

MINUTES OF THE NORTH BELLMORE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING May 2, 2017

The regular meeting of the North Bellmore Union Free School District Board of Education was held on Tuesday evening, May 2, 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:

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

Also present:

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

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order by President Nina Lanci at 6:41 PM and immediately adjourned into executive session. The meeting reconvened at 7:43 PM. Mr. Schissler led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Martin Avenue student, Kristina Trupo, read the district's mission statement.

BUDGET HEARING Mr. Schissler reported that the 2017-18 budget is in excess of \$55 million and represents an increase of 2.94 percent. This year the proposed tax levy increase is 2.18 percent. This budget allows the district to continue all of our instructional programs as well as meet our contractual obligations. Our tax levy increase is by far the lowest of any of the component districts. Mr. Schissler added that the budget is good for the children and good for the community. He encouraged the community to vote on Tuesday, May 16 at Newbridge Road School from 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the Minutes from the Regular meeting of April 6, 2017 and the Special meetings of April 13, 2017 and April 20, 2017. Mr. Mayo seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION On behalf of the Board of Education, Mrs. Cmar-Grote congratulated Mrs. Testa and Mrs. Lanci who were recently honored by the Bellmore Lions Club for their contributions to the community. Mrs. Cmar-Grote also recognized Ms. Canavan in observance of Administrative Professionals week.

**STEAM
PRESENTATION**

Mrs. Testa thanked Mr. Fischetti for the innovative and exemplary work they are accomplishing relative to attaining our goals for restructuring the work of the technology teachers. They have successfully moved us forward in the area of STEAM education and in the use of wireless devices - iPads. Mrs. Testa turned the presentation over to technology teacher, Mr. Michael Bevilacqua.

Mr. Bevilacqua gave an overview of the STEAM Technology Initiative (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) and explained how it promotes higher-level thinking, cross-curricular thinking, collaboration, problem solving, creativity, persistence and college and career readiness.

Mr. Bevilacqua and the following Martin Avenue third grade students in Ms. Kalinowski's class demonstrated how they use Ozobots to learn about robotics and coding: Eamon Andrews, Christina McLenaghan, Ellie Meyer and Quinn Sendrowitz. Mr. Bevilacqua invited the Board and administrators to experiment with the Ozobots.

Mr. Bevilacqua gave examples of other STEAM activities happening in North Bellmore schools. Students in fourth grade experiment with "Think" Cubelets to create a robot that completes a task. Students in fifth grade learn the process of making three-dimensional objects from a digital file using a 3D printer. At present, the district has two 3D printers at Gunther. Spheros, a robotic sphere that could be coded, are currently being piloted in sixth grade at Newbridge Road School. Mr. Bevilacqua added that Mrs. Squicciarini, Library Media Specialist, piloted "Makey "Makey" circuit boards at Park Avenue School last year. Mr. Bevilacqua thanked the Board of Education, the administrators and principals for all their support.

Ms. Squicciarini and Ms. D'Andrilli, music teacher, demonstrated how their students built guitars out of recycled materials and used "Makey Makey" circuit board kits to make their guitars "electric". The following sixth grade students played their guitars and invited Mrs. Testa and the Board to participate: Casey Backman, Cassidy Coveny, Casey McGovern, Christian Pongratz, Stella Proios, Georgios Margaronis, Peter Mayo, Kevin Perry, Owen Trenkle and Kristina Trupo.

Mr. Fischetti thanked everyone for the excellent presentation. Mrs. Testa thanked the entire faculty for enthusiastically welcoming the technology group and for embracing the STEAM initiative.

VISITORS

There were no questions relating to agenda items only.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Lanci advised that no correspondence was received.

TREASURER'S REPORT Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ended March 31, 2017. Mr. Ferrara seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/HIGH SCHOOL REPORT Mrs. DeLauter stated that at the special meeting of April 20 the Board voted unanimously for the BOCES budget and board incumbents.

FINANCE The Board of Education acknowledged the review of the warrants that have been approved by the Claims Auditor for the month of April 2017.

BUDGETARY TRANSFERS Mr. Mayo moved that the Board of Education approve the budgetary transfers dated May 2, 2017. Mr. Ferrara seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

PERSONNEL REPORT Mr. Mayo moved that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Report dated May 2, 2017. Mrs. Cmar-Grote seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

A.1 PERSONNEL REPORT

MAY 2, 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.

*This appointment is subject to all applicable provisions of the NY Education Law including, without limitation, that, in order to be eligible for tenure, the referenced individual must have received annual composite or overall APPR ratings of Highly Effective (HE) or Effective (E) for at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding school years exclusive of any break in service. In addition, if the individual receives an ineffective (I) composite or overall APPR rating in his/her final year of probationary service, s/he shall not be eligible for tenure at that time even if she/he has secured HE or E APPR composite or overall ratings in every other year of his/her probationary service.

This expiration date is tentative and conditional only. In order to be granted tenure the teacher must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Section 3012-c and/or 3012-d of the Education Law of either effective or highly effective to the extent required by the applicable provisions of the Education Law, the Rules of the Board of Regents and the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, and if the teacher receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period the teacher shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.

<u>Appointments:</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>
11.1 McCann, Sarah	AIS Teacher		\$125/day	4/18/2017
11.2 Maiale, Samantha	AIS Teacher		\$125/day	4/18/2017
11.3 Englander, Ronni	Lv. Repl. Teacher	95%1M	\$302.51/day	5/9/17-6/23/17
11.4 Parker, Corinne	Lv. Repl. Teacher	95%1M	\$302.51/day	5/5/17-6/23/17
11.5 Hagan, Melissa	Lv. Repl. Teacher	95%1B	\$282.23/day	5/15/17-6/23/17
11.6 Coghill, Jessica	Substitute Teacher		\$100/day	5/03/17
11.7 Yencharis, Amy*	Prob. Music Teacher	95%4M		9/1/17-9/1/21
<u>Change of Status:</u>				
11.8	From: Interim Assistant Principal			7/1/17-7/1/20
	To: Prob. Assistant Principal			

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Kindergarten Parent Meeting:

11.9	Collins, Karen	Teacher K-6	\$54.12/hr	5/16/17
11.10	Elhilow, Lois	Speech Pathologist	\$54.12/hr	5/16/17
11.11	Squicciarini, Phyllis	Librarian	\$54.12/hr	5/16/17
11.12	Sotirakos, Soula	Teacher K-6	\$54.12/hr	5/16/17
11.13	Kuhn, Jennie	Teacher K-6	\$54.12/hr	5/16/17
11.14	Skelly, Jill	Teacher K-6	\$54.12/hr	5/16/17
11.15	Carolan-Yager, Mary	Teacher K-6	\$54.12/hr	5/16/17

Festival Concert:

11.16	Collins, Karen	Chaperones	\$43.07/hr	4/03/17
11.17	Schwartz, Stephanie	Chaperones	\$43.07/hr	4/03/17
11.18	Nowicki, Carl	Chaperones	\$43.07/hr	4/03/17
11.19	DaRold, Christopher	Chaperones	\$43.07/hr	4/03/17

Festival Concert:

11.20	D'Andrilli, Emilie	Chorus Co-Director	\$1,268 (Stipend)	4/03/17
11.21	Yencharis, Amy	Chorus Co-Director	\$1,268 (Stipend)	4/03/17
11.22	Behr, Desiree	Band Co-Director	\$1,268 (Stipend)	4/03/17
11.23	Stainkamp, Sam	Band Co-Director	\$1,268 (Stipend)	4/03/17

Family Medical Leave of Absences:

11.24	Jaffa, Margaret	Psychologist		5/08/17-6/30/17
11.25	Pulsinelli, Kara	Teacher K-6		5/05/17-6/30/17
11.26	Belferder, Joann	Teacher K-6		5/09/17-6/30/17
11.27	Beauman, Elyse	Teacher K-6		5/15/17-6/30/17

Parental Leave of Absence:

11.28	Azus, Allison	Psychologist		5/15/17 - 6/30/17
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Appointments:

	<u>Title</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>
11.29	Fortugno, Nicolas	From: Cleaner PT/Sub To: Cleaner FT	4 \$37,970/yr	5/01/2017
11.30	Bonapace, Theresa	From: Reg. Nurse PT To: Reg. Nurse PT/Sub	\$28.98/hr	4/03/17

Family Medical Leave of Absences:

11.31	Vavrica, Joseph	Cleaner		4/03/17 - 6/23/17
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Leave of Absences:

11.32	Schwartz, Geri	Food Svr. Hlp PT		3/09/17 - 5/03/17
11.33	Vavrica, Joseph	Cleaner		6/26/17 - 6/29/17

Resignation:

11.34	Daddino, Joni	Teacher Aide PT		4/28/17
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Termination:

11.35	White, Thomas	Cleaner PT/Sub		3/20/17
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Addendum

A.1 Personnel Report

May 2, 2017

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Appointments:	Title	Step	Rate	Eff. Date
11.36 Coghill, Jessica	Substitute Teacher		\$100/day	5/03/2017
11.37 Tholl, Christina	Substitute Teacher		\$100/day	5/03/2017
11.38 Graziose, Celeste	Substitute Teacher		\$100/day	5/03/2017
11.39 Akyelken, Tara	Substitute Teacher		\$100/day	5/03/2017
11.40 Biscardi, Melissa	Substitute Teacher		\$100/day	5/03/2017
11.41 Gange, Kasey	Substitute Teacher		\$100/day	5/03/2017
11.42 Cariddi, Hannah	Substitute Teacher		\$100/day	5/03/2017

Kindergarten Literacy Game Night:

11.43 Sotirakos, Soula	Teacher K-6		\$54.12/hr	5/25/2017
11.44 Vento, Margaret	Teacher K-6		\$54.12/hr	5/25/2017
11.45 Carolan-Yager, Mary	Teacher K-6		\$54.12/hr	5/25/2017
11.46 Martelli, Nicole	ESL Teacher		\$54.12/hr	5/25/2017
11.47 Sand, Samantha	ESL Teacher		\$54.12/hr	5/25/2017
11.48 Hodge, Olivia	ESL Teacher		\$54.12/hr	5/25/2017

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.

Appointment:	Title	Step	Rate	Eff. Date
11.49 McCarthy, Michael	Cleaner PT/Sub		\$16.56/hr	5/03/2017

STAFF DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the Staff Development Report dated May 2, 2017.

SPECIAL EDUCATION CPSE/CSE

Mr. Mayo moved that the Board of Education approve the CPSE and CSE reports dated April 27, 2017. Mrs. Cmar-Grote seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

CONTRACTS

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

- Adelphi University – HY Weinberg Center
- All Island Speech and Rehabilitation PC
- Aspire Center for Learning and Development
- Bellmore Physical Therapy
- Bilinguals, Inc.

CONTRACTS

- Education Incorporated
- Dr. Donna Geffner
- Dr. Hilary Gomes
- Rosa Karp
- Kids First Evaluation & Advocacy Center, Inc.
- Mineola UFSD
- MKSA, LLC
- Jennifer Sheridan
- Tutoring Services of Long Island
- US Medical Staffing
- Variety Child Learning Center
- Westbury UFSD

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

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve a contract with Charna B. Caddy, M.S. for the 2016-17 school year. Mr. Mayo seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Ferrara moved that the Board of Education renew the continuation of transportation transactions with the Bellmore Merrick Central High School District with offices for the transaction of business located at 1260 Meadowbrook Road, Merrick, NY 11566 and the North Bellmore Union Free School District with offices located at 2616 Martin Avenue, Bellmore, NY 11710 (referred to as the "Bellmore Merrick Consortium") for the summer of 2017 and the 2017/18 school year. Mr. Mayo seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

Mr. Mayo moved that the Board of Education renew the following contracts at the current CPI for the 2017 summer session:

- Acme Bus Company
- Baumann Bus Company
- Educational Bus Company
- Suburban Bus Company
- We Transport

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

DONATIONS

Mr. Mayo moved that the Board of Education accept a donation of a 3-6 foot Crepe Myrtle tree from Girl School Troop 945, to be planted at Newbridge Road School (approximate cost \$100). Mrs. DeLauter seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

Mr. Mayo moved that the Board of Education accept a donation from BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION in the amount of \$821.40 to be used to purchase additional recess equipment for the Saw Mill Road School students. Mrs. Cmar-Grote seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

DONATIONS

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education accept a donation from the Saw Mill Road sixth grade class of 2017 of a check in the amount of \$1,000 to be used to offset the cost of the canoe trip in June. Mrs. Cmar-Grote seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**SEQRA – ROLLER
HOCKEY RINK**

Motion was made by Mr. Ferrara, seconded by Mr. Mayo, and carried 5-0, to approve the following resolution:

**2017 RECONSTRUCTION OF ROLLER HOCKEY RINK PHASE 1@
NEWBRIDGE ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
State Environment Quality Review
Notice of Determination of Non-Significance**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the **NORTH BELLMORE UFSD** is the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Process for the purpose of required determinations respecting the proposed Capital Improvement Projects as follows:

**RECONSTRUCTION TO EXISTING EXTERIOR ROLLER HOCKEY RINK – PHASE 1
@ THE NEWBRIDGE ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:**

1. REMOVAL OF EXISTING ROLLER HOCKEY RINK INCLUDING BOARDS, GLASS & ASPHALT PAVEMENT
2. INSTALLATION OF NEW PAVEMENT & CONCRETE CURBING
3. INSTALLATION OF NEW DASHER BOARDS & PROTECTIVE LEXAN
4. REPLACEMENT OF PERIMETER CHAIN LINK FENCE
5. INSTALLATION OF NEW CONCRETE BLEACHER PAD & BLEACHERS
6. INSTALLATION OF NEW CONDUIT & FOOTINGS FOR FUTURE LIGHTING POLES

WHEREAS, in 1995, amendments were made to the SEQRA Regulation (Part 617) to classify projects, which will be excluded from the requirements for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (Type II Actions). The projects mentioned above are now classified as Type II Actions as determined by 6NYCRR§617.5 and

WHEREAS, these projects fall under the following categories:

- A. Maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure of facility;
- B. Replacement, Rehabilitation or Reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in Section 617.4 of this Part;

THEREFORE, as the lead agency for the SEQRA determination, all the above referenced projects fall under Categories “A” or “B” above. The procedure for

Type II Actions, with regard to the SEQRA Process for Capital Projects noted above is "No Additional Required Action under 6NYCRR§617.5(a)".

**AGREEMENT WITH
 BOCES**

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the North Bellmore Board of Education approve the agreement between North Bellmore Union Free School District and Board of Cooperative Educational Services (PROJECT # 4-602606 dated May 2, 2017) to find that:

- i. the use of the Equipment and the District's participation in the Administrative project is essential to the District's proper, efficient and economic operation of its education program to be supported by the Equipment, and is necessary to maintain the District's educational program; and that
- ii. the expenses arising under this Agreement constitute expenses necessary for providing educational services and the transaction is in the best financial interests of the School District because it enables the District to utilize the equipment in a cost effective and economic manner.

AND TO APPROVE AN ASSIGNMENT OF CO-SER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NORTH BELLMORE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES OF NASSAU COUNTY ARISING UNDER THE AGREEMENT FOR TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM PROJECT # 4-602606 TO REPLACE OBSOLETE COMPUTER EQUIPMENT at:

Destination Building Name	Building Address
<u>John G. Dinkelmeyer Elementary</u> Bellmore, NY 11710	2100 Waltoffer Ave.; North
<u>Newbridge Rd. Elementary</u> Bellmore, NY 11710	1601 Newbridge Rd.; North
<u>Martin Avenue School</u> 11710	2616 Martin Ave.; Bellmore, NY
<u>Jacob Gunther School</u> Bellmore, NY 11710	2600 Regent Place; North
<u>Saw Mill Rd. Elementary</u> Bellmore, NY 11710	2801 Saw Mill Rd., North
<u>Park Avenue Elementary</u> 11566	1599 Park Ave.; Merrick, NY
<u>North Bellmore Facilities</u> Bellmore, NY 11710	1602 Bellmore Avenue; North
<u>North Bellmore Administration</u> 11710	2616 Martin Ave., Bellmore, NY

AND TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD PRESIDENT TO SIGN THE APPROPRIATE ASSIGNMENT AND SUCH OTHER DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO EFFECT THE TRANSACTION SUBJECT TO LEGAL COUNSEL REVIEW.

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

**CUSTODIAL UNIFORM
BID**

Bids were opened on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. for custodial uniforms. North Bellmore represented 44 Nassau County School Districts as the lead Agency. Bids were received from one company: Woods M & B Clothing. The company bid on a per item basis. It is recommended that Woods M & B Clothing be awarded the bid as the only responsible bidder. Bids also were sent to Mag & Son Clothing. Woods has been our vendor for the last few years and does an excellent job.

Mr. Mayo moved that the Board of Education award the custodial uniform bid to Wood M & B Clothing. Mr. Ferrara seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**APPOINTMENT OF
HEARING OFFICER**

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that in connection with a Statement of Charges dated May 2, 2017, the Board of Education hereby appoints Arthur Riegel, Esq. to serve as hearing officer in a hearing pursuant to Civil Service Law Section 75, involving the employee named in Confidential Attachment A.

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

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

VISITORS

Mrs. Casucci (Sycamore Ave.) questioned the district's lockdown procedures. Mrs. Testa explained the difference between a lockout and a lockdown and reviewed the district's protocols.

Mrs. Testa thanked the Board for approving the personnel appointments of Mrs. Danica Brugge as a Probationary Assistant Principal, and Mrs. Amy Yencharis as a Probationary Music Teacher. Mrs. Testa congratulated Mrs. Brugge and Ms. Yencharis.

Mrs. Lanci wished everyone a happy spring and Happy Mother's Day.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mrs. DeLauter and carried 5-0, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Canavan, Board Secretary

Mark Schissler, District Clerk