

MINUTES OF THE NORTH BELLMORE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING April 7, 2016

The regular meeting of the North Bellmore Union Free School District Board of Education was held on Thursday evening, April 7, 2016, in the All Purpose Room of the Martin Avenue School at 2616 Martin Avenue, Bellmore, New York.

The following members of the Board of Education were present:

Peter Mayo, President
JoAnn DeLauter, Vice President
Melissa Cmar-Grote
John Ferrara

The following member of the Board of Education was absent: Nina Lanci

Also present:

Marie Testa, Superintendent of Schools
Carol Eskew, Deputy Superintendent
Mark Schissler, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Janet Pollitt, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Jason Fischetti, Director of Technology
Edward H. Grimmatt, District Counsel
Jeanne Canavan, Board Secretary

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Motion was made by Mrs. DeLauter seconded by Mr. Ferrara, to move into executive session to discuss personnel matters at 7:05 p.m. Motion was carried 4-0. The meeting reconvened at 8:15 p.m. Mr. Mayo led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Mrs. Cmar-Grote moved that the Board of Education approve the Minutes from the Regular meeting of March 10, 2016. Mr. Ferrara seconded, and the motion was carried 4-0.
- VISITORS** There were no questions on agenda items only.
- CHANGE IN ORDER OF AGENDA** Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education change the order of the agenda and move to the Superintendent's Report. Mrs. Cmar-Grote seconded and the motion was carried 4-0.
- SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** Mrs. Testa announced that she was very pleased to recommend the following staff members to the Board of Education for tenure:
- Elyse Beauman, third grade teacher at Saw Mill Road School
Jason Fischetti, Director of Technology
Janet Pollitt, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Jeff Rosof, Principal, Saw Mill Road School

PERSONNEL REPORT Motion was made by Mrs. DeLauter, seconded by Mr. Ferrara, and carried 4-0, to approve the following personnel report:

A.1 PERSONNEL REPORT

APRIL 7, 2016

Certified Personnel: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it resolved that the following persons be appointed as teachers in North Bellmore Union Free School District as indicated below. All assignments are at the discretion of the district. Leave replacements are paid on a per diem basis.

<u>Appointments:</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>
10.1 Cruz, Emilio	Substitute Teacher		\$100/day	4/8/2016
10.2 D'Amato, Alyssa	Substitute Teacher		\$100/day	4/4/2016
10.3 Finnerty, Kristyn	Substitute Teacher		\$100/day	4/8/2016
10.4 Gallagher, Joanna	Substitute Teacher		\$100/day	4/8/2016
10.5 Splinis, Eugenia	Substitute Teacher		\$100/day	4/8/2016
10.6 Steinmuller, Mark	Substitute Teacher		\$100/day	4/8/2016

Appointment to Tenure:

10.7 Beauman, Elyse	Elementary Teacher			9/1/2016
10.8 Fischetti, Jason	Director of Technology			7/11/2016
10.9 Pollitt, Janet	Asst. Supt. For Curriculum and Instruction			6/30/2016
10.10 Rosof, Jeffrey	Principal			8/05/2016

Family Medical Leave of Absence:

10.11 Quinn, Cynthia	Literacy Coach			5/2/16 – 6/24/16
10.12 Schoepfer, Kathryn	Special Ed. Teacher			3/23/16- 6/24/16

Unpaid Leave of Absence

10.13 Candelaria, Mary Kate	Special Ed. Teacher			9/1/16 – 6/30/17
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Resignation

10.14 McGonigle, Robin	Elementary Teacher			6/30/2016
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10.15 Cannizzaro, Laura	Monitor PT/Sub		\$14.17	4/8/2016
10.16 DiPaola, Vita	Monitor PT/Sub		\$14.17	4/8/2016
10.17 Alexander, Christine	Monitor PT/Sub		\$14.17	4/8/2016
10.18 Rindner, Elyssa	Monitor PT/Sub		\$14.17	4/8/2016
10.19 Cammisio, Paula	Monitor PT/Sub		\$14.17	4/8/2016
10.20 Musumeci, Geraldine	Monitor PT/Sub		\$14.17	4/8/2016
10.21 O'Rourke, Christine	Monitor PT/Sub		\$14.17	4/8/2016
10.22 Maken, Renee	Monitor PT/Sub		\$14.17	4/8/2016
10.23 Favarolo, Nancy	Monitor PT/Sub		\$14.17	4/8/2016
10.24 McLaren, Nicole	Monitor PT/Sub		\$14.17	4/8/2016

Resignation:

10.25 Soregaroli, Jeanine

Teacher Aide PT

12/11/15

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT CONT'D.**

Mrs. Testa congratulated Ms. Beauman, Mrs. Pollitt, Mr. Fischetti and Mr. Rosof and thanked them for their commitment to the district, for implementing programs that meet the district's instructional goals and our Mission and Core Values, and for working to create a highly dynamic and successful school district.

Mrs. Fisher (on behalf of the Principals), Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Elhilow (on behalf of the NBTA), Mr. Rosof (on behalf of Saw Mill Road School), Mrs. Squicciarini (on behalf of the Librarians), representatives from the Coordinating Council, Saw Mill faculty members and PTA, all expressed their congratulations to the newly tenured staff members presented them with tokens of appreciation. Mr. Mayo, on behalf of the Board of Education, congratulated the staff members and expressed his appreciation for their contributions and dedication to the district. The meeting recessed at 9:05 PM for refreshments. The meeting reconvened at 9:25 PM. Mr. Mayo commented that Mrs. Lanci could not be here tonight due to personal obligations.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Mayo advised that correspondence was received and will be addressed by the Board.

**TREASURER'S
REPORT**

Mr. Ferrara moved that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer's report for the month ended February 29, 2016. Mrs. DeLauter seconded and the motion and was carried 4-0.

**HIGH SCHOOL
REPORT**

Mrs. DeLauter reported that at last night's meeting, the Board recognized students for their achievements. Senior student representatives each highlighted their school's activities taking place this month. Mephram students raised \$45,000 for the St. Baldrick's Foundation at the Chop Your Locks for Charity event. The "One Voice, One Message" Superhero 5K run/walk will take place on Saturday, April 16 and proceeds will benefit Plan International to help provide clean drinking water to developing countries. Cynthia Strait Regal gave a budget presentation. The proposed tax levy increase is 1.51 percent. The Board adopted two budget propositions: No. 1 – CHSD budget and No. 2 – To establish a Capital Reserve Fund, not to exceed \$10 million, to fund future capital projects, such as replacements as needed--track resurfacing, turf replacement, paving and concrete work, etc.

FINANCE

The Board of Education acknowledges the review of the warrants that have been approved by the Claims Auditor for the months of January and February 2016.

**2016-17 BUDGET
ADOPTION**

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education authorize the North Bellmore School District to expend the sum in the General Fund Appropriation in the total amount of \$53,742,934 for the 2016/2017 school year. Mr. Ferrara seconded and the motion was carried 4-0.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Mrs. Testa reported that the administration of the NYS ELA tests went well this week and thanked the administrative team and the teachers for carrying out our new protocols. Our final percentage for rate of refusal for the ELA exam is 68 percent.

Mrs. Testa announced that she was inducted into the Lions Club and will be partnering with the Club to participate in community service projects. She will also be speaking with other superintendents to encourage them to partner with their Lions clubs.

Mrs. Testa congratulated the students who participated in the First Annual Festival Band and Chorus. It was a very successful and a wonderful opportunity for more children to perform at a higher level.

The next budget meeting will be held at the PTA Coordinating Council meeting on April 19. The Board will also be meeting that night to vote on the Nassau BOCES budget and election of board members. A music performance and art show will take place at our annual budget vote on May 17.

**STAFF
DEVELOPMENT
REPORT**

Mr. Ferrara moved that the Board of Education approve the Staff Development Report dated April 7, 2016. Mrs. DeLauter seconded and the motion was carried 4-0.

**BUSINESS
DEPARTMENT
UPDATE**

Mr. Schissler gave the following update:

Enrollment: Enrollment is down two students this month.

Facilities: High winds caused multiple alarm problems and tree damage. The maintenance crew was able to clean up some trees that were down.

Budget: The budget was adopted by the Board this evening. This year there will be three propositions on the ballot to vote on. No. 1 - North Bellmore budget, No. 2 - CHSD budget and No. 3 - CHSD Capital Reserve Fund. The State has adopted its budget and the district will receive additional state aid. The GEA has been restored to the district. We will still use some reserves, but \$500,000 less than we would have used. The high tax aid is frozen from previous amount, which is the same as five years ago. Mrs. DeLauter asked if the district will receive additional state aid for Pre K. Mr. Schissler stated that we have received the same amount for Pre K for the last five years. The State is talking about adding additional grant money, but not specific how it will work.

**CURRICULUM AND
INSTRUCTION**

Mrs. Pollitt announced that Staff Development Day was very successful. We will be continuing our literacy professional development with full day release sessions for all teachers focused on Writing Workshop. We will continue the

**CURRICULUM AND
INSTRUCTION**

work Mrs. McNamara presented to the administrative team about Units of Study that will be provided to teachers. Materials will be provided to the teachers at the May professional development so they will be ready for a September launch.

ELA testing is taking place this week and math will take place next week. Mrs. Pollitt thanked the principals for organizing the proctoring and all refusals, plus packaging the tests. NYSESLAT will take place next week. Mrs. Pollitt reported that she met with the ENL Department to review changes to the testing and share administration and scoring protocols. OLSAT was administered at the end of March to grade 2 and 3 students. District-wide scoring was held at the Teacher Center this year.

**HUMAN RESOURCES/
SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Ms. Eskew thanked Mr. Fischetti and the Technology Department for their support with the students taking the State Alternate Assessment on computers for the first time.

Ms. Eskew stated that she met with the staff to organize the summer special education program and it went very well.

Ms. Eskew reported that she is working on the job descriptions and job posts for open positions in the district to be filled over the summer.

CPSE/CSE REPORTS

Mrs. Cmar-Grote moved that the Board of Education approve the CPSE and CSE reports dated March 31, 2016.

**TECHNOLOGY
UPDATE**

Mr. Fischetti reported that all major work for the Intralogic installation is completed. New software needs to be installed and punch list items need to be completed. The Smart Bond process is very slow. If we are able to go through the E-rate funding program to purchase the wireless network cabling and switches, it will free up money in the Smart Bond, which would enable us to increase the number of iPads we can purchase. The iPad deployment plan and a summary of the Technology Committee's work will be presented at the May Board meeting. The \$1.2 million Smart School Investment Plan, created by the Technology Committee, needs to be submitted to the Board of approval. Mr. Fischetti commented that, to date, not one district has seen any money from it yet.

**NEW BUSINESS
CONTRACTS**

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the following contracts for the 2015/16 school year:

- Bellmore UFSD
- Garden City UFSD
- Dr. Hilary Gomes
- Hicksville School District
- Homecare Therapies LLP
- Jericho UFSD
- North Merrick UFSD

CONTRACTS

-North Shore Center for Speech, Language and Swallowing Disorders
-North Shore University Hospital (2016/17)
-Plainedge UFSD
-Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District
-Rockville Centre UFSD
Mrs. Cmar-Grote seconded and the motion was carried 4-0.

**POLL WATCHERS –
ANNUAL BUDGET
VOTE**

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education appoint the following as poll watchers for the 2015/2016 Annual Budget Vote and Election: Anne Barbera, Karen Hartnett, Sandra Finck, Michael J. Bevilacqua, Grace Pelant, Karen Guerra, Janice Gentile, Christine Kropp, Modesta Lombardo, Nicholas Bazarewski, Carol Sena, Miryan Fernandez.
Mr. Ferrara seconded and the motion was carried 4-0.

**INSPECTORS –
ANNUAL BUDGET
VOTE**

Mr. Ferrara moved that the Board of Education approve the following inspectors for the 2015/2016 Annual Budget Vote and Election: Fred Chandler and Susan Chandler at the hourly rate of \$15.00. These individuals were obtained from the Nassau County Board of Elections. Mrs. DeLauter seconded and the motion was carried 4-0.

**INTER-MUNICIPAL
COOPERATIVE
TRANSPORTATION
AGREEMENT**

Motion was made by Mrs. DeLauter that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a number of public school districts in Nassau County wish to jointly solicit proposals, together with the Nassau Board of Cooperative Educational Services (“BOCES”) for pupil transportation services for the 2016-17 school year (and any renewal period) in accordance with the applicable provisions of General Municipal Law;

WHEREAS, the public school districts and the BOCES have agreed to form a Cooperative (the “Cooperative”) for this purpose;

WHEREAS, the North Bellmore School District is desirous of participating in the Cooperative for joint solicitation of proposals for pupil transportation services as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Inter-Municipal Cooperative Transportation Agreement attached hereto;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the School District to participate in the Cooperative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Inter-Municipal Cooperative Transportation Agreement (Recitals) attached hereto and authorizes the Board President to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

Mrs. Cmar-Grote seconded and the motion was carried 4-0.

- INCREASE IN SCHOOL DISTRICT POSITIONS** Mr. Mayo moved that the North Bellmore Board of Education approve the Superintendent's recommendation to increase the staff as follows:
- Two elementary teacher positions, to be assigned as Instructional Coaches, effective July 1, 2016.
 - One Administrative Assistant/School District Leader position, effective July 1, 2016.
- Mr. Ferrara seconded and the motion was carried 4-0.
Mrs. Testa stated her appreciation to the Board of Education for their support.
- OLD BUSINESS** None.
- VISITORS** None.
- ADJOURNMENT** On a motion by Mrs. DeLauter, seconded by Mr. Ferrara and carried 4-0, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Canavan, Board Secretary

Mark Schissler, District Clerk