

Budget Hearing and Monthly School Board Meeting (Tuesday, May 10, 2022)**Members present**

Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene
Absent Kathy Moran and Robert Crowley

1. OPENING

Procedural: A. Call to Order by Megan Ryan, Board President

Action, Procedural: B. Executive Session for an update on negotiations and contract for two staff members

Action, Procedural: C. Reconvene to Public to begin Budget Hearing
(not specified)

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene

2. BUDGET HEARING

Procedural: A. Superintendent called meeting to order.

Procedural: B. Superintendent leads in the pledge.

Procedural: C. Superintendent introduces the Board of Education.

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

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

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

The District Clerk read the following names: Will Luciani, Megan Ryan, Christine Mitkish, Carson Termotto and Steve Enella

Procedural: G. The Chairman, Ms. Ryan, will direct the District Clerk to 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
Reading of the proposed 2022-2023 Budget by the Chairman: \$36,020,048.

CATEGORIES OF THE BUDGET

Administrative: \$4,592,618

Program: \$4,965,871

Capital: \$26,461,559

Procedural: I. The Chairman, Ms. Ryan, adjourns the budget hearing.

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Procedural: A. Superintendent's comments

Board President Megan Ryan, Esq., welcomed all who were present to celebrate tenures.

Ms. Ryan noted that Item 6C on the agenda would be explained by Thomas McDaid, Assistant Superintendent for Business. She stated that the district's Letter of Intent with BOCES for services is \$2.2 million, and the district does get back 79% in state aid for those services.

Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Cynthia Seniuk, Superintendent of Schools, announced that the Universal Prekindergarten Program (UPK) for Fall 2022 is moving along, starting with the state giving 52 seats to North Merrick and then adding 25 more seats, which they are almost finished processing.

Dr. Seniuk said Meet the Candidates Night was held on May 4 and facilitated this year by H.D. Fayette PTA and the Field of Flags ceremony was held on May 12, sponsored this year by H.D. Fayette Student Council. She highlighted other upcoming events on the calendar: Jazz Concert, Community Open House, and the Budget Vote/Trustee Election, and noted that on May 27 school were closed for the Memorial Day recess.

Information, Procedural: B. Tenure celebration and recognition - Hillary Bromberg, Amanda Hocesvar, Lauren Kotler, Kaitlyn Meagher, Marcy Rodriguez, Jason Smith, Patricia Valenza and Lisa Lobell

Dr. Seniuk, central administrators and principals introduced the tenure recipients, acknowledged their hard work and dedication to the district, and presented them with flowers: Hillary Bromberg, Amanda Hocesvar, Lauren Kotler, Kaitlyn Meagher, Marcy Rodriguez, Jason Smith, Patricia Valenza and Lisa Lobell.

Ms. Ryan, on behalf of the board, thanked and congratulated all the recipients and expressed their appreciation to the faculty of the district.

4. ROUTINE APPROVALS

Action, Information, Minutes, Procedural: A. Approval of Minutes - April 12, 2022 monthly Board Meeting; April 13, 2022 Special Meeting and April 26, 2022 BOCES Special Meeting
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Motion by Mary Keene, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene

Action, Information: B. Approval of Warrants, Wires, Budget Transfers
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Motion by Mary Keene, second by Tracey Miller.

Action, Information: C. Approval of Treasurer's Report
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Motion by Mary Keene, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene

5. 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.

Discussion, Information, Procedural: B. Comments

Mr. McDaid explained Item 6C, in which a set amount of money is allocated for BOCES services and the district receives 79% back in state aid on any services provided by BOCES.

6. BUSINESS

Action, Information, Procedural: A. The Board of Education approves the appointment of clerks for the following votes: North Merrick Budget/Trustee Vote May 17, 2022 from 6:30 AM to 9:00 PM and BOLD Training and Board of Elections training for the 2022-2023 school year. Clerks: Babette Nicosia and Bernice Holzmacher . The clerks will be paid \$15.00 per hour. The District will be reimbursed by the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District for half of the expenses related to the May 17, 2022 vote.

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Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene

Action: B. The Board of Education approves the contract with Munistat Services, Inc., to provide Municipal Advisor Services for the 2022/23 school year. Their services include the issuance of the District's Tax Anticipation Notes (if necessary) and the preparation and filing of the District's Statement of Financial and Operating Information for 2022/23 school year.

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Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene

Action: C. The Board of Education approves the Superintendent of Schools to submit the online Letter of Intent for the 2022/23 school year for services provided by BOCES in an amount not to exceed \$2,200,000.

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Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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Action: D. The Board of Education renews and approves the Cooperative Transportation Agreement with the Bellmore Merrick Central High School District and other component districts for the 2022-23 school year.

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Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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Action, Procedural: E. The Board of Education approves the renewal of the bid award to G.C. Environmental, Inc. to provide petroleum tank repair, testing, alarm, compliance and inspections on an as needed basis for the 2022-2023 school year.

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Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene

Action, Procedural: F. The Board of Education approves the bid award to Woods Mens and Boys Clothing to provide custodial uniforms on an as needed basis for the 2022-2023 school year.

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Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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7. 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 Mary Keene, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene

8. SPECIAL SERVICES

Action: A. The Board of Education approves the contract between Dr. Caryl Oris and the North Merrick School District to conduct psychiatric evaluations as needed for the 2021-2022 school year.
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Motion by Mary Keene, second by Steve Enella.

Action: B. The Board of Education approves the twenty (20) Individualized Education Programs (IEP's) which were developed by the North Merrick Committee on Special Education.

Action: C. The Board of Education approves seventeen (17) Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) which were developed by the North Merrick Committee on Pre-School Education.

9. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Procedural: A. High School

Board Trustee Ed Corona spoke about high school tenure appointments (5 administrators and 23 teachers) and announced that Merrick Avenue Middle School was voted a New York Magnet Middle School.

Procedural: B. School Community Relations/PTA Council

Board Trustee Mary Keene discussed the many events and fundraisers sponsored by PTA, such as the plant sales, spring boutiques, popcorn and school supply fundraisers, paint night, butterfly performance, and the unit installation dinners. She also mentioned the teacher appreciation breakfasts, compliments of Dr. Seniuk and Beth Friedman, Deputy Superintendent.

Procedural: C. Buildings & Grounds

Sam Carder, Director of Facilities, gave an update on the playground grant from Nassau County Legislator Thomas McKeivitt and said the district is waiting on a playground grant from New York State Senator John Brooks. Mr. Carder said the Camp Avenue window project, OMR ceiling and lightening project, and districtwide SMART Board installations are underway. He spoke about estimates for LED lightening as a cost-savings project. He also said that rugs and furniture are being placed back in classrooms and the district passed boiler inspection. Mr. Carder commended the maintenance and custodial crew.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

Information, Procedural: A. Communication

The District Clerk reported on the following communications:

Three communications were received

(1) to open the back gates at HDF

(2) to livestream meet the candidates.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion, Information, Procedural: A. Unfinished business

12. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion, Information, Procedural: A. New business

Mary Keene spoke about gates being locked and the community not having access to the playground.

Dr. Seniuk replied that the Board is aware that the district is experiencing vandalism, and as such must protect the property and school. She said even with insurance covering the damage, the district pays the deductible. It was decided to have a single point of access to the playgrounds for video surveillance.

Mr. Carder added that the other gates are opened for arrival and dismissal, and on the weekend, PAL soccer and baseball use the fields.

Mary Keene expressed her frustration for families that have children that do not have playground access like they did in the past.

Ms. Ryan suggested the building safety committee look at it again.

Ms. Keene commented that the new Old Mill Road sign looks amazing and wanted to thank all involved.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS

14. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS (BOE only)

Reports: A. Appropriation Status Report; Revenue Status Report; Trial Balance; Cash Flow; Projections

Information: B. Building & Grounds Reports

Information, Procedural: C. Enrollment; Health Office Report; Student/Adult Accidents

Information: D. Absences of Five Consecutive Days

15. ADJOURNMENT

Action: A. Adjournment

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Motion by Mary Keene, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene