

**Monthly School Board Meeting (Tuesday, March 9, 2021)****Members present**

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

**1. OPENING**

Procedural: A. Call to order at 6:02 by Michelle Gordon, Vice President.  
Megan Ryan not present at opening of the meeting.

Action, Procedural: B. Executive Session to discuss negotiations.  
The Board of Education approves entering into executive session to discuss negotiations.

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

Action, Procedural: C. Reconvene to public  
(not specified)

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

Information, Procedural: D. Budget Committee presentation/meeting

Mr. Tom McDaid, business official, along with deputy superintendent, Beth Friedman, did a PowerPoint presentation covering the Administrative Component section of the budget and the Curriculum Budget. After the review, a question-and-answer period began with the budget committee members.

Megan Ryan, on behalf of the board, thanked both Mr. McDaid and Ms. Friedman for the presentation.

Action, Procedural: F. Pledge  
Ms. Ryan led in the pledge.

**2. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS**

Information, Procedural: A. Superintendent's comments

Dr. Seniuk comments:  
Superintendent Comments:  
Dr. Seniuk spoke about the following topics:  
highlight our calendar change.  
Summer programs: Camp Invention and Scope - to run a program virtual or an in-person, depending on the mandate at that time.  
Reading and music program  
Safety Plan is on agenda to be adopted.  
Saturday foreign language will be coming back for our grade six students.  
Mental health coalition met this week, two new members, Doug Mills from the Kiwanis club and Ms. Perez from the North Merrick library.

**3. ROUTINE APPROVALS**

Action, Minutes, Procedural: A. Approval of minutes - monthly BOE Meeting February 9, 2021 and Special Meeting February 24, 2021  
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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, Information: B. Approval of Warrants, Wires, Budget Transfers

(not specified)

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, Information: C. Approval of Treasurer's Report

(not specified)

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

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT VIA EMAIL

Action: A. 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 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.

None

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

#### 5. BUSINESS

Action: A. The Board of Education approves the 2020-2021 District-Wide Safety Plan, as detailed in the mailing.

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consent vote a - D remove 5 E to discuss

Motion by Michelle Gordon, second by Vincent Lentini.

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 approves the revised 2020-21 school calendar (March 11th will be an instructional day and May 28th reverts back to day off).

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Motion by Michelle Gordon, second by Vincent Lentini.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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Action, Procedural: C. The Board of Education approves entering into an agreement with Nassau BOCES for the Regional Summer School Program for the summer of 2021.

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Motion by Michelle Gordon, second by Vincent Lentini.

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 approves the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) resolution regarding the proposed project for district wide heating, ventilation and air conditioning.

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Motion by Vincent Lentini, second by Vincent Lentini.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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Action: E. The Board of Education approves the addendum to agreements for the Deputy Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent for Business, Assistant to the Superintendent for Special Education and the Director of Facilities, as detailed in the mailing.

Ms. Ryan explained Business Item 5E will be to approve addendums to the agreements for the Deputy Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent for Business, Superintendent for Special Education and Director of Facilities. Ms. Ryan commented on what a great job administration has done over the past year. She apologized that tonight's meeting could not be in person. We are following the Governor's law and New York State mandates that we are not in person. Ms. Ryan deferred to Dr. Seniuk for comments on 5E.

Dr. Seniuk spoke about the administrative team, and how hard they worked pre pandemic and during the pandemic to keep us afloat. They have worked alongside her since March 13th of last year to ensure that our schools open safely, and they remain open. Amongst the team we have multiple Master's Degrees, a doctorate, a law degree, a college professor and close to 80 years of educational experience. The team helps to keep North Merrick separated and above many of the other districts.

BE IT RESOLVED that the President of the Board of Education is authorized to execute an addendum dated March 9, 2021 to each Salary and Benefits Agreement for the incumbents in the following positions: Deputy Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent for Business, Assistant to the Superintendent for Special Education and the Director of Facilities, which addendum has been reviewed by the Board of Education.

Motion by Vincent Lentini, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

No: Michelle Gordon

#### 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 Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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#### 7. SPECIAL SERVICES

Action: A. The Board of Education approves the six (6) 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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Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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#### 8. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Procedural: A. High School

Tracey Miller stated the high school honored five national merit scholars throughout the districts from the central high school district. The BMCHSD had a very successful winter sports season. We are one of the only schools in Nassau offering a modified program for winter. Superintendent Mr. Detommaso thanked the elementary schools for letting the middle schools use the gyms. It shows we one district, one voice. We have been playing high risk sports and students are being tested weekly.

Procedural: B. PTA District Council

Dr. Seniuk stated it was another wonderful meeting with the PTA district council. The PTA presidents shared all of their out of the box activities and the reinventing of their assembly programs to add creativity for the students. Graduations and end of year activities are planned for both virtually as well as in-person. There will be a sixth grade Coleman Camp trip for all schools. Coleman has a COVID protocol in place, and the PTAs, sixth grade committee agreed, as well in the principals, it was the safest option. Our summer programs, as well as the Saturday foreign language program for our sixth graders, was discussed.

Procedural: C. Buildings & Grounds

Sam Carder: commented the maintenance crew continue to take on work that would normally be outsourced and saves the district money. There have been pumps and motors replaced, unit ventilator and rooftop unit filters have all been replaced with the Merv 13. Today the crew took advantage of the nice weather today and several roof repairs.

Ms. Ryan extend her gratitude to the buildings and ground crew, for always stepping up and doing the right job and doing an amazing work.

#### 9. COMMUNICATIONS

Information, Procedural: A. Communication received

Joanne Long, District Clerk, stated a communication was received from Richard Smith, library board president. He thanked the school for providing the LIPA Pilot Funds.

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Discussion, Information, Procedural: A. Items for discussion  
none

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion, Information, Procedural: A. Items for discussion

**12. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS (BOE only)**

Information, Procedural: A. Investments; Workers' Compensation Filed; Appropriation Status Report; Revenue Status Report; Trial Balance; Cash Flow; Projections

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

Information: C. Absences of Five Consecutive Days

Information: D. Building & Grounds Reports

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Action: A. Adjournment

Ms. Ryan I wish everyone happy holidays. Commented that hopefully in April we will be together in person and looks forward to that. She thanked the teachers, staff, administration, doing a great job.

Adjournment 7:33

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