

MINUTES OF THE NORTH BELLMORE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING February 8, 2018

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The regular meeting of the North Bellmore Union Free School District Board of Education was held on Thursday evening, February 8, 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:

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  
Jason Fischetti, Director of Technology, Chief Information Officer  
Larry Tenenbaum, District Counsel  
Jeanne Canavan, Board Secretary

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Motion was made by Mr. Ferrara, seconded by Mrs. Cmar-Grote, to move into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Motion was carried 5-0. The meeting reconvened at 7:40 p.m. Mr. Mayo led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. DeLauter then read the District's Mission Statement.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the Minutes from the Regular meeting of January 8, 2108 and Minutes from the Special meetings of January 18 and January 30, 2018. Mr. Ferrara seconded, and the motion was carried 4-0, with Mrs. Lanci abstaining.
- CHANGE IN AGENDA** Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve a change in the order of the agenda and move to the Personnel Report. Mr. Ferrara seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.
- PERSONNEL REPORT** Mr. Ferrara moved that the Board of Education approve the following Personnel Report dated February 8, 2018. Mrs. Cmar-Grote seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**A.1 PERSONNEL REPORT**

**FEBRUARY 8, 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.

<b>Appointments:</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Step</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Eff. Date</b>
8.1	Nappo, Kristine		\$100/day	02/05/2018
8.2	DeJesus, Marisa		\$100/day	02/05/2018
8.3	Nappo, Kristine		\$100/day	02/05/2018
8.4	Watts, Kirsten		\$100/day	02/05/2018

**Homebound services:** (4x wk for 1hr 15min)

8.5	Moir, Kristen	Special Ed. Teacher	\$54.53/hr	1/18/18-6/22/18
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**Family Medical Leave of Absence:**

8.6	Callahan Fodor, Kathleen	Teacher K-6		01/24/18-03/22/18
8.7	Meskill, Susan	Teacher K-6		03/12/18-04/06/18

**Resignation for the Purposes of Retirement:**

8.8	Batch, Catherine	Teacher K-6		06/30/2018
8.9	Collins, Mary Ann	Reading Teacher		06/30/2018
8.10	Drum, Jill	Teacher K-6		06/30/2018
8.11	Zaglin, Deborah	Reading Teacher		06/30/2018

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8.12	Boschert, Robert	Cleaner PT/Sub	1 \$16.73	02/08/2018

**Resignations:**

8.13	Altomare, Joanne	Teacher Aide PT/Sub		02-02-2018
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**Terminations:**

8.14	Casolino, John	Cleaner PT/Sub		01/25/2018
8.15	Farinaccio, John	Cleaner PT/Sub		01/25/2018
8.16	McManus, Colleen	Cleaner PT/Sub		01/25/2018
8.17	McManus, Kevin	Cleaner PT/Sub		01/25/2018
8.18	Cilione, Jennifer	Monitor PT/Sub		01/25/2018
8.19	Favarolo, Nancy	Monitor PT/Sub		01/25/2018
8.20	Goldstein, Sheri	Monitor PT/Sub		01/25/2018
8.21	Muraca, Janis	Monitor PT/Sub		01/25/2018

**Addendum**

**A.1 Personnel Report**

**February 8, 2018**

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8.21 McGovern, Jennifer	Lv.Repl. Teacher K-6	95%1M	\$60,955.80/yr	11/13/17-06/30/18
8.22 Gange, Kasey	Lv.Repl. Teacher K-6	95%1M	\$304.78/day	02/12/18-04/06/18

**Family Medical Leave of Absence:**

8.23 Malone, Leyna	Principal			03/03/18-05/03/18
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**Resignation for the Purposes of Retirement:**

8.24 Bennett, Frances	Asst. Adm for District Administrators			06/30/2018
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8.25 Mallios, Stella	From: Teacher Aide PT/Sub To: Teacher Aide PT		\$17.25/hr	02/05/2018
8.26 Contreras, Carol	From: Monitor PT/Sub To: Monitor PT		\$14.42/hr	02/09/2018
8.27 Boschert, Kim	Clerk Typist PT From: Teacher Aide PT To: Teacher Aide PT/Sub		\$22.16/hr	02/09/2018
8.28 Laddomada, Jaclyn	Clerk Typist PT/Sub	1	\$18.11/hr	02/09/2018

**Unpaid Medical Leave of Absence:**

8.29 Rosario, Michelle	Teacher Aide PT			02/05/18-03/16/18
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**Resignation:**

8.30 Mallios, Stella	Monitor PT			02/02/2018
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**Termination:**

8.31 Franzella, Theresa	Monitor PT/Sub			02/02/2018
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**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mrs. Testa congratulated the faculty members who will be retiring in June and thanked them for their outstanding service to the district: Cathy Batch, Fran Bennett, Mary Ann Collins, Laura D'Amato, Maryann Doherty, Jill Drum, Linda Nussbaum and Deborah Zaglin. Mrs. Testa added that all of the retirees will be honored at the June Board of Education meeting.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT**

Mrs. Testa introduced the new Director of Facilities, Mr. Richard Russo, and welcomed him to the district. Mr. Russo will start on February 20.

**BUDGET UPDATE**

Mrs. Testa reported that the Board of Education asked for an update of the budget history for North Bellmore for the 2009-18 school years. In response to recent report from the Office of the New York State Comptroller designating the North Bellmore Union Free School District as "susceptible to fiscal stress," Mrs. Testa explained that from 2009-10 through 2012-13, the district overestimated appropriations by approximately \$14.3 million. As a result, the budgeted appropriations were higher than necessary to fund district operations. Mrs. Testa and Mr. Schissler presented data detailing exactly where the \$14.3 million was applied over the years. Mrs. Testa then shared plans on and how the district plans to streamline the budgets for 2018-19 and 2019-20, and how the district will maintain and continue to grow our programs, while supporting the budget. *(See Powerpoint presentation located on district website.)*

Mrs. Testa reported that there have been significant increases in special education services and ENL services. The district is considering bringing some of the out-of- district special education students back to the district, at a savings of approximately \$700,000 (\$85,000- \$160,000 per student).

Mrs. Cmar-Grote commented that 2% Tax Cap does not always reflect 2%. Mr. Schissler explained that there are three exemptions that are allowed under the law that allow districts to go beyond the 2% Tax Cap. Mr. Schissler explained that, for this coming year, we have a rather large exclusion because the assessed valuation has gone up which will allow us to have a tax increase beyond 2%.

**TRANSPORTATION  
PROPOSITION**

Mr. Schissler indicated that he received a transportation proposition requesting the community to approve the mileage limit be changed to provide transportation for students in grades 4-6 living more than one-half mile from school.

Mr. Schissler reported that under NYS Law, transportation is mandated for students in grades K- 6 if they live more than 2 miles away. For grades 7-12, it's more than 3 miles away. Mr. Schissler added that the mileage may only be changed by a referendum brought by the public.

Ms. Schissler stated that in North Bellmore, the district provides transportation if a child in grades K-3 live more than one-half mile from school and for students in grades 4-6, living more than one mile from school.

**TRANSPORTATION  
PROPOSITION**

Mr. Schissler indicated that this transportation proposition will be a separate proposition on the ballot on May 15. If the proposition is approved by the voters, the cost of \$610,000 will be added on to the school budget. He stated that adding this transportation cost to the cost of the school budget will exceed the tax levy limit and will pierce the Tax Cap. A supermajority (60%) is required for the budget and the transportation proposition to pass.

Mr. Schissler added that, if the budget is defeated on May 15, it can be voted on a second time. However, if it is defeated a second time, the district can only get the amount of taxes from the community that they received in the previous year. This coming year, our tax levy will be approximately \$1.2M more. If the budget is defeated, we will need to reduce the budget by \$1.2M in order to balance the budget. Mr. Schissler added that a school budget is a people-driven budget, and if we have to reduce the budget by \$1.2M, we would need to reduce people and programs.

**BUDGET  
WORKSHOPS**

Mrs. Testa announced the following budget presentation dates:

March 13 – Park Avenue School – 7 PM

March 20 – Saw Mill Road PTA meeting – 9 AM

March 27 – Dinkelmeyer PTA meeting– 7 PM

April 23 – PTA Coordinating Council Meeting – Martin Avenue 7:30 PM

Mrs. Testa invited all community members to attend.

**ENROLLMENT**

Mrs. Testa reported that the Board of Education requested that we look into the enrollment of all the schools and gave their approval to Applied Data Services to perform a complete demographic study to address enrollment projections, do an analysis for the current schools and grade configuration through the 2022/23 school year, and address zoning and rezoning ideas. Mrs. Testa added that the community has expressed interest in this topic. The study should be available in approximately three months. Mrs. Testa stated that the monthly student enrollment report is on our website. Mrs. Testa gave an overview of average class sizes across the grade levels within the district. (*Presentation located on the website.*) Currently, our grade level average is 20.3, which is among the lowest on Long Island.

Regarding Saw Mill and the space issue, Mrs. Testa advised that 10 ERR classes have been added since 2013 allowing ERR students to stay in their home school whenever possible. Currently, 50 of the 80 ERR students at Saw Mill are in their home school. When Gunther closed, six additional class sections were added to Saw Mill. Two more sections have been added since then. With eight new sections and increases in staffing, there is less physical space there. Although Saw Mill has more classes, actual class sizes are similar across the district. Mrs. Testa added that the district is looking into opening an ERR class at Park Avenue next year. Currently, there are

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two self-contained classes at Martin and Newbridge, and one at Park and Saw Mill.

Mrs. Lanci asked how many classified students are in the district. Mrs. Testa indicated that there are 452 classified students out of 2104, not including students with a 504 plan.

**NORTH BELLMORE  
LIBRARY UPDATE**

Mrs. Testa stated that in 2015 the community voted on and approved an \$8.9 million bond to fund the renovation and expansion of the North Bellmore Public Library. The work to put up the four temporary modules will start on February 19 and will last approximately three months. The modules will be located adjacent to the district's facilities and grounds building at 1602 Bellmore Avenue. During that time, the parking lot at 1602 will be closed to parents, families or visitors. The work will be conducted daily from 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM. After mid-May, when the modules open, the parking area will re-open with 43 additional parking spaces to be shared by the Library patrons and school visitors. Mrs. Fisher will share additional information with Newbridge families on updated arrival and dismissal procedures during this time. Mrs. Testa added that we are working with the Library to make sure everything is safe for the students and the families, and the Library has been very cooperative. The entire library construction project should last approximately a year and a half.

Mrs. Testa advised, as Mr. Schissler indicated previously, the principal and the interest for the bond will be included in our budget for 2018-19, as the Library is not a borrowing unit, but the money will be returned to the district when the Library pays the money back.

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Mrs. Cramsie (Liberty Ave.) stated that years ago when she was a parent in the district, it was her understanding that we didn't put up the bussing proposition because, if the proposal went down, the district would have to go back to the State requirements for bussing and lose the current bussing that we have. Is that true?

Mr. Tenenbaum stated that it depends on how the proposition is worded. He added that we have to review the proposition and make sure that we understand the proposition as presented. Mr. Tenenbaum added that he did not believe that the proposition presented allows for reducing services that are currently in place.

Mrs. Cramsie stated that it was always the philosophy of the Board of Education not to exceed the 2% Tax Cap, while still providing services that we thought best for the children while supporting the taxpayers in North Bellmore. What has changed?

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Mr. Mayo commented that the cumulative years of the Tax Cap and the inability of the district to recoup the reserves that needed to be put in place for the upcoming budgets has brought us to this place.

Mrs. Cramsie added that we are going to be one of the very few districts that do not receive the tax rebate check next year if the Tax Cap is pierced.

Mr. Mayo responded that this is the last year that the rebate check will be sent out.

Mrs. Cramsie stated that, according to the website today, the rebate will be doubling next year.

Mr. Schissler indicated that he believed that the property tax credit program ended this year; however, even if we are over the 2%, we are still within the State guidelines and will not limit our taxpayers from receiving the rebate. Mr. Schissler clarified that it is only if we pierce the Tax Cap; there will be no eligibility to receive the tax rebate check.

Mrs. Testa indicated that it has been a clear direction of the Board not to pierce the Tax Cap and to stay within the Cap set for North Bellmore while maintaining and building programs along the way. We decided not to make any cuts or any changes until we absolutely had to, but we knew that, eventually, that would come with the Tax Cap. Mrs. Testa stated that it has always been our district's vision to do our best to balance what we are giving to children and to not exceed the Tax Cap for the community.

Mrs. Cramsie asked how much the demographic study will cost and if it is a different company than the one used when Gunther School was closed. Mr. Schissler indicated that the cost is \$5,400. Mrs. Testa stated that the company is Applied Data Systems--not the same one used when the decision was made to close Gunther School.

**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 December 31, 2017. Mr. Ferrara seconded and the motion and was carried 5-0.

**HIGH SCHOOL  
REPORT**

Mrs. Lanci reported that the sale of Jerusalem Avenue School was approved by a vote of 2,225-254 this evening. At last night's Board meeting, the Board recognized two Regeneron Science Competition Scholars from Kennedy High School. The "One Voice, One Message" One Run, will take place on March 24, with all proceeds benefitting GiveKindness. Several donations were received including a donation of a refrigerator to The Community Cupboard. The bond work will be finishing up this summer. Mrs. Lanci stated that the High School District is in the budget process and the district will not be piercing the Tax Cap. The next Board meeting will be held on March 7.

**FINANCE**

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

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of education approve the following entry be done in the General Fund;

Move from A863, Insurance Reserve, \$250,000.00 to A814, Worker's Compensation Reserve.

Move from A863, Insurance Reserve, \$262,274.00 to A827, Retirement Contribution Reserve.

Move from A815, Unemployment Reserve, \$300,000.00 to A827, Retirement Contribution Reserve.

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

**STAFF  
DEVELOPMENT  
REPORT**

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the Staff Development report dated February 8, 2018. Mrs. Cmar-Grote seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION  
CPSE/CSE**

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the CPSE and CSE reports dated February 1, 2018. Mrs. Lanci seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS  
CONTRACTS**

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the following contracts for the 2017/18 school year:

-Bellmore UFSD

-Dr. David Ganeles, PLLC

-New Designs Consulting, Inc.

Mrs. Cmar-Grote seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**EXCESS OF  
EQUIPMENT**

Mr. Ferrara moved that the Board of Education excess a Toro Groundskeeper, Model No. 345, purchased in 1992, which has a cracked chassis and is beyond repair. Serial No. 001004 and 2009244.

Mrs. Lanci seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.



- DONATION** Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education accept a donation from the Dinkelmeyer Class of 2017 of a bench to be placed in the front of Dinkelmeyer School (approximate value: \$850). Mrs. Cmar-Grote seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.
- 2018-19 SCHOOL CALENDAR** Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the calendar for the 2018-19 school year.  
Mr. Cmar-Grote seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.
- NORTH BELLMORE PARAPROFESSIONALS RETIREMENT INCENTIVE** Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve a Memorandum of Agreement By and Between North Bellmore Union Free School District and the North Bellmore Paraprofessionals' Association regarding a 2017-18 Retirement Incentive.  
Mr. Ferrara seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.
- DISTRICT POLICIES** Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education accept the following revisions to current policies for a first reading and adoption:  
-1530 Smoking and Other Tobacco Use on School Premises  
-5460 Child Abuse, Maltreatment or Neglect in a Domestic Setting  
-8505 Charging School Meals  
-8330 Authorized Use of District Owned Materials and Equipment  
Mrs. DeLauter seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.
- NBTA SICK DAY DONATION** Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education hereby approves an agreement with the North Bellmore Teachers' Association and one member of the teaching staff regarding a one-time donation of unused sick days.  
Mr. Ferrara seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.
- RETIREMENT INCENTIVE** Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education hereby approves an Agreement by and between the North Bellmore Union Free School District and Frances Bennett, regarding a retirement incentive dated February 8, 2018. Mrs. Cmar-Grote seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.
- ABOLISHMENT OF POSITION** Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education accept the Superintendent's recommendation, that, due to fiscal constraints, the Board of Education abolish the position of Assistant Administrator for District Administration, effective at the end of the day, June 30, 2018.  
Mrs. Lanci seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.
- OLD BUSINESS** None.
- VISITORS** Mrs. Tamm (Jerusalem Avenue) stated that she will have a fifth grader and a kindergartener attending school next year and lives exactly one mile from school and asked if there would be transportation for both her children.  
Mr. Schissler indicated that one mile qualifies for transportation. Mrs. Tamm said that when she emailed Transportation, they stated that she was

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not eligible. Mr. Schissler said that he would look into it. Mrs. Tamm asked, if her fifth grader did not qualify for transportation, would there be an ability to pay for transportation. Mr. Mayo stated that unfortunately she would not, as the district is not permitted to do so.

Mrs. Bakay (Cook St.) asked what options does Saw Mill have to incorporate more activities (Steam, Makerspace, performances, talent shows, recess, individualized instruction) like smaller schools have in the district. Mr. Mayo suggested that she contact the principal and vice principal to discuss her concerns. Mr. Fischetti added that all Steam-related activities are balanced exactly across the district. Mrs. Testa added that the talent shows are set up through the PTA or the 6<sup>th</sup> grade families. Mrs. Testa suggested that she contact the PTA. Mrs. Testa added that each school in the district has its own culture; however, the programs in the schools are the same throughout the district.

Mrs. Yosha (Bellmore Rd.) asked what options have been considered for reducing class sizes in Saw Mill. Is the Princeton Plan being considered—more teacher aides for larger classes?

Mrs. Testa stated that once the Board of Education receives the results of the demographic study, we will review the recommendations so that we can make an informed decision to do what is best for the community. Mrs. Testa indicated that the Princeton Plan has been discussed in the past, and it was not the decision at the time. Mrs. Testa stated she understands the Saw Mill community's concerns and will share the results of the study when it is completed.

Mrs. Arriaga (Jenkins St., N. Merrick) stated her concern of all the misinformation and negative comments and discussions on social media.

Mrs. Testa thanked Mrs. Arriaga for her comments and stated that she and her administration are open to suggestions and opinions and hearing others' perspectives. However, she shared her concern of the level of negativity and disrespect exhibited by a few on social media. She encouraged the entire community to lift one another up instead of tearing community members down. Mrs. Testa encouraged the community to contact the administrators and principals with any concerns or disagreements and to approach problems in a respectful manner in accordance with our communication protocol.

Mrs. Tai (Court St.) stated that our kindergarten class sizes range from 22-24 students and asked what can be done to make our K – 2 classes smaller. She stated that the average kindergarten class size in NYC is 22, and we have more children than a typical NYC class, and we pay double the taxes. Mrs. Testa stated that we are monitoring the incoming kindergarten enrollment weekly. Over the years, the Board of Education has worked very hard to try

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to keep down the sizes of the K-2 classes, however, going forward, there are going to be some changes in that area.

Mrs. Haugh (Harding St.) commented that if the bussing proposition passes and \$610,000 is added to the school budget, we will be jeopardizing the school programs for a small percentage of students to receive bussing.

Mr. Schissler indicated that adding \$610,000 would increase the taxes by 1.7% and would pierce the Tax Cap. Mr. Schissler referred back to Mrs. Cramsie's comment that, if the Cap is pierced, the community will not receive the tax rebate check.

Mrs. Testa stated that piercing the Cap would equate to further adjustments and cuts to the budget.

Mrs. Haugh asked how many students receive transportation. Mr. Schissler indicated that we have about 700 students that are bussed out of 2104.

Mrs. Casucci (Sycamore Ave.) asked for clarification on bringing the out-of-district special education students back into the district.

Ms. Eskew responded that every year our psychologist and CSE chairperson go out to observe and assess our special education students in the out-of-district placements. If, after the assessment, we all believe, and the parents agree, that we may be able to provide for the student in the school district, the district has a legal and moral obligation to try to facilitate the transfer back.

Ms. Eskew reported that this year there are a number of children that we are prepared to consider to bring back to district, if after the CSE process unfolds and the parents agree. We are anticipating opening another self-contained class at Martin Avenue, smaller than our 12:1:1, which would enable us to bring a class of 8:1:2 or a 9:1:2 class into the district.

Mrs. Casucci asked if this will generate \$700,000 of revenue to the district.

Mrs. Testa said that this is an estimate—after taking into the consideration the costs for teachers and support staff for the children.

Mr. Schissler clarified that the \$700,000 is not a revenue base; it is a reduction of expenses.

Mrs. Casucci also brought up concerns regarding the social media and twitter and privacy and safety issues. Mrs. Testa acknowledged her concerns. Mr. Mayo stated that safety of the children is our number one concern.

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Mrs. Nodelman (Jay Dr.) asked if the cost of the transportation proposition will be included on the ballot and large enough so that voters can see it.

Mr. Schissler indicated that the amount will absolutely be included and the font will be large enough so that all community members will be able to see it.

Mrs. Torres (Lloyd Ct.) asked the Board to collect and share accurate and reliable data on the number of daily bus riders vs. the number of eligible riders.

Mr. Schissler stated said that we have the number of eligible riders. The daily number of riders changes from day to day. On any given day, we can have our drivers take a count. Based on the enrollment, we could be potentially need 14 buses, if the proposal was passed, however, we brought it down to 10 buses.

Mrs. Testa explained that if the transportation proposition is passed and the Tax Cap is pierced, there will be major program changes, and we will have to reprioritize the budget.

Mrs. Goldstein (Redmond Rd.) stated that already North Bellmore does not hire full time AIS teaches or teacher aides. Our inclusion classes only have half-day collaboration. Our students with special needs already have to leave their home schools separating from siblings. Our students do not receive regular after school extra help or have any special access to technology. One day per cycle, our teachers have no prep and our students have no specials. Mrs. Goldstein commented that our children cannot afford more cuts and that she hopes the cuts are carefully considered.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mrs. DeLauter, seconded by Mr. Ferrara and carried 5-0, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Canavan, Board Secretary

Mark Schissler, District Clerk