



**NORTH BELLMORE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES – JUNE 10, 2021**

Business Meeting	Saw Mill Road School 2801 Saw Mill Road, North Bellmore, NY 11710	7:30 PM
------------------	--	---------

The Business meeting of the North Bellmore Union Free School District Board of Education was held on Thursday evening, June 10, 2021, in-person and via Zoom video conference.

The following members of the Board of Education were present:

Rosemarie Corless, President
Jo-Ann Erhard, Vice President
Melissa Cmar-Grote
Nina Lanci
Christine Malloy

Also present:

Marie Testa, Superintendent of Schools
Carol Eskew, Deputy Superintendent
Janet Pollitt, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Jacqueline Rehak, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Jason Fischetti, Executive Director of Technology, Data and Information Services
Christopher Powers, District Counsel
Jeanne Canavan, District Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM. Motion was made by Mrs. Erhard and seconded by Mrs. Malloy to adjourn the public portion of the meeting and convene an executive session at 6:36 PM to discuss legal/personnel matters. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting reconvened at 7:55 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Corless led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Lanci read the District’s mission statement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Business meeting of May 10, 2021 and the special meetings of May 14, 2021 and May 18, 2021. Mrs. Cmar-Grote seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
RECOGNITION OF RETIREES**

With great pride, Mrs. Testa congratulated and thanked all the retirees this year for their service and dedication to the children of North Bellmore. Their lifelong commitment to educating children has made an infinite difference in so many young lives in this community.

Anne Barbara, Clerk Typist, Facilities Department
Carol Eskew, Deputy Superintendent

- RECOGNITION OF RETIREES** Doreen Forte, Paraprofessional, Saw Mill Road
Andrea Frank, Teacher, Park Avenue
Nancyann Masone, Teacher, Dinkelmeyer
Jennifer O’Driscoll, Special Education Teacher, Saw Mill Road
Eileen Speidel, Principal, Park Avenue School
- Mrs. Brugge, Mrs. Malone and Mr. Rosof on behalf of the Principals’ Association, Mrs. Corless, on behalf of the Board of Education, Mr. Richard Russo, Director of Facilities, Mrs. Signorelli, on behalf of the NBTA, Mrs. Roach on behalf of the CSEA, Mrs. Testa for Lynn Paolillo on behalf of the Paraprofessionals’ Association, fellow faculty members, Mrs. Obey and Mrs. Pirozzi, Mrs. Rolston, of the Park Avenue PTA, and former Director of Facilities, Mr. Frank Russo, all joined together in their words to wish a heartfelt thank you and congratulations to all the retirees and wished them a wonderful retirement.
- PUBLIC COMMENTS** There were no comments.
- CORRESPONDENCE** Mrs. Corless advised that the Board received correspondence and it was discussed in Executive Session.
- TREASURER’S REPORT** Mrs. Corless moved that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer’s report for the month ended April 30, 2021. Mrs. Erhard seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.
- HIGH SCHOOL REPORT** Mrs. Lanci reported that the Board met last on Wednesday, June 2, 2021. The senior prom is being celebrated tonight at The Sands, and graduation will be held on Sunday, June 13, weather permitting, under New York State guidelines. Fifteen retirees were honored, including Mr. John DeTommaso, Superintendent. Mrs. Lanci thanked Mr. DeTommaso for his service and dedication. Award presentations were made to the Valedictorians and Salutatorians. Congratulations to Calhoun’s Boys Volleyball team on winning the Nassau County Championship. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 13, 2021.
- FINANCE** The Board of Education acknowledged the review of the warrants that have been approved by the Claims Auditor for the month of May 2021.
- Mrs. Malloy moved that the Board of Education approve the Budgetary Transfers dated June 10, 2021. Mrs. Erhard seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.
- SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT** Mrs. Testa stated that it was great to be back in person for this Board of Education meeting (and live stream for those unable to attend due to seating limitations). Mrs. Testa expressed her appreciation to the parents and staff during this very confusing time. Fortunately, we were able to open the schools on time this year and have been open fully in-person since September.
- Mrs. Testa addressed the issue of the masks and the confusion with respect to the Governor’s letter this past weekend. Unfortunately, it created a lot of anger, resentment and misunderstanding. Mrs. Testa added that she has been working

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

representatives from the Governor's office, school attorneys, and other superintendents to get further clarification on the mask requirements. On Monday, the Governor stated that masks are no longer required to be worn outdoors in the school setting. Masks are still required to be worn indoors in the school setting. Public schools must operate within these parameters. The District must take their guidance from the Governor's office or sanctions will be invoked upon the District including, but not limited to, the termination of the Board and Administrative Staff, and the arrest of the Superintendent for failure to follow New York State guidance.

We will continue to provide mask breaks to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff as well as increasing taking students out during the day. Mrs. Testa thanked the parents, faculty and staff for their support throughout these challenging times as we continue to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for all.

The District and the Board have received a lot of feedback from the community on varying views with regard to the wearing of masks. Mrs. Testa advised that she is working with the Board to draft a letter to the Governor regarding the discretionary use of masks be given to the parents. Mrs. Corless reiterated that the Board will be drafting this letter to advocate for the parents on this request. A draft of this letter will be available for review. If the Governor agrees, the District most certainly will give the choice to the parents.

Mrs. Testa spoke to the question of the barriers. Under the present guidelines, students can eat in the classroom without barriers, but students would have to be six feet apart. We are unable to do this at this time. Additional personnel would have to be hired and this is an option being reviewed for the upcoming school year if regulations do not change. Students can eat in the classrooms with barriers if the students are three feet apart. We are looking forward to removing the barriers as soon as we are able to. Temperature checks are still required by all.

Mrs. Testa reported that the 2021-22 Reopening Team will be starting up this summer. Any parents who are interested in joining the Team can email her office if they haven't already signed up. The District will be closing out this year with the current team and start in July with the new Team.

Mrs. Testa stated that architectural drawings of the proposed security vestibules for each building are on display in the lobby for the community this evening. Mr. Fischetti and Mr. Russo have completed walkthroughs with Intralogic Solutions to determine how best to outfit the security vestibules with camera and swipe card access. Intralogic is preparing their estimate which will be provided to our architect who will review and make any suggested changes and draw up the Bid. After that, we will go out to Bid for approximately two weeks and schedule a Bid opening. We will award the projects and look forward to begin work in late fall.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Motion was made by Mrs. Lanci to approve the personnel report dated June 10, 2021. Mrs. Cmar-Grote seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

PERSONNEL REPORT

- A. Appointments
- B. Leave Requests
- C. Resignations

Mrs. Testa congratulated Mr. Daniel Madden on his appointment to Assistant Principal of Saw Mill Road School.

**BUSINESS DEPARTMENT
UPDATE**

Mrs. Rehak gave the following updates:

2021-2022 Budget: Mrs. Rehak thanked the community for passing the budget and for all their support. We are looking forward to another successful school year!

Federal Funding: As previously reported, the District is applying for the federal funding available under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) and under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

These are accounted for in the Special Aid Fund and are not part of the General Budget.

The district will engage and report out to the community the intended uses of these funds. One of the vehicles we use to do this is the NBRT, the North Bellmore Reopening Team. We will meet with them to report the plan once it is ready, and it will be posted on our website. We anticipate meeting with the NBRT sometime over the next few weeks, and the plan will be posted on the District website.

Some of the items the district is looking at is additional reading, Math AIS, social workers, counselors, and summer and afterschool programs. Several of these items are required for the funding, as a major focus is on learning loss due to the pandemic, and on social, emotional and mental health.

In addition, the district must prioritize non-recurring expenditures as required by the grants. There will be more information to come on this.

**CURRICULUM &
INSTRUCTION REPORT**

Mrs. Pollitt gave the following updates:

Universal Pre-K: We have worked with our current UPK schools to fill a majority of the expanded spots. There are currently 114 on the wait list. There are a few more full-day spots to fill (approximately 5 to 8) and then we will offer the remaining half-day placements (approximately 20). Mrs. Pollitt thanked the parents for their patience during this extensive process.

Virtual Learning Update: Intent Forms were due on June 1. Only five families expressed interest in a virtual model for next year, which is not enough to run either of our main two options (in district grade level or grade band classes). Our principals followed up with these families and most, if not all, will return to in-

**CURRICULUM &
INSTRUCTION REPORT**

person learning. We are working to see if a BOCES regional option is something we can afford to a couple students based on potential medical reasons.

Culturally Responsive Teaching: Mrs. Pollitt stated that she had received emails regarding the teaching of the Critical Race Theory. Mrs. Pollitt explained that North Bellmore has not adopted, nor will it adopt, any curriculum related to the Critical Race Theory. Our work is about the students ensuring that they have a sense of belonging regardless of race, gender, religion, social economic status, etc. In North Bellmore we focus on the teaching of empathy, tolerance, respect, acceptance, celebrate diversity, etc., and we do this in a developmentally appropriate manner.

Summer Learning Opportunities: Mrs. Pollitt advised that that we plan to offer a variety of summer learning opportunities for our students to maintain and further practice skills, some of which will be funded by the grants that Mrs. Rehak described. Summer Learning will be offered for both our teachers and our students. The Summer Learning Website will be available again this year which will have a variety of resources for parents and students to access at their leisure. The Virtual Book Clubs for first through sixth graders will also continue. In The Summer Scholar Program, each child interested in participating will be able to pick up a summer backpack containing a grade appropriate activity workbook, two nonfiction books paired to two fiction paired books and a set of flash cards (sight work or math), parent user guide and directions for at home self-paced learning. Participating students will receive a certificate and a small prize, as well as their name on a summer scholar display upon return to school in the fall.

We are in process of crafting a **Word Wizards** program for our rising first and second graders using Foundations Ready to Rise resources, targeting foundations skills.

Information regarding all of these opportunities will be shared with the community in the upcoming weeks.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
REPORT**

Ms. Eskew reported that currently the Special Education Department is transitioning from closing the current school year in terms of the IEP process and opening the summer school program.

The nurses are making arrangements for medications to be picked up to close out the school year. A process is in being set up for the summer school nurse to receive medications for those students attending the summer program. Medications must be received before the program starts.

As previously reported, there has been difficulty in hiring paraprofessionals for the summer program. After posting to see if any of the lunch assistants would be interested to work as teacher assistants, Ms. Eskew was happy to report that we are now fully staffed. We are now currently working on staffing for the upcoming school year.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
REPORT**

New health and safety protocols have been reviewed for the summer program. We will be able to maintain the six feet social distance requirement due to the 12:1:1 and 8:1:1 student ratio. The barriers will be removed and the children will be able to eat in their classrooms together.

Ms. Eskew addressed the question regarding how we will handle students who have difficulty wearing masks. Ms. Eskew explained that for students with sensory issues, we use a process to desensitize students (wearing a mask for a period of time and removing it) until the child is comfortable. Based on the guidance we received, there are exceptions that can be made under certain circumstances for those students who have medical conditions, emotional, and behavior resistance. In special education, everything is based on individual needs specific to the child. Each case will be reviewed individually.

CPSE/CSE REPORTS

Mrs. Cmar-Grote moved that the Board of Education approve the CPSE and CSE reports dated June 3, 2021. Mrs. Malloy seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Mrs. Lanci, seconded by Mrs. Erhard and carried 5-0 for the following consent agenda items: Nos. 16.1 – 16.27

**NEW BUSINESS
CONTRACTS**

16.1 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following contracts for the 2021/22 school year:

- Applied Data Services
- Beyond Boundaries Therapy Services, PLLC D/B/A Kidz Educational Services
- Corinthian Therapy Management Services, Inc. (Academic Tutoring)
- Corinthian Therapy Management Services, Inc. (Related Services)
- The Hagedorn Little Village School (Academic Tutoring)
- The Hagedorn Little Village School (Related Service)
- Horizon Healthcare Staffing (Related Services)
- Horizon Healthcare Staffing (Skilled Nurse Staffing)
- North Shore University Hospital (2020/21)
- Edward M. Petrosky, Psy.D., ABPP (Evaluations)
- Persaud Pillai
- Westbury UFSD (Health & Welfare)

**AMENDMENTS TO
EMPLOYMENT
AGREEMENTS**

16.2 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the North Bellmore Union Free School District approves and authorizes the School District to enter into an Amendment to the Memorandum-Terms and Conditions of Employment 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 between the following employees and the School District:

- Carol Eskew
- Janet Pollitt
- Jason Fischetti
- Tillie McNamara

16.3 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the North Bellmore Union Free School District approves and authorizes the School District to enter into an Amendment to the Memorandum-Terms and Conditions of Employment 2020-2023 between Jacqueline Rehak and the School District.

16.4 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the North Bellmore Union Free School District approves and authorizes the School District to enter into an Amendment to the Memorandum-Terms and Conditions of Employment 2020-2021 between Richard Russo and the School District.

16.5 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the North Bellmore Union Free School District approves and authorizes the School District to enter into Amendment No. 6 to the Employment Agreement by and between The Board of Education of the North Bellmore Union Free School District and Marie Testa for the 2020-2021 school year.

16.6 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the North Bellmore Union Free School District approves and authorizes the School District to enter into a Memorandum-Terms and Conditions of Employment 2021-2023 between Leyna Malone and the School District.

**FOOD SERVICE
COMMODITIES BID**

16.7 WHEREAS, It is the plan of a number of public school districts in Nassau/Suffolk Counties, New York to bid jointly on selected Food Service Commodities, Food and Food Service Supplies for the 2021-22 school year.

WHEREAS, NORTH BELLMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT, is desirous of participating with other districts in Nassau/Suffolk Counties in the joint bidding of the commodities mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0 and,

WHEREAS, NORTH BELLMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT, wishes to appoint a committee to assume the responsibility for drafting of specification, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, reporting the results to the boards of education and making recommendations thereon; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the BOARD OF EDUCATION of NORTH BELLMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT, hereby appoints Long Island School Nutrition Directors Association Cooperative Bid Committee to represent it in all matters related above, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, NORTH BELLMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S Board of Education authorized the above-mentioned committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above-mentioned commodities, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NORTH BELLMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S Board of Education agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs of the cooperative bidding, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that NORTH BELLMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S Board of Education agrees (1) to abide by majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; (2) that unless all bids are rejected, it will award contracts according to the recommendations of the committee; (3) that after award of contract(s), it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).

**APPOINTMENT– INTERNAL
CLAIMS AUDITOR**

16.8 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education appoint the auditing firm of R.S. Abrams for internal claims auditing for the 2020-2021 school year in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 (RFP# 2019-20-01).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the execution of an engagement letter in accordance with the terms of the District’s Request for Proposals dated 8/30/19 and the proposal from R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP dated 9/19/19 for the rendering of the aforementioned services and authorizes the Board President to execute the Agreement and the Engagement letter on the Board’s behalf.

**LRAs/MONITORS HOURLY
RATE**

16.9 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the hourly rate to be paid to Lunch Recess Assistants and Monitors to be established at \$15.25 per hour effective July 1, 2021.

POLICY 0101

16.10 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following policy for a second reading and adoption:
Policy 0101 Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms

**BOE REORGANIZATION
MEETING DATE 2021-22**

16.11 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education set the date of the July Reorganization and Regular meeting for Thursday, July 8, 2021.

**NSSBA BUDGET VOTE
RESULTS 2021-22**

16.12 WHEREAS, Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association has submitted its proposed 2021-2022 Budget and proposed 2021-2022 Slate of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee, for the approval of its member boards, the North Bellmore Board of Education authorizes the District Clerk to record the outcome of the votes and notify Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association of the results.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association Proposed Budget for the 2021-2022 school year (as accepted by N-SSBA’s Executive Committee) be, and hereby is approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association Proposed 2021-2022 Slate of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee (as presented by N-SSBA’s Nominating Committee) be, and hereby is approved.

**TRANSPORTATION
CONTRACTS**

16.13 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the renewal of the following 2021 summer transportation contracts at the revised CPI rate for the in-district transportation with Suburban Bus Transportation, Inc.

16.14 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the new 2021 summer transportation contracts for private school transportation with:
-First Student
-Suburban Bus Transportation, Inc.
-We Transport, Inc.

**TRANSPORTATION
CONTRACTS**

16.15 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the new 2021 summer transportation contracts for transportation with Nassau BOCES.

DONATIONS

16.16 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept a donation from the American Heart Association of a gift certificate to US Games in the amount of \$300.00 to be used to purchase physical education and recess equipment for the students of Martin Avenue School.

16.17 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of education accept a donation from Coca-Cola Give! In the amount of \$38.96 to be used to for school beautification and decorations at Saw Mill Road School.

**APPOINTMENT OF
EXTERNAL AUDITOR**

16.18 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Nawrocki Smith LLP for external auditing services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 for a total all-inclusive fee not to exceed \$37,000 and, at the District's option for each fiscal year, for services for the fiscal years of 2021-22, and 2022-2023 for the same all-inclusive fee not to exceed \$37,000 per year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the execution of an engagement letter in accordance with the terms of the District's Request for Proposals dated 2/21/19 and the proposal from Nawrocki Smith LLP dated 3/15/19 for the rendering of the aforementioned services and authorizes the Board President to execute the Agreement and the Engagement letter on the Board's behalf.

**RETIREMENT
CONTRIBUTION RESERVE
FUNDS**

16.19 WHEREAS, the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, previously established a Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund authorizing a maximum funding level not including interest not to exceed \$5,000,000 for the Employee Retirement System Contribution Fund Reserve and a maximum funding level not including interest not to exceed \$3,000,000 for the Teacher's Retirement System Contribution Sub-fund Reserve.

BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools, in the event there are sufficient funds remaining in the 2020/2021 budget, the Board shall cause the Retirement Contribution Reserve Funds to be funded in June, 2021, in amounts not to exceed \$1,000,000 for the ERS Fund and in amounts not to exceed \$500,000 for the TRS Sub-Fund.

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION
RESERVE FUND**

16.20 WHEREAS, the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, previously established a Workers' Compensation Reserve Fund authorizing a maximum funding level not including interest not to exceed \$1,000,000.

BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools, in the event there are sufficient funds remaining in the 2020/2021 budget, the Board shall

cause the Workers' Compensation Reserve Fund to be funded in June 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$ 250,000.

**UNEMPLOYMENT
INSURANCE RESERVE FUND**

16.21 WHEREAS, the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, previously established an Unemployment Insurance Reserve Fund authorizing a maximum funding level not including interest not to exceed \$600,000.

BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools, in the event there are sufficient funds remaining in the 2020/2021 budget, the Board shall cause the Unemployment Insurance Reserve Fund to be funded in June 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$ 200,000.

**EMPLOYEE BENEFIT
ACCRUED LIABILITY
RESERVE**

16.22 WHEREAS, the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, previously established an Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve Fund authorizing a maximum funding level not including interest not to exceed \$3,000,000.

BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools, in the event there are sufficient funds remaining in the 2020/2021 budget, the Board of Education shall authorize the appropriation of funds to the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve, to be funded in June, 2021, in amounts not to exceed \$500,000.

16.23 **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education authorizes the appropriation of funds from the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve for the purposes of contractual retirement payouts of the employees listed on Confidential Schedule A.

**APPROVAL OF
TRANSITIONAL SUPPORT**

16.24 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the hiring of Carol Eskew on a temporary basis to provide transitional support to her successor in her position at a per diem rate of \$984.02; not to exceed 15 total days. (Effective 7/2/21)

16.25 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the hiring of Anne Barbera on a temporary basis to provide transitional support to her successor in her position at a per diem rate of \$283.35; not to exceed 15 total days. (Effective 7/2/21)

CONTRACTS

16.26 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve a contract with SCOPE Education Services (Summer Program) for 7/6/21 to 7/30/21.

16.27 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve a contract with Theresa M. Doyle (Consultant-Yoga Instruction-Teacher Center 20/21).

COMMENTS

Mrs. Testa welcomed Mrs. Leyna Malone as the new Executive Director of Pupil Services and Special Education, effective July 1, 2021.

On behalf of the Board of Education, Mrs. Lanci extended her deepest sympathy to former board member, Mr. John Ferrara, and his family on the passing of his mother this week.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION –
2021 SCOPE SCHOOL
DISTRICT HONOREES**

Mrs. Testa recognized the North Bellmore Board of Education members on receiving SCOPE's 20th Annual School District Award for their outstanding efforts to ensure that, even under very difficult and extreme circumstances, the safety, well-being and education of our children is always a priority. Mrs. Testa expressed her appreciation to the Board and presented each member with an award in their honor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were given. The Board heard from many members of the community in-person and virtually expressing concerns on issues relative to COVID-19, challenges of social distancing and wearing masks during the school day, barriers, and the possibility of mandatory vaccination. Additional comments and questions were made by the community, included, but not limited to, child care programs offered for the 2021-2022 school year, the possibility of expanding air conditioning in the buildings, graduation protocol and questions regarding North Bellmore's position on Critical Race Theory, diversity and social justice in the classroom and the new DEI curriculum. The Board and administrators heard the questions and comments of the community and addressed their concerns.

(Mrs. Cmar-Grote left at approximately 10:30 PM. to attend to a personal obligation.)

Mrs. Testa stated that she will have a draft letter to the Governor for the Board's review tomorrow. A copy will be sent out to the community via connect as soon as it is available.

Mrs. Corless also suggested that parents reach out to the Governor and continue to call and write letters to local legislators concerning giving parents a choice regarding having their children wear masks to school in September.

In addition to the public appearing in-person, live streaming was provided. Mr. Fischetti reported as high as 155 people were in attendance via live stream and at 11:26 pm there were still 75 people viewing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Mrs. Erhard, seconded by Mrs. Malloy to enter into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter at 11: 30 PM. Motion was carried 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mrs. Lanci, seconded by Mrs. Erhard, and carried 4-0, the Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 12:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Canavan
District Clerk