

**Monthly School Board Meeting (Tuesday, February 11, 2020)****Members present**

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

**1. OPENING**

Procedural: A. Call to order at 5:45 PM

Action, Procedural: B. Pledge

The Board of Education approves to waive pledge until the public portion of the Board meeting.

Motion by Steve Enella, second by Vincent Lentini.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Vincent Lentini, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella

Not Present at Vote: Tracey Miller, Michelle Gordon

Action, Procedural: C. Executive Session

The Board of Education approves entering into executives session for matters of collective bargaining agreements of supervisors and paraprofessionals, a matter of personnel and obtain advice from counsel.

Motion by Vincent Lentini, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Vincent Lentini, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella

Not Present at Vote: Tracey Miller, Michelle Gordon

Action, Procedural: D. Reconvene to Public

The Board of Education approves to reconvene to public session at 8:00 PM.

Motion by Vincent Lentini, second by Michelle Gordon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Vincent Lentini, Michelle Gordon, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella

Not Present at Vote: Tracey Miller

Procedural: E. Call to order 8:05 PM

Action, Procedural: F. Pledge

Procedural: G. Inspirational message - "The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard, but must be felt with the heart." - Helen Keller

Information, Procedural: H. Bulletin Board Recognition - Miss Danielle Galeotafiore's class

Dr. Seniuk thanked Miss Galetafiore and her students for the bulletin board display.

Ms. Ryan thanked Mr. Mcdaid and Mr. Carder for the budget presentation.

**2. ROUTINE APPROVALS**

Action, Minutes: A. Approval of Minutes - January 14, 2020

The Board of Education approves the minutes as follows: January 14, 2020.

Motion by Michelle Gordon, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: B. Approval of Warrants, Budget Transfers, and 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, Steve Enella

Action: C. Approval of Treasurer's Report

The Board of Education approves the Treasurer's Report.

Motion by Steve Enella, second by Michelle Gordon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Vincent Lentini, Tracey Miller, Michelle Gordon, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, 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 in the budget committee.

Dr. Seniuk said that over the last month, there have been problems with the phone service and explained the protocol – The district will always send a message to parents to alert them and will convert the fax machine to a landline.

Flu season update: No cases reported at HDF; OMR had 8; Camp had 29. Those numbers do not include staff. Maintenance staff is doing extra seasonal cleaning. If a child is sick, please keep him or her home and the same for staff, too.

The new one-page calendar for 2020-21 is available on the district website, and Dr. Seniuk noted that the first day of school is after Labor Day.

The Saturday winter program will include Scope enrichment. The foreign language program will offer Spanish 1 and 2 and Italian. There will be a Saturday Morning Self-Care Café for North Merrick parents on March 21 and a flyer will be sent home.

The Mental Health Coalition meeting will be held tomorrow afternoon.

Fifth and sixth grade students will be participating in an anti-bullying assembly on February 27th, and Sharon Colvin, retired Nassau County Police Officer, will be the speaker. This will be followed by an anti-bullying program for parents on March 2 sponsored by the Bellmore-Merrick School District. Flyers with the information will be sent home.

The sixth grade production of Shrek Jr. is underway. The students and staff are working hard for their performances on April 3rd and 4th.

### 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

Ms. Higgins requested an explanation on a business item, CBIZ Evaluation service. She questioned if this service has anything to do with selling the property behind Fayette.

President of the Board Megan Ryan stated it would be explained before the board voted on it.

### 5. BUSINESS

Action: A. The Board of Education approves the North Merrick Public Library, located at 1691 Meadowbrook Road, North Merrick, New York 11566, as the location for the District's May 19, 2020 Annual Budget Vote and Election.

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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, Steve Enella

Action: B. The Board of Education approves the following resolution: WHEREAS, N.Y. Education Law Section 1707(1) requires school districts to hold their annual reorganizational meeting on the first Tuesday in July; and WHEREAS, N.Y. Education Law Section 1707(2) also permits school districts, by way of a resolution of the board of education, to reschedule said annual reorganizational meeting for any time during the first fifteen (15) days of July. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with N.Y. Education Law Section 1707(2), the Board of Education hereby authorizes its annual reorganizational meeting to be convened and conducted on Wednesday, July 1, 2020.

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Motion by Michelle Gordon, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: C. The Board of Education approves entering into an agreement with CBIZ Valuation Services to provide property valuation services for the school year ending June 30, 2020. Cost not to exceed \$3,800.

Mr. McDaid stated this is an unfunded mandate and it's done every year. This service has nothing to do with selling land.

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Motion by Vincent Lentini, second by Michelle Gordon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: D. The Board of Education approves entering into an agreement with Learn Thru Movement Inc., dba Math & Movement, for a four-day professional development math program for teachers from August 3, 2020 through August 6, 2020, at no cost to the district.

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Motion by Vincent Lentini, second by Michelle Gordon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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Action: E. The Board of Education approves entering into an agreement with SCOPE Education Services for a five week Saturday enrichment program, at no cost to the district.

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Motion by Vincent Lentini, second by Michelle Gordon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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Action: F. The Board of Education approves the disposal of three obsolete SMART Boards; Old Mill Road - Asset Tags: 20090204 and 20090525 and HDF - Asset Tag: 20090667

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Motion by Vincent Lentini, second by Michelle Gordon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: G. The Board of Education approves the disposal of thirty-five broken folding chairs at the Harold D. Fayette School.

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Motion by Vincent Lentini, second by Michelle Gordon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: H. The Board of Education approves entering into a consulting agreement with Amy Pryhocki-Hartnett for the Saturday Language Enrichment Program. Cost not to exceed \$3,000.

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Motion by Vincent Lentini, second by Michelle Gordon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

## 6. PERSONNEL ACTIONS REPORT

Action: A. The Board of Education approves the Personnel Actions Report, as detailed in the mailing.

Mrs. Friedman introduced Maria Lobelle, Special Education Teacher, will be working as a teacher assistant congrats.

The Board of Education approves the Personnel Actions Report, as detailed in the mailing.

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

## 7. POLICIES

Discussion, Information, Procedural: A. First Read (No Action) Policy #5131.7 Non-Smoking, which has been revised for the Board of Education's further review and comment.

Discussion, Information, Procedural: B. First Read (No Action) Policy #5141.2 Students with HIV/AIDS, which has been revised for the Board of Education's further review and comment.

## 8. SPECIAL SERVICES

Action: A. The Board of Education approves two (2) 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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Motion by Vincent Lentini, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: B. The Board of Education approves twenty-eight (28) Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), which were developed by the North Merrick Committee on Special Education, as detailed in the mailing.

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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, Steve Enella

Action: C. The Board of Education approves the Guidance Plan, which is aligned to the New York State Learning Standards and national ASCA and NYSSCA standards for the 2019-2020 school year.

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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, Steve Enella

Action: D. The Board of Education approves the contract between Thomas M. Doxsee, Occupational Therapist, and the North Merrick School District to provide special education services for the 2019-2020 school year.

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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, Steve Enella

## 9. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Information: A. High School

Trustee Tracey Miller stated there were three Regeneron science competition finalists from Kennedy High School: Seniors Andrew Brinton, Katherine St George and Kenar Gelman. No other high school had more than two finalists. Ms. Miller described their projects and how these students are making a difference to help the community and the world.

Information: B. School Community Relations/PTA Council

Trustee Ed Corona commented that he may not be able to attend a couple of PTA Council meetings, and Ms. Ryan stated she would step in and help on those days. Mr. Corona listed the PTA events taking place throughout the district.

HD: A Day in Clay educated the children on diverse multicultural art history and culture. The Science Fair is underway. The Jurassic World Live Tour sold out quickly. The Amazon Smile Fundraiser is ongoing. Mother/Son Sports Night was a truly fun night and the Father Daughter Sweetheart Dance was lovely.

Camp: Chess Club begins on Jan 24th and runs for ten weeks. Sports Nights start in February and will be different dates for different grades. The Third Grade Sweetheart Dance will be held on March 20th. Book Fair is on Feb 13th and Plant Sale presale is March 27th.

OMR: Safety Internet Day is Feb 11th. PARP is kicking off on March 6th. Chess Club is ongoing. Science Fair judging is taking

place. Parents' Art Night is scheduled for March, but no date is scheduled yet. Bingo for Books will be on March 13th. SEPTA: Anxiety Awareness Day is 3/2; please wear TEAL to show your support. Danielle Brooks and Maria Licata presented at the January meeting on "How to Advocate for My Child," and there was a good turnout. The next meeting is Thursday, 2/13, and Dr. Petrosky is speaking about "Promoting Reading Development K-12." Family Fun Night will be on 3/26 from 6- 9 p.m.

#### Information: C. Buildings & Grounds

Mr. Carder discussed the steam leak that occurred at OMR. He explained that with the help of his staff, they were able to replace the pipe. He discussed the PSEG rebate available on the lighting project. Mr. Carder stated the disinfectant products being used throughout the district are all "green products," which are appropriate to be used in schools. They are continuously cleaning handrails, water fountains and doorknobs to keep germs from spreading.

Trustee Michele Gordon questioned the large increase in the budget line item for gas and fuel for the 2020-21 school year.

Mr. Carder explained the district needs to be prepared for cold weather. There are dual burners that need to have oil in reserve for very cold weather because National Grid has the authority to tell districts to stop using gas in that event.

Mr. Carder spoke about cleaning supplies and that the district is saving money by buying in bulk at the national level pricing to get the most savings.

#### 10. COMMUNICATIONS

Information: A. Correspondence received by the BOE

One correspondence was received by BOE.

#### 11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion, Information: A. Dates for town hall meeting

Joanne Long, District Clerk, provided dates for the month of June. The Board requested that dates be provided for the months of October and November.

#### 12. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion, Information: A. New business

None

#### 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. Additionally, there are monthly inspections and the traps are coming up clean.

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

#### 14. INFORMATIONAL

Information: A. Absences; Continuing Investments; Workers' Compensation Filed; Appropriation Status Report; Revenue Status Report; Trial Balance; Claims Audit report

Information: B. Building and Grounds Reports

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

#### 15. ADJOURNMENT

Action: A. Adjournment 8:45

Adjournment 8:36 PM

Motion by Vincent Lentini, second by Michelle Gordon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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