

MINUTES OF THE NORTH BELLMORE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING July 9, 2018

The Organizational meeting of the North Bellmore Union Free School District Board of Education was held on Monday evening, July 9, 2018, 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:

Melissa Cmar-Grote
JoAnn DeLauter
John Ferrara
Nina Lanci
Peter Mayo

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
Larry Tenenbaum, District Counsel
Jeanne Canavan, Board Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:42 p.m. Motion was made by Mrs. DeLauter, seconded by Mrs. Cmar-Grote to move into executive session to discuss specific personnel items and matters related to the appointment of a particular person. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting reconvened at 7:50 p.m. Mr. Schissler led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion was made by Mrs. DeLauter, seconded by Mrs. Lanci to appoint Mr. Schissler as District Clerk of the Board of Education for the 2018-19 school year. Motion was carried 5-0. Mr. Tenenbaum administered the Oath of Office to Mark Schissler as the District Clerk.

Mr. Tenenbaum administered the Oath of Office to Nina Lanci and Melissa Cmar-Grote as the newly elected Board members.

**ELECTION OF BOARD
OF EDUCATION
PRESIDENT**

Mr. Schissler called for nominations for the position of President of the Board of Education.

Mr. Ferrara moved to nominate Mrs. Cmar-Grote and Mr. Mayo seconded. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed, and the motion was carried 4-0, with Mrs. DeLauter voting no. Mrs. Cmar-Grote assumed the Chair.

**ELECTION OF BOARD
OF EDUCATION
VICE PRESIDENT**

Mrs. Cmar-Grote called for nominations for the position of Vice President of the Board of Education.

Mr. Mayo moved to nominate Mrs. Lanci and Mr. Ferrara seconded. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed, and the motion was carried 5-0.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
APPOINTMENTS**

Mr. Tenenbaum administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Cmar-Grote and Mrs. Lanci.

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the following resolutions:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following appointments:

Buildings and Grounds: Peter Mayo and John Ferrara

Budget and Finance: John Ferrara and Nina Lanci

Curriculum: Melissa Cmar-Grote

Community Relations: John Ferrara

Legislation: Nina Lanci

Audit Committee: Melissa Cmar-Grote

Policy Committee: JoAnn DeLauter and Nina Lanci

Official Delegate to the NYS School Boards Association Annual Meeting:

Melissa Cmar-Grote

Alternate Delegate to the NYS School Boards Association Annual Meeting:

John Ferrara

NYS School Board Association Advocacy Liaison: Melissa Cmar-Grote

Bellmore Merrick CHSD Board of Education: Mrs. Cmar-Grote called for nominations to the CHSD Board of Education.

Votes for: Mrs. Lanci and Mr. Ferrara

There being no further nominations, nominations were closed and the motion was carried 4-0, with Mrs. DeLauter voting no.

Mrs. Lanci and Mr. Ferrara were elected to the Bellmore Merrick CHSD Board of Education.

FUTURE DATES

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo seconded by Mrs. Ferrara, to approve the following revised schedule of Board meetings for the 2018-19 school year:

July 9, 2018, August 9, 2018, September 13, 2018, October 11, 2018,

November 1, 2018, December 6, 2018, January 10, 2019, February 7, 2019,

March 7, 2019, April 11, 2019, May 9, 2019, June 13, 2019.

Motion was carried 5-0.

APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the annual appointments for the 2018-19 school year. Mr. Ferrara seconded.

Motion carried 5-0.

District Attorney – Jaspan Schlesinger LLP

External Auditor – Nawrocki and Smith

Internal Auditor – Questar III

Claims Auditor – RS Abrams

Accountant – Cullen and Danowski

School Architect – John Grillo

APPOINTMENTS

Board Secretary – Jeanne Canavan
Treasurer – Barbara Fillios
Deputy Treasurer – Jeanne Canavan
Records Access Officer – Mark Schissler
Asbestos Related Activities & AHERA Compliance Designee – Richard Russo
Purchasing Agent – Mark Schissler
School Physicians – Dr. Eric Last and Dr. Susanne Kowal-Connelly
Title IX Compliance Officer – Carol Eskew
District Wellness Coordinators –Joanne Finelli
Homeless Liaison – Janet Pollitt
Dignity Act Coordinator – Marie Testa
Bond Council – Hawkins, Delafield and Wood LLP
Fiscal Advisors – Capital Market Advisors

CSE APPOINTMENTS

Ms. Carol A. Eskew, Psychologist, Chairperson
Dr. Lindsay Rich, Psychologist, Chairperson
Ms. Lauren Brady, Psychologist, Chairperson
Ms. Keri Dejak, Psychologist, Chairperson
Ms. Judy Stuertz, Psychologist, Chairperson
Ms. Cheryl Lange, Psychologist, Chairperson
Ms. Kristen Marino, Psychologist, Chairperson
Ms. Margaret Jaffa, Psychologist, Chairperson
Dr. Allison Azus, Psychologist, Chairperson
Ms. Brittany Powell, Psychologist, Chairperson
The Child’s regular education teacher: Citation (Part 200.3)
The Child’s special education teacher or special education provider: Citation (Part 200.3)
Dr. Kowal, School Physician*
Dr. E. Last, School Physician*
Parent Members**: Debi Astrow, Lorraine Darcy, Lisa Plate
Parent or persons in parental relationship of the student.

*The school physician is not a mandated member of the CSE unless requested, in writing, by the parent of the student at least 72 hours before the meeting.

** The parent of the student may request that the parent member of the CSE not participate in the meeting.

CPSE APPOINTMENTS

Ms. Carol A. Eskew, Psychologist, Chairperson
Dr. Lindsay Rich, Psychologist, Chairperson
Ms. Kristen Marino, Psychologist, Chairperson
Ms. Margaret Jaffa, Psychologist, Chairperson
Ms. Cheryl Lange, Psychologist, Chairperson
Dr. Allison Azus, Psychologist, Chairperson
Member of Evaluation Site
Parent Members: Lorraine Darcy, Lisa Plate

CPSE APPOINTMENTS Representative of Department of Mental Health
The Child's Teacher: Citation (200.3)*
Representative of Department of Health-Early Intervention Coordinator
Parent or persons in parental relationship of the student

SECTION 504 COMMITTEE Ms. Carol Eskew, Psychologist, Chairperson
Dr. Lindsay Rich, Psychologist, Chairperson
Ms. Lauren Brady, Psychologist, Chairperson
Ms. Keri Dejak, Psychologist, Chairperson
Ms. Judith Stuertz, Psychologist, Chairperson
Ms. Cheryl Lange, Psychologist, Chairperson
Ms. Kristen Marino, Psychologist, Chairperson
Ms. Margaret Jaffa, Psychologist, Chairperson
Dr. Allison Azus, Psychologist, Chairperson
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REGISTRARS - 2018-19 BUDGET VOTE Riva Bazarewski, Barbara Fillios and Linda Van Name

PETTY CASH FUND CUSTODIANS **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorize the Assistant Superintendent for Business to establish Petty Cash Funds in accordance with section 170.2(b) of the Commissioner's Regulations. Specifically, the Petty Cash Funds shall be located in the following areas and be in the following amounts:

Petty Cash Fund Custodians

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>CUSTODIAN</u>
Dinkelmeyer School	\$100/mo.	Faith Skelos
Martin Avenue School	\$100/mo.	Leyna Malone
Newbridge Road School	\$100/mo.	Denise Fisher
Park Avenue School	\$100/mo.	Eileen Speidel
Saw Mill Road School	\$100/mo.	Jeffrey Rosof

SCHOOL DEPOSITORIES Motion was made by Mrs. DeLauter, seconded by Mr. Mayo to approve the following banks as depositories for school funds. Motion carried 5-0.

JP Morgan Chase – General Fund, School Lunch Fund, Payroll, Federal Fund, Capital fund, Tenant Security Deposit Fund
Citi Financial – Trust and Agency
Capital One - Dinkelmeyer School Scholarship Fund, Gary Pardo Scholarship Fund, Patti Cernuto Scholarship fund, Jenny Behar Humanitarian Award Fund.

**SCHOOL
DEPOSITORIES**

PMA Financial Network, Inc./NYLAF Bankers Trust – General Fund Investment Program, School Lunch, Investment Program, Federal Fund Investment Program.

AUTHORIZATIONS

Motion was made by Mrs. Lanci, seconded by Mr. Mayo to approve the following authorizations. Motion carried 5-0.

Contract Authorized Signatures: RESOLVED, that following Board approval, the Board President may sign, and if not available, the Board Vice President or Superintendent may sign.

Filing of School and Special School Lunch Claims – RESOLVED that the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent for Business be designated as authorized agents for filing of the School and Special School Lunch Claims.

SED Grants, ESEA Chapter I, All Federal Chapter Programs – RESOLVED that the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent for Business, or Board President be authorized to sign application for SED Grants, ESEA Chapter I and all Federal Chapter programs to which the district is entitled to.

Federal Aid Filings - RESOLVED that the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent for Business, or Board President be authorized agents for the district in filing necessary papers for all Federal aid.

Bid Openings – RESOLVED that the Assistant Superintendent for Business be authorized to open bids on behalf of the Board of Education and compile bid summaries for presentation to the Board.

Budget Transfers – RESOLVED, that the Assistant Superintendent for Business is authorized to make budget transfers up to \$5,000, with the approval of the Superintendent.

Payroll Certification – RESOLVED, the Assistant Superintendent for Business is authorized and directed to certify payrolls to the Board of Education.

Nassau County Civil Service Commission Payroll Certification RESOLVED that the Board President is authorized and directed to certify payrolls to the Nassau County Civil Service Commission.

Staff Absences – RESOLVED that the Superintendent is authorized to approve or disapprove staff vacation days, personal days, professional and visitation days, conferences and travel as indicated in contractual agreements, Board of Education policy, and as provided in the budget during the 2018-19 school year.

AUTHORIZATIONS

Cell Phone and Electronic Device Use and Reimbursements:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Cell Phone Reimbursement</u>	<u>Electronic Device</u>
Bob Vermillion	\$40/month	Laptop

Free and Reduced Price Lunch and Milk Eligibility - RESOLVED, that in accordance with Federal and New York State Regulations governing the National School Lunch Program, free or reduced price lunch and/or milk shall be served to qualified children. Eligibility shall be determined by the Assistant Superintendent for Business or Director of School Lunch, who will consult the Federal Family Eligibility Guidelines in order to determine eligibility.

CHECK SIGNATURES

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education authorize the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer to sign all checks. Mr. Ferrara seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**OFFICIAL DISTRICT
NEWSPAPERS**

Mr. Ferrara moved that the Board of Education approve the designation of the Bellmore Herald Life as the official district newspaper (Ed.Law 2004). Mrs. Lanci seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**DAYS OF RELIGIOUS
OBSERVANCE**

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the Days of Religious Observance Calendar (on file in the District Office). Mr. Mayo seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**RE-ADOPTION OF
EXISTING POLICIES**

Mr. Ferrara moved that the Board of Education approve and extend the existing policies, regulations, rules, by-laws, and directives in force during the 2017/2018 school year for the 2018/2019 school year. Mrs. Lanci seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**IMPARTIAL HEARING
OFFICERS**

Mrs. Lanci moved that the North Bellmore Board of Education approve the following resolution:

Resolved that the North Bellmore Board of Education, pursuant to Federal and State Laws and Regulations, approve the list of individuals who are certified and eligible to serve as Impartial Hearing Officers in Nassau County for hearings regarding students with disabilities for the 2016-17 school year, as set forth by the New York State Education Department.

Resolved that the Board of Education designate the Board President and Vice President as trustees who each have the individual authority to appoint an Impartial hearing Officer, who has been identified in accordance with the mandated State hearing officers selection procedures, on behalf of the Board of Education of the North Bellmore Union Free School District.

**IMPARTIAL HEARING
OFFICERS**

Resolved that the Board of Education approve as impartial hearing officer compensation rate of \$100 per hour for pre-hearing, hearing and post-hearing activities, as well as reimbursement for reasonable expenses.

Mr. Ferrara seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**REAFFIRMATION OF
SCHOOL EMPLOYEES
AND OFFICERS
INDEMNIFICATION**

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education reaffirms its adoption of the coverage provided by Section 18 of the Public Officers' Law of the State of New York, for its employees, officers, and trustees, as defined in that statute. The adoption of this resolution is intended to reaffirm the provision of benefits, which shall supplement and be available in addition to defense benefits or indemnification protection conferred by virtue of other sources. The Superintendent of Schools or his designee shall confirm and take such additional action as may be necessary to obtain insurance protection against such potential liability to the District as may arise in connection with the adoption of this resolution.

Mr. Ferrara seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the Minutes from regular meeting of June 7, 2018 and the Minutes from the special meeting of June 19, 2018. Mr. Ferrara seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

VISITORS

There were no agenda item related questions.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Cmar-Grote advised that correspondence was received and will be addressed by the Board.

**TREASURER'S
REPORT**

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer's report for the month ended May 31, 2018. Mr. Ferrara seconded and the motion and was carried 5-0.

**HIGH SCHOOL
REPORT**

Mrs. Lanci reported on the June 18 Board meeting. The Board accepted donations to the MAP program from the Bellmore Lions Club and the Kiwanis Club of the Bellmores. The Board approved the new Fall 2018 Adult Education courses, as well as the 2018-19 Professional Development Plan. The High School graduations took place on June 24 at NYCM Theater. There were 289 graduates from Mephram High School. The annual reorganization will be held tomorrow, July 10.

FINANCE

Mr. Mayo moved that the Board of Education approve the Budgetary Transfers dated July 9, 2018. Mr. Ferrara seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

PERSONNEL

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the following personnel report. Mr. Mayo seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

A.1 PERSONNEL REPORT

JULY 9, 2018

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 NBTBA Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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<u>Appointments:</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>
1.1 Mayo, Michael	Lv. Repl. PE Teacher	95%5M	\$71,035.30/yr	9/1/18-6/30/19
1.2 Cifarelli, Victoria	Substitute Teacher		\$100/day	7/10/2018
1.3 Lanciotti, Jacquelyn	Substitute Teacher		\$100/day	7/10/2018
1.4 Eldardery, Nermeen	Substitute Teacher		\$100/day	7/10/2018
1.5 Klausner, Sandy	Substitute Teacher		\$100/day	7/10/2018
1.6 Garrett, Sofia	Math AIS Teacher		\$125/day	8/29/18-6/26/19
1.7 Rackley, Kimberly	Math AIS Teacher		\$125/day	8/29/18-6/26/19
1.8 Feige, Erica	Math AIS Teacher		\$125/day	8/29/18-6/26/19
1.9 Hagan, Melissa	Math AIS Teacher		\$125/day	8/29/18-6/26/19
1.10 Ippoliti, Lori	Math AIS Teacher		\$125/day	8/29/18-6/26/19
1.11 Gorman, Elizabeth	Math AIS Teacher		\$125/day	8/29/18-6/26/19
1.12 Wiesenbergl, Meryl	Part-Time Reading Teacher		\$36/hr	8/29/18-6/26/19
1.13 Ratner, Robin	Part-Time Reading Teacher		\$36/hr	8/29/18-6/26/19
1.14 Hevican, Kathleen	Part-Time Reading Teacher		\$36/hr	8/29/18-6/26/19
1.15 Aron, Madeline	Part-Time Reading Teacher		\$36/hr	8/29/18-6/26/19
1.16 Guber, Jana	Part-Time Reading Teacher		\$36/hr	8/29/18-6/26/19
1.17 Rut, Kathleen	Part-Time Reading Teacher		\$36/hr	8/29/18-6/26/19
1.18 Harris, Lynn	Part-Time Reading Teacher		\$36/hr	8/29/18-6/26/19
1.19 Silverstein, Robin	Part-Time Reading Teacher		\$36/hr	8/29/18-6/26/19
1.20 Johnson, Jaclyn	Part-Time Reading Teacher		\$36/hr	8/29/18-6/26/19
1.21 Dermody, Colleen	Part-Time Reading Teacher		\$36/hr	8/29/18-6/26/19
1.22 Violetto, Roseann	Part-Time Reading Teacher		\$36/hr	8/29/18-6/26/19
1.23 Dimakoupoulos, Denise	Part-Time Reading Teacher		\$36/hr	8/29/18-6/26/19
1.24 Katzer, Annmarie	Part-Time Reading Teacher		\$36/hr	8/29/18-6/26/19
1.25 Furey-Jablonski, Lizbeth	Part-Time Reading Teacher		\$36/hr	8/29/18-6/26/19

Special Education Summer Program: *(Teachers and Substitutes / Related service providers / Evaluators / CSE / CPSE Meetings)*

1.26 Powell, Brittany	Psychologist		\$54.59/hr	6/25/18-08/31/18
1.27 Rich, Lindsay	Psychologist		\$54.59/hr	6/25/18-08/31/18

Workshop: *(15 hrs)*

1.28 Quinn, Cindy	Teacher K-6		\$54.53/hr	7/23/18-7/25/18
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Summer Curriculum Writing Project: *(no more than 40/hrs)*

1.29 Licci, Amanda	Teacher K-6		\$42.11/hr	7/10/18-08/31/18
1.30 Zucker, Krista	Special Ed. Teacher		\$42.11/hr	7/10/18-08/31/18
1.31 Quinn, Cindy	Teacher 1-6		\$42.11/hr	7/10/18-08/31/18
1.32 Burnell, Suzanne	Teacher K-6		\$42.11/hr	7/10/18-08/31/18
1.33 Hennessy, Robyn	Teacher K-6		\$42.11/hr	7/10/18-08/31/18
1.34 Patterson, Jeannie	Teacher K-6		\$42.11/hr	7/10/18-08/31/18
1.35 Meiselas, Christine	Teacher K-6		\$42.11/hr	7/10/18-08/31/18

Resignations:

1.36 Fitzgerald, Kaitlin	Psychologist			7/16/2018
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1.37	Doherty, Chakira-Iliana	Music Teacher	6/25/2018
1.38	Hintz, Emma	Substitute Teacher	6/18/2018
1.39	Young, Jeanine	Substitute Teacher	6/19/2018
1.40	Yaffe, April	Substitute Teacher	6/20/2018
1.41	Bayer, Heather	Substitute Teacher	6/25/2018

Termination:

1.42	Maiale, Samantha	AIS Teacher	06/25/2018
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Classified Personnel: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it resolved that the following persons be appointed in North Bellmore Union Free School District as indicated below. All assignments are at the discretion of the district.

Unpaid Medical Leave of Absence:

		<u>Title</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>
1.43	Pantuliano, Drew	Teacher Aide PT	5/3/18-6/25/18

Resignation for the Purposes of Retirement:

1.44	Sellito, Patricia	Monitor PT	06/21/2018
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Resignations:

1.45	Radziski, Lea	Teacher Aide PT	06/20/2018
1.46	Lantino, Anna Maria	Teacher Aide PT	06/22/2018

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
 REPORT**

Mrs. Testa thanked Mr. Mayo, President, and Mrs. Cmar-Grote, Vice President, and the Board for their support and advice throughout the 2017-18 school year. Mrs. Testa congratulated Mrs. Cmar-Grote as the new President and Mrs. Lanci, Vice President and wished them the best going forward. Mrs. Testa welcomed and congratulated Michael Mayo as the new leave replacement physical education teacher who was appointed this evening.

Mrs. Testa provided the following updates the 2018-19 school year:

Art Exploration: As the Board requested, the administrative team has created a district wide plan, by building, to offer all our sixth grade students an opportunity (voluntary) to experience art exploration instruction. The building principals and Mrs. Pollitt will be sharing specific information in the fall. Principals will email the details of how Art Exploration will look in each building.

PE Enrichment: We will continue to offer PE Enrichment to the fourth grade for one block a cycle for half a year.

Spanish: Mrs. Testa stated that she is recommending that we reinstate the Spanish instructional program for grade 5 for the 2018-19 school year and that we continue both the grade 5 and grade 6 program indefinitely. The recommendation is based upon the fact that we have analyzed our budget and are in the position of not having to excess any grade level teachers for the

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2019-20 school year. As such, we are able to place the Spanish Program back into the budget; if we had moved forward with the plan, we would have had to excess a grade level teacher in 2019-20. Additionally, Spanish will be offered to each Kindergarten class for a 20 minute (1/2 block) session one day a cycle for the entire school year.

Special Education: Mrs. Testa thanked Ms. Eskew and her Special Education Department for a smooth opening for summer school, which began today. Kudos to the Business Department for their support--particularly, in the area of transportation. We have nearly 86 children attending the school and look forward to an outstanding experience. Mrs. Testa stated that she has absolutely no doubt that our special education team is the best around as are our children! Ms. Eskew is working with parents on placement for their children, preparing to hire a psychologist, and working on paraprofessional placements for the 2018-19 school year.

Buildings and Grounds: Mr. Russo and his department is working on the following projects this summer:

- Steam trap replacement in all buildings except for Newbridge.
- Removal of the condemned playground at Saw Mill
- Installation of electric and light post at Saw Mill
- Roof repairs on the garage at Saw Mill

Technology:

- The first round of smart bond funding reimbursement was received and the second round of expenditure is underway- purchasing 400 PC's for classroom use.
- Summer work has begun, vacuumed out all computers and projectors across the district.
- Started removing all teacher computers from K-6 classrooms to be brought back to Gunther, used for parts/as extras. New machines arrive end of July.
- The 2018-2021 Technology Plan was completed and submitted to the State for approval. Upon approval, a copy will be provided for the Board.

Business:

- All funds are being closed out in anticipation of our various audits.
- The General Fund and Cafeteria Fund are showing positive numbers.
- All transportation is in place for summer school.
- We have been able to identify and remove a number of non-resident students from our rolls.

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Curriculum and Instruction:

We will be interviewing this Thursday to fill the three vacant part-time positions to replace three part-timers leave who left to take full-time positions in other districts.

We are also interviewing for a full time music teacher.

Fountas and Pinnell Classroom: New Reading Materials

After the Curriculum Department completed extensive research of available products to implement within our Balanced Literacy Framework and much review and insight from administrators and teachers, we ultimately selected pieces of the Fountas and Pinnell Classroom System, a cohesive, multi-text approach to literacy instruction. The System is designed to support whole group, small group and independent learning opportunities. Each selected piece was carefully chosen to meet our goal of building literacy rich classrooms, while providing embedded support and professional development for our teachers. In terms of our immediate purchase, our focus will be at the K-2 level for the intentional purpose of building foundational skills, while planning for a layered, systematic approach to purchasing with a close analysis of our budgetary expenses. We will continue to support our intermediate classes with continued professional development and look forward to implementing items from the System in 2019-2020. The plan for 2018-2019 is listed below:

- Kindergarten- Every class will be equipped with the Shared Reading component. This is a collection of 65 original titles of “Big Books,” with 6-copy small book sets, audio versions and accompanying teacher lesson plan guides.
- First and Second Grade—Every class will be equipped with the Independent Reading component. This is a collection of 150 trade titles with accompanying teacher-conferring cards.

In addition to the standard grade level purchases listed above, 10 classes across the district (K-3) will serve as host classes who will be provided with the entire system-- Shared Reading, Independent Reading, Interactive Read Aloud and Mini Lessons. With the support of the Instructional Coaches, this provides each building with an opportunity to have lab classes in which deeper professional development can occur. The implementation of these products will inform future purchasing decisions in terms of which pieces we will incorporate globally the following year. Looking ahead to 2019-2020, we

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also plan to incorporate pieces of the system in grades 4-6 as well as establish intermediate host classrooms.

2018-19 Remedial Reading Protocol: After multiple meetings with the entire administrative team, we have built a revised remedial reading protocol, which will ensure that services start as early in September as possible. We have shifted the service eligibility to foster greater student independence in the upper grades, while providing scaffolded intervention services as the grades progress. In addition, we will be using a multi-measure approach in determining student eligibility, including the June results of the Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark and i-Ready Reading assessments, spring state assessment data, as well as student work samples and other non-standard measures. Mrs. Pollitt met with the reading teachers last week to articulate the new plan and teachers created preliminary groupings for the start of the 2018-2019 school year. In an effort to provide support for our earliest learners, each Kindergarten class will have a reading teacher push into the classroom for one block, 3x out of the 6-day cycle, beginning in September. This collaborative instruction is non-remedial in nature and will assist us in fulfilling our ultimate goal of improving literacy for all students, with an emphasis on targeting foundational reading and writing skills.

Summer Professional Development: Mrs. Testa reported that we have a wide array of course offerings this summer and she is very proud of our amazing teachers who are teaching the classes.

Mrs. Testa advised that she was invited to write an opinion article on the supermajority vote for the New York State School Boards Association's, July 23 edition of *On Board*.

**STAFF
DEVELOPMENT**

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the Staff Development Report dated July 9, 2018, as presented. Mr. Mayo seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the CPSE and CSE reports dated July 5, 2018. Mrs. DeLauter seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

CONTRACTS

Mr. Ferrara moved that the Board of Education approve the following contracts:

- Lindsay Andersen (2018)
- Bellmore UFSD (2017/18)
- Bilinguals, Inc. dba Achieve Beyond (2018/19)
- Matthew Comisky (2018)

CONTRACTS

-M. Diana Jabis (2018/19)
-Amanda McCarthy
-Jaspan Schlesinger, LLP (2018/19)
-Wantagh UFSD (2017/18)
Mr. Mayo seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**2018-19 BUDGET
REVISION**

Mr. Mayo moved that the Board of Education approve a 2018-19 budget revision increase in the amount of \$375,894.75 for sick leave compensation payments for staff members retiring as of June 30, 2018 to be funded through the release of \$375,894.75 from the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve Fund. Mrs. Lanci seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

SCHOOL LUNCH PRICE

Mr. Ferrara moved that the Board of Education approve that the school lunch price for 2018-19 be adjusted to \$2.80. Mr. Mayo seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

DONATIONS

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education accept a donation from the Cosso Family of assorted musical instruments to be used by the children of Dinkelmeyer School (approximate value \$320).
Mrs. Lanci seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

Mr. Ferrara moved that the Board of Education accept a donation from Stop & Shop A+ Rewards Program of a check in the amount of \$451.27 to be used to purchase "Book of the Month" books for the students at Park Avenue School. Mr. Mayo seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

POLICY

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education adopt the revised policy No. 8505, Charging School Meals. Mr. Mayo seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education adopt the district's 2018-19 Professional Development Plan/Teacher Mentor Plan.
Mr. Ferrara seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Cmar-Grote asked if there were any updates on the Library. Mrs. Testa stated that there is nothing new. The plans are on target.

VISITORS

Mr. Rubino (Old Britton Rd.) asked if there was an update on the demographic study. Mrs. Testa stated that we have received the study and will be presenting the preliminary findings to the Board in September. There will be no huge change in rezoning. We are looking at a possible reassignment of a small section of streets within the Saw Mill Road School zone in the 2019-20 school year to alleviate any possible overcrowding at the building in the future.

Mrs. Arriaga (Jenkins St.) asked if there is an update on the mantraps. Mrs. Testa stated that we are waiting to hear from Leg. McKevitt regarding our

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request for a grant to assist us in funding the vestibules at each of our buildings. Mrs. Arriaga asked if the same security guards return to school each year. Mrs. Testa indicated she is in the process of discussing this with Mr. Schissler and the principals.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mrs. DeLauter, seconded by Mrs. Mayo and carried 5-0, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Canavan, Board Secretary

Mark Schissler, District Clerk