

Monthly School Board Meeting (Tuesday, November 10, 2020)**Members present**

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

1. OPENING

Procedural: A. Call to order

Board President, Megan Ryan, called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM

Action, Procedural: B. Executive Session
(not specified)

Motion by Steve Enella, second by Michelle Gordon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action, Procedural: C. Reconvene to public

The Board of Education approves to reconvene to public at 6:59 PM

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Michelle Gordon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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Action, Procedural: E. Pledge

Board President led in the pledge.

Board President Megan Ryan thanked North Merrick families for their patience and resilience over the past few months. She commended Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Cynthia Seniuk, for her continuous updates on COVID-19 and for working closely with the Nassau County Department of Health. Ms. Ryan stated that there have been a few positive COVID-19 cases in the district, which resulted in the temporary suspension of some classes, but there has been no need for school closings. She said both remote and in-person instruction are running very well, and she thanked parents, students and faculty for their hard work. Ms. Ryan then recognized veterans and their families for their service in honor of Veterans Day.

2. ROUTINE APPROVALS

Action, Minutes, Procedural: A. Approval of minutes - October 13, 2020

Approval of minutes - October 13, 2020 Consent agenda A - C

Motion by Michelle Gordon, 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, Procedural: B. Approval of Warrants, Wires, and Budget Transfers

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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, Robert Crowley, Steve Enella

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

Consent agenda A - C

Motion by Michelle Gordon, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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3. PRESENTATION

Presentation, Procedural: A. Board Appreciation

In honor of School Board Recognition Week, Dr. Seniuk thanked the North Merrick Board of Education for their dedication to the district. She said being a school board member entails more than any trustee bargained for, and history will recognize 2020 as the year that school boards across the country persevered and found ways to thrive through challenging times. Dr. Seniuk acknowledged the cards created for the board by the district unions and PTAs with poems expressing their sentiments, which were displayed on the screen while she was speaking.

Dr. Seniuk introduced trustee Tracey Miller, who congratulated Board President Megan Ryan for her recent career achievements at the Nassau Healthcare Corporation. She stated that Ms. Ryan's leadership and career experience has helped ensure the health and safety of North Merrick students and staff returning to school in September amid the pandemic. She added that Ms. Ryan has worked diligently and collaboratively with her fellow trustees, parents, faculty, and staff to put children first, front and center, and the community is fortunate to have her in their corner.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Information, Procedural: A. Superintendent's comments

Dr. Seniuk reported on the following:

Megan's promotion

- State of the District report
- Virtual School update
- DOH partnership
- PTA District Council
- Mental Health Coalition
- Mental health survey
- Task Force meeting update
- Parent University plug
- Board appreciation
- Closure rumors

5. 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.

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

6. BUSINESS

Action, Action (Consent), Procedural: A. The Board of Education approves the disposal of a printer at Camp Avenue School that is no longer operable.

Resolution: The Board of Education approves the disposal of a printer at Camp Avenue School that is no longer operable.

The Board of Education approves entering into an agreement with Deborah Heitner (Raising Digital Natives) to present at Parent University on November 16, 2020. Cost is not to exceed \$1,000. Consent agenda A - F

Motion by Ed Corona, second by Vincent Lentini.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action, Action (Consent), Procedural: B. The Board of Education approves the disposal of a printer at Old Mill Road School that is no longer operable.

Resolution: The Board of Education approves the disposal of a printer at Old Mill Road School that is no longer operable.

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Motion by Ed Corona, second by Vincent Lentini.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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Action, Action (Consent), Procedural: C. The Board of Education approves the Teacher Center Policy Board for the 2020-2021 School Year.

Resolution: The Board of Education approves the Teacher Center Policy Board for the 2020-2021 School Year.

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Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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Action, Action (Consent), Procedural: D. The Board of Education awards a transportation contract to We Transport to provide transportation to St. Anne's School at a cost of \$5,995.00 per month for the 2020/21 school year.

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Motion by Ed Corona, second by Vincent Lentini.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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Action, Action (Consent), Procedural: E. The Board of Education approves the 2021-22 Budget Development Calendar.

Resolution: The Board of Education approves the 2021-22 Budget Development Calendar.

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Motion by Ed Corona, second by Vincent Lentini.

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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 Michelle Gordon, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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8. 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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Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Michelle Gordon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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Action: B. The Board of Education approves the (1) 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 Tracey Miller, second by Michelle Gordon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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9. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Procedural: A. High School

Trustee Ed Corona announced that John DeTommaso, Superintendent of Schools for the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District, is retiring effective June 30, 2021. Mr. Corona said Mr. DeTommaso has done a wonderful job during his tenure, bringing innovative programs to the district. He stated that Michael Harrington, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, has been appointed to replace Mr. DeTommaso, which will ensure a seamless transition of leadership. Mr. Corona also said that Dr. David Goldberg, a social studies teacher at Calhoun High School, has received the Distinguished Alumni Award for Public Service from Binghamton State University.

Procedural: B. PTA District Council

Ed Corona highlighted the many PTA-sponsored events taking place throughout the district. He noted that the Parent University was scheduled for November 16 as "A Night of Virtual Wellness," which includes a keynote speaker, workshops and yoga. In addition, he commented that remote instruction is going very well with a teacher for every grade level, and there is a very innovative and creative classroom environment for both remote and in-school learning.

Procedural: C. Buildings & Grounds

Samuel Carder, Director of School Facilities, reported that district operations are running smoothly. He said the cost of the lighting project in the Old Mill Road gymnasium will be largely reimbursed through a PSE&G rebate program, and the maintenance crew is replenishing the wood fiber ground covering in all the district playgrounds. Mr. Carder complimented the crew for having the foresight to salvage parts during the bond project, which are now being utilized for the compressor project at Fayette. In addition, he said the work on the New York State Smart Bond Act project is starting at Old Mill Road, which he explained is a districtwide data project to improve infrastructure, update wiring, and improve Wi-Fi.

Mr. Carder said that the Election Day voting locations at Fayette and Old Mill Road went well, and the custodial staff was able to do deep cleaning at Camp Avenue that day. He said the head custodians and District Clerk, Joanne Long, were well prepared for the day of the vote.

Mr. Carder noted that the reopening task force and subcommittees started meeting in June, and he said it is very rewarding to see how far the district has come over these several months thanks to the involvement of the task force members.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

Information, Procedural: A. Communication received

Meg Ryan reported one communication was received and responded to.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion, Information, Procedural: A. Items for discussion

None.

12. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion, Information, Procedural: A. Items for discussion

None.

13. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS (BOE only)

Procedural: A. Absences of Five Consecutive Days; Investments; Workers' Compensation Filed; Appropriation Status Report; Revenue Status Report; Trial Balance

Information: B. Buildings & Grounds

Information, Procedural: C. Enrollment

Information, Procedural: D. Adult/student incidents

14. ADJOURNMENT

Action: A. Adjournment

Megan Ryan concluded the meeting by wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and for everyone to stay healthy. She again thanked parents, students, faculty and staff.

Adjournment at 7:26 PM

Motion by Vincent Lentini, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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