

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

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The regular meeting of the North Bellmore Union Free School District Board of Education was held on Tuesday evening, May 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 (*left at 9 p.m.*)  
Nina Lanci

Also present:

Marie Testa, Superintendent of Schools  
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 7:02 p.m. Motion was made by Mrs. DeLauter seconded by Mrs. Lanci, to move into executive session to discuss personnel matters at 7:04 p.m. Motion was carried 5-0. The meeting reconvened at 8:17 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 April 7, 2016 and the Minutes from the Special Meeting of April 19, 2016. Mrs. Lanci seconded, and the motion was carried 5-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve a consent agenda for agenda item Nos. 10.1 through 15.7. Mrs. DeLauter seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

- a. Increase the staff as follows: One elementary teacher position, to be assigned as an Instructional Coach, effective July 1, 2016.
- b. Personnel Report Dated May 10, 2016.
- c. Staff Development Report Dated May 10, 2016.
- d. CPSE and CSE reports dated May 6, 2016
- e. Approve the following contracts for the 2016/17 school year:
  - Abilities, INC. D/B/A Kornreich Technology Center
  - Access 7 Services, Inc.
  - Adelphi University
  - All Island Speech and Rehabilitation PC
  - Aspire Center for Learning and Development
  - Frances Bacon

- Bilinguals, Inc. , D/B/A Achieve Beyond
  - Blue Sea Educational Consulting, Inc.
  - Susan Browne
  - Corinthian Therapy Management Services, Inc.
  - Cullen & Danowski, LLP for accounting services for Fiscal Year End 6/30/16, done in 2016/17.
  - Gwenn Eiger, PT
  - Dr. Donna Geffner
  - Dr. Hilary Gomes
  - The Hagedorn Little Village School
  - Dr. Andrew Kent
  - Gayle E. Kligman Therapeutic Resources
  - Linda S. LaMarca, Ph.D.
  - Metro Therapy, Inc.
  - Milestones in Home Care, Inc.
  - MKSA, LLC
  - New York Therapy Placement Services, Inc.
  - Province Therapeutics LLC (2015-16)
  - South Shore Pediatric Physical Therapy, LLP
  - Stuttering Therapy and Resource SLP, PC
  - Therapy Source, Inc.
  - Tutoring Service of Long Island
  - US Medical Staffing
  - Variety Child Learning Center Services
  - Aleksandra Savlunova
- f. Set the date for July Board Regular and Reorganization Meeting – July 7, 2016
- g. Renew the following contacts at the current CPI for the 2016 summer session:
- Acme Bus Company
  - Baumann Bus Company
  - Suburban Bus Company
  - We Transport
- h. Accept a donation from BOX Tops for Education totaling \$1,667.10 (\$682.70 and \$984.40) and a check from Bais Yaakov Fax Settlement Fund in the amount of \$56.30 to be used to purchase books to support the writing workshop and narrative non-fiction. The books will be used to create a lending library for teachers to benefit the children of Newbridge Road School.
- i. Nominate JoAnn DeLauter as the Advocacy Liaison to the New York State School Boards Association.
- j. Bids were opened on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. for custodial uniforms. North Bellmore represented 45 Nassau County School Districts as the lead Agency. Bids were received from two companies:
- Woods M & B Clothing
  - Diamond's Army & Navy, Inc.

Both companies bid on a per item basis.

Award the custodial uniform bid to Woods M & B Clothing as the overall lowest responsible bidder. Bids also were sent to Ideal Uniforms, Express Press and Jo-Paul Enterprises.

**PERSONNEL REPORT**

**A.1 PERSONNEL REPORT**

**MAY 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.

<u>Appointments:</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>
Kindergarten Parent Meeting:				
11.1	Collins, Karen	Teacher K-6	\$43.07/hr	05/17/2016
11.2	Colter, Randee	ESL Teacher	\$43.07/hr	05/17/2016
11.3	Kuhn, Jennie	Teacher K-6	\$43.07/hr	05/17/2016
11.4	Nussbaum, Linda	Occupational Therapist	\$43.07/hr	05/17/2016
11.5	Squicciarini, Phyllis	Librarian	\$43.07/hr	05/17/2016
11.6	Sotirakos, Soula	Teacher K-6	\$43.07/hr	05/17/2016
11.7	Vento, Margaret	Teacher K-6	\$43.07/hr	05/17/2016

**Change of Title:**

11.8	Quinn, Cindy	From: Literacy Coach	To: Instructional Coach	07/01/2016
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**Family Medical Leave of Absence:**

11.9	D'Andrilli, Emilie	Music Teacher		3/21/16-4/22/16
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**Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement:**

11.10	Cepler, Janice	PT Reading Teacher		06/24/2016
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**Terminations:**

11.11	Oliveri, Gail Marie	Prob. Special Ed. Teacher		06/30/2016
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11.12	Nabi, Ghulam	Cleaner PT/Sub	1 \$16.08/hr	05/11/2016
11.13	Conway, Linda	From: Teacher Aide PT To: Teacher Aide PT/Sub	1 \$17.10/hr	05/02/2016
11.14	Hammonds, Eunice	From: Monitor PT To: Monitor PT/Sub	\$14.17/hr	04/15/2016
11.15	Cammiso, Paula	From: Monitor PT/Sub To: Monitor PT	\$14.17/hr	04/18/2016

**Resignations:**

11.16	Finelli, Joanne	School Lunch Manager		06/30/2016
11.17	Musumeci, Geraldine	Monitor PT/Sub		04/08/2016
11.18	Gambino, Christine	Teacher Aide PT		03/11/2016
11.19	McLaren, Nicole	Monitor PT/Sub		04/08/2016

11.20	Miller, Scott S	Seasonal Cleaner	08/31/2015
11.21	Margaronis, Stephany	Teacher Aide PT	04/18/2016

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 ADDENDUM**

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11.22 Blunt, Haley	Substitute Teacher		\$100/day	5/11/2016
11.23 Chiaramonte, Nicole	Substitute Teacher		\$100/day	5/11/2016
11.24 Cimino, Alexandra	Substitute Teacher		\$100/day	5/11/2016
11.25 D'Aquila, Laura	Substitute Teacher		\$100/day	5/11/2016
11.26 Hahn, Melissa	Substitute Teacher		\$100/day	5/11/2016
11.27 Matthews, Michelle	Substitute Teacher		\$100/day	5/11/2016
11.28 Nowicki, Carl	Substitute Teacher		\$100/day	5/11/2016
11.29 Parvis, Stephanie	Substitute Teacher		\$100/day	5/11/2016
11.30 Ricca, Cassandra	Substitute Teacher		\$100/day	5/11/2016
11.31 Testagrose, Alyssa	Substitute Teacher		\$100/day	5/11/2016
11.32 Giapopelli Zucker, Krista	Instructional Coach	6M	\$77,110/yr	07/01/2016
11.33 Licci, Amanda	Instructional Coach	16M+60	\$117,554/yr	07/01/2016

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**Termination:**

11.34	Arriaga, Eileen	Monitor PT	05/09/2016
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**SPECIAL  
 PRESENTATIONS**

*Budget Hearing:* Mr. Schissler stated that the budget vote will take place on May 17 at Newbridge Road School from 6 a.m. – 9 p.m. The proposed budget is \$53.7M and has an increase of 0.82% -- the lowest in the last five years. The tax levy increase is 0.43%. Mr. Schissler added that the budget meets the needs of our students and educational system and keeps the tax rate low. Out of the 124 Long Island school districts, our budget increase is the 27<sup>th</sup> lowest. He encouraged everyone to get out and vote next week.

*iMovie:* Mrs. Graber, Mrs. Stack, and Mrs. Schwartz gave a presentation on using iPads in the classroom. They explained the production process Mrs. Graber's students used to create their iMovie project using iPads. The students presented their iMovie, *Mrs. Graber's Book Chat*, they created about the Elements of Literature found in the book Out of My Mind. Mrs. Schwartz also demonstrated some of the different writing apps the students are using with the iPads and explained how they are used in the classroom. Mrs. Testa congratulated the students on their success and thanked the teachers for continuing to offer the students a creative and authentic educational experience.

*iPad Implementation Plan:* Mr. Fischetti explained that the Smart Bond Act will make available \$1.2 million for North Bellmore Schools. The funds must be used for networking, wireless infrastructure and devices. Approximately \$400,000 will be devoted to districtwide iPad implementation. Mr. Fischetti outlined all aspects and considerations of the implementation plan so that the devices serve a greater purpose of enhancing instructional practices and create a diverse, differentiated, and engaging educational experience for all North Bellmore students.

Mr. Fischetti commented that we are building upon the 90 current iPads we have in district already. By 2017-18 and beyond we will slowly phase out laptop technology and reliance on expensive batteries and carts. He talked about the 10 cross-curricular Apps that will be streamlined across the district and placed on every iPad. The technology team will model lessons using the 10 apps and release time will also be provided for professional development.

Mr. Fischetti added that Apple's new Shared iPad feature, IOS 9.3, is designed for educational systems where 1:1 student-to-iPad ration isn't possible. It gives each student an Apple ID that be used to log into any iPad in the classroom, with the entire student's content readily available on any device. Teachers will be able to launch the same app on all student iPads at the same time and guide students through the app. Student iPad implementation is based on a 4:1 ratio. Every teacher, including all special areas and service providers, will receive an iPad for instructional purposes.

Smart Bond funding will cover the cost of the iPads, cases and charging/storage carts in the amount \$380,845.10. Associated costs of \$23,600 will not be covered by Smart Bond, which includes the cost of apps, professional development and mirroring 360 app. One of our long term goals is to eventually create a 1:1 iPad environment.

Mrs. Lanci asked if anything can be purchased through BOCES. Mr. Fischetti said, if possible, we will. Mrs. DeLauter asked how the iPads will be equitably distributed through each school. Mr. Fischetti explained that a digital calendar will be utilized to sign in and out an iPad and will be limited to a certain amount of blocks per week.

Mr. Mayo thanked Mr. Fischetti for an excellent presentation. He thanked Mrs. Testa for looking at best practices and for doing what's best for the students in North Bellmore.

(Mr. Ferrara left the meeting.)

**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 March 31, 2016. Mrs. DeLauter seconded and the motion and was carried 5-0.

**HIGH SCHOOL  
REPORT**

Mrs. Lanci reported on last week's meeting. The Board recognized a bus driver for his professionalism while directing the students safely off the bus that caught on fire while taking them to Merrick Avenue Middle School recently. The Board also recognized teacher, Sarah Norton, for receiving the Promising New Professional Award from the Long Island Family and Consumer Science Educators. The Board approved an agreement with East Meadow Driving School for the 2016-17 school year. The cost will remain the same at \$560. The next meeting will be held on June 1.

**FINANCE**

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

**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT**

Mrs. Testa stated her appreciation to Mr. Fischetti for the collaborative efforts of his team. She thanked the Board for their partnership and support and for approving the appointment of two instructional coaches tonight, Krista Zucker and Amanda Licci.

Mrs. Testa reported that concrete work and fence work is being done around the district. She thanked the maintainers and custodial group for creating more office space at the district office.

In Ms. Eskew's absence, Mrs. Testa reported that we are in the middle of our annual review meetings. We are presently reviewing enrollments, the number of class sections, and self-contained and ERR placements. We will be looking into ERR additions at Dinkelmeyer.

**BUSINESS  
DEPARTMENT  
UPDATE**

Mr. Schissler reported that voters in the district will be using new voting machines for the budget vote this year. They will be a little different from the past. Mrs. DeLauter asked about the cost as compared to using previous method. Mr. Schissler advised that the rental of machine and purchase of supplies will cost approximately \$5,000 more than previously.

**CURRICULUM AND  
INSTRUCTION**

Mrs. Pollitt reported that a joint district/NBTA meeting was held last week to discuss APPR updates and changes to Regulations 3012-d. All districts must have a 3012-d APPR plan approved by SED by September 1, 2016, and be implemented beginning in the 2016-17 school year.

ALPHA nominations are due next week. Assessments will take place the first two weeks of June. Parents of nominated students will be sent a letter over the summer to inform parents whether or not their child has qualified to participate in the ALPHA program for the upcoming school year.

SAL students are preparing for the district art show and drama performance.

An informational meeting for incoming kindergarten parents will be held on the night of the budget vote at 7:30 and 8:30 p.m.

We just concluded professional development with Erica Pecorale. Read alouds took place in all grades.

We are gearing up for Writing Workshop in September.

**TECHNOLOGY  
UPDATE**

Mr. Fischetti reported that the E-Rate process is completed. The district received a \$300,000 grant and will only be responsible for 40% of it. The cabling for the wireless infrastructure and all of the supporting network devices totaling \$240,000 will be purchased at a reduced cost of \$96,000 to the District

Mrs. DeLauter asked if there is any indication from the State that districts can use a portion of textbook funds to purchase technology software. Mr. Fischetti responded that it can't be done.

Mrs. Testa announced that there will be an art show and music performances by the students at the budget vote next week. Mrs. Testa thanked the special area teachers for their support.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**VISITORS**

Mrs. Siegel (Little Neck Ave.) asked if the Board has considered or made a decision regarding opening a grade 4 Extended Resource Room class at Dinkelmeyer next year. Mrs. Testa advised that data indicates that we will need to open a new grade 3 and grade 5 ERR class. A grade 4 ERR class is not drafted at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Mayo reminded the community to come out and vote next Tuesday.

On a motion by Mrs. DeLauter, seconded by Mrs. Cmar-Grote and carried 4-0, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Canavan, Board Secretary

Mark Schissler, District Clerk