

Budget Hearing and Monthly School Board Meeting (Tuesday, May 9, 2023)**Members present**

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

1. OPENING

Information, Procedural: A. Call to Order by Megan Ryan at 6:04
Ed Corona was not present for executive session

Action, Information, Procedural: B. Executive Session for matters of negotiations
Executive Session

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Not Present at Vote: Ed Corona

Action, Information, Procedural: C. Reconvene to Public to begin Budget Hearing at 7:01

2. BUDGET HEARING

Information, Procedural: A. Superintendent called meeting to order at 7:02 PM

Information, Procedural: B. Superintendent leads in the pledge.

Information, Procedural: C. Superintendent introduces the Board of Education.

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

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

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 9th day of May, 2023, at 7:00 PM for the transaction of such business as is authorized by the Education Law.

I certify that the above notice has been published four times:

Long Island Business News: March 31, April 14, April 28, May 12

Merrick Herald: March 30, April 13, April 27, May 11

Information, Procedural: F. The Chairman, Ms. Ryan, will direct District Clerk to report on candidate petitions received.
Ed Corona and Tracey Miller

Information, 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.

Information, Procedural: H. The Chairman, Ms. Ryan, reads the Proposed Budget - Categories of Budget: Administrative, Program and Capital

The Board President Reading of the proposed 2023 -2024 Budget by the Chairman: \$38,885,897.

CATEGORIES OF THE BUDGET

Administrative: \$4,987,001

Program: \$28,696,070

Capital: \$ 5,202,826

Information, Procedural: I. The Chairman, Ms. Ryan, adjourns the budget hearing at 7:06 PM

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Information, Procedural: A. Superintendent's comments

Board President Megan Ryan wished everyone a happy Teachers Appreciation Week and Nurses Week, and she thanked the faculty, staff, and nurses for all they do. Ms. Ryan gave an update on the Fayette playground equipment, which she said was ordered and should be received after the school year ends, with installation scheduled for the beginning of July.

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Cynthia Seniuk, said the spring is such a great time of the school year with a full calendar of wonderful events ahead. She noted the in-person Community Open Houses at each school will be held on May 15 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., with displays of students' work. She said it is such a wonderful evening for parents and students to share their experiences in their classrooms. Dr. Seniuk stated that the District Budget Vote and Board of Education Trustee Election was next Tuesday, May 16, from 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the North Merrick Library. In addition, she said the opening ceremony for Field of Flags would take place on the front lawn of H. D. Fayette School on May 18, at 3:15 p.m. and that the Camp Avenue Student Council was hosting this year's event. Dr. Seniuk said the spring Parent University will be held on May 31, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., at Fayette. She said she was also looking forward to the musical concerts on May 22 and 23.

Information, Procedural: B. Tenure celebration and recognition - Mary Bennett, Lindsay Corrado, Kim Greenberg, Danielle Buffolino (TA), Mary Cimorelli (TA), Gina Pulewitz (TA)

Dr. Seniuk, central administrators, and principals introduced the tenure recipients, acknowledged their hard work and dedication to the district, and presented them with flowers: Mary Bennett, Lindsay Corrado, Kim Greenberg, Danielle Buffolino (TA), Mary Cimorelli (TA), Gina Pulewitz (TA)

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 4, 2022 and BOCES Special Meeting April 18, 2023
Approval of Minutes - April 4, 2022 and BOCES Special Meeting April 18, 2023 Consent agenda items 4A-4C

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action, Information: B. Approval of Warrants, Wires, Budget Transfers

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Consent agenda items 4A-4C

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action, Information: C. Approval of Treasurer's Report

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Consent agenda items 4A-4C

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

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

None

6. BUSINESS

Action, Procedural: A. 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 2023-2024 school year.

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Motion by Will Luciani, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action, Procedural: B. The Board of Education approves the disposal of old and obsolete compartment sinks and reach-in freezer that are beyond their useful life and inoperable. The sinks and freezer are to be disposed of in a manner which serves in the best interest of the district.

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Consent agenda items 6A-6C

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: C. The Board of Education approves entering into an agreement with Heggerty, Inc. to provide Professional Development related to Literacy and Phonemic Awareness during Superintendent's Conference Day, August 30, 2023. Cost not to exceed \$1,700.

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Motion by Will Luciani, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

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 Will Luciani, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

8. SPECIAL SERVICES

Action: A. The Board of Education approves the seventeen (17) Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) which were developed by the North Merrick Committee on Pre-School Education, as detailed in the mailing.
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 Consent agenda items 8A-8B

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Mary Keene.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: B. The Board of Education approves the twenty-three (23) Individualized Education Plans (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 8A-8B

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Mary Keene.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

9. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Information, Procedural: A. High School

Trustee Tracey Miller commented that while she was unable to attend the Eid Celebration, both Dr. Seniuk and BMCHSD Superintendent Michael Harrington attended the event and said it was a wonderful evening.

Ms. Miller said she attended the Calhoun Alumni Dinner for the Class of 1977, as she is an alumna of Calhoun High School, and there were alumni ranging from doctors to Olympic athletes. The honoree that evening was Mr. Langone, a photography teacher at Calhoun High School.

Ms. Miller stated that the Calhoun Girls' Track and Field Team won their sixth Conference Championship. She added that the Kennedy High School Band is the first civilian band to perform at a naval base, home to the Atlantic Fleet, for active military, veterans, and their families.

Ms. Miller said the high school is gearing up for the end of school and AP Exams, and May 1 was each high school's College Acceptance Day. She added that 20 teachers and five administrators were recommended for tenure.

Procedural: B. School Community Relations/PTA Council

Trustee Ed Corona announced the many events and activities sponsored by the PTA's, such as:

Fayette - Outdoor Movie Night on May 19; Installation Dinner on June 8 at Alyssa's Restaurant; Plant Sale Pickup on May 11; Spring Boutique on May 12; and the next PTA Meeting on May 17.

Camp Avenue - The Butterfly Guy visited with third graders on April 28; Lunchtime Workers Club began last Monday and will go on for the next two weeks; the Talent Show is May 19 and Bogo Book Fair is May 31; International Night is June 1, and you can buy tickets through their membership site; and the next PTA Meeting is May 17.

Old Mill Road - Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week is May 8-12; Reflections Award Ceremony is May 15; Kindergarten Orientation is May 19; Book Fair is May 31; the PTA Installation Dinner is June 6 at La Piazza of Merrick; and the next PTA Meeting is May 17.

SEPTA - The Graf Lab Workshop was yesterday; STEM Night with Ms. Garfinkel is May 18; the Installation Dinner is June 7, and the next SEPTA Meeting is May 17.

Procedural: C. Buildings & Grounds

Sam Carder, Director of Facilities, announced that the district has signed up with National Grid for a steam trap replacement program, a heating project with no cost to the district. He said the work will take place at Old Mill Road and Fayette because they are the last two buildings with steam heat. He noted that Camp Avenue is only hot water now, and that is a savings of about \$100,000. In addition, he said there will be a lighting project at Old Mill this summer, which also comes with a rebate for the LED component from PSE&G.

Mr. Carder reiterated that the Fayette playground equipment has been ordered and is scheduled to be installed in the early summer.

He said the custodial staff is getting ready for Sixth Grade Field Day, and Karen Nolan, Camp Avenue physical education teacher, has provided everything needed to make this event successful.

Lastly, Mr. Carder noted that the Camp Avenue 100th Anniversary Celebration was to take place on May 12, and the Field of Flags Opening Ceremony on May 18.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

Information, Procedural: A. Communication
Joanne Long state one email was received regarding UPK.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion, Information, Procedural: A. Unfinished business
None

12. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion, Information, Procedural: A. New business
None

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS

14. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS (BOE only)
Reports: A. Appropriation Status Report; Revenue Status Report; Trial Balance; Cash Flow; Projections
Information: B. Absences of Five Consecutive Days

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

Information: D. Building & Grounds Reports

15. ADJOURNMENT

Action: A. Adjournment 7:30 PM
7:30 PM

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Motion by Kathy Moran, second by Tracey Miller.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani