

NORTH BELLMORE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Town of Hempstead, North Bellmore, New York 11710
Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education
November 16, 2016

Minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Education, North Bellmore Union Free School District, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, State of New York, held at the Newbridge Road School of said district on November 16, 2016.

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
Jason Fischetti, Director of Technology
Larry Tenenbaum, District Counsel

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Board of Education President, Nina Lanci. Mrs. Lanci led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. DeLauter then read the District's Mission Statement.

Nina Lanci welcomed the parents, faculty, staff, community members and Deputy Inspector Shapiro from The First Precinct. Mrs. Lanci stated, "The purpose of tonight's meeting is to review the details of the incident that occurred at Newbridge Road School on 11/11/16 and at the facilities department office building located at 1602 Bellmore Avenue, which is adjacent to the Newbridge Road School. Additionally, the Board of Education called this meeting to give you, the community, an opportunity to receive clarification of misinformation perpetuated on social media, and through word of mouth, and to offer you an opportunity to express your concerns and to ask questions regarding the incident. When the Superintendent's portion of the meeting has concluded, the community will be invited to make comments or to ask questions." Mrs. Lanci explained the protocol for the visitor's portion of the meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Ms. Testa thanked the Board for agreeing to convene this special meeting and welcomed the community. She thanked the Nassau County Police Department for their assistance and for attending the meeting, and for their assistance with the incidents that occurred on 11/11/16.

Mrs. Testa shared the key details regarding the incidents that occurred on 11/11/16 at Newbridge Road School and at the facilities department house, which is separate from the school and located at 1602 Bellmore Avenue.

During Mrs. Testa's report, she answered several questions posed by Board members. After the conclusion of her report, the community members were invited to make comments or ask questions. Sixty-one community members posed questions, shared comments, or made requests regarding safety and security protocols.

Executive Session: On a motion by Mrs. DeLauter and seconded by Mr. Ferrara the Board moved to Executive Session to discuss current and future investigations at 9:40 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

On a motion by Mr. Ferrara, seconded by Mrs. Lanci and carried 5-0, the Board reconvened at 10:54 PM.

Adjournment: On a motion made by Mr. Ferrara, seconded by Mrs. Lanci and carried 5-0, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Testa
Superintendent