

MINUTES OF THE NORTH BELLMORE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING September 12, 2013

The regular meeting of the North Bellmore Union Free School District Board of Education was held on Thursday evening, September 12, 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

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 8:07 p.m. by Board of Education President, Nina Lanci. Mrs. Lanci led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. DeLauter 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 August 8, 2013 and the Minutes from the special meetings of August 6 and August 27, 2013. Mrs. DeLauter seconded the motion, and the motion was carried 5-0.

**STATE ASSESSMENT
RESULTS**

Mrs. Testa gave an overview of the North Bellmore Assessment Results for 2012-13. Mrs. Testa reported that the State Education Department warned districts that scores would be significantly lower than last year and there was approximately a 30 point drop in scores. She mentioned that in Commissioner King's recent letter to parents, he stated that the percentage of students meeting or exceeding the standards - on the new Common Core assessments - cannot be compared with last year's proficiency results. The change in scores will create a new baseline of student learning. Academic Intervention Services (AIS) will be provided to all students scoring below specific scale scores on the ELA and mathematics assessments, rather than to students performing at a Level 1 and Level 2 on state assessments, as in years prior. Mrs. Testa reviewed the ELA and Math proposed "cut" scores and stated that individual student reports will be sent out at the end of the month. The teachers and administrators are working diligently analyzing the data, aligning the instructional programs and planning on how to best support the students.

VISITORS

On behalf of the Board of Education, Mrs. Lanci thanked Mrs. DeLauter for serving as Board President over the past year and presented her with flowers as a token of appreciation. Mrs. Testa, on behalf of the administrators and Mr. Goldstein, also thanked Mrs. DeLauter for her hard work and dedication to the students in North Bellmore.

Mrs. Faberman (Columbus Ave.) asked why the district used Target money to purchase Common Core textbooks. Mrs. Testa explained that while the district does fund materials and texts for the Common Core, she added that she was impressed with the fact that the principals used his or her discretion to purchase supplemental Common Core materials.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer's report for the month ended July 31, 2013. Mrs. Cramsie seconded and the motion and was carried 5-0.

HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Mrs. DeLauter reported on the High School's August 7 work session and August 21 Board meeting. Architectural firm of Behrendt, Burton and Smith gave a presentation on the potential bond referendum. Ms. Blum gave a presentation on the 7th and 8th grade ELA/Math results. Mrs. DeLauter stated the Board is looking to put up a bond for a public vote around December 2. The Board is asking for the community's input and support and encouraged the community to attend the September 25 Board meeting to learn more information on the proposed bond and the renovation plans.

FINANCE

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

BUDGETARY TRANSFERS

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the Budgetary Transfers dated September 12, 2013. Mr. Ferrara seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

Mrs. Cramsie moved that the Board of Education approve the additional budgetary transfers dated September 12, 2013. Mrs. DeLauter seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Testa announced that the opening of school went very smoothly. She thanked Mr. Russo and his custodial staff for all of the summer construction projects that were accomplished and for getting the buildings ready for the students' arrival. She stated that the administrative team and principals have been collaboratively planning, assessing and analyzing programs to determine the degree to which they align to the Common Core standards. In addition, the district is assessing the AIS services and RTI protocols to ensure that the programs are properly placed. Janet Pollitt will be coordinating a new program,

Parent University, to help keep parents informed and up-to-date, so that parents and teachers can work together to support the children. District Security protocols are being assessed to enhance existing security. There will be an early dismissal on October 11 for an Emergency Preparedness Drill.

PERSONNEL REPORT Mr. Ferrara moved that the Board of Education approve the following Personnel Report dated September 12, 2013. Mr. Mayo seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

A.1 Personnel Report

September 12, 2013

Certified Personnel: Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it resolved that the following persons be as teachers in North Bellmore Union Free School District as indicated below. All assignments are at the discretion of the district. Replacements are paid on a per diem basis.

Appointments:	Title	Step	Rate	Eff. Date
3.1	Silvani-McIntosh, Diane	Substitute Teacher	\$95/day	9/03/2013
<u>Parent Training: (not to exceed one hour per week) x 3</u>			\$53.58/hr	
3.2	Moir, Kristen	Special Ed. Teacher		9/03/2013-6/24/2013
<u>Parent Training: (not to exceed one hour monthly)</u>				
3.3	Moir, Kristen	Special Ed. Teacher	\$53.58/hr	9/03/2013-6/24/2013
<u>Homebound Behavior Intervention Services: (not to exceed five hours weekly)</u>				
3.4	Pugliese, Caitlin	Special Ed. Teacher		9/03/2013-6/24/2013
<u>Homebound Services: (not to exceed a half hour twice monthly)</u>				
3.5	Signorelli, JoAnn	Social Worker	\$53.58/hr	9/03/2013-6/24/2013
<u>Homebound Behavior Intervention Services: (not to exceed a half hour per week)</u>				
3.6	Signorelli, JoAnn	Social Worker	\$53.58/hr	9/03/2013-6/24/2013

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Appointment:	Title	Step	Rate	Eff. Date
3.7	Griffin, Michael	From: Cleaner PT To: Cleaner PT/Sub	4	\$14.42/hr
<u>Unpaid Leave of Absence:</u>				
3.8	Ragone, Loretta	Lunch Monitor PT		8/28/2013
3.9	Lemma, Rita	Teacher Aide PT		8/28/2013
<u>Resignations:</u>				
3.10	Grimes, Karen	Resignation		8/26/2013
<u>Terminations:</u>				
3.11	Wade, Tyler	Cleaner PT/Sub		9/03/2013
3.12	Perrone, Matthew	Cleaner PT/Sub		9/03/2013

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Addendum

A.1 Personnel Report

Appointments:	Title	Step	Rate	September 12, 2013 Eff. Date	Prob.
3.13 Azus, Allison	Substitute Psychologist		\$95/day	9/13/2013	
3.14 Sandowski, Jami	Substitute Teacher		\$95/day	9/13/2013	
<u>Parent Training: (not to exceed one hour per month)</u>					
3.15 Zucker, Krista	Special Ed. Teacher		\$53.64/hr	9/03/2013-10/31/2013	
<u>Homebound Behavior Intervention Services: (not to exceed one hour three times weekly)</u>					
3.16 Zucker, Krista	Special Ed. Teacher		\$53.64/hr	9/03/2013-10/31/2013	
<u>Parent Training: (not to exceed one hour per week)</u>					
3.17 Signorelli, Jo Ann	Social Worker		\$53.64/hr	9/03/2013-6/24/2013	
<u>PT Reading Teacher Meeting:</u>					
3.18 Ratner, Robin	PT Reading Teacher		31.93/hr	9/03/2013	
3.19 Kyriakou, Courtney	PT Reading Teacher		31.93/hr	9/03/2013	
3.20 Masone, Christie	PT Reading Teacher		31.93/hr	9/03/2013	
3.21 Aron, Maddy	PT Reading Teacher		31.93/hr	9/03/2013	
3.22 Dallesandro, Regina	PT Reading Teacher		31.93/hr	9/03/2013	
3.23 Cepler, Janice	PT Reading Teacher		31.93/hr	9/03/2013	
3.24 Ferber, Francine	PT Reading Teacher		31.93/hr	9/03/2013	
3.25 Eisermann, Paulette	PT Reading Teacher		31.93/hr	9/03/2013	
3.26 Rut, Kathleen	PT Reading Teacher		31.93/hr	9/03/2013	
3.27 Meiselas, Christine	PT Reading Teacher		31.93/hr	9/03/2013	
3.28 Wiesenber, Meryl	PT Reading Teacher		31.93/hr	9/03/2013	
<u>Family Medical Leave of Absence:</u>					
3.29 Alduino, Lori	Special Ed. Teacher			8/28/2013-11/01/2013	

Terminations:

3.30 Carbone, Julia Substitute Teacher 9/13/2013

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Appointment:	Title	Step	Rate	Eff. Date
3.31 Blume, Jaymie	Teacher Aide PT/Sub	1	\$17.10/hr	9/16/2013
<u>Resignation:</u>				
3.32 Adams, Karen	Sr. Typist Clerk			9/19/2013
<u>Terminations:</u>				
3.33 Scotto, Jennifer	Teacher Aide PT/Sub			9/13/2013
3.34 Perry, Kathleen	Lunch Monitor PT/Sub			9/13/2013
3.35 Melara, Michelle	Teacher Aide PT/Sub			9/13/2013

Correction to August 8, 2013 Personnel Report

Unpaid Parental Leave of Absence: *(Change of effective date)*

2.20 Alduino, Lori

Special Ed. Teacher

11/04/2013-6/27/2013

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT
REPORT**

Mr. Ferrara moved that the Board of Education approve the Staff Development Report dated September 12, 2013. Mr. Mayo seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**BUSINESS
DEPARTMENT
UPDATE**

Mr. Schissler reported that there were very few transportation problems at the beginning of school. The Food Services Department is off to a good start as well. The Business Office is working on ways to fund the implementation of the Common Core Standards. The External Audit is done and their recommendations will be received in early October. The fund balance is as it has been projected. The State Comptrollers' staff is still in district and everything seems to be going smoothly. A full report will be shared with the community when completed.

**BUILDINGS AND
GROUNDS**

Mr. Russo reported that the summer bond work is completed. The staff is currently working at Gunther setting up the Prevention and Technology offices and running fiber optic cable from the basement to the Technology Office to provide more lines. Intralogic has started the wiring at Newbridge to get the security system in place.

**CURRICULUM AND
INSTRUCTION**

Mrs. Pollitt reported that Staff Development took place on August 28 and 29 and was very successful. Curriculum and Instruction updates were provided to the teachers to ensure that the rigor of the Common Core Learning Standards are met. There is a full evaluation of all programs underway. The Cultural Arts Committee met and discussed different programs to offer and how to move forward in 2013-14. The first Parent University will be held on September 23 and will focus on the Common Core Learning Standards. The workshop will help parents get a better understanding of the Common Core Learning Standards and how they relate to their child's grade level and how parents can support their child at home. Mrs. Pollitt advised that the ALPHA and SAL programs and reading services will start the week of September 23.

**TECHNOLOGY
UPDATE**

Mr. Fischetti reported that the new phone system has been completely installed. It may be another few months before all classrooms phones are working and all minor issues worked out. All computers and SMART Boards have been reconnected and are up and running. The technology department is planning to revamp the instruction side of technology to meet the demands of the Common Core. Mr. Fischetti gave special thanks to Mr. Russo and crew for all their help at Gunther. He added that the district is saving a lot of money by having the work done by in-house staff.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
CPSE/CSE**

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the CPSE and CSE reports dated September 4, 2013. Mrs. Cramsie seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

SPECIAL EDUCATION Mrs. Eskew reported that all special education services are up and running. Chapter 408 meetings are being held with all staff to review IEPs for each child. The Central High School District has contacted us to schedule the sixth grade transitioning meetings. All staffing has been completed and the new staff is adjusting nicely.

NEW BUSINESS CONTRACTS Mrs. Cramsie moved to remove the contract from the Nassau County Department of Mental Health, Chemical Dependency & Developmental Disabilities Services from the agenda. Mrs. DeLauter seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

Mrs. Cramsie moved that the Board of Education approve the following contracts for the 2013/14 school year:

- Dr. Marcia Bergtraum
- North Merrick UFSD (2)
- Therapy Travelers

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

Mrs. Cramsie moved that the Board of Education approve a contract with Laurice Gunnels for the 2013-14 school year. Mrs. DeLauter seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

EXCESS OF EQUIPMENT Mr. Ferrara moved that the Board of Education declare obsolete and approve the disposal of the 1993 Chevy Bus #20, Vin#1GBJP32K6P3304382. This vehicle will be donated to the North Bellmore Fire Department to be used for training purposes. Mr. Mayo seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

DONATIONS Mr. Ferrara moved that the Board of Education accept a donation from Stop and Shop Reward's Program in the amount of \$490.13, to be used to purchase classroom books (exemplar texts) to support the Common Core Learning Standards for Park Avenue students in grades 3-6. Mr. Mayo seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

Mr. Ferrara moved that the Board of Education accept a donation from Target Take Charge of Education in the amount of \$532.33 to be used to purchase classroom books (exemplar texts) to support the Common Core Learning Standards for Park Avenue students in grades 3-6. Mrs. DeLauter seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

Mr. Ferrara moved that the Board of Education accept a donation from Stop and Shop Rewards Program in the amount of \$262.99 to be used for Saw Mill Art Night supplies. Mr. Mayo seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education accept a donation from the Park Avenue Class of 2013 of twelve Character Education signs to be hung throughout the school halls and a banner to be hung in the cafeteria. Mrs.

Cramsie seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

DONATIONS

Mrs. Cramsie moved that the Board of Education accept a check from Target Take Charge of Education in the amount of \$245.36, to be used to purchase a copier for the Martin Avenue Main Office. 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 \$235.45 to be used to enhance the classroom libraries at Martin Avenue School (Common Core update). Mrs. Cramsie seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

POLICIES

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education readopt district policy #2310, Regular Meetings. Mrs. Cramsie seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education revise and readopt district policy #2340, Notice of Meetings. Mrs. Cramsie seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**EXCESS OF
EQUIPEMENT**

Mrs. Cramsie moved that the Board of Education excess a district storage container located at Martin Avenue School. Mr. Ferrara seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

VISITORS

Christopher Dubon (Martin Ave.) thanked the Board for the new swings and for painting the basketball court at Martin Avenue School.

Mr. Amara (Columbus Ave.) asked what the score "cut-off" average is for each grade. Mrs. Testa said that the district has the mean average for whole grades and will discuss it further after the parent reports go out.

Mrs. O'Connell (Lindstead La.) stated that there are a few North Bellmore buses on the Gunther property and asked what they are used for. Mr. Russo advised that the after the bus drivers complete their runs they are sent to Gunther to do maintenance work.

Mrs. Faberman (Columbus Ave.) asked if the district received a response from the County regarding the request to have a crossing guard at the entrance/exit ramp of Southern State Parkway. Mr. Schissler said that he has not received a response yet.

Mrs. Faberman asked the status of the grant from Leg. Denenberg. Mrs. Lanci advised that the SEQRA was approved at a special Board meeting on August 27.

VISITORS

Mrs. Casamassima (Manor La.) asked why Wee Friends is permitted to run an afterschool program. Mrs. Cramsie advised that it is not under our control.

Mrs. Shuart (Sherman Ave.) asked what student information is provided to the companies when they log on to the five district subscriptions. Mr. Fischetti stated that the students log in with a generic username and password, name of school, teacher and grade level. She also asked how the district is looking to integrate technology into the Common Core. Mr. Fischetti said that he is working with the teachers to implement our software programs to enhance classroom instruction and develop projects that address what is going on in the classroom and aligns with the new learning standards. She also questioned the Race To The Top funding. Mrs. Testa reported that the district did not take the funds.

Mrs. Grote (Aron Pl.) asked why the staff bathroom on the first floor at Saw Mill was made ADA compliant and not the "gang" bathroom on the second floor. Mr. Russo reported that they were working on making the first floor ADA compliant this year. The Board commented that they will look into it.

Mr. Amara commented that the Dinkelmeyer Principal's welcome back email contained the word "emergency". Mr. Fischetti explained that in the Blackboard Connect Ed system, the "emergency email" comes up as a default and needs to be changed manually by the user before sending out a message.

Mr. Ptacek (Oak St.) asked when will the outside security lights on the south side of Martin Avenue School and playground be turned on. He also asked when the school yard fence will be repaired and the overgrown brush removed. He also asked when the hole in the fence behind 2562 Martin Avenue will be repaired. Mrs. Testa reported that the lighting timer is on order and plans are in the works to repair the fence.

Mr. Amara asked why the sixth graders at Dinkelmeyer aren't changing classes this year. Mrs. Testa responded that it is not a district-wide initiative.

Mrs. Faberman asked if the district verifies that all students are residents and if all rentals are legal two family residences. Mr. Schissler explained that the district has done an extensive examination of the registration process and has recently hired an outside source to validate student residency. Ms. Melnick explained that the issue of illegal residences is a Town Ordinance issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mrs. DeLauter, seconded by Mrs. Cramsie and carried 5-0, the Board of Education agreed to enter into Executive Session at 10:02 p.m. discuss a particular personnel matter.

PUBLIC SESSION

On a motion by Mrs. DeLauter, seconded by Mr. Mayo and carried 5-0, the Board of Education reconvened at 11:49 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Ferrara, seconded by Mrs. Cramsie and carried 5-0, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Canavan, Board Secretary

Mark Schissler, District Clerk

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BOE Meeting Date: 09/12/13

Prepared By: R. Bazarewski

Approved By: M. Schissler

Fund	Warrant #	Original Amount	Amount Approved	Amount Disapproved	Check Number(s)	NOTES
A	Payroll 1			\$0.00		
A	2	\$837,658.65	\$837,658.65	\$0.00		
A				\$0.00		
A				\$0.00		
A				\$0.00		
TOTAL		\$837,658.65	\$837,658.65	\$0.00		
D	1	\$2,923.42	\$2,923.42	\$0.00		
D				\$0.00		
D				\$0.00		
TOTAL		\$2,923.42	\$2,923.42	\$0.00		
F	1	\$514.49	\$514.49	\$0.00		
F				\$0.00		
TOTAL		\$514.49	\$514.49	\$0.00		
H				\$0.00		
H				\$0.00		
H				\$0.00		
				\$0.00		
TOTAL		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
T	1	\$412,035.97	\$412,035.97	\$0.00		
T	2	\$92,068.17	\$92,068.17	\$0.00		
T	3	\$104,270.26	\$104,270.26	\$0.00		
T				\$0.00		
TOTAL		\$608,374.40	\$608,374.40	\$0.00		

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Prepared By: R. Bazarewski

Approved By: M. Schissler

Fund	Warrant #	Original Amount	Amount Approved	Amount Disapproved	Check Number(s)	NOTES
A	3	\$127,815.94	\$127,815.94	\$0.00		
A	Payroll 4			\$0.00		
A	5	\$375,498.59	\$375,498.59	\$0.00		
A	6	\$61,569.55	\$61,569.55	\$0.00		
A	7	\$282,583.04	\$282,583.04	\$0.00		
TOTAL		\$847,467.12	\$847,467.12	\$0.00		
D	2	\$2,991.95	\$2,991.95	\$0.00		
D	3	\$3,020.18	\$3,020.18	\$0.00		
D	4	\$1,989.12	\$1,989.12	\$0.00		
TOTAL		\$8,001.25	\$8,001.25	\$0.00		
F	2	\$93,325.12	\$93,325.12	\$0.00		
F	3	\$151,478.09	\$151,478.09	\$0.00		
F	4	\$107,158.31	\$107,158.31	\$0.00		
TOTAL		\$351,961.52	\$351,961.52	\$0.00		
H	1	\$264,775.22	\$264,775.22	\$0.00		
H	2	\$8,169.17	\$8,169.17	\$0.00		
H				\$0.00		
				\$0.00		
TOTAL		\$272,944.39	\$272,944.39	\$0.00		
T	4	\$26,817.61	\$26,817.61	\$0.00		
T	5	\$86,073.43	\$86,073.43	\$0.00		
T	6	\$397,937.43	\$397,937.43	\$0.00		
T	7	\$109,295.64	\$109,295.64	\$0.00		
T	8	\$15,225.59	\$15,225.29	\$0.00		
T	9	\$97,242.82	\$97,242.82	\$0.00		
TOTAL		\$732,592.52	\$732,592.22	\$0.00		