

MINUTES OF THE NORTH BELLMORE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING January 9, 2014

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The regular meeting of the North Bellmore Union Free School District Board of Education was held on Thursday evening, January 9, 2014, 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  
John Ferrara

Also present:

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

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. by Board of Education President, Nina Lanci. Mrs. Lanci led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Ferrara then read the District's Mission Statement.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Mr. Ferrara moved that the Board of Education approve the Minutes from the regular meeting of December 12, 2013. Mrs. DeLauter seconded, and the motion was carried 5-0.
- SPECIAL PRESENTATION** Mrs. Testa congratulated 22 student artists whose artwork is being displayed this evening and added that their artwork will be displayed throughout the district office. Mrs. Testa thanked the art teachers and Mrs. Skelos for their dedication to the arts. Mrs. Skelos then introduced the art teachers: Ms. Skelly, Ms. Lopez, Ms. Blanc and Ms. LoBosco. Each teacher introduced and presented certificates to their art students. Mrs. Lanci thanked all the students for their beautiful artwork. At 8:20 p.m. the Board adjourned to appreciate the students work. The meeting reconvened at 8:30 p.m.
- CORRESPONDENCE** Mrs. Lanci advised that correspondence has been received and will be reviewed by the Board.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer's report for the month ended November 30, 2013. Mr. Ferrara seconded and the motion and was carried 5-0.

**HIGH SCHOOL REPORT**

Mrs. DeLauter reported on the January 8 Board meeting. The Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum noted that additional dual credit college courses are being made available to the students through the following colleges: Molloy, St. John's, LIU and SUNY Albany. The CHSD will be partnering with BOCES to offer regional summer school this summer. Three Kennedy seniors were named semifinalists in the 2014 Intel Science Talent contest. The district's aquatic team was recognized, in addition to other athletes. The board passed a resolution that denies student data to be provided to InBloom or any other third-party provider.

**FINANCE**

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

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mrs. Testa reported that we continue to work on establishing a strong partnership with the high school district with teachers and students. Students were invited to audition for the high school production of *The Sound of Music*. Three students from North Bellmore have been selected to take part in the production. Mrs. Testa announced that the physical education program celebrates four students who advanced to the finals in the NFL Pass, Punt Kick Competition at Met Life Stadium: Matthew Hegi (Dinkelmeyer), Lauren Guitriago-Richartz and Kaitlyn Agostini (Saw Mill Road) and Connor Keelan (Martin Avenue). Kindergarten registration took place this week and, to date, 154 students are registered. The principals are continuing to work together to support the teachers in the new common core standards.

**PERSONNEL REPORT**

Mrs. Cramsie moved that the Board of Education approve the following Personnel Report dated January 9, 2014. Mr. Ferrara seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**A.1 Personnel Report**

**January 9, 2014**

**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.

| <b>Appointments:</b>  | <b>Title</b>     | <b>Step</b>         | <b>Rate</b> | <b>Eff. Date</b>   |
|---|------------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| 7.01  | Gales, Kimberly  | Substitute Teacher  | \$95/day    | 1/10/2014          |
| 7.02  | Huber, Jessica   | Substitute Teacher  | \$95/day    | 1/10/2014          |
| 7.03  | Javed, Hina      | Substitute Teacher  | \$95/day    | 1/10/2014          |
| 7.04  | Quealy, Lauren   | Substitute Teacher  | \$95/day    | 1/10/2014          |
| <b>Parent Training: (not to exceed 1 hour 2X every 2 weeks)</b> |                  |                     |             |                    |
| 7.05  | Quarta, Samantha | Special Ed. Teacher | \$53.58/hr  | 1/2/2014-6/23/2014 |
| <b>Parent Training: (not to exceed 1 hour 1X / wk)</b>          |                  |                     |             |                    |
| 7.06  | Quarta, Samantha | Special Ed. Teacher | \$53.58/hr  | 1/2/2014-6/23/2014 |

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Homebound Behavior Intervention Services: (not to exceed 1 hour 3X / wk)

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| 7.07 | Quarta, Samantha | Special Ed. Teacher | \$53.58/hr | 1/2/2014-6/23/2014 |
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Homebound Behavior Intervention Services: (not to exceed 1.5 hour 2X / wk)

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| 7.08 | Quarta, Samantha | Special Ed. Teacher | \$53.58/hr | 1/6/2014-6/23/2014 |
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**Classified Personnel:** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it resolved that the following persons be appointed to North Bellmore Union Free School District as indicated below. All assignments are at the discretion of the district.

| <u>Resignation:</u> | <u>Title</u>     | <u>Eff. Date</u> |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 7.09                | Castro, Caroline | Teacher Aide PT  |

**Addendum**

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**January 9, 2014**

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| <u>Appointments:</u>                                    | <u>Title</u>   | <u>Step</u> | <u>Rate</u> | <u>Eff. Date</u>    | <u>Prob.</u> |
|---|----------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------|
| <u>Home Services:</u> (not to exceed 10 hours per week) |                |             |             |                     |              |
| 7.10  | O'Brien, Susan | Teacher K-6 | \$53.58/hr  | 1/09/2014-6/23/2014 |              |

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the Staff Development report dated January 9, 2014. Mr. Ferrara seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**BUSINESS DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Mr. Schissler reported that we are making a smooth transition to the new transportation company and are working through any issues that have arisen. Mr. Schissler stated that we are waiting for the Governor to release his budget proposal in the next two weeks concerning 2014-15 State aid so that we can move forward in the budget process.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

Mr. Russo reported that the district came through the snow storm on Friday pretty well, with the exception of an issue at Saw Mill in the boiler room. However, the boiler was up and running by Saturday afternoon.

**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

Mrs. Pollitt reported that the UPK application process has started and the program will be provided pending State funding. The UPK lottery will take place on April 4. The Policy Committee met again on Monday to continue with policy reviewing. Mrs. Pollitt thanked Mrs. Lanci and Mrs. DeLauter as well as Mrs. Testa and Mrs. Eskew for their participation. The math leaders and two principals attended a math conference at Molly College today and grade level meetings are being planned to dispense the information. The Active Parenting NOW workshop for kindergarten parents will take place on 1/21, 1/28 and 2/4/14. The ESL teachers will continue with professional development on the Common Core Standards in Literacy as it relates to social studies and science. The fifth and sixth grade teachers will be attending an articulation meeting with the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers at Grand Avenue to discuss the language arts and math curriculum.

**TECHNOLOGY UPATE** Mr. Fischetti reported that in an ongoing effort to support instruction through the use of technology, we have purchased additional document cameras for the classroom and he is working with the technology teachers and principals to schedule training sessions for the teachers. RTI Direct training is in the process of being set up at faculty meetings to help teachers fully utilize RTI Direct and understand what their role is in documenting and reporting student progress. We have been evaluating different lunch automation programs to determine the feasibility and benefits of moving into an automated system. In an effort to maximize efficiency in addressing computer issues and repairs, the technology department has created a poster that will be given to staff members which outlines the process for reporting problems, as well as some quick troubleshooting strategies. In a continued effort to increase the level of security in the district, the new camera surveillance system installation is near complete. When completed, training will be held to train all of the users of the software. The remaining backordered phone system equipment has arrived and we are working on completing the hardware installations and programming the system to include teacher voicemail accounts. The technology department is also working on creating a user handbook that is tailored to the way in which the system is programmed.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION** Ms. Eskew reported that the new administrators are beginning to attend Teacher/Lead Evaluator Training focusing on the elements of APPR required by NYSED regulation. Human Resources is working on certification of personnel and making sure that records are up to date and accurate. Mrs. Eskew gave an overview of Response to Intervention implementation in the district and how it benefits teachers in the assessment of students, developing strategies to remediate a problem and monitoring students' progress.

**CPSE/CSE REPORTS** Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the CPSE and CSE reports dated January 2, 2014. Mrs. Cramsie seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS POLICIES** After a second reading, Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education adopt the following district policies:  
No. 5695 Students and Personal Electronic Devices  
No. 4000 Student Learning Objectives and Instructional Goals  
No. 8520 Free and Reduced Price Food Services  
No. 5420 Student Health Services  
Mr. Mayo seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**CONTRACTS** Mrs. Cramsie moved that the Board of Education approve the following contracts for the 2013-14 school year:  
-Hagedorn Little Village School  
-Jericho UFSD  
-Just Kids Learning Center

**CONTRACTS**

- Kids First Evaluation & Advocacy Center, Inc.
- Kidz Therapy Services, LLC
- Metro Therapy
- Mid Island Therapy
- Nassau BOCES
- Marion K. Salomon & Associates, Inc.
- Seaford UFSD
- United Cerebral Palsy Assoc. The Children's Learning Center
- Variety Child Learning Center

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

**DONATIONS**

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education accept a donation from DonorsChoose.org of two new guitars to be used to complete the class set of guitars at Dinkelmeyer and Martin Avenue schools (valued at \$259.98). Mr. Mayo seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education accept a donation from the Loftin family of \$1,000 to be used to benefit the students of Park Avenue School. Mr. Mayo seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**IN BLOOM**

Mrs. DeLauter moved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the North Bellmore Board of Education hereby demands that data on North Bellmore School District students not be transmitted to InBloom or any other private third-party provider. Mr. Mayo seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Ferrara asked about the status of the doors. Mr. Russo stated that on some of the doors that were installed in 2011, the surface is delaminating around the windows and we are addressing the problem with the manufacturer.

**VISITORS**

Mrs. Adipietro (Pacific St.) asked if the Lincombe Speech Therapy method will be introduced to the schools. Mrs. Eskew stated that it depends on the needs in the district; however, we will contract with an outside agency, if needed.

Mr. Lonergan (Newbridge Rd.) commended the Board on the early notification of school closing due to the snow. Mr. Lonergan commented that there is a lack of security at Dinkelmeyer School and that police are rarely present during arrivals and dismissals. Mrs. Testa stated that we continue to establish cohesive relations with the police department and the district has requested police presence when necessary and over weekends. However, the police have stated that they do not have the manpower to be present at arrivals and dismissals. Mrs. Lanci thanked Mr. Lonergan for his input.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by Mrs. DeLauter, seconded by Mr. Mayo and carried 5-0, the Board of Education agreed to enter into Executive Session at 9:45 p.m. discuss a particular personnel matter.

On a motion by Mrs. DeLauter, seconded by Mr. Mayo and carried 5-0, the Board of Education reconvened at 11:46 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mrs. Cramsie, seconded by Mr. Ferrara and carried 5-0, the meeting was adjourned at 11:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Canavan, Board Secretary

Mark Schissler, District Clerk