legal advice from counsel.

Motion by Michelle Gordon, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action, Procedural: I. Reconvene to Public

The Board of Education approves to reconvene to public at 7:06 PM

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Vincent Lentini.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action, Procedural: J. Board President, Megan Ryan, call the meeting to order at 8:00 PM.

Action, Procedural: K. Pledge

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Cynthia Seniuk, stated that Samantha Jones and Dr. Murphy have received tenure, and the district will celebrate this important milestone in the future. Dr. Seniuk announced that after many years of service, Debra Bank and Maddie Brown will be retiring, and congratulated them.

Action: L. 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](http://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.

### 3. ROUTINE APPROVALS

Action, Minutes: A. Approval of Minutes - May 12, 2020 monthly meeting and Budget Hearing/Special Meeting June 2, 2020  
The Board of Education accepts the results of the June 9, 2020 vote, Items A - F.

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. Approval of Warrants, Wires, Budget Transfers  
(not specified)

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: C. Approval of Treasurer's Report  
(not specified)

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

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS via email (Agenda Items only)

Discussion, Information, Procedural: A. Public Comment via email  
Joanne Long, District Clerk, stated no emails were received.

### 5. BUSINESS

Action: A. The Board of Education authorizes the continuation of the agreement with New York Schools Insurance Reciprocal for the 2020-21 school year (2020-21 total premium cost not to exceed \$155,000).  
The Board of Education approves Items A - I as a consent agenda.

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Motion by Michelle Gordon, 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 authorizes the continuation of the agreement with Travelers Casualty & Surety Co. of America for commercial crime coverage for the 2020-21 school year (2020-21 total premium cost not to exceed \$5,000).  
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Motion by Michelle Gordon, second by Steve Enella.

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 authorizes the agreement with QBE Insurance Company for student accident insurance for the 2020-21 school year (2020-21 total premium cost not to exceed \$4,000).

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Motion by Michelle Gordon, second by Steve Enella.

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 North Merrick School District to enter into a 12-month agreement at a 0% increase for family and individual dental insurance with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, effective July 1, 2020.

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Motion by Michelle Gordon, second by Steve Enella.

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 approves the contract with Munistat Services, Inc., to provide Municipal Advisor Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

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Motion by Michelle Gordon, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: F. The Board of Education approves entering into an agreement with Omni Group as the third-party administrator of the District's 403(b) plan from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, at a rate of \$33.00 per account, not to exceed \$4,300.00.

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Motion by Michelle Gordon, second by Steve Enella.

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 contract with Seneca Consulting Group to provide Affordable Care Act Administration and Consulting through June 30, 2021.

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Motion by Michelle Gordon, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: H. The Board of Education of the North Merrick Union Free School District elects to continue its membership in the Nassau County Schools Cooperative Self-Insurance Plan for Workers' Compensation for the 2020-21 school year pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Nassau County Schools Cooperative Self-Insurance Plan for Workers' Compensation Agreement dated February 9, 2016. The 2020-2021 school year total premium cost is not to exceed \$230,000.

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Motion by Michelle Gordon, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: I. The Board of Education approves the retroactive appointment of election inspectors for the Budget/Trustee Vote and Library Vote (by absentee ballot) held on June 9, 2020. Inspectors: Kathy Moran; Eleni Kovoros; Robin Seidman; Trish Taylor; Melissa Mathison and Kathy Sarcona. These individuals are employed by district and did not receive additional compensation. (addendum)

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Motion by Michelle Gordon, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action, Information: J. The Board of Education approve agreement with Guardian Bus and North Merrick, as detailed in the mailing. (addendum)

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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

#### 6. PERSONNEL ACTIONS REPORT

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

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Cynthia Seniuk, stated that Samantha Jones and Dr. Murphy have received tenure, and the district will celebrate this important milestone in the future. Dr. Seniuk announced that after many years of service, Debra Bank and Maddie Brown will be retiring, and congratulated them.

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

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

#### 7. SPECIAL SERVICES

Action: A. The Board of Education approves the (54) fifty-four IEPs which were developed by the committee on Special Education, as detailed in the mailing.

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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

#### 8. PUBLIC COMMENTS via email (Agenda Items only)

Discussion, Information, Procedural: A. Public Comments via email

None

#### 9. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Discussion, Information, Procedural: A. High School

The Board of Education honored all the retirees from the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District, and trustee Tracey Miller announced the names of the valedictorians and salutatorians. After reviewing their bios, she said these young adults do amazing work, such as science research, AP classes and volunteering. She commented that the BMCHSD was able to hold graduation ceremonies, six separate ceremonies, for the 2020 graduates.

Procedural: B. School Community Relations/PTA Council

Trustee Michelle Gordon thanked all the PTA units for their continued dedication during this unprecedented time. She said their continued efforts to make children feel safe did not go unnoticed. Ms. Gordon expressed her gratitude to outgoing OMR PTA president Lissa Zukoff for her years of tireless dedication to the district. She went on to thank all the PTAs and the committee chairs for their work. Ms. Gordon mentioned that Scholastic is offering a virtual book fair option and hopes all the schools jump on board with this event.

Dr. Seniuk said she had the opportunity to attend the PTA District Council meeting, and it was a good way to wind down the school year and help everyone get ready for next year.

**Procedural: C. Buildings & Grounds**

Sam Carder, Director of School Facilities, stated there have been many celebratory ceremonies for students and there were many happy parents, and it took a lot of coordinating for the set-ups and break-downs of chairs and equipment. He thanked the custodians and maintenance crew for all their efforts in making everything go smoothly. He said that was in addition to all the preparations for the budget and board vote. Mr. Carder gave kudos to Mrs. Long for the work she put into it. He stated that the district is now preparing for the Extended School Year summer program, which was a last-minute state mandate, so they were trying their best to get that going. Mr. Carder stressed that the district wants to assure everyone attending in person to feel safe and well-protected. He is also working closely with the School Reopening Task Force, whose members have had great ideas and are lending both their time and expertise, but he noted that districts are still awaiting direction from the Governor. Mr. Carder spoke about projects that were voted on in May of last year that the district now has permits to start. He said he is reconfirming pricing and will get the projects on schedule to be completed during the summer. He added there have been a lot of painting projects, including the bottom of the Camp Avenue School building that has been painted white. Custodial staff is returning next Wednesday, and for their protection and safety, he said the district must be ready with work protocols, so there has been a lot of discussion regarding that.

In addition, Mr. Carder said that IT administrator Wing Lau is working with a donation of 14 used SmartBoards, which will be utilized for parts to ensure the working SmartBoards can be repaired and back up and running. This project to support the district's technology infrastructure is also scheduled to happen this summer.

Mr. Carder thanked Jon Simpkins in the high school district and Mr. DeTommaso in helping North Merrick with security to patrol our grounds on weekends when youngsters with nothing to do end up congregating on district property.

**10. COMMUNICATIONS**

Information, Procedural: A. Communications received

The Board responded to four communications throughout the months of May and of June.

**11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Discussion, Information, Procedural: A. Unfinished business

None

**12. INFORMATIONAL**

Information: A. Building and Grounds Report

**13. NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion, Information, Procedural: A. New business

Ms. Ryan stated that the next board meeting is scheduled for July 1st, and it will be held virtually according to the Governor's Executive Order.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

Action: A. Adjournment

Adjournment at 8:34

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