

Monthly School Board Meeting (Tuesday, March 10, 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 5:45 PM by Tracey Miller.
Meeting called to order by board trustee, Tracey Miller.

Action, Procedural: B. Pledge
The Board of Education approves to waive pledge until the public portion of the Board meeting.

Motion by Ed Corona, second by Steve Enella.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yes: Vincent Lentini, Tracey Miller, Ed Corona, Robert Crowley, Steve Enella
Not Present at Vote: Michelle Gordon, Megan Ryan

Action, Procedural: C. Executive Session
The Board of Education approves entering into executive for negotiations.

Motion by Ed Corona, second by Steve Enella.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yes: Vincent Lentini, Tracey Miller, Ed Corona, Robert Crowley, Steve Enella
Not Present at Vote: Michelle Gordon, Megan Ryan

Action, Procedural: D. Reconvene to Public
The Board of Education approves reconvening into public at 6:35 to begin Budget Committee Meeting.

Motion by Vincent Lentini, second by Robert Crowley.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yes: Vincent Lentini, Tracey Miller, Michelle Gordon, Ed Corona, Robert Crowley, Steve Enella
Not Present at Vote: Megan Ryan

Procedural: E. Board President, Megan Ryan, called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM

Action, Procedural: F. Pledge

Procedural: G. Inspirational message - "I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work the more I have of it." - Thomas Jefferson

Information, Procedural: H. Bulletin Board Recognition - Ms. Tracy Sforza's 3rd grade class - Camp Avenue
Dr. Seniuk thanked Ms. Sforza's 3rd grades class for the bulletin board display.

2. ROUTINE APPROVALS

Action, Minutes: A. Approval of Minutes - February 11, 2020
The Board of Education approves the minutes as follows: February 11, 2020.

Motion by Vincent Lentini, second by Michelle Gordon.

Action: B. Approval of Warrants, Budget Transfers, Wire Transfers
The Board of Education approves the warrants, budget transfers and wire transfers.

Motion by Vincent Lentini, second by Michelle Gordon.
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
The Board of Education approves the Treasurer's Report.

Motion by Vincent Lentini, second by Michelle Gordon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Discussion, Procedural: A. Comments

Dr. Cynthia Seniuk, Superintendent of Schools, thanked Thomas McDaid, Assistant Superintendent for Business, and Sam Carder, Director of Facilities, and all the participants of the budget committee.

Dr. Seniuk highlighted all school events and thanked parents and teachers for supporting our students. Ms. Friedman congratulated Mrs. Black, Mrs. Walsh, Mrs. Constantino, Mrs. Moser and Mrs. Marciana for participating the Jovia's Teacher Grant Program.

Dr. Seniuk updated all with new information about Coronavirus. She explained everything is changing minute by minute. We have hand sanitizer in hallways to promote cleanliness for kids and adults. If you have any question, please contact her directly or central administration.

Parent teacher conference will be by phone, keep your appointment time, if you want in person meeting, please contact your teacher.

During our annual walk-through one of the items brought to our attention was lighting in the ceiling at OMR. We were able to secure a grant from Legislature McKeivitt and were awarded \$100,000. Mr. Carder was acknowledged for helping secure grant. Mrs. Megan Ryan thanked Dr. Seniuk always getting information to the parents of the district. She also thanked the janitorial staff for disinfecting all the buildings and watching out for the health and welfare of kids and staff.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Information: 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.

Discussion, Procedural: B. Comments

Mary Keene questioned whether the district could use Clorox for cleaning purposes. Dr. Seniuk stated we are using hospital grade disinfectant.

Lissa Zukoff commented that tonight was Purim and by scheduling a meeting it forces people of Jewish faith to choose. She recommended moving forward the district should be aware and have event before sundown.

Rania Elbaz questioned whether the school has a plan for closing due to COVID. Dr. Seniuk explained we will have open lines of communication through the teacher pages and tomorrow we have a meeting with principals. If we are in a situation where we are missing numerous days of school, we can use snow days. Ms. Megan Ryan commented that all school districts within Nassau County are all in the same boat.

5. BUSINESS

Action: A. The Board of Education approves the donation of \$1,500 from the OMR PTA to be used for Site-Based Club for the 2019-2020 school year.

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Motion by Vincent Lentini, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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Action: B. The Board of Education approves the appointment of clerks for the following votes: North Merrick Library Vote on April 29, 2020 from 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM; Library evening voter's registration on April 22nd from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM; North Merrick Budget/Trustee Vote May 19, 2020 from 6:30 AM to 9:00 PM; Evening voter's registration on May 13th from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM; BOLD Training and Board of Elections training for the 2019-2020 school year. Chief Election Inspector - Joanne Long Election; Inspector - Michelle Hagan; Spanish translator - Alexandra Maturana Clerks: Cathy Barry, Pam Katz, Judy Horvath, Cathy Onolfo, Patricia Greco, Alice Reiner, Bernice Holzmacher, Annette Starala, Marie Adamo, Maureen Schmitz, Maria Acquvito, Nancy McCune, Debbie O'Sullivan, Jennifer Shah, Naomi Maimon (on an as needed basis). The clerks will be paid \$13.00 per hour. Election Inspector, Michele Hagan, will be paid at her hourly wage of \$13.23. Spanish translator, Alexandra Maturana, will be paid at her hourly wage of \$14.72.

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Motion by Vincent Lentini, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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Action: D. The Board of Education approves the Rules of the New York State and Local Retirement System at 2 NYCRR 315.4(b), the standard work day for the District Treasurer, Terri McCurry, appointed by the Board of Education for the time period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, is seven (7) hours; and be it further RESOLVED, that pursuant to 2 NYCRR 315.4 (b), the Board of Education designates that two point forty-nine (2.49) days per month be reported for the District Treasurer; and be it further RESOLVED, that the District Clerk has accepted the Record of Activities from Terri McCurry, District Treasurer, for a period of three (3) consecutive months pursuant to 2 NYCRR 315.4(a); and be it further RESOLVED, that this resolution will be posted on the School District website for thirty days, and that the District Clerk submit a certified copy of this resolution and an affidavit of the posting to the Office of the State Comptroller.

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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: E. The Board of Education may or may not nominate the following individuals for the Nassau BOCES Board: There are three seats on the Nassau BOCES Board that will expire on June 30, 2020. Two of those seats are held by Deborah Coates and Eric B. Schultz, the third seat is vacant due to the retirement of Stephen B. Witt. Each seat carries a term of three years. District Clerk, Joanne Long, explained that the board may or may not nominate an individual to sit on the Nassau BOCES. The board had no nominations.

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 Tracey Miller, second by Michelle Gordon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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7. POLICIES

Action, Discussion, Information, Procedural: A. The Board of Education approves the second reading/adoption of Policy #5131.7 Non-Smoking.

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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, Discussion, Information, Procedural: B. The Board of Education approves the second reading/adoption of Policy #5141.2 Students with HIV/AIDS.

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Motion by Michelle Gordon, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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8. SPECIAL SERVICES

Action: A. The Board of Education approves the thirty (30) 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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9. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Information: A. High School

Ms. Miller highlighted events that took place in the central high school district.

Mr. Corona stated the central high school district is not in charge of the field on Jerusalem Avenue, however BOCES will still allow neighborhood groups to use it.

Information: B. School Community Relations/PTA Council

Ed Corona commented that his new schedule precluded him from participating in the meeting. He shared upcoming events and activities that took place throughout the district.

Information: C. Buildings & Grounds

Mr. Carder stated we are using a produce that is acceptable to use by Department of Health. We are doing district-wide cleaning from top to bottom, we are constantly disinfecting and sanitizing. We cannot prevent Coronavirus from getting into our building, but we are taking every possible precaution. Please be aware everything we do has a cost associated with it. He thanked his staff - everyone has been very cooperative.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

Information: A. Correspondence received by the BOE

None

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion, Information: A. Dates for town hall meeting

The Board of Education discussed dates to hold the town hall meeting. The Board will select a date at the reorg meeting.

12. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion, Information: A. New business

Ms. Miller questioned whether the SED will be rescheduling testing. Dr. Seniuk stated she has not received any updated information.

Ms. Miller encourage the community to fill out the census. Dr. Seniuk stated there is a Census Awareness Day and we have the census information on the school website.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Information: A. Public Comments (same procedure as above)

Discussion, Procedural: B. Comments

Mary Keene expressed her concern about the roach that was found in the fifth-grade classroom and the need for an exterminator.

Mr. Carder commented that the exterminators are scheduled twice a month for pest control. There are monthly inspections, and the traps have been clean.

Dr. Seniuk explained when there is an isolated incident, the company is contacted to come in to treat the problem.

14. 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; Claims Audit report

Information, Procedural: B. Enrollment; health office report; student/adult accidents

Information: C. Building and Grounds Reports

15. ADJOURNMENT

Action: A. Adjournment

Adjournment at 8:50 PM

Motion by Vincent Lentini, second by Michelle Gordon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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