

MINUTES OF THE NORTH BELLMORE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING April 6, 2017

The regular meeting of the North Bellmore Union Free School District Board of Education was held on Thursday evening, April 6, 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
Lawrence Tenenbaum, District Counsel
Jeanne Canavan, Board Secretary

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. Mr. Schissler led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Mr. Ferrara moved that the Board of Education approve the Minutes from the Regular meeting of March 6, 2017 and the Special meeting of March 23, 2017. Mr. Mayo seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.
- VISITORS** There were no questions relating to agenda items only.
- Mrs. Testa stated that tonight she highly recommends the following teachers for tenure: Chrissy Meiselas, sixth grade teacher, Stephanie Meehan and Samantha Quarta, both ILP teachers.
- CHANGE IN ORDER OF AGENDA** Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education move ahead to the Personnel Report. Mr. Ferrara seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.
- PERSONNEL REPORT** Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the following personnel report dated April 6, 2017.

A.1 Personnel Report

April 6, 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.

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<u>Appointments:</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>
10.1	Mann, Michele	Substitute Teacher	\$100/day	4/07/2017
10.2	Haithiramani, Pooja	Substitute Teacher	\$100/day	4/07/2017
10.3	Lepkofker, Alison	Substitute Teacher	\$100/day	4/07/2017

<u>Appointment to Tenure:</u>				
10.4	Meehan, Stephanie	Special Ed. Teacher		9/01/2017
10.5	Meiselas, Christine	Teacher K-6		9/01/2017
10.6	Quarta, Samantha	Special Ed. Teacher		9/01/2017

<u>Family Medical Leave of Absence:</u>				
10.7	Green, William	Physical Ed. Teacher		4/25/2017 - 6/27/2017

<u>Unpaid Parental Leave of Absence:</u>				
10.8	Doherty, Chakira	Music Teacher		9/1/2017 - 6/30/2018
10.9	Candelaria, Mary Kate	Special Ed. Teacher		9/1/2017 - 6/30/2018

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10.10	Scalici, Victoria	From: Typist Clerk To: Sr. Typist Clerk	6 \$45,132/yr	04/07/2017

<u>Family Medical Leave of Absence:</u>				
10.11	Meyer, Henry	Custodian		3/15/2017 - 4/21/2017

<u>Resignation:</u>				
10.12	Roc, Scott	Cleaner		4/18/2017
10.13	Christiansen, Catherine	Teacher Aide PT		4/07/2017
10.14	Espinal, Ana	Food Srv Helper PT		3/20/2017

<u>Resignation for the Purposes of Retirement:</u>				
10.15	Finck, Sandra	Sr. Account Clerk		6/29/2017
10.16	Lawson, Dianne	Typist Clerk		6/30/2017
10.17	Zuccaro, Grace	Account Clerk		6/30/2017
10.18	Gentile, Janice	Typist Clerk		6/30/2017
10.19	Romano, Ann Marie	Typist Clerk		6/29/2017

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Addendum

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10.20	Foley, Jessica	Substitute Teacher	\$100/day	4/7/2017
<u>Homebound Services:</u> (1 hr / 2X monthly)				
10.21	West, Jenna	Special Ed. Teacher	\$54.12/hr	4/3/17-6/23/17

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10.22 D'Andrilli, Emilie Music Teacher 8/31/2017

Resignation for the Purposes of Retirement:

10.23 Griffin, Jeannine Teacher K-6 6/30/2017

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10.24 Forth, Daniel	Cleaner PT/Sub		\$16.56/hr	4/7/2017
10.25 Mijango, Christian	Cleaner PT/Sub		\$16.56/hr	4/7/2017
10.26 Longo, Samantha	Teacher Aide PT/Sub		\$17.10/hr	4/7/2017

Resignation for the Purposes of Retirement:

10.27 Caldas, Armando Cleaner 7/29/2017

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Mrs. Testa stated that all three teachers who received tenure are former North Bellmore students who now teach at Saw Mill Road School: Ms. Meiselas, Ms. Meehan and Ms. Quarta. Mrs. Testa stated, "Tenure in North Bellmore is earned through the consistent demonstration of growth on the part of the educator. The district only grants tenure to those exemplary teachers who demonstrate a grown mindset and a love for children."

Mr. Rosof (on behalf of the Principals and Saw Mill Road School), Mrs. Bernstein (on behalf of NBTA), Ms. Eskew and Mrs. Pollitt (on behalf of the administrative team), Mrs. Gilroy, Ms. Pittelli, Ms. Holland and Ms. Fitzgerald (on behalf of the North Bellmore faculty) all expressed their congratulations to the newly tenured teachers. Mrs. Lanci (on behalf of the Board of Education) also congratulated the teachers and expressed the Board's appreciation for encouraging and inspiring the students and for choosing to return to teach in the district. The meeting recessed at 8:15 PM for refreshments.

The meeting reconvened at 8:30 PM
Mrs. Testa congratulated each of the teachers.

**STAFF
DEVELOPMENT
REPORT**

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the Staff Development Report dated April 6, 2017

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Lanci advised that no correspondence was received.

**TREASURER'S
REPORT**

Mr. Ferrara moved that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ended February 28, 2017. Mr. Mayo seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**BOARD COMMITTEE
REPORTS/HIGH
SCHOOL REPORTS**

Mrs. DeLauter reported the following on the special meeting of April 5:
Mr. DeTommaso gave a presentation on the possible sale of the Jerusalem Avenue Middle School property to Nassau BOCES. Depending on public input, the Board may vote on a resolution to move forward with the sale at their May 3 meeting.

Mrs. DeLauter reported the following on the regular meeting of April 5:
BMCSHD had among the highest percentages of students in Nassau County opting out of the ELA exams, and the same is expected for math testing.

The Superhero Run event raised more than \$10,000, which will benefit *Rise Against Hunger*. Fifteen hundred dollars will go to support The Community Cupboard. Saw Mill School recently also participated in a food drive in support of The Community Cupboard. The Cupboard is currently serving 24-26 families in need in the community.

The high school and component districts will participate in a realtor breakfast on May 19 to highlight the schools in the area.

The district's allowable tax cap is 3.234 percent for 2017-18. The tax levy will be higher than last year due to the debt service on bond payments.

A former 1954 Mephram graduate is funding two \$10,000 scholarships this year for two Mephram graduating seniors majoring in the Arts

FINANCE

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

**BUDGETARY
TRANSFERS**

Mr. Mayo moved that the Board of Education approve the budgetary transfers dated April 6, 2017. Mrs. Cmar-Grote seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education authorize the North Bellmore School District to expend the sum in the General Fund Appropriation in the total amount of \$55,321,132 for the 2017/2018 school year. Mr. Mayo seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

BUDGET UPDATE

Mr. Schissler reported that the proposed Tax Levy increase is 2.18 percent. He added that this increase is the lowest among our component districts.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT CONTINUED**

Mrs. Testa reported on the following:

The North Bellmore Teachers' Association also sponsored schoolwide staff and students non-food item drive in support of The Community Cupboard.

Our service project with The Lions Club was recently featured in the Lions Club Magazine for Service Projects.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT CONTINUED**

The second Annual District Festival Chorus and Band was held this week and was very exceptional and inspiring. Thanks go out to Mrs. Skelos, Ms. D'Andrilli, Ms. Stainkamp, Ms. Behr and Ms. Yencharis for making it a successful event.

Technology:

Mr. Fischetti held the first Firestarter meeting on April 3. The group consists of 22 teachers who will receive extensive professional development using iPads in the classroom and then work as a turnkey trainers in their buildings when all of the new iPads arrive, hopefully by September.

After a meeting with the library media specialists, we determined that each library will begin implementing Makerspaces using mixed resources already on hand and adding in "Little Bits" for each location. During professional development on April 24, Mr. Fischetti will be working with the library media specialists to begin writing curriculum for next year to help meet research needs of students and teachers.

Building and Grounds: We are assessing the buildings and preparing for LED lighting. We are assessing the bathrooms. We are working on a handicapped bathroom at Park. The fire alarm system at Park is complete. Mrs. Testa thanked Ms. Speidel and Mr. Russo for the fire alarm watch.

Special education: Ms. Eskew is working on several possible out-of-district placements for current students. Ms. Eskew is in the process of assessing the results of the incoming kindergarteners to prepare for programmatic needs and sections for the 2017-18 school year. There will be an additional K-2 self-contained class at Newbridge to accommodate nine incoming students. Seven students will attend out-of-district placements and six students will attend ERR classes. Ms. Eskew is preparing for the special education summer school. All potential summer school employees will be placed on next month's agenda for approval.

Human Resources: Ms. Eskew is in the process of handling several very sensitive and confidential matters.

Curriculum and Instruction: Mrs. Pollitt is reconvening the report card committee to revise the 2017-18 school report card, particularly in the writing section, to align with our newly implemented writing program.

The Beacon Spring Edition is anticipated for publication at the end of May and will feature writing.

The principals have been instrumental in the administration of the testing and management of refusals and implementation of proctoring protocols and preparing the assessments for scoring. The final percentage rate for refusal for ELA is 66 percent.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT CONTINUED The UPK lottery is complete. Out of the 147 applications received, 66 placements were made.

Mrs. DeLauter asked if a budget newsletter and postcard will be mailed out. Mrs. Testa stated that *The Beacon* budget newsletter and budget post card will be mailed out by Syntax. Mrs. Testa advised that the Annual Budget Hearing will be at the regular Board of Education meeting on May 2. The Budget vote will be held on May 16.

SPECIAL EDUCATION CPSE/CSE Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the CPSE and CSE reports dated March 30, 2017. Mr. Mayo seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education move to a consent agenda for item Nos. 11.1 - 11.5. Mr. Mayo seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

POLL WATCHERS **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education appoint the following as poll watchers for the 2016/2017 Annual Budget Vote and Election effective for the 2017/2018 School Year:

Anne Barbera, Karen Hartnett, Sandra Finck, Michael J. Bevilacqua, Grace Zuccaro, Karen Guerra, Janice Gentile, Christine Kropp, Nicholas Bazarewski, Carol Sena, Roseann Moskowitz, Mary Wesselhoft, Justine Barbera-Brazas

INSPECTORS **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following inspectors for the 2016/2017 Annual Budget Vote and Election:

Fred Chandler and Susan Chandler at the hourly rate of \$15.00
These individuals were obtained from the Nassau County Board of Elections Inspector List.

COOPERATIVE TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT WHEREAS, a number of public school districts in Nassau County wish to jointly solicit proposals, together with the Nassau Board of Cooperative Educational Services ("BOCES") for pupil transportation services for the 2017-18 school year (and any renewal period) in accordance with the applicable provisions of General Municipal Law;

WHEREAS, the public school districts and the BOCES have agreed to form a Cooperative (the "Cooperative") for this purpose;

WHEREAS, the North Bellmore School District is desirous of participating in the Cooperative for joint solicitation of proposals for pupil transportation services as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Inter-Municipal Cooperative Transportation Agreement attached hereto;

**COOPERATIVE
TRANSPORTATION
AGREEMENT**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the School District to participate in the Cooperative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Inter-Municipal Cooperative Transportation Agreement (Recitals) attached hereto and authorizes the Board President to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

CONTRACTS

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

- Abilities, Inc.
- Access 7 Services, Inc.
- All About Kids
- Allied Speech-Language Therapy, P.C.
- Blue Sea Educational Consulting, Inc.
- Bowen Speech Therapy, PC
- Susan Browne, SLP
- Corinthian Therapy Management Services, Inc.
- East Rockaway UFSD
- Gwenn Eiger
- The Hagedorn Little Village School
- Home Care Therapies LLC
- Dr. Andrew Kent
- Gayle E.Kligman Therapeutic Resources
- Linda S. LaMarca, Ph.D.
- Metro Therapy, Inc.
- Milestones in Home Care, Inc.
- New York Therapy Placement Services, Inc.
- North Merrick UFSD
- Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District
- Seneca Consulting Group
- Sensational Development Occupational Therapy
- South Shore Pediatric Physical Therapy, LLP
- TLC Kids Therapy, Inc.

POLICY No. 4526

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept North Bellmore revised policy No. 4526 – Acceptable Use Policy for Computer/Device Use in Instruction for a first reading and adoption.

**NORTH BELLMORE
PARAPROFESSIONALS
AGREEMENT**

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement By and Between The North Bellmore Union Free School District and the North Bellmore Paraprofessional Association for the term: July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019. Mr. Mayo seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

VISITORS

Mrs. Tara Hoey (McKinley Ave.) asked how the district could move to a five-day schedule where specials are given daily. She stated that with the six-day schedule, there is a one day gap with no specials given. She also questioned how we can get language for the first through fifth grades. Mrs. Testa stated that the six-day cycle is under the NBTA contract. Mrs. Testa added that it would be a huge endeavor to change it and would change how instruction is delivered. This would need to be discussed with the Board of Education, the NBTA and the administration.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mrs. DeLauter seconded by Mr. Mayo and carried 5-0, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Canavan, Board Secretary

Mark Schissler, District Clerk