

Monthly School Board Meeting (Tuesday, January 14, 2020)

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Members present

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

1. OPENING

Procedural: A. Call to order

Vice President, Michelle Gordon, called to the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

Action, Procedural: B. Pledge

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

Motion by Michelle Gordon, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Vincent Lentini, Michelle Gordon, Ed Corona, Robert Crowley, Steve Enella

Action, Procedural: C. Executive Session

The Board of Education approves entering into executive session to discuss matters of personnel and obtain legal advice from counsel.

Motion by Steve Enella, second by Vincent Lentini.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Vincent Lentini, Michelle Gordon, Ed Corona, Robert Crowley, Steve Enella

Action, Procedural: D. Reconvene to Public

The Board of Education reconvenes to public at 7:56 PM

Motion by Vincent Lentini, second by Michelle Gordon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Procedural: E. Call to order

President, Megan Ryan, calls the meeting to order at 8:05 PM

Action, Procedural: F. Pledge

Board President, Megan Ryan, led in the pledge.

Procedural: G. Inspirational message - "What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year." - Vern Mclellan

Board President Megan Ryan wished everyone a happy new year.

Information, Procedural: H. Bulletin Board Recognition - Mr. Gary Beck, music teacher

Ms. Ryan thanked the students and music department for the great holiday performances in December.

2. ROUTINE APPROVALS

Action, Minutes: A. Approval of Minutes - December 10, 2019

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Motion by Michelle Gordon, second by Robert Crowley.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: B. Approval of Warrants, Budget Transfers, and Wire Transfers
(not specified)

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Michelle Gordon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: C. Approval of Treasurer's Report
(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

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Discussion, Procedural: A. Comments

Dr. Cynthia Seniuk, Superintendent of Schools, wished all a happy and healthy new year and gave kudos to the holiday concerts. She commented on the beautifully renovated Brookside theater and said she was looking forward to the spring concerts and Theatre Arts performances of Shrek Jr. Dr. Seniuk was pleased with the great weather and no snow and hopes it continues.

4. BUSINESS (1)

Action: A. The Board of Education approves the 2020-2021 school calendar.

Ms. Ryan appreciated and thanked the community and the Board for providing feedback on the Eid holiday. She explained there are two scheduled Superintendent's Conference Days for this year, and one will be held on May 13, which is also the Eid holiday.

The Board of Education approves the 2020-2021 school calendar.

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Michelle Gordon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

5. 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

Rania Elbaz thanked the board saying it has been a long time coming, a lot of work with a lot of people behind the scenes, and this sends out a message of inclusion to the community. She questioned what should be expected moving forward.

Mrs. Ryan stated tonight the board was only voting on the 2020-21 calendar.

Arooj Iqbal thanked the board and hoped it is something that would continue in the following years also.

6. BUSINESS (2)

Action, Action (Consent): A. The Board of Education approves the disposal of the Desktop CPU, Optiplex 755: Asset Tag #-20090685 Serial# 886VXF1 and Dell Monitor: Asset Tag#- 001582

Resolution: The Board of Education approves the disposal of the Desktop CPU, Optiplex 755: Asset Tag #-20090685 Serial# 886VXF1 and Dell Monitor: Asset Tag#- 001582

The Board of Education approved Items A through J as a consent agenda with discussions on Item F.

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Michelle Gordon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action, Action (Consent): B. The Board of Education approves Judy Horvath to be appointed as an assistant clerk during Kindergarten Registration at Harold D. Fayette School on January 21st and 22nd, 2020 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Her pay rate is \$13.00 per hour.

Resolution: The Board of Education approves Judy Horvath to be appointed as an assistant clerk during Kindergarten Registration at Harold D. Fayette School on January 21st and 22nd, 2020 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Her pay rate is \$13.00 per hour.

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Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Michelle Gordon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action, Action (Consent): C. The Board of Education approves the revised 2020-2021 Budget Development Calendar (date correction).

Resolution: The Board of Education approves the revised 2020-2021 Budget Development Calendar (date correction).

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Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Michelle Gordon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action, Action (Consent): D. The Board of Education accepts the donation of \$2,500 from the Old Mill Road 6th Grade Committee to be used towards the 6th grade boat trip on June 16, 2020.

Resolution: The Board of Education accepts the donation of \$2,500 from the Old Mill Road 6th Grade Committee to be used towards the 6th grade boat trip on June 16, 2020.

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Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Michelle Gordon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action, Action (Consent): E. The Board of Education accepts the donation of \$3,500 from the Camp Avenue 6th Grade Committee to be used towards the 6th grade boat trip on May 27, 2020.

Resolution: The Board of Education accepts the donation of \$3,500 from the Camp Avenue 6th Grade Committee to be used towards the 6th grade boat trip on May 27, 2020.

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Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Michelle Gordon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action, Action (Consent): F. The Board of Education authorizes the transfer in the amount of \$30,000 to account code A 5540 400 04 (special education transportation) from account code A9060.801.04 (health insurance).

Mr. Lentini requested clarification on this transfer.

Mr. McDaid explained we had additional students enrolled that needed to be serviced outside of the district.

Mr. Lentini questioned what happens to that line item; do the funds get replenished?

Mr. McDaid explained there will be a decrease, we will not replenish that fund, unless necessary, however we will include this additional cost in next year's budget.

Mr. Crowley questioned whether this was a one-time action?

Mr. McDaid stated it's on an as needed basis. If others enroll and need services outside of the district, we would need additional funds for that.

Resolution: The Board of Education authorizes the transfer in the amount of \$30,000 to account code A 5540 400 04 (special education transportation) from account code A9060.801.04 (health insurance).

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Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Michelle Gordon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action, Action (Consent): G. The Board of Education approves the update of the mileage reimbursement rate to be paid to authorized personnel conducting school district business for the 2019/20 school year to 57.5 cents per mile as of January 1, 2020.

Resolution: The Board of Education approves the update of the mileage reimbursement rate to be paid to authorized personnel conducting school district business for the 2019/20 school year to 57.5 cents per mile as of January 1, 2020, payment to be made only upon presentation of approved claims.

The Board of Education approved Items A through J as a consent agenda with discussions on Item F.

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Michelle Gordon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action, Action (Consent): H. The Board of Education approves North Merrick USFD to participate with other school districts to solicit proposals for Special Education Related Services as authorized by General Municipal Law Section 119-o, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Inter-Municipal Cooperative Agreement ("IMA").

Resolution: The Board of Education approves North Merrick USFD to participate with other school districts to solicit proposals for Special Education Related Services as authorized by General Municipal Law Section 119-o, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Inter-Municipal Cooperative Agreement ("IMA").

The Board of Education approved Items A through J as a consent agenda with discussions on Item F.

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Michelle Gordon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action, Action (Consent): I. The Board of Education approves the following resolution: WHEREAS, Erie 1 Board of Cooperative Educational Services ("Erie 1 BOCES"), a municipal corporation organized and existing under the Education Law of the State of New York having its principal offices at 355 Harlem Road, West Seneca, NY 14224, has entered into an EDUCATION LAW 2-d Agreement ("Agreement") in order to address and give binding effect to the terms of New York Education Law 2-d and Section 1.8 of which Agreement provides that school districts can become party to the Agreement by executing a written opt-in to do so (continue using Google services under Education Law 2d).

Resolution: The Board of Education approves the following resolution: WHEREAS, Erie 1 Board of Cooperative Educational Services ("Erie 1 BOCES"), a municipal corporation organized and existing under the Education Law of the State of New York having its principal offices at 355 Harlem Road, West Seneca, NY 14224, has entered into an EDUCATION LAW 2-d Agreement ("Agreement") in order to address and give binding effect to the terms of New York Education Law 2-d and Section 1.8 of which Agreement provides that school districts can become party to the Agreement by executing a written opt-in to do so (continue using Google services under Education Law 2d).

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Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Michelle Gordon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action, Action (Consent): J. The Board of Education approves the settlement between North Merrick USFD and CartoonStock Ltd. in the amount of \$330.00 for the use of images designated by by CartoonStock Ltd. (Addendum).

Resolution: The Board of Education approves the settlement between North Merrick USFD and CartoonStock Ltd. in the amount of \$330.00 for the use of images designated by by CartoonStock Ltd. (Addendum).

The Board of Education approved Items A through J as a consent agenda with discussions on Item F.

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Michelle Gordon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action, Action (Consent): K. The Board of Education approved Items A through J as a consent agenda with discussions on Item F.

Resolution: The Board of Education approved Items A through J as a consent agenda with discussions on Item F.

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Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Michelle Gordon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

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 Tracey Miller, second by Michelle Gordon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

8. POLICIES

Action, Procedural: A. The Board of Education approves the second reading/adoption of Policy #5111 School Admissions. The Board of Education approves the second reading/adoption of Policy #5111 School Admissions.

Motion by Vincent Lentini, second by Michelle Gordon.

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 second reading/adoption of Policy #5110 School Records. The Board of Education approves the second reading/adoption of Policy #5110 School Records.

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

9. SPECIAL SERVICES

Action, Action (Consent): A. The Board of Education approves the contract between Hagedorn Little Village and the North Merrick School District to conduct a physical therapy evaluation for a North Merrick student attending the Hagedorn Little Village School for the 2019-2020 school year.

Resolution: The Board of Education approves the contract between Hagedorn Little Village and the North Merrick School District to conduct a physical therapy evaluation for a North Merrick student attending the Hagedorn Little Village School for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Board of Education approved Items A through J as a consent agenda with discussions on Item F.

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Michelle Gordon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action, Action (Consent): B. The Board of Education approves the seven (7) Individualized Education Programs (IEP's), which were developed by the North Merrick Committee on Special Education, as detailed in the mailing.

Resolution: The Board of Education approves the seven (7) Individualized Education Programs (IEP's), which were developed by the North Merrick Committee on Special Education, as detailed in the mailing.

The Board of Education approved Items A through J as a consent agenda with discussions on Item F.

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Michelle Gordon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action, Action (Consent): C. The Board of Education approves the (4) Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), which were developed by the North Merrick Committee on Pre-School Special Education, as detailed in the mailing.

Resolution: The Board of Education approves the (4) Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), which were developed by the North Merrick Committee on Pre-School Special Education, as detailed in the mailing.

The Board of Education approved Items A through J as a consent agenda with discussions on Item F.

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Michelle Gordon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action, Action (Consent): D. The Board of Education approved Items A through C as a consent agenda.

Resolution: The Board of Education approved Items A through C as a consent agenda.

The Board of Education approved Items A through J as a consent agenda with discussions on Item F.

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Michelle Gordon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

10. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Information: A. High School

Trustee Tracey Miller stated that three students in the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District were named among the Regeneron Science Talent Search finalists. Trustee Ed Corona added that Kate Freeman, the high school district's business official, announced her retirement.

Information: B. School Community Relations/PTA Council

Mr. Corona highlighted events going on throughout the district:

At Fayette - PARP, Science Fair, Reflections, Mother and Son Fitness Night, Father Daughter Dance, and Jurassic World (tickets needed).

At Camp - PARP, Bingo for Books, chess club, Nets basketball game, Chipotle fundraiser, and Swirls World fundraiser during PARP.

At Old Mill - Book of the Month, Founders Day, Spelling Bee, and Amazon Smile at Stop & Shop. PTA President Lisa Zukoff attended the New York State mental health conference in Albany and reported that 49% of students are dealing with some type of mental health issue.

SEPTA - Special Services Awareness Day on January 15 (wear stripes in support). The next SEPTA meeting is January 23 at which Danielle Brooks and Maria Licata will speak about how to advocate for your child. Family Fun Night is set for March 26, 2020 and will include how to make balloon animals.

He also mentioned that kindergarten registration was scheduled for January 21-22 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mr. Corona explained there will be four budget meetings with two meetings being held at 1 p.m. in the board room and two meetings held the evening at 6:30 p.m. before the board meetings. He said the Board wants to meet the needs of residents and selected these times to allow people to come to an afternoon meeting before picking up their child and or before the board meetings.

Dr. Seniuk noted that if those times are inconvenient to please call Assistant Superintendent for Business Thomas McDaid's office, and he will schedule an appointment to meet with him and review the budget.

Information: C. Buildings & Grounds

Samuel Carder, Director of Facilities, commented that the weather has been kind to the district and the warmer temperature helps keep utility bills and overtime down. He gave a "shout out" to district maintainers Kenny Grant and Dan Melendez, who he said are behind the scenes providing additional work that cannot be done during school hours.

11. COMMUNICATIONS

Information: A. Correspondence received by the BOE

Four correspondences were received by the BOE

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion, Information: A. New Agenda Items

None

13. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion, Information: A. New Agenda Item

Trustee Michelle Gordon spoke about Enrichment for All and how to talk about what the child selects so the parent can strike up a conversation at home.

Trustee Steve Enella said he would like to reschedule the town hall meeting and ask the library for open dates.

Megan Ryan stated that Joanne Long will reach out to the library for possible dates and try to put it on the calendar.

14. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Information: A. Public Comments (same procedure as above)

Discussion, Procedural: B. Comments

15. INFORMATIONAL

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

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

Information: C. Building and Grounds Reports

16. ADJOURNMENT

Action: A. Adjournment

Adjournment

Motion by Michelle Gordon, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

