

MINUTES OF THE NORTH BELLMORE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING March 10, 2016

The regular meeting of the North Bellmore Union Free School District Board of Education was held on Thursday evening, March 10, 2016, 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
JoAnn DeLauter, Vice President
Melissa Cmar-Grote
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
Larry Tenenbaum, District Counsel
Jeanne Canavan, Board Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Motion was made by Mrs. Lanci seconded by Mr. Ferrara, to move into executive session to discuss personnel matters at 7:05 p.m. Motion was carried 4-0. Mrs. DeLauter arrived at 7:08 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:05 p.m. Mr. Mayo led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Lanci 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 February 4, 2016. Mrs. Lanci seconded, and the motion was carried 5-0.

MUSIC PRESENTATION

Mrs. Testa announced that we are celebrating *Music in Our Schools Month* and expressed the value of music in the lives of our students. She then turned the meeting over to Mrs. Skelos who oversees the district Music and Art Programs. She introduced music teachers, Mr. McCullagh, Ms. D'Andrilli and Mr. D'Orio. Selected music students from each school in the District Orchestra started off the presentation with *Classic Sinfonia*, followed by the District Chorus singing, *Dream Keeper* and the District Band playing *Olympia*. Mrs. Skelos congratulated the children and the teachers for a wonderful job. She also thanked the parents and the Board of Education for their support. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM for refreshments.

The meeting reconvened at 8:35 PM.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Mrs. Testa showed a CBS news clip on the district's Parent University, *Digital Subscriptions*, for anyone who missed the news story. Mrs. Pollitt thanked the parents for their support and their continued partnership. Mrs. Testa thanked the technology teachers and library media specialists for the great workshop.

Mrs. Testa then highlighted Martin Avenue's *Stem Night* that took place yesterday. She thanked Mrs. Bennett, the Shared Decision Team and the PTA for providing the children with great workshops in science, technology, engineering and mathematics concepts. The night was a huge success! Mrs. Bennett added that special guests included an electrical engineer (former Saw Mill student) and a biochemist to work with the students. Mrs. DeLauter asked if this could be districtwide event, going forward. Mrs. Testa commented that we are considering it.

Mr. Mayo commented on the great performances by the music students and emphasized the importance of the arts and the sciences and creating a "whole learner."

VISITORS

There were no questions relating to agenda items only.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

**TREASURER'S
REPORT**

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer's report for the month ended January 31, 2016. Mrs. DeLauter seconded and the motion and was carried 5-0.

**HIGH SCHOOL
REPORT**

Mrs. Lanci reported that at the last meeting, the Board honored Steve Rose, the founder and coordinator of the Bellmore-Merrick Family Project. They also recognized, Calhoun wrestler, Eric Immel for his sportsmanship towards a special needs athlete. She reminded the community of the April 1 deadline for submitting transportation requests for non-public school students. The Board approved an agreement with Nassau BOCES to participate in the Summer School Program. The next Board meeting will be on April 6.

FINANCE

The Board of Education acknowledges the review of the warrants that have been approved by the Claims Auditor for the months of January and February 2016.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT CONT'D.**

Mrs. Testa recognized the Park faculty and staff for their attendance this evening. She thanked Mrs. Brugge and Mrs. Jabis for their outstanding work and collaboration while Ms. Speidel was on leave.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Mrs. Testa thanked Mrs. Quinn for implementing *World Read Aloud Day* in the district. She also thanked Mrs. Masone and her third grade class at Dinkelmeyer for the wonderful poster on display tonight. She also thanked all the teachers and administrators for their support and participation in the day.

Mrs. Testa announced that she is very proud of the work that has been planned for tomorrow's Staff Development Day and thanked Mrs. Pollitt, Mrs. McNamara and Mrs. Quinn for all their efforts. She also thanked the Board of Education for their support in the professional development area.

Participants from all five schools will be performing in North Bellmore's First Festival Band and Chorus concert at Brookside School on March 22 at 6 p.m.

Mrs. Testa reported that she attended a Public Works Education Conference this week that focused on Best Value Contracting, Bidding on Municipal Contracts and Labor Laws. The conference was very informative.

Mrs. Testa indicated that a NYS assessment survey was sent home to parents yesterday and encouraged parents to return the survey as soon as possible in order to help plan for the administration of the tests.

Mrs. Testa announced that North Bellmore is partnering with the Bellmore Lions Club to help celebrate their upcoming centennial in 2017. The fifth and grade students are invited to submit an idea for a service project that would enrich the North Bellmore community. Each student who sends in a suggestion by April 4 will be entered into a raffle with a chance to win gift cards. The student who proposes the winning project will receive a prize and will be named the honorary chair of the project to be completed this summer.

Mrs. Testa thanked Mr. Rosof and the physical education teachers for facilitating a districtwide *Spring Fun Run* to be held on May 2.

In support of Autism Awareness month, the district will be participating in the *Light it Up Blue* campaign on April 5. All faculty, staff and students are invited to wear blue.

PERSONNEL REPORT Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the following personnel report:

A.1 PERSONNEL REPORT

MARCH 10, 2016

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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Appointments:	Title	Step	Rate	Eff. Date
9.1	Martin, Elyse	Substitute Teacher	\$100/day	3/4/16
9.2	Murphy, Maureen	PT Speech Pathologist	95% 1M \$46.54/hr	3/4/16
9.3	Powers, Edward	Lv. Repl. Teacher	95% 1M \$302.50/day	2/10/16-4/8/16
Homebound Services: (not to exceed 5hrs a week)				
9.4	Martelli, Nicole	ESL Teacher	\$54.12/hr	2/1/16-6/24/16
Homebound Services: (not to exceed 1hr / weekly)				
9.5	Fleigner, Lauren	Special Ed. Teacher	\$54.12/hr	2/4/16-3/31/16
9.6	Egan, Christine	Special Ed. Teacher	\$54.12/hr	3/8/16-6/24/16
Homebound Services: (not to exceed 1hr / 3 sessions)				
9.7	Moir, Kristen	Special Ed. Teacher	\$54.12/hr	2/22/16-3/31/16
Medical Leave of Absence:				
9.8	Powell, Brittany	Prob. Psychologist-Behavioral Specialist		2/2/16-3/21/16
Family Medical Leave of Absence:				
9.9	Giusto, Nicole	Teacher K-6		2/10/16-4/8/16

Resignation:

9.10 Artoglou, Nicholas Substitute Teacher 2/24/2016

Termination:

9.11 Goldberg, Daniel Substitute Teacher 2/5/2016

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
9.12	Cucinella, Kathleen	Teacher Aide PT/Sub	1 \$17.10/hr	3/11/16
9.13	DiFusco, Phyllis	Teacher Aide PT/Sub	1 \$17.10/hr	3/11/16
9.14	Gambino, Christine	Teacher Aide PT/Sub	1 \$17.10/hr	3/11/16
9.15	Gampero, Stephanie	Teacher Aide PT/Sub	1 \$17.10/hr	3/11/16
9.16	Macolino, Theresa	Teacher Aide PT/Sub	1 \$17.10/hr	3/11/16
9.17	Schroeder, James	Teacher Aide PT/Sub	1 \$17.10/hr	3/11/16
9.18	Tarpey, Donna	Food Hlpr PT/Sub	1 \$12.78/hr	3/11/16
Family Medical Leave of Absence:				
9.19	Stublick, Helaine	Typist-Clerk		1/26/16-3/4/16

Change to January 7, 2016 Personnel Report: (Effective date)

7.21 Fitzgerald, Kaitlin Prob. Psychologist 95% of 1M \$60,501.70/yr 02/29/2016

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

STAFF DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Mr. Ferrara moved that the Board of Education approve the Staff Development Report dated March 10, 2016. Mrs. Cmar-Grote seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**BUSINESS
DEPARTMENT
UPDATE**

Mr. Schissler gave the following update:

Transportation: The deadline for submitting non-public school transportation applications for the 2016-17 school year is April 1.

**BUSINESS
DEPARTMENT
UPDATE**

Student enrollment: Enrollment is down two students this month. As of today, fall kindergarten enrollment is less 35 students than we currently have. However, enrollment will probably be approximately the same for next year.

Facilities: The maintenance crews are doing their annual spring cleanup on the grounds districtwide. A fence will be installed at Dinkelmeyer School in the parking lot for added student safety. District architect, John Grillo, has completed the *Building Condition Survey* and is in the process of entering all of the surveys online to the State. Depending on the outcome of the report, we will need to determine if there are any immediate issues we have to deal with. In addition, we will explore the possibility of installing air conditioning the All Purpose Room at Dinkelmeyer and Park Avenue schools. Other districts have gone out to bid recently for air conditioning and the costs have been higher than anticipated. This will be a long term project for consideration.

Cafeteria trays: Students in Saw Mill in grades 2-6 use Styrofoam trays. It would cost \$6,000 more per year to use more environmentally friendly trays. We can look at other possibilities after we assess the Lunch Program at the end of the year.

2016-17 Budget: Upcoming budget hearings will be held on March 15 at Newbridge Road School at 7 PM and March 22 at Saw Mill Road School at 7:30 PM. The proposed budget increase is under one percent and keeps the proposed 2016-17 budget under the maximum allowable tax levy cap. After participating in a lawsuit with other districts, LIPA was ordered to pay districts the full PILOT amount, however, only 98 percent of the PILOT payment has been received so far. The Budget Appropriation Summary and Budget Status report will be send to the Board tomorrow in their weekly packet.

**CURRICULUM AND
INSTRUCTION**

Mrs. Pollitt announced that Superintendent's Conference Day is tomorrow. The instructional staff will participate in a Literacy Institute, followed by reading and writing workshops. She thanked the administrative team, Mrs. McNamara, the reading teachers and the library media specialists for all their efforts.

World Read Aloud Day was celebrated districtwide on February 24. A Read Aloud only homework protocol was put in place. Erica Pecorale modeled interactive read alouds at Park, Dinkelmeyer and Saw Mill. She will visit Martin and Newbridge in the spring.

**CURRICULUM AND
INSTRUCTION**

Mrs. Pollitt, Mrs. McNamara, Mr. Fischetti are in the process of investigating STEM products. The technology teachers will be visiting other districts to learn about their programs. We are cross referencing NYS draft standards to our current K-5 science curriculum. We will be working closely with the BMCHSD and our component districts to align our grade 6 curriculum.

**HUMAN RESOURCES/
SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Superintendent's Conference Day: Mrs. Eskew reported that the LRAs and kindergarten monitors will receive training on the Heimlich maneuver and general first aid tomorrow, provided by Bellmore-Merrick EMS. They will also attend a workshop on network and email accounts, provided by Mr. Fischetti. The paraprofessionals also expressed interest in Heimlich maneuver training and will receive training in the spring.

Staffing: We are presently recruiting to fill openings due to retirements.

Special Education: Alternate Assessments will be taken on computers this year. iPads have been provided to the teachers to practice testing with the children. We are piloting a behavior management program at Park Avenue during lunch and recess. If it is effective, we will provide the program district-wide.

2016-17 Budget: We are still working on the budget. We don't know how many incoming kindergarteners will require special education services and the impact on the number of teachers we will need for ERR classes yet.

Mrs. Eskew stated that the school nurses will be reviewing safety protocols for students regarding self-administration of diabetes medications. Information will be shared with the principals.

CPSE/CESE REPORTS

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the CPSE and CSE reports dated March 3, 2016. Mr. Ferrara seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**APPOINTMENT TO
CPSE/504 committee**

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education appoint Kaitlin Fitzgerald to the Committee of Special Education, Committee on Preschool Special Education and the Section 504 Committee for the 2015-1 school year. Mrs. Cmar-Grote seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**TECHNOLOGY
UPDATE**

Mr. Fischetti announced that the Smart Bond Committee will meet on March 16 to discuss iPad implementation and to outline the wireless infrastructure and costs affiliated with it.

The technology teachers attended a workshop today on Apple's release of IOS 9.3, which allows for multi-user mode to the iPad, and using Apple's new Classroom app, which is getting rave reviews!

**TECHNOLOGY
UPDATE**

Mr. Fischetti reported that he is working with Mr. Schissler to apply to participate in the NYS E-rate Program to access available funding to help support some of our technology program. If eligible, we would be able to put the money saved back into the Smart Bond.

**NEW BUSINESS
CONTRACTS**

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the following contracts for the 2016/17 school year:

- Centris Group
- KLH Fire Safety Consultants
- Dr. Suanne Kowal-Connelly
- Nawrocki Smith LLP (2016)
- Vision People
- Zycron Industries

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

DONATIONS

Mr. Ferrara moved that the Board of Education accept a check from Target: Take Charge of Education in the amount of \$477.74 to be used to provide trip scholarships and build classroom libraries for the students of Martin Avenue School. Mrs. Cmar-Grote seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education accept a donation from Mario Medina in the amount of \$500 to be used to purchase STEM items (iPad and science equipment) to be used by the students of Martin Avenue School. Mr. Cmar-Grote seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education accept a check from Target: Take Charge of Education in the amount of \$597.74 to be used to purchase "Random Acts of Kindness" bracelets (\$297.74) for all Park Avenue students and the remaining (\$300) will go towards the Park Avenue PTA irrigation project brining water from the front of the school to the PTA garden box (beautification project). Mr. Ferrara seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education accept a check from Target: Take Charge of Education in the amount of \$438.82 to be used to purchase a custom table drape (\$305) and the remaining \$133.82 to be used for trip money for children at need at the Dinkelmeyer School. Mrs. Cmar-Grote seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

Mr. Ferrara moved that the Board of Education accept a donation from the Martin Avenue School PTA of three benches to be used by the students, faculty and staff: 1 for kindergarten playground, 2 for back playground. Approximate value: \$1500. Mrs. Cmar-Grote seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

DONATIONS

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education accept a check from Target: Take Charge of Education in the amount of \$835.18 to be used to purchase classroom leveled library supplies at Saw Mill Road School. Mr. Ferrara seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**PROPOSED
EXPANSION PROJECT
INCLUDING INTERIOR
RENOVATIONS/REHA
BILITATION AND
CREATION OF
ADDITIONAL
PARKING**

A motion was made by Mrs. DeLauter, seconded by Mr. Ferrara, to approve the following SEQRA resolution, based on the Library Adopted Resolution of February 26, 2015, in order to proceed with the proposed project for the North Bellmore Public Library:

State Environmental 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 expansion and renovations of the existing library building, located at 1551 Newbridge Road, North Bellmore, New York, to include the construction of an approximately 4000 square foot addition, the partial reconstruction and interior reconfiguration of the existing library building and creation of additional parking (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, in its review of the Project and Part 617 of the Implementing Regulations under Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, has identified the Project as a Type II Action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Project is a Type II Action pursuant to Section 617.5 of the Implementing Regulations under Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, entitled "Type II Actions", specifically Subsections (c)(2), (c)(7) and (c)(8), and will not have a significant impact on the environment and is therefore not subject to further review

OLD BUSINESS

None.

VISITORS

There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Ferrara, seconded by Mrs. Cmar-Grote and carried 5-0, the Board entered into Executive Session at 9:55 p.m. to discuss the employee history of a specific individual.

On a motion by Mrs. DeLauter, seconded by Mrs. Lanci and carried 5-0, the Board of Education reconvened at 10:02 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mrs. Lanci, seconded by Mr. Ferrara and carried 5-0, the meeting was adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Canavan, Board Secretary

Mark Schissler, District Clerk