

MINUTES OF THE NORTH BELLMORE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING November 14, 2013

The regular meeting of the North Bellmore Union Free School District Board of Education was held on Thursday evening, November 14, 2013, 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
Grace Cramsie
JoAnn DeLauter
Peter Mayo

The following member of the Board of Education was absent:

John Ferrara (Mr. Ferrara was present at early executive session.)

Also present:

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

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 8:12 p.m. by Board of Education President, Nina Lanci. Mrs. Lanci led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Cramsie then read the District's Mission Statement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Mrs. Cramsie moved that the Board of Education approve the Minutes from the regular meeting of October 10, 2013 and the Minutes from the special meeting of November 7, 2013. Mrs. DeLauter seconded, and the motion was carried 4-0.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS 2013-14 District and Schools Accountability Status Report. Mrs. Pollitt announced that Martin Avenue, Newbridge Road and Saw Mill Road schools were named as Reward Schools by the State Education Department. The status report was based on data collected from the 2010-11 and 2011-12 school year. The five criteria are: Adequate Yearly Progress, Performance Index, Gap Closing, Student Growth Percentiles and Bottom Quartile Student Growth. She added that Dinkelmeyer and Park Avenue schools' performance was very near to that of the Reward Schools. All of the schools met the Adequate Yearly Progress standard, Performance Index and Gap Closing criteria.

VISITORS School Board Recognition Night - Mrs. Testa thanked the Board for their commitment to the children of North Bellmore and for their dedication to the District's Mission and Core Values.

VISITORS

Mrs. Skelos, on behalf of the principals and administrators, Mrs. Erhardt, on behalf of the Coordinating Council, Ms. Colter, on behalf of the NBTA, Mrs. Fillios, on behalf of the CSEA, and Mrs. Paolillo, on behalf of the Paraprofessionals, all thanked the Board for all that they do on behalf of the children and community and for their support throughout the school year and presented them with donations, given in the Board's name, to benefit the students and families in North Bellmore.

Martin Avenue student, Christopher Dubon, thanked the Board for the new swings at Martin Avenue and presented them with a token of appreciation.

On behalf of the Board of Education, Mrs. Lanci thanked the parents, staff and administration for their support and the generous donations.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

**TREASURER'S
REPORT**

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer's report for the month ended September 30, 2013. Mr. Mayo seconded and the motion and was carried 4-0.

**HIGH SCHOOL
REPORT**

Mrs. DeLauter reported that at the regular meeting of October 16, student representatives reported on student life in each of the high schools, Awards of Honor were presented to students who were selected as members of NYSSMA All State; Dr. Bollettieri presented the 2013-14 Enrollment Report, which reflected a decrease from last year. Deputy Superintendent, Ms. Regal, gave a presentation on the Nassau County tax debacle. At the November 6 work session, the external auditor presented the annual audit summary report for the school year ended June 30, 2013, which was very favorable. A presentation was given by the ELA and Math chairpersons and spoke about the Common Core Standards. At the regular of November 13 meeting three teachers from Calhoun High School and one teacher from Merrick Avenue Middle School were honored. The Annual Budget Vote date was set for May 20, 2014. Mrs. DeLauter noted that the High School District has a new web page. A resolution was passed that upon successful passage of the Bond Referendum, School Construction Consultants will provide the Construction Management Services to the district. Mrs. DeLauter reminded the community that the Bond referendum vote will be held on December 2 at Newbridge Road School.

FINANCE

The Board of Education acknowledged the review of the warrants that have been approved by the Internal Auditor.

**BUDGETARY
TRANSFERS**

Mrs. Cramsie moved that the Board of Education approve the Budgetary Transfers dated November 14, 2013. Mrs. DeLauter seconded and the motion was carried 4-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Testa reported that the administrators continue to meet to plan how to best support the teachers in terms of meeting the Common Core Standards. In addition, she explained how North Bellmore is partnering with the high school and component districts to share best instructional practices. Mrs. Testa added that she has attended many seminars on safety and security and that the administration continues to review protocols for security. Mrs. Testa thanked the Board for all their support.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the following Personnel Report dated November 14, 2013. Mrs. Cramsie seconded and the motion was carried 4-0.

A.1 PERSONNEL REPORT

November 14, 2013

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>
5.01 O'Connor, Kaitlyn	PT Reading Teacher		\$31.93/hr	10/28/2013
5.02 Rudnet, Dana	PT Reading Teacher		\$31.93/hr	10/22/2013
5.03 Boytseva, Irina	Substitute Teacher		\$95/day	11/15/2013
5.04 Brolly, Jeanine	Substitute Teacher		\$95/day	11/15/2013
5.05 Zaleskie, Kristin	Substitute Teacher		\$95/day	11/15/2013
5.06 Ball-Sorok, Melissa	Substitute Teacher		\$95/day	11/15/2013
<u>District Math Leader:</u>				
5.07 Bevilacqua, Michael	Teacher K-6		\$1500/stipend	9/01/2013-6/24/2014
<u>Home Services: (not to exceed one hour three times weekly)</u>				
5.08 Giacopelli Zucker, Krista	Special Ed. Teacher		\$53.58/hr	11/1/2013-6/23/2014
<u>Home Services: (not to exceed 10 hours per week)</u>				
5.09 Bidermann, Dorothy	Teacher K-6		\$53.58/hr	9/24/2013-6/23/2014
5.10 Heaney, Janet	Substitute Teacher		\$95/day	9/24/2013-6/23/2014
<u>Internet Safety Presentation: (not to exceed two hours)</u>				
5.11 Collins, Karen	Teacher K-6		\$53.58/hr	11/21/2013
5.12 Smith, Lynne	Teacher K-6		\$53.58/hr	11/21/2013
<u>Resignations:</u>				
5.13 Wright, Ileana	Lv. Repl Teacher K-6			11/05/2013

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5.14 LoRusso, Cheryl	Bus Attendant PT/Sub	1	\$15.82/hr	11/15/2013
5.15 Shields, Steve	Teacher Aide PT/Sub	1	\$17.10/hr	10/21/2013

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5.16 Vavrica, Joseph Full-Time Cleaner 4 \$36,854/yr 12/02/2013

Terminations:

5.17 Kurz, Jennifer Teacher Aide PT/Sub 10/17/2013
 5.18 Quarta, Samantha Teacher Aide PT/Sub 10/17/2013

Addendum

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Appointments:	Title	Step	Rate	Eff. Date	Prob.
5.19 Beauman, Elyse	Lv. Repl. Special Ed	95% of 1M	\$59,902.25/yr (prorated)	12/16/2013-06/24/2014	

Parent University Presentation: (not to exceed 2 hours)

5.20 DiChiara, Leslie	Teacher K-6		\$53.58/hr	12/02/2013-12/13/2013	
5.21 Stack, Jenna	Technology Teacher		\$53.58/hr	12/02/2013-12/13/2013	

Unpaid Parental Leave of Absence:

5.22 Candelaria, Mary Kate	Special Ed. Teacher			12/16/2013-06/24/2014	
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Change to August 8, 2013 Personnel Report

Family Medical Leave of Absence: (change of return date)

2.17 Egan, Christine	Special Ed. Teacher			9/24/2013-12/03/2013	
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Resignation:

5.23 Ball-Sorok, Melissa	Teacher Aide PT			11/14/2013	
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STAFF DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Mrs. Cramsie moved that the Board of Education approve the Staff Development Report dated November 14, 2013. Mrs. DeLauter seconded and the motion was carried 4-0.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Mr. Schissler thanked the Board for their volunteerism and dedication to the students and community. Mr. Schissler reminded the public of the December 31 deadline to apply for the Basic Star abatement. He reported that the district has received notification from the architect that plans for the handicap lift at Newbridge Road School has been approved by the State Education Department. He noted that the 2014-15 budget process has started and he is in the process of meeting with the principals and gathering information. He will be updating the Board each month as we move forward in the budget process. The budget workshops are planned to be held in March.

**BUILDINGS AND
GROUNDS**

In Mr. Russo's absence, Mr. Schissler reported that we are working on the fencing area off Newbridge Road. Mr. Schissler addressed concerns of Martin Avenue being crowded on Election Day and explained that repair work was taking place in the ceiling of the gym, while the students were not in school, and we will take that into consideration when scheduling future work on voting days. He added that Intralogic is continuing to make progress on the school district security project.

**CURRICULUM AND
INSTRUCTION**

Mrs. Pollitt reported that we are working collaboratively with the high school district. Mrs. Jafri went over to observe the 7th grade Spanish lessons and going forward we will meet with the other departments as well. Mrs. Pollitt stated that she has met with all Math Leaders in an effort to attain our goal of aligning instruction with the Common Core Math Standards. Mrs. Pollitt thanked the Board for the many staff development opportunities that are helping teachers best support district initiatives and the Common Core. ELA consultant, Erica Percorale, is working with the grades 3-6 teachers relative to delivering enhanced balanced literacy instruction to meet the Common Core Learning Standards. Both she and Mrs. Hirschfield have visited 2 of our 4 UPK providers and reported that they are very receptive to information on the Common Core and things are going well.

TECHNOLOGY UPATE

Mr. Fischetti reported that the technology staff continues to support the teachers in implementing the Common Core curriculum. He has met with librarians in the high school district to learn what our library media specialists should focus on to prepare our students for high school. The technology teachers have met with Ms. Speidel and our librarians to assist them in the research process. He reported that North Bellmore has joined a consortium through NASTECH that will work on creating Common Core Math Videos.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
CPSE/CSE**

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the CPSE and CSE reports dated November 7, 2013. Mrs. Cramsie seconded and the motion was carried 4-0.

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the North Bellmore Board of Education approve the appointment of Allison Azus to the Committee on Special Education and the Section 504 Committee for the 2013/14 school year. Mrs. Cramsie seconded and the motion was carried 4-0.

In Ms. Eskew's absence, Mrs. Testa reported that Ms. Eskew is doing in depth research on allergies and developing an anaphylaxis emergency plan and district policy.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Cramsie moved that the Board of Education approve a contract with Todd Haiken for the 2013-14 school year. Mrs. DeLauter seconded and the motion was carried 4-0.

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve a contract with Joyce Raimondo for the period of November 12-21, 2013. Mrs. Cramsie seconded and the motion was carried 4-0.

DONATIONS

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education accept a check from Target: Take Charge of Education in the amount of \$105, to be used to purchase recess equipment for the students of Park Avenue School. Mr. Mayo seconded and the motion was carried 4-0.

Mrs. Cramsie moved that the Board of Education accept a check from Mr. and Mrs. Yao in the amount of \$1400, to be used to purchase two smart cameras for the use of the students of Newbridge Road School. Mr. Mayo seconded and the motion was carried 4-0.

Mrs. Cramsie moved that the Board of Education accept a check from Target: Take Charge of Education in the amount of \$69, to be used to extend classroom libraries and for school trip scholarships for the students of Saw Mill Road School. Mrs. DeLauter seconded and the motion was carried 4-0.

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education accept a donation from the North Bellmore Public Library of 20 children's books on CD to be used to enrich and supplement the North Bellmore school library collection for the students and teachers district-wide (approximate value \$400). Mrs. Cramsie seconded and the motion was carried 4-0.

**APPOINTMENT OF POLL
WATCHERS**

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education appoint the following watchers for the Bellmore-Merrick CHSD Bond Referendum Vote on December 2, 2013: Riva Bazarewski (Registrar), Barbara Fillios (Registrar), Linda Van Name (Registrar), Anne Barbera, Karen Hartnett, Sandy Finck, Michael J. Bevilacqua, Grace Pelant, Carol Sena, Ann Marie Romano, Kaitlyn Bazarewski. Mr. Mayo seconded and the motion was carried 4-0.

POLICIES

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the following revised district policies:
No. 5440 Drug and Alcohol Abuse No. 6900, Disposal of District Property
Mrs. Cramsie seconded and the motion was carried 4-0.

**DIGNITY ACT
COORDINATORS**

Mrs. Cramsie moved that the Board of Education approve the appointments of the following Dignity Act Coordinators for the 2013-14 school year:
John G. Dinkelmeyer School: JoAnn Signorelli
Martin Avenue School: Ellen Perrick and Lynne Smith
Newbridge Road School: Lynne Smith and Nancy Dineen
Park Avenue School: JoAnn Signorelli
Saw Mill Road School: Nancy Dineen and Ellen Perrick
Mrs. DeLauter seconded and the motion was carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

VISITORS

Mr. Amara (Columbus Ave.) asked when the next Parent University workshop will take place. Mrs. Pollitt stated that the next workshop will be held in December and will provide information on the web-based district subscriptions: World Book Online, FASTT Math, Study Island and Typing Training.

Mr. Amara asked if signs to slow down or speed bumps could be installed at Saw Mill Road school next to the parking lot. Mrs. Testa stated that she will look into it.

Mrs. Grote (Aron Pl.) asked for an update on the \$80,000 grant from Mr. Denenberg. Mr. Schissler stated that the district received approval from Nassau County for \$40,000 for the Little League and \$40,000 for the Saw Mill playground. Mr. Schissler added that he has spoken to the playground equipment vendor and he will be in contact with the Saw Mill PTA. The project will be scheduled for the spring.

Mrs. Adipietro (Pacific St.) spoke of security concerns at Saw Mill and asked about the possibility of changing the format of the main office so that the entrance of the office is at the entrance of the building. Mrs. Lanci said that the Board would look into the suggestion.

Mrs. Gambino (Acorn Pl.) thanked the Board of Education for all work they do for the children in North Bellmore. She asked for advice on how to present a petition for better security in the schools to the Board. Mrs. Lanci advised Mrs. Gambino to drop off the petition to the Business Office or the Superintendent's Office.

Mrs. Arale (Stratford Ct.) stated that she is gathering information from other Elementary districts on Long Island on how they handle security in the buildings and asked if the Board already has access to this information. Mrs. Testa stated she regularly meets with other superintendents and there are many different ways the districts are dealing with security issues. Mrs. Testa explained that North Bellmore has implemented extensive security measures and will soon be connected directly to the Nassau County Police Department in terms of reporting emergencies via direct communication devices.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mrs. DeLauter, seconded by Mrs. Cramsie and carried 4-0, the Board of Education agreed to enter into Executive Session at 9:55 p.m. discuss a particular personnel matter.

On a motion by Mrs. Cramsie, seconded by Mr. Mayo and carried 4-0, the Board of Education reconvened at 12:14 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mrs. Cramsie, seconded by Mr. Mayo and carried 4-0, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Canavan, Board Secretary

Mark Schissler, District Clerk