

Monthly School Board Meeting (Tuesday, March 14, 2023)**Members present**

Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Tracey Miller (Absent)

1. OPENING

Information, Procedural: A. Call to Order at 5:33 by Board President, Megan Ryan
Tracey Miller absent

Action, Information, Procedural: B. Executive Session for matters of negotiations.
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Motion by Ed Corona, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Action, Information, Procedural: C. Reconvene to the Public at 6:05 to begin Budget Committee Meeting

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

Information, Procedural: E. Pledge of Allegiance led by Board President, Megan Ryan
Ms. Ryan thanked Mr. McDaid and Ms. Guidice for their presentation at tonight's budget committee meeting.

2. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Information, Procedural: A. Superintendent's comments

Dr. Cynthia Seniuk, Superintendent of Schools, announced that the sixth grade Theatre Arts performance of The Wizard of Oz was to take place on Friday, March 17, and Saturday, March 18, at 7 p.m. in the Brookside auditorium. She said tickets could be purchased online but were also available at the door on the evening of the performances.

Dr. Seniuk said Scope Saturday Enrichment has ended and was a huge success with students participating in many activities, such as cooking, Lego Robotics, and learning Spanish. She also mentioned that the Summer Learning Adventures flyer with links to register for the programs went out last Friday and is posted on the district website.

Dr. Seniuk stated that the district is working behind the scenes waiting for the state to verify the funding for the Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) allotment. She said that once it is verified, all the parents who submitted applications in the lottery will be contacted.

3. ROUTINE APPROVALS

Action, Minutes, Procedural: A. Approval of Minutes - February 13, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes
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Consent agenda Items 3A - 3C

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Megan Ryan, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Not Present at Vote: Ed Corona

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

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Megan Ryan, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Not Present at Vote: Ed Corona

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

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Steve Enella.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yes: Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani
Not Present at Vote: Steve Enella

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 agreement with the North Merrick Public Library, located at 1691 Meadowbrook Road, North Merrick, New York 11566, as the location for the District's May 16, 2023 Annual Budget Vote and Election. The Board of Education approves the agreement with the North Merrick Public Library, located at 1691 Meadowbrook Road, North Merrick, New York 11566, as the location for the District's May 16, 2023 Annual Budget Vote and Election.
Consent agenda Items 5A - 5L

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Kathy Moran.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yes: Megan Ryan, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani
Not Present at Vote: Ed Corona

Action, Information, Procedural: B. The Board of Education approves entering into the required Memorandum of Agreement with the Nassau County Board of Elections to provide election services consisting of the provision and usage of voting machines, all equipment, and supplies necessary to conduct voting operations, as well as training and assistance concerning voting machine operations. The Board of Education approves entering into the required Memorandum of Agreement with the Nassau County Board of Elections to provide election services consisting of the provision and usage of voting machines, all equipment, and supplies necessary to conduct voting operations, as well as training and assistance concerning voting machine operations.
Consent agenda Items 5A - 5L

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Kathy Moran.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yes: Megan Ryan, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani
Not Present at Vote: Ed Corona

Action: C. The Board of Education approves the addition of the Long Island Business News as an official newspaper for the district for legal notices and advertising needs. The Board of Education approves the addition of the Long Island Business News as an official newspaper for the district for legal notices and advertising needs.
Consent agenda Items 5A - 5L

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Kathy Moran.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yes: Megan Ryan, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani
Not Present at Vote: Ed Corona

Action, Procedural: D. The Board of Education approves the donation of a Buffet Crampon clarinet and music stand from Christine Wrynn to be used by the North Merrick music department.

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Consent agenda Items 5A - 5L

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Megan Ryan, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Not Present at Vote: Ed Corona

Action, Procedural: E. The Board of Education approves the donation of books from the Nettles Family.

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Consent agenda Items 5A - 5L

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Megan Ryan, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Not Present at Vote: Ed Corona

Action: F. The Board of Education approves entering into an agreement with Body & Brain for a Mindfulness and Breathing for Kids Program during the Mindfulness Retreat on April 1, 2023. The cost is \$300, grant-funded.

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Consent agenda Items 5A - 5L

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Megan Ryan, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Not Present at Vote: Ed Corona

Action: G. The Board of Education approves entering into an agreement with Breathe N Flow Yoga to facilitate yoga sessions during the Mindfulness Retreat on April 1, 2023. The cost is \$250, fully grant-funded.

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Motion by Will Luciani, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Megan Ryan, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Not Present at Vote: Ed Corona

Action: H. The Board of Education awards the emergency transportation contract to First Student to provide transportation for one student to Plainedge Middle School at the cost of \$3,200.00 per pupil per month and \$2,700.00 per matron per month for the period of 03/01/2023 to 03/06/2023.

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Consent agenda Items 5A - 5L

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Megan Ryan, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Not Present at Vote: Ed Corona

Action: I. The Board of Education awards the emergency transportation contract to First Student to provide transportation for one student to Plainedge Middle School at the cost of \$3,400.00 per pupil per month and \$3,200.00 per matron per month effective 3/7/2023 through

the remainder of the 2022/2023 school year.

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Consent agenda Items 5A - 5L

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Megan Ryan, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Not Present at Vote: Ed Corona

Action: J. The Board of Education approves the contract for School Food Service Consulting to HMB Consultants, LLC for services relative to the development of the Child Nutrition Bid Specifications for the 2023-24 school year, in the amount of \$12,500.

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Consent agenda Items 5A - 5L

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Megan Ryan, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Not Present at Vote: Ed Corona

Action: K. The Board of Education approves the following 2022/23 school year transfers: ACCOUNT TO: A2250.400.04.0400 Contract Services - \$75,000 ACCOUNT FROM: A9040.800-04 WORKERS' COMPENSATION- \$25,000 and A 9060.801-04 HEALTH INSURANCE \$50,000.

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Consent agenda Items 5A - 5L

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Megan Ryan, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Not Present at Vote: Ed Corona

Action: L. The Board of Education approves the mileage reimbursement rate, as per the updated IRS Standard Mileage Rate, to be paid to authorized personnel conducting school district business for the 2022/23 school year to 65.5 cents per mile as of January 1, 2023. (Payment to be made only upon presentation of approved claims.)

Trustee Steven Enella brought up an issue with a resident last year who said he could not make it to the vote in time.

Joanne Long, District Clerk, replied that the polls are open from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., longer than what is required by law, and the district will continue to try to make accommodations for voters.

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Consent agenda Items 5A - 5L

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Megan Ryan, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Not Present at Vote: Ed Corona

Action, Procedural: M. The Board of Education motioned not to nominate an individual for the BOCES term and to remove Agenda Item N. The following agenda item is removed: ITEM N The Board of Education may nominate someone who may or may not live in your district, but must reside in Nassau County. There are three seats on the Nassau BOCES Board that will expire on June 20, 2023. Each seat is a three-year term. The incumbents are as follows: Deborah Coats, Lawrence Greenstein, and Eric B. Schultz.

The Board of Education put forward a motion not to nominate an individual to remove Agenda Item N.

Motion by Steve Enella, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Megan Ryan, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Not Present at Vote: Ed Corona

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 Mary Keene.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Megan Ryan, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Not Present at Vote: Ed Corona

7. SPECIAL SERVICES

Action: A. The Board of Education approves the fourteen (14) 2022/23 IEP's and the seventeen (17) 2023/24 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 Will Luciani, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Megan Ryan, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Not Present at Vote: Ed Corona

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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Consent agenda Items 7A - 7B

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Megan Ryan, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Not Present at Vote: Ed Corona

8. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Information, Procedural: A. High School

Megan Ryan, Board of Education President, stated that Ed Corona, Vice President, was not available to give the report and deferred it to the next meeting.

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

Trustee Mary Keene gave an overview of the activities and events sponsored by the PTAs. She noted that the district-wide PTA Yankee Game fundraiser will be held on May 13 with tickets at \$50, which includes a hot dog and drink and a Yankees backpack.

At Fayette, Ms. Keene highlighted the Science Fair, Bingo Night, Plant Sale, Spring Book Fair, School Supply Sale, and Parents' Night Out. She said the PTA generously donated sixth grade year books and has voted on their slate for next year. At Camp, she highlighted the Harlem Wizards, Science Fair, Plant Sale, and Spring Drama Club. At Old Mill Road, she highlighted International Happiness Day, Talent Show, Science Fair, and upcoming fundraisers. For SEPTA, Ms. Keene highlighted the Sweet Briar Nature Center event and Dave and Buster's fundraiser.

Information, Procedural: C. Buildings & Grounds

Sam Carder, Director of Facilities, thanked the maintenance and custodial staff for preparing for snow by putting down salt and Ice Melt on school grounds. He encouraged everyone to take a look at the fish tank in the lobby of Fayette, which has been refurbished by the custodial crew and Principal Howard Merims.

Mr. Carder said the Old Mill Road cafeteria air conditioning and outside playground projects have both been completed and the flagpole next to the playground has been freshly painted. He hopes to invite Thomas McKeivitt, Nassau County Legislator, who provided the playground grant money, to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony in the near future.

Mr. Carder said the custodians are working on the second phase of the cooling project at Camp Avenue as well as some door hardware and security upgrades at all three schools.

He told the audience to mark their calendars for Camp's 100th-year Celebration on May 12 and thanked Trustee Kathy Moran for her hard work on the committee.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

Information, Procedural: A. Communications

District Clerk, Joanne Long, stated one communication was received regarding before and after care hours of operation.

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

Resident James Voulgarikas spoke about the high-profile ransomware attacks on governmental agencies and school districts and suggested a hard media backup system instead of relying solely on Cloud technology. Dr. Seniuk replied that the district works with BOCES and said she will bring his suggestion to their attention to gain their input and will call him back personally.

Mr. Voulgarikas asked for a follow-up on a stranger danger incident that was reported last week by the middle school. Dr. Seniuk replied that they believed two high school students were involved and no further action was needed.

13. INFORMATIONS REPORTS (BOE only)

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

Information: B. Absences of Five Consecutive Days

Information, Procedural: C. Health office and accident reports

Information, Procedural: D. Enrollment

Information: E. Building & Grounds Reports

14. ADJOURNMENT

Action, Procedural: A. Adjournment 7:16

Adjournment

Motion by Steve Enella, second by Kathy Moran.

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