

BUDGET HEARING and Special Meeting (Tuesday, June 2, 2020)

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Members present

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

Meeting called to order

1. BUDGET HEARING

Action: A. Superintendent calls meeting to order 6:07 PM

Procedural: B. Superintendent leads in the pledge.

Procedural: C. Superintendent introduces the Board of Education.

Superintendent introduced Board President, Megan Ryan; Vice President, Michelle Gordon; Board Trustees, Ed Corona, Tracey Miller, Vincent Lentini, Robert Crowley and Steve Enella. District Clerk, Joanne Long.

She also introduced Deputy Superintendent, Beth Friedman; Business Official, Thomas McDaid.

Procedural: D. Superintendent turns meeting over to the President of the Board of Education, Ms. Ryan, who will act as Chairman of the meeting.

Board President, Megan Ryan, went over the budget increases for the 20-21 school year.

Mr. Neil Block, District Counsel, spoke about the Governor's executive order to move the budget vote to June 9th. He stated the budget re-vote date has not been changed, which is only a one-week difference. Mr. Block explained due to the timeline, if the budget is defeated, the district would be compelled to go on a contingency budget. This is a concern that applies to every school district in the State of New York.

Procedural: E. The Chairman, Ms. Ryan, will direct District Clerk to read the Call of the Meeting.

As Clerk of the District and in accordance with the Education Law of the State of New York, I caused the following notice to be published:

"Notice is hereby given that the Budget Hearing of the inhabitants of the North Merrick Union Free School District, Town of Hempstead, County of Nassau, State of New York, qualified to vote at school meetings in said District, will be held at the Harold D. Fayette School, 1057 Merrick Avenue, North Merrick, New York, on the 2nd day of June, 2020, at 6:00 PM for the transaction of such business as is authorized by the Education Law.

I certify that the above notice has been published two times: May 7th and May 21st editions of the Merrick Herald Life and the Newsday.

Procedural: F. The Chairman, Ms. Ryan, will direct District Clerk to report on candidate petitions received.

Joanne Long stated petitions were received from the following individuals:

Ed Corona
Hali Herman
Lisa Katz
Tracey Miller

Procedural: G. The Chairman, Ms. Ryan, will direct the District Clerk to read the qualification of a voter.

Joanne Long read the qualification of a voter:

A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES.

EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER

A RESIDENT WITHIN THIS DISTRICT FOR AT LEAST 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE VOTING DATE.

QUALIFIED VOTERS MUST BE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN THE NORTH MERRICK SCHOOL DISTRICT, OR WITH THE NASSAU COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS FROM THEIR NORTH MERRICK ADDRESS.

Procedural: H. The Chairman, Ms. Ryan, reads the Proposed Budget - Categories of Budget: Administrative, Program and Capital
Chairman, Ms. Ryan, read of the proposed 2020-2021 Budget: Proposed Budget \$34,178,656.

CATEGORIES OF THE BUDGET: Administrative: \$4,441,821, Program: \$4,549,916, Capital: \$25,186,919

Action: I. The Chairman, Ms. Ryan, adjourns the budget hearing at 6:17 PM

2. SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Action: A. Call to order at 6:18 PM

Action: B. The Board of Education approves the appointment of the election inspectors for the Budget/Trustee Vote and Library Vote (by absentee ballot) on June 9, 2020. Chairman and Chief Election Inspector - Joanne Long; Election Inspector - Michelle Hagan; Spanish translator and election inspector - Alexandra Maturana. Inspectors: Cathy Onolfo, Annette Starala, Maria Acquvito, Olivia Taylor; Samantha Foley, Anna Lau, Allison Siegel, Jenny Fusco, Connor Taylor and Alison Fleigner (on an as needed basis). The inspectors will be paid \$13.00 per hour. Election Inspector, Michele Hagan, will be paid at her hourly wage of \$13.23. Spanish translator/inspector, Alexandra Maturana, will be paid at her hourly wage of \$14.72.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Action: A. Adjournment at 6:20 PM