

MINUTES OF THE NORTH BELLMORE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING August 3, 2017

The regular meeting of the North Bellmore Union Free School District Board of Education was held on Thursday evening, August 3, 2017, 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
Melissa Cmar-Grote, Vice President
JoAnn DeLauter
John Ferrara
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
Edward Grimmett, District Counsel
Jeanne Canavan, Board Secretary

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. Motion was made by Mrs. Lanci, seconded by Mrs. Cmar-Grote, to move into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Motion was carried 4-0. Mr. Ferrara arrived at 7:13 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:43 p.m. Mr. Schissler led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. DeLauter then read the District's Mission Statement.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the Minutes from the Organization and Regular meeting of July 6, 2017. Mrs. Cmar-Grote seconded, and the motion was carried 5-0.
- RETIREMENT RECOGNITION** Mrs. Testa advised that tonight we are recognizing Frank Russo, the Director of Facilities. Mrs. Testa congratulated Mr. Russo on his retirement and thanked him for his years of service and for taking the Building and Grounds Department to the next level under his leadership and talent. Mr. Schissler, Mr. Mayo and Mrs. Lanci, on behalf of the Board of Education, Mrs. Elhilow, on behalf of the NBTA and the NBPA, all thanked Mr. Russo for his loyalty and dedication to the North Bellmore School District.
- CHANGE IN ORDER OF THE AGENDA** Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve a change in the order of the agenda. Mrs. Cmar-Grote seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.
- PERSONNEL REPORT** Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the following Personnel Report dated August 3, 2017. Mr. Ferrara seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

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A.1 PERSONNEL REPORT

AUGUST 3, 2017

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>	
2.1	Reime, Melissa	Lv. Repl. Teacher K-6	95%1B	\$54,025.55/yr	8/30/17-6/30/18
2.2	Lambraia, Alexandra	Lv. Repl Music Teacher	95%1B	\$54,025.55/yr	8/30/17-6/30/18
2.3	Garrett, Sofia	4/5 AIS Math Teacher		\$125/day	8/30/17-6/22/18
2.4	Rackley, Kimberley	4/5 AIS Math Teacher		\$125/day	8/30/17-6/22/18
2.5	Maiale, Samantha	4/5 AIS Math Teacher		\$125/day	8/30/17-6/22/18
2.6	Ippoliti, Loridana	4/5 AIS Math Teacher		\$125/day	8/30/17-6/22/18
2.7	Hagan, Melissa	4/5 AIS Math Teacher		\$125/day	8/30/17-6/22/18
2.8	Dimakopoulos, Denise	Part-time AIS Teacher		\$36/hr	8/30/17-6/22/18
2.9	Wiesenberg, Meryl	Part-time Reading Teacher		\$36/hr	8/30/17-6/22/18
2.10	Ratner, Robin	Part-time Reading Teacher		\$36/hr	8/30/17-6/22/18
2.11	Hevican, Kathleen	Part-time Reading Teacher		\$36/hr	8/30/17-6/22/18
2.12	Aron, Madeline	Part-time Reading Teacher		\$36/hr	8/30/17-6/22/18
2.13	Guber, Jana	Part-time Reading Teacher		\$36/hr	8/30/17-6/22/18
2.14	Rut, Kathleen	Part-time Reading Teacher		\$36/hr	8/30/17-6/22/18
2.15	Harris, Lynn	Part-time Reading Teacher		\$36/hr	8/30/17-6/22/18
2.16	Kaulfers, Alexandra	Part-time Reading Teacher		\$36/hr	8/30/17-6/22/18
2.17	Silverstein, Robin	Part-time Reading Teacher		\$36/hr	8/30/17-6/22/18
2.18	Garrod, Jaclyn	Part-time Reading Teacher		\$36/hr	8/30/17-6/22/18
2.19	Abruzzo, Jenna	Part-time Reading Teacher		\$36/hr	8/30/17-6/22/18
2.20	Dermody, Colleen	Part-time Reading Teacher		\$36/hr	8/30/17-6/22/18
2.21	Greenberg, Robin	Part-time Reading Teacher		\$36/hr	8/30/17-6/22/18

i-Ready Survey Meeting: (2 hours)

2.22	Bernstein, Lillian	Special Ed Teacher		\$43.39/hr	7/12/2017
2.23	Burnell, Suzanne	Teacher K-6		\$43.39/hr	7/12/2017
2.24	Mignoli, Melissa	Teacher K-6		\$43.39/hr	7/12/2017
2.25	Hintz, Emma	Teacher K-6		\$43.39/hr	7/12/2017

Special Ed. Extended Summer Program:(Teachers and Substitutes / Related service providers / Evaluators / CSE / CPSE Meetings)

2.26	Beauman, Elyse	Special Ed. Teacher		\$54.59/hr	8/04/17-9/01/17
2.27	Schoepfer, Kathryn	Special Ed. Teacher		\$54.59/hr	8/04/17-9/01/17
2.28	Dejak, Keri	Psychologist		\$54.59/hr	8/04/17-9/01/17
2.29	Burnell, Suzanne	Teacher K-6		\$54.59/hr	8/04/17-9/01/17
2.30	Reece, Jane	Teacher K-6		\$54.59/hr	8/04/17-9/01/17
2.31	Panoius, Anastasia	Reading Teacher		\$54.59/hr	8/04/17-9/01/17

Summer Curriculum Writing: (not to exceed 40 hrs)

2.32	Buran, Karen	Teacher K-6		\$42.11/hr	7/1/17-8/31/17
2.33	Antonucci, Tiffany	Teacher K-6		\$42.11/hr	7/1/17-8/31/17

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Resignations:

2.34 Cavuto, Jenna Substitute Teacher 7/06/2017

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2.35 Finck, Sandy	Clerical PT/Sub	6	\$23.71/hr	7/11/2017
2.36 Fortugno, Nicholas	From: Cleaner FT To: Custodian FT	1	\$49,653/yr	8/04/2017
2.37 Caldas, Armando	Cleaner PT/Sub	4	\$18.68/hr	8/04/2017
2.38 Massetti, Travis	Cleaner PT/Sub	1	\$16.73/hr	8/04/2017
2.39 Santagato, Magdaly	Sr. Typist Clerk	3	\$39,789/yr	8/22/2017

Leave of Absence:

2.40 Lantino, Anna Maria Teacher Aide PT 8/30/17-6/22/2018

Resignation for the Purposes of Retirement:

2.41 Calamia, Jo Anne Teacher Aide PT 7/27/2017

Resignations:

2.42 Pittari, Elizabeth Teacher Aide PT 7/31/2017
 2.43 Kobulnick, Theresa Monitor PT 7/15/2017
 2.44 Bonilla, Karen Monitor PT 7/06/2017

**A.1 PERSONNEL REPORT
 ADDENDUM**

AUGUST 3, 2017

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2.45 Kriegel, Julia	Lv. Repl. Special Ed. Teacher	95%1M	\$60,955.80/yr	9/01/17-6/30/18
2.46 McGovern, Jennifer	Lv. Repl. Teacher K-6	95%1M	\$304.78/day	8/30/17-11/10/17

Change of Status:

2.47 Griffin, Anne	From:20M+45 To:20M+60	(+2,111)	\$123,016/yr	9/1/2017
2.48 Pittelli, Janice	From:7M+30 To:7M+45	(+2,369)	\$88,400/yr	9/1/2017
2.49 Kalinowski, Danielle	From:5M+30 To:5M+60	(+4,768)	\$84,925/yr	9/1/2017
2.50 Schwartz, Alyssa	From:5M To:5M+30	(+5,383)	\$80,157/yr	9/1/2017
2.51 Schwartz, Stephanie	From:11M+60 To:11M+75	(+1,092)	\$107,537/yr	9/1/2017
2.52 Yegidis, Wendy	From:19M+45 To:19M+60	(+2,110)	\$118,436/yr	9/1/2017

Resignation:

2.53 Steinmuller, Mark Substitute Teacher 07/05/2017

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2.54 Rafferty, Robert	NYS Dir. of Facilities III		\$120,000/yr	8/07/2017
<u>Resignation:</u>				
2.55 Sorrentino, Joanne	Teacher Aide PT			06/22/2017

Mrs. Testa introduced Mr. Robert Rafferty as new the Director of Facilities and welcomed him to North Bellmore. The meeting adjourned for a “cake break” at 8:10 PM. The meeting reconvened at 8:25 PM.

VISITORS

There were no questions relating to agenda items only.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

TREASURER’S REPORT

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer’s report for the month ended June 30, 2017. Mrs. Cmar-Grote seconded and the motion and was carried 5-0.

HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Mrs. Lanci reported on the plans of the opening of schools on September 5 and announced the future dates. She stated that an email was sent to parents encouraging them to sign up for the principals’ email. The Board approved the allocation of the BMCHSD’s tax levy for 2017-18 for the component districts. North Bellmore will pay 30.864%, which represents \$35,136,768.

FINANCE

The Board of Education acknowledged the review of the warrants that have been approved by the Internal Auditor.

BUDGETARY TRANSFERS

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the Budgetary Transfers dated August 3, 2017. Mr. Ferrara seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the following budget (Gross Amount) of the necessary claims and expenditures in North Bellmore UFSD (#4) in the Town of Hempstead School year 2017 – 2018, amounting to

	\$ 102,748,872	School Purpose
	2,806,060	Library Purpose
Total	\$ 105,554,932	be and the same is hereby accepted.

RESOLVED that the sum of \$ 72,147,408 School Purpose
 \$ 2,806,060 Library Purpose
 TOTAL \$ 74,953,468 be the remainder of

budget adopted as above and the amount which must be RAISED BY TAXATION (NET AMOUNT) for North Bellmore UFSD (#4) of the Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York for the year 2017-18 be levied upon the taxable property of the said school district as said property has been certified to by the Assessor for the school year 2017-8.

RESOLVED, that the District Clerk of this School District is hereby authorized and directed, pursuant to Section 6-20.0 and amendments thereto of the Nassau County Administrative Code, to file a certified copy of these resolutions with the Nassau County Legislature and the Department of Assessment, Mineola, New York on or before August 15, 2017.

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

**EAGLE SCOUT
PRESENTATION**

Mrs. Testa invited Tony LaLuna to present his Eagle Scout project to the Board of Education. Mr. LaLuna proposed to create garden beds with a surrounding fence at the front of the Saw Mill Road School. Mrs. Testa thanked Tony for selecting North Bellmore School district for his project and indicated that the district will be in contact with him once the Board meets to consider the project.

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT
REPORT**

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the Staff Development Report dated August 3, 2017. Mr. Ferrara seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Mrs. Testa reported on the following:

- Mrs. Pollitt is working on the New Teacher Orientation to be held on August 24.
- We are planning for the Superintendent's Conference Day program on August 30 and 31.
- The district calendar is near complete. Syntax is doing a great job. It will be posted on our website when available.

Building and Grounds update:

- The installation of LED lighting in all buildings is complete.
- The flagpole restoration is complete.
- The Hockey League installed the new curbing.
- The Library is still waiting for NYSED approval.
- The ADA compliant bathroom project at Park Avenue is in progress.
- We are still looking into the refurbishment of the grounds at Dinkelmeyer by the Eagle Scout gardens.

Business Office update: Nawrocki and Smith, our internal auditors, completed their audit. The audit went very well. We are pleased to report that there we no changes to our numbers. Our internal coordinator conducted payroll audits.

Special Education and Human Resources update:

- We have filled all teaching and administrative positions.
- We are working on finalizing the placement of aides for the school year. Placement letters are expected to be mailed out the week of August 21.
- The last day of the summer school program is on August 18. Mrs. Testa gave special thanks to the special education staff, teachers, clerical support staff, transportation staff, buildings and grounds staff, technology staff for meeting the needs of the students throughout the program. Mrs. Testa thanked the Board of Education for supporting the special education summer program. She also thanked Ms. Eskew for running the department and for her unwavering support of the children.

Technology update:

- This summer, using funds obtained by a state grant, the technology team installed all new network switches in each building to connect wireless access points in every classroom. Two extra network drops were added in every K-2 classroom so that access points and phones can be on a dedicated drop.
- The data department is in the process of rolling over the school year into 2017-18. All the 2016-17 data has been verified and submitted, except for the APPR data, which will be completed in conjunction with the Curriculum Office.

Curriculum and Instruction:

- Professional development classes in literacy, math and science went very well over the summer.
- Mrs. Pollitt sent out the IReady survey – 73 surveys were received from our faculty and staff. Three of the respondents so far volunteered to join the review meeting.
- Curriculum writing continues. Mrs. McNamara met with the literacy coaches today and will be meeting with grade level teachers next week to create a scope and sequence for all our units of study.

Mrs. DeLauter asked if special education services would start the first day of school this year. Ms. Eskew explained that services are delivered according to a student's IEP, and that the district has made positive strides in this area with services starting earlier than previous years. However, some services at Saw Mill may start few days later, because there are more children to provide services for at Saw Mill and more providers are needed. She added that any missed services and sessions will be made up and will not impede the program. She added that it is easier to get the schedules together more quickly in the other buildings. Mrs. DeLauter thanked Ms. Eskew and Mrs. Testa for getting the district to the point where services will get started on time.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
CPSE/CSE**

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the CPSE and CSE reports dated July 26, 2017. Mrs. Cmar-Grote seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS
CONTRACTS**

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approved the following contracts :

- Lucille Cosentino
- The Hagedorn Little Village School
- Merrick Community Nursery School
- Nassau County Department of Human Services
- North Merrick UFSD – Summer 2016
- North Merrick UFSD – 2017-18
- Parent from the Hear
- Province Therapeutics LLC
- South Shore Country Day School
- United Cerebral Palsy
- Henry Viscardi School
- Wee Friends Nursery School
- Wee Friends Too Nursery School

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

**NB SHARED DECISION
PLAN**

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education adopt and the North Bellmore School District's Shared Decision Making Plan (7/2017). Mrs. Lanci seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**NB PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education adopt the North Bellmore School District Professional Development Plan – Teacher Mentor Plan 2017-18. Mrs. Cmar-Grote seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**NBTA SIDE LETTER OF
AGREEMENT**

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education hereby approves an agreement with the North Bellmore Teachers' Association and two members of the teaching staff regarding a one-time donation of unused sick days. Mrs. Cmar-Grote seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

CONTRACTS

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education hereby approves the following contracts for the 2017/2018 school year:

- Dr. Bert Konowitz
- Merrick Woods Country Day School
- Erica Pecorale

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

PERSONNEL ACTION

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education hereby rescinds appointment No. 1.5 on the July 6, 2017 personnel report. Mrs. Cmar-Grote seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT WITH
COURTESY BUS**

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve a settlement agreement with the Courtesy Bus Company and authorize the Board President to execute said agreement. Mr. Ferrara seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

- PRESENTATION** Mrs. Testa recognized Mrs. Lanci for participating in the NYS School Boards Association developmental activities and presented her with a Board Excellence Award from the NYS School Boards Association.
- OLD BUSINESS** None.
- VISITORS** None.
- ADJOURNMENT** On a motion by Mrs. DeLauter, seconded by Mrs. Cmar-Grote and carried 5-0, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Canavan, Board Secretary

Mark Schissler, District Clerk