

**STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVES**

classroom for writing, math, creativity and tools for learning. The students expressed how using the iPads make learning more fun and easier to study with. Mrs. Testa congratulated the Park Avenue scholars on a job well done and thanked the teachers for helping the students become problems solvers and creative thinkers. Mrs. Testa presented the students with a leadership award and a rubber bracelet, "Who's doing the work?" as a reminder to students to continue to grow as thinkers and leaders.

**PRESENTATION OF
FISCAL 2019 EXTERNAL
AUDIT**

Mr. Nawrocki of Nawrocki Smith LLP thanked the Board of Education, administrators and the community of North Bellmore for retaining Nawrocki Smith to perform the district's Fiscal 2019 Audit. Mr. Nawrocki stated that Mrs. Rehak, District Treasurer, Barbara Fillios, and the District's audit committee did a great job and thanked the Business Office for their excellent cooperation. Mr. Nawrocki complimented the district on a timely, accurate closing of books and records and filing of audit reports with New York State. The Auditor's Report expressed a "Clean" or unmodified opinion on the financial statements. There were no adjustments. No material weakness or significant deficiencies were reported in internal control. The Audit Report will be available in the District Clerk's Office. Mr. Nawrocki thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve the district and asked if there were any questions. There were no questions. Mrs. Lanci thanked Mr. Nawrocki for his presentation.

VISITORS

There were no agenda item related questions.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Lanci 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 August 31, 2019. Mrs. Corless seconded and the motion and was carried 5-0.

**HIGH SCHOOL
REPORT**

Mrs. Lanci reported on last night's Board of Education meeting. The following students were honored: The 2019 Broadcom MASTERS national finalist and semifinalists, National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists and NYSSMA All State participants. Mrs. Lanci encouraged the community to participate in Mephram's Annual Flag Field of Honor. Proceeds will benefit the Mephram Senior Service Learning Projects partnership with the FealGood Foundation. Mrs. Lanci stated that she was looking forward to a very exciting year and homecoming. The next board meeting will be held on November 6.

FINANCE

The Board of Education acknowledged the review of the warrants that have been approved by the Claims Auditor for the month of September 2019.

BUDGETARY TRANSFERS

Mr. Ferrara moved that the Board of Education approve the Budgetary Transfers dated October 3, 2019. Mrs. Corless seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Testa thanked the parents and school nurses for their support with the new school vaccination requirements. She added that some parents have selected to have their children to be home schooled.

Mrs. Testa thanked the district and the NBTA for Going Gold last week in recognition of Pediatric Cancer Awareness and in honor of the children in our district and community who have fought or a fighting this terrible disease. In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness month, we are asking everyone to wear Pink on October 18.

The Coordinating Council of PTAs will partner with the Bellmore Lions Club again this year to conduct a winter accessories drive. All donations will be distributed to children in need at the Lions Club Annual Polar Express holiday party in December.

Mrs. Testa reported that she has received correspondence from parents regarding the class sizes at Saw Mill School grade 3. Currently, there are four class sections of 25 students (2 general education classes and 2 Integrated Co Taught). The grade level was consolidated two years ago when class sizes were smaller. Mrs. Testa stated that she continues to work closely with Mr. Rosof and Mr. O'Brien to assess the progress of the students and to monitor registration. Mrs. Testa added that she is in conversation with Board of Education on what actions can be taken—whether to deconsolidate or add additional support staff, if warranted, in the classroom.

Mrs. Testa indicated that, in addition to Saw Mill grade 3, she is paying close attention to other class sizes across the district: Grade 2 at Newbridge – 2 sections 25/25 ERR, Grade 4 at Park Avenue – 2 sections of 25, Grade 4 at Dinkelmeyer – 2 sections of 24 and Grade 5 at Dinkelmeyer 2 sections 23/25. .

Mrs. Erhard asked if the teachers have expressed any concerns over managing the classroom or asking for more support. Mrs. Testa stated she did not receive that feedback.

Mrs. Lanci asked if a family moves in tomorrow, would we offer them an opportunity to look at another school. Mrs. Testa said that there are many considerations, such as transportation. Mrs. Testa added that if the Board is open to this idea, we could do it.

Mrs. Erhard asked if we could offer this opportunity to current Saw Mill families. Mrs. Testa stated that most children would like to be in their home school; however, she would further explore the idea.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Motion was made by Mrs. Cmar-Grote, seconded by Mr. Ferrara, and carried 5-0, that the Board of Education approve the following Personnel Report dated 10/3/19:

A.1 PERSONNEL REPORT**October 3, 2019**

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 per the NBTA Collective Bargaining Agreement.

<u>Appointments:</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>
4.1 Abish, Hallie	Substitute Teacher		\$100/day	09/24/2019
4.2 Diaz, Denia	Substitute Teacher		\$100/day	10/04/2019
4.3 Farias, Dorothy	Substitute Teacher		\$100/day	10/04/2019
4.4 Marcucci, Paul	Substitute Teacher		\$100/day	09/24/2019
4.5 O'Leary, Julia	Substitute Teacher		\$100/day	09/24/2019
4.6 Gruskin, Kathryne	Substitute Teacher		\$100/day	10/04/2019
4.7 Covello, Samantha	Substitute Teacher		\$100/day	09/24/2019
4.8 Harari, Riana	Substitute Teacher		\$100/day	09/24/2019
4.9 Smiles, Danielle	Substitute Teacher		\$100/day	10/04/2019
4.10 Bernstein, Lillian	Substitute Teacher		\$100/day	09/18/2019
4.11 Billings, Laura	Substitute Teacher		\$100/day	10/04/2019
4.12 Jamison, Rebecca	Substitute Teacher		\$100/day	09/26/2019
4.13 Jamison, Rebecca	PT Reading Teacher		\$36/hr.	09/26/2019
4.14 Breslin-Conaty, Shannon	PT Reading Teacher		\$36/hr.	9/3/19-6/30/20
<u>Chaperones: (not to exceed two hours)</u>				
4.15 Martelli, Nicole	ESL Teacher		\$43.39/hr.	12/12/2019
4.16 Randazzo, Christopher	Teacher K-6		\$43.39/hr.	12/12/2019
4.17 Hirsch, Dana	Music Teacher		\$43.39/hr.	12/12/2019
<u>Summer Planning Superintendent's Day:(additional 5 hours for a total of 25 hours)</u>				
4.18 Licci, Amanda	Instructional Coaches		\$91.41/hr.	6/27/19 – 8/31/19
4.19 Quinn, Cindy	Instructional Coaches		\$88.36/hr.	6/27/19 – 8/31/19
4.20 Zucker, Krista	Instructional Coaches		\$68.56/hr.	6/27/19 – 8/31/19
<u>Change of Status:</u>				
4.21 Pulsinelli, Kara	From:8M+30 To:8M+45	(+2,187)	\$91,316/yr.	8/28/2019
4.22 Bevilacqua, Michael	From:11M+45 To:11M+60	(+2,135)	\$102,912/yr.	8/28/2019

Terminations:

4.23	Carroll, Kristin	Substitute Teacher	10/04/2019
4.24	Coraci, Rita	Substitute Teacher	10/04/2019
4.25	Sardone, Alyssa	Substitute Teacher	10/04/2019
4.26	Byank, Joanne	Substitute Teacher	10/04/2019

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4.27	Cranmer, Richard	Cleaner-Bus Driver FT	1	\$40,121/yr.	10/07/2019
4.28	Bazarewski, Nicholas	From: Cleaner FT To: Custodian FT	1	\$50,274/yr.	10/04/2019
4.29	Herrera, Ricardo	Cleaner PT/Sub	1	\$16.94/hr.	10/04/2019
4.30	Zervo, Markella	Monitor PT		\$14.42/hr.	09/23/2019
4.31	Levine, Jennifer	Monitor PT		\$14.42/hr.	09/23/2019
4.32	Austin, Debra	Monitor PT		\$14.42/hr.	09/23/2019
4.33	Flanagan, Jessica	Monitor PT		\$14.42/hr.	10/04/2019
4.34	Fuggio, Erin	Monitor PT		\$14.42/hr.	10/04/2019
4.35	DePalma, Stephanie	Monitor PT		\$14.42/hr.	10/04/2019
4.36	Munir, Frozan	Monitor PT		\$14.42/hr.	10/04/2019
4.37	Varellas, Melissa	Monitor PT		\$14.42/hr.	10/04/2019
4.38	Henningsen, Nicole	From: Teacher Aide PT To: Monitor PT		\$14.42/hr.	08/28/2019
4.39	Longo, Donna	From: Monitor PT To: Monitor PT/Sub		\$14.42/hr.	09/26/2019
4.40	Agosta-Giorlandino, Joanne	From: Monitor PT/Sub To: Monitor PT		\$14.42/hr.	09/26/2019
4.41	Yusuf, Abu	Teacher Aide PT		\$17.25/hr.	09/23/2019
4.42	Alfano, Candice	Teacher Aide PT		\$17.25/hr.	09/23/2019
4.43	Kratenstein, Mindy	Teacher Aide PT		\$17.25/hr.	09/23/2019
4.44	Parzych, Tara	Teacher Aide PT		\$17.25/hr.	10/04/2019
4.45	Horowitz, Debra	Teacher Aide PT		\$17.25/hr.	10/04/2019
4.46	Luparello, Gina	Teacher Aide PT		\$17.25/hr.	10/04/2019
4.47	Kravitz, Shelby	Teacher Aide PT		\$17.25/hr.	10/04/2019
4.48	Tropeano-Courage, Margaret	Teacher Aide PT		\$17.25/hr.	10/04/2019

Extended Medical Leave of Absence:

4.49	Marino, Patricia	Monitor PT			8/28/19-11/15/19
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Resignations:

4.50	Henningsen, Nicole	Teacher Aide PT			09/16/2019
4.51	Seniuk, Madison	Teacher Aide PT			09/20/2019
4.52	Gokce, Jaslyn	Monitor PT/Sub			09/11/2019
4.53	Zucker, Frann	Monitor PT			06/26/2019
4.54	Apollo, Karen	Monitor PT			06/26/2019
4.55	Demetriou, Vasiliki	Monitor PT			06/26/2019

4.56	Bagnasco, Josephine	Monitor PT			06/26/2019
4.57	Clerici, Diane	Monitor PT			06/26/2019
4.58	Umanzor, Ana	Food Service Hpl PT			09/09/2019

Change to August 1, 2019 Personnel Report

Title and salary:

2.54	Karadakis, Filitsa	Lv. Repl. Assist. Cook PT	6	\$20.87/hr.	8/28/2019
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Addendum**A.1 Personnel Report****October 3, 2019**

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<u>Appointments:</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>
<u>Family Medical Leave of Absence:</u>				
4.59	Downey, Gerilynn	Reading Teacher		10/22/19 – 1/01/20

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<u>Appointments:</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>
<u>Family Medical Leave of Absence:</u>				
4.60	Scalici, Victoria	Sr. Typist Clerk		9/20/2019 – 10/04/2019

Resignations:

4.61	Daley-Jimenez, Patricia	PT School Lunch Manager		10/10/2019
4.62	Yusuf, Abu	Teacher Aide PT		10/03/2019
4.63	Fortugno, Nicholas	Cleaner FT		10/04/2019

**STAFF
DEVELOPMENT**

Mrs. Cmar-Grote moved that the Board of Education approve the Staff Development Report dated October 3, 2019, as presented. Mr. Ferrara seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**BUSINESS DEPARTMENT
REPORT**

Mrs. Rehak reported that the Business Office has been very busy working on the Year-End Financials and State-Aid Reporting. Mrs. Rehak thanked Mr. Nawrocki and Team for working very diligently to get everything complete before the end of September. The Audit Committee met on September 25 to review the results of the audit and the financial position of the District.

Mrs. Rehak stressed how important it is for the District to maintain the allowed four percent fund balance and replenished District reserves.

**BUSINESS DEPARTMENT
REPORT**

The Board and administration worked extremely hard to improve programs over the last few years. Many expenses that came about in the beginning of implementing programs were one-time expenditures. As such, it was expected for them to decrease. We will continue to review and analyze District programs, technology and capital improvements needed so we can utilize reserves appropriately.

State Aid reporting was completed in a timely manner. Mrs. Rehak thanked all the various departments and employees that assisted with this.

All STAR Reimbursement application forms were filed timely by the Business Office so that taxpayers who qualify should get their STAR reimbursements without any delay from the District.

Comptroller's Audit: We are still working on the Corrective Action Plan, which is due in November. Any items that we were cited for have all been corrected.

The Transportation Office is still very busy. Ms. Van Name has done a great job working out any issues that have arisen. It is an ongoing process.

Banking Needs/Rates: Mrs. Rehak reported that she met with Chase Bank and informed them that she was not happy with our current rates and costs of supplies. They have removed any costs associated with supplies on a go forward basis, and Mrs. Rehak expects to hear back from a representative tomorrow on the rate. If it is not as high as we would like, we can move forward and interview other financial institutions.

**CURRICULUM AND
INSTRUCTION REPORT**

Mrs. Pollitt gave the following updates:

Global Compliance Network: Today we launched our digital platform for state mandated trainings, such as Sexual Harassment and Dignity Act.

Mental Health Consortium: Mrs. Pollitt and Mrs. McNamara attend the first meeting of the Nassau BOCES Mental Health Consortium. Going forward, a team of six district members, consisting of one central administrator, one building principal and other mental health professionals and teachers, will attend a monthly seminar where the topics will focus on Mental Health Literacy; Identifying Students At Risk and Connecting Them With Support; The Self-Medicating Student; Restorative Practices; Mental Health 101. Debbie Caputo, leader in field, spoke about teenage suicide and shared a wealth of mental health resources for parents, which we will share at the October 21 Parent University, What Parents Need to Know About Mental Health.

**CURRICULUM AND
INSTRUCTION REPORT**

Mrs. Pollitt will chair the district's Health and Wellness Committee with Mrs. Corless as the Board of Education liaison. The first meeting will take place in October.

Restorative Practices: Our updated Code of Conduct Policy 5300 has been revised to include language based on a Restorative Practice approach. Last week we welcomed two trainers from BOCES to our ACM and held an introductory training for all administrators. In December, we are sending a team of five faculty members to a two-day Restorative Practices workshop at BOCES. At some point, we will also provide professional development for all psychologists, social workers, prevention staff as well as the teaching staff.

Professional Development Update: Last week our coaches led half-day literacy training sessions with teachers in grades 1-3. They are now continuing their work with these teachers as they establish two-day residencies in each building where teachers can select from a "Coaching menu" the type of support they wish to receive.

Fall Literacy 90 Minute PD Afterschool Sessions are planned for October 21 and 23.

Our Schoolwide writing consultants will be working with the grade 4-6 teachers this month.

A team of 12 teachers and administration attended a Carl Anderson workshop, "Individualize Writing Instruction by Conferencing with Your Student Writers" on October 17.

Policy Committee: We are in the process of reviewing all district policies and checking adoption dates. We should be receiving the first installment of the NYSSBA Policy Update soon and will be in contact with Mrs. Lanci and Mrs. Cmar-Grote to schedule a meeting.

School Counselor: Mrs. Pollitt and James Duffy attended the BOCES School Counselor Network Meeting on September 20. Mr. Duffy has been quickly establishing his presence in each building and has begun pushing into classes which he will do in the fall (Stranger Danger, Mental Health, Too Good for Drugs) as well as career exploration lessons. Mr. Duffy is beginning to meet with SADD Clubs. Our plan is that in January he will begin to hold the mandated Individual Progress Review Meetings with our 6th graders. A joint meeting with our component curriculum and special education administrators and school counselors is being held on October 23.

Our Third Annual Kindergarten Math Family Game Night will be held on November 25

TECHNOLOGY AND CIO REPORT

Mr. Fischetti reported on the following:

Instruction: Mr. Fischetti thanked the Board of Education for the reinstating the coding and robotics position that was previously excessed. We are excited to expand our coding and robotics and double the access that our students have to the coding and programming tools.

Health and Wellness/ Technology: Mr. Bevilacqua and Ms. MacTiernan will be conducting lessons in grades 2, 5 and 6 on digital footprint, online behaviors, digital permanence and being a good cyber citizen through December. They are also working with grades 1 and 2 with Dash and Dot robots that teaches the basics of coding through the actions of the robots.

All of the iPad carts and devices are prepped for deployment into the buildings. Mr. Fischetti met with the principals to develop iPad security and management plans for each building. One highlight of the plan is to incorporate a team of “techsperts” in each building who will help to manage, account for devices each day in every building making students feel some ownership over the devices.

Ed Law 2-d: Mr. Fischetti is in the process of creating a “Parent Bill of Rights” which will be an online interface displaying all of the vendors that the District does business with. The Bill of Rights will include the vendor’s contact information along with their privacy policy, stating how they will safeguard our students’ and employees’ data.

Network: On Monday and Tuesday of this week, Mr. Fischetti and the CSD team performed “open heart surgery” in each of our buildings. Using Smart Schools Bond Act funding, all of our network switches and cabling were removed and replaced districtwide. Some small kinks needed to be worked out, but that was expected when thousands of connections needed to be taken down re-configured and put back into service on a very tight timeline.

Cybersecurity: The professional development at the Superintendent’s Conference Day proved to be a lifesaver. About two weeks ago, approximately 200 employees received the textbook ransomware virus email. It appears that not one employee responded to the email. One of the examples demonstrated at that PD was almost identical to the email we received.

Mr. Fischetti thanked all of North Bellmore employees for being cautious and diligent in keeping our district safe. This was our first opportunity to

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CIO REPORT**

test our response plan to a ransom attack, and it was a success. That response plan is part of a bigger Cybersecurity Incident Response Plan that Mr. Fischetti is developing right now with Nassau BOCES.

Mrs. Corless thanked Mr. Fischetti for all his hard work and for doing a great job!

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
REPORT**

Mrs. Eskew reported that the component districts are meeting tomorrow to start the sixth grade transition process to the high school district so that they can support the students when they arrive.

Mrs. Eskew stated that Chapter 408 of New York State Education Law mandates that all professionals who provide services or supports to students with IEPs are informed of their specific roles and responsibilities prior to implementing those services. At this time, we are working on ways to expedite this process.

Mrs. Eskew is working with Mrs. McNamara to plan a series of special ed. specific professional development with the ICT and special education staff to help communicate and interpret evaluation results to parents and teachers and help ICT, special education and general education teachers to prepare lessons to meet the needs of the students.

Mrs. Eskew recently met with the SEPTA president. Some of North Bellmore staff will present at the November and December SEPTA meetings on Understanding Testing, Referrals and CSE meetings.

We have hired an agency to provide substitute nursing coverage in addition to hiring two substitute nurses for the District.

We are still in the process of interviewing for teacher aides and lunch recess assistants.

CSE/CSE REPORTS

Mrs. Corless moved that the Board of Education approve the CPSE and CSE reports dated September 26, 2019. Mrs. Cmar-Grote seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Mrs. Corless, seconded by Mrs. Cmar-Grote and passed 5-0 for the following consent agenda items: 16.1 – 16.3.

NEW BUSINESS

16.1 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following contract for the 2019-20 school year subject to review and approval by

CONTRACTS

Counsel: M. Diana Jabis.

CONTRACTS

16.2 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following contracts for the 2019/20 school year:

- Lawrence Public Schools (Health & Welfare)
- Parent From the Heart
- RS Abrams & CO LLP (Claims Auditor)
- Zycron Industries (Medicaid Billing)

STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

16.3 The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve the Stipulation of Settlement in connection with the matter listed in confidential attachment “A” and authorizes the Board President to execute the Stipulation on its behalf (on file in District Office).

Mr. Ferrara left the meeting at 9:25 p.m. due to personal obligations.

DONATIONS

Mrs. Corless moved that the Board of Education accept a donation from the students of Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District of a “Buddy Bench” to be used by the John G. Dinkelmeyer School community. Mrs. Cmar-Grote seconded and the motion was carried 4-0.

Mrs. Corless moved that the Board of Education accept a donation of a check in the amount of \$1,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Milohnic to be used to purchase flexible seating for the two kindergarten classes at Park Avenue School and one drone to be used for the technology program at Park Avenue School to be used for students in grades K-6. Mrs. Cmar-Grote seconded and the motion was carried 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Mrs. Cmar-Grote, seconded by Mrs. Erhard and passed 4-0 for the following consent agenda items: 16.6 – 16.10.

FOOD SERVICE BID

16.6 WHEREAS, It is the plan of a number of public school districts in Nassau/Suffolk Counties, New York to bid jointly on selected Food Service Commodities, Food and Food Service Supplies for the 2019-20 school year.

WHEREAS, NORTH BELLMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT, is desirous of participating with other districts in Nassau/Suffolk Counties in the joint bidding of the commodities mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0 and,

WHEREAS, NORTH BELLMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT, wishes to appoint a committee to assume the responsibility for drafting of specification, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, reporting the results to the boards of education and making recommendations thereon; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the BOARD OF EDUCATION of NORTH BELLMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT, hereby appoints Long Island School Nutrition Directors

FOOD SERVICE BID

Association Cooperative Bid Committee to represent it in all matters related above, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NORTH BELLMORE DISTRICT’S Board of Education authorized the above-mentioned committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above-mentioned commodities, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NORTH BELLMORE DISTRICT’S Board of Education agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs of the cooperative bidding, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NORTH BELLMORE DISTRICT’S Board of Education agrees (1) to abide by majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; (2) that unless all bids are rejected, it will award contracts according to the recommendations of the committee; (3) that after award of contract(s), it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).

MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG THE NBUFSD AND THE NBTA

16.7 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve a Memorandum of Agreement by and among the North Bellmore Union Free School District and the North Bellmore Teachers’ Association and Kristen Henchel dated September 9, 2019.

MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG THE NBUFSD AND THE NBTA

16.8 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve a Memorandum of Agreement by and among the North Bellmore Union Free School District and the North Bellmore Teachers’ Association and Jennifer O’Neill, dated September 9, 2019.

16.9 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve a Memorandum of Agreement by and among the North Bellmore Union Free School District and the North Bellmore Teachers’ Association and Tiffany Zocchia, dated September 9, 2019.

CONTRACTS

16.10 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following contracts for the 2019-20 school year:

- Pediatric Neuropsychology Associations of LI
- Maxim Staffing Solutions (Skilled Nursing Services)
- Maxim Staffing Solutions (Related Services)

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Testa stated that the district continues to receive requests to include the Eid holiday in the school calendar.

VISITORS

Mrs. Umar (Queen St.) and Mrs. Elsayed (Taft St.) asked for an update on adding the two Islamic Eid holidays to the school calendar as official days

VISITORS

off and stated how important it is the community. Mrs. Testa thanked the parents for attending the Board meetings over the past few years and stated that the Board will make a decision on the calendar in December or January.

The following parents expressed concern relative to the class sizes in grade three at Saw Mill Road School: Mr. Ianniello (Shelly Rd), Mrs. Malloy (Pierce Ave.), Mrs. Canner (Horseshoe Dr.), Mrs. Peponakis (Atlantic Ave.), Mrs. Arcadipane (Beacon Hill Dr.), Mrs. Brown (Steven Ct.).

Mrs. Testa thanked the parents for their very respectful emails and comments. She stated that administrators and the Board of Education are very much aware of the increased enrollment in grade 3. The district's goal is to keep classes as small as possible. Balancing class size across the district is a very challenging endeavor when the grade level totals are so different. The administrators and principals are actively assessing the matter and the students' progress. We are expecting the enrollment to decrease over the next couple of years when those new registrants on the re-zoned streets attend their respective school. Mrs. Testa stated that she will continue to work closely with the principal, assistant principal and grade level teachers to make an assessment and proceed accordingly. A special meeting will be planned with the Board of Education after the assessment to discuss the findings and to make recommendations.

Mrs. Radigan (Montgomery St., Wantagh) asked if deconsolidation will occur in other grades at Saw Mill. The current kindergarten classes are in the same situation. Mrs. Testa indicated that there are no plans to deconsolidate at this time.

Mr. Plock (Taft St.) asked if the number of ILP students grown this year, how has this impacted the budget, and has the district asked for additional support from the State?

Mrs. Testa stated that she met with the Commissioner of Education and Senator Brooks last year to discuss school funding, and we are constantly advocating for additional funding.

Ms. Eskew stated the special education population has grown significantly. Fifteen more students enrolled in the district after the budget was approved. State Aid has not grown.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mrs. Cmar-Grote, seconded by Mrs. Corless and carried 4-0, the Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Canavan
District Clerk