



**NORTH BELLMORE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES – APRIL 7, 2022**

Business Meeting	Martin Avenue School 2616 Martin Avenue, Bellmore, NY 11710	7:30 PM
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The Business meeting of the North Bellmore Union Free School District Board of Education was held on Thursday evening, April 7, 2022, in the All Purpose Room of the Martin Avenue School at 2616 Martin Avenue, Bellmore, New York, and via livestream.

The following members of the Board of Education were present:

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

The following member of the Board of Education arrived late:

Melissa Cmar-Grote (arrived at 10:02 p.m.)

Also present:

Marie Testa, Superintendent of Schools
Janet Pollitt, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Jacqueline Rehak, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Jason Fischetti, Executive Director of Technology, Data and Information Services
Leyna Malone, Executive Director of Pupil Personnel Services and Special Education
Christopher Venator, District Counsel
Laurice Gunnels, District Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:43 p.m. Motion was made by Mrs. Erhard at 6:45 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Lanci to move into an executive session. Motion was carried 4-0. The meeting reconvened at 7:55 p.m.

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 March 10, 2022. Mrs. Malloy seconded and the motion was carried 4-0.

- AMENDMENT TO THE ORDER OF AGENDA ITEMS** Mrs. Corless on behalf of the Board requested that Agenda Items 11.1-11.2 and 16.1-16.10 be moved forward. Motion was made by Mrs. Lanci, seconded by Mrs. Malloy and carried 4-0.
- PERSONNEL REPORT** Motion was made by Mrs. Erhard to approve the Personnel Report dated April 7, 2022. Mrs. Lanci seconded and the motion was carried 4-0.
- A. Tenure Recommendations
 - B. Appointments
 - C. Leave Requests
 - D. Resignations
 - E. Terminations
- STAFF DEVELOPMENT** Motion was made by Mrs. Erhard to approve the Staff Development Report dated April 7, 2022. Mrs. Malloy seconded and the motion was carried 4-0.
- CONSENT AGENDA** Motion was made by Mrs. Lanci, seconded by Mrs. Erhard , and carried 4-0 for the following consent agenda items: 16.1-16.10.
- NEW BUSINESS CONTRACTS** 16.1 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following contracts:
- Childhood Anxiety Solutions, LCSW, PLLC
 - Freeport UFSD
 - Gwenn Eiger, PT (2022/23)
 - Grow NOW Therapy Services, LLC (2021/22)
 - Sepideh Homayoonfar, Psy.D. (2022/23)
 - Linda LaMarca, Ph.D., ABPP (2022/23)
- INTER-MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT** 16.2 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that in accordance with the provision of Education Law, 1907 and 3635, and General Municipal Law, 119-0 relating to Municipal cooperative activities, the Board of Education of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District is hereby authorized and directed to continue its participation in a regional transportation consortium with its component elementary districts to provide for the regional transportation of elementary and secondary students of the District and its components to the schools which such students attend in accordance with the parameters defined in a document entitled, "Cooperative Student Transportation Feasibility Study" dated March, 1989; the foregoing resolution shall be operative to commit the North Bellmore Union Free School District to participation in such regional transportation system only for the 2022-2023 school year; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized and directed to give effect to the within Agreement if, in her judgment, there is sufficient participation among the elementary component districts to make participation by the North Bellmore Union Free School District feasible and economically advantageous to it; and

**INTER-MUNICIPAL
COOPERATIVE
TRANSPORTATION
AGREEMENT
(continued)**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized and directed to take such other and further actions as shall be necessary or appropriate to give effect to the within resolution, as per the attachment.

**NASSAU BOCES
Cooperative Bidding
Program**

16.3 WHEREAS, the Board of Education, North Bellmore School District of New York State (the "School District") wishes to participate in a Cooperative Bidding Program conducted by The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County ("Nassau BOCES") for the purchase of various commodities and/or services as authorized by and in accordance with the Education Law and General Municipal Law, Section 119-o; and

WHEREAS, the District, more particularly, wishes to participate in the joint cooperative bids as listed below:

DOORS: HOLLOW METAL, FRAMES & HARDWARE

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the School District hereby appoints Nassau BOCES as its representative and agent in all matters related to the Cooperative Bidding Program, including but not limited to responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, reporting the results to the School District and making recommendations thereon, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Nassau BOCES is hereby authorized to award cooperative bids on behalf of the School District to the bidder deemed to be the lowest responsible bidder meeting the bid specifications and otherwise complying with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York relating to public bids and contracts and to enter into contracts for the purchase of the commodities and/or services as authorized herein, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School District hereby authorizes its School Business Administrator or his/her designee on behalf of the School District to participate in cooperative bidding conducted by Nassau BOCES and if requested to furnish Nassau BOCES an estimated minimum number of units that will be purchased and such other documents and information which may be reasonably necessary or useful in conducting the Cooperative Bidding Program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School District agrees to assume its equitable share of the administrative costs of the cooperative bidding program and all of its obligations and responsibilities pursuant to any contract that may be awarded by Nassau BOCES on behalf of the School District.

ELECTION INSPECTORS

16.4 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the North Bellmore UFSD Board of Education appoints the following election inspectors for the 2022 Annual Budget Vote and School Board Election: District Employees - Michael Bevilacqua, Diane Agoglia, Eileen Giovino, Laurice Gunnels, Jack Newman, Kim Boschert, Lisa Danz, Carol Sena, Carol Leroux, Mary Grace Roach, Kathy Lazaar, Jacqueline Laddomada, Monica Gargano, Marianne Lulic, Karen Guerra, Roseanne Moskowitz, at their current hourly rate.

Non-district employees: Barbara Fillios, Anne Barbera, Justine Barbera-Brazas at an hourly rate of \$15.00.

DISPOSAL OF DISTRICT PROPERTY

16.5 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education declare obsolete and approve the disposal of five snow blowers that are old and beyond repair:

1. Sarlo Lawn Mower – Model # L622I/C, S/N 202686, Asset Tag # 2009055
2. Yardman Snow Blower – Model # 31BEE5B3H501, S/N IJ282I30008, Asset Tag # 20092345
3. Yardman Snow Blower – Model # 31BE5B33H501, S/N IH212I300433, Asset Tag # 002374 + #20091778 (tagged twice)
4. Cub Cadet Snow Blower – Model # 31AH5B3H100, S/N 1I251B10339, Asset Tag # 000128
5. Cadet Snow Blower – Model and Serial unknown. Tag is missing. Asset Tag # 000266

NBTA AGREEMENT

16.6 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approves an agreement with the North Bellmore Teachers Association dated April 7, 2022 (attached).

....16.7 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approves a Side Letter of Agreement with the North Bellmore Teachers Association regarding an Extension of Unpaid Childcare Leave of Absence.

NB/NM LITTLE LEAGUE AGREEMENT***Field Refurbishment Project***

16.8 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the North Bellmore Union Free School District hereby authorizes the District to enter into a license agreement with the North Bellmore North Merrick Little League for the use of certain athletic facilities at Saw Mill Road Elementary School pursuant to the terms and conditions of the attached license agreement (“Agreement”);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement.

16.9 WHEREAS, the North Bellmore North Merrick Little League would like to donate the labor and material necessary for the replacement of certain athletic fields with new turf fields at Saw Mill Road Elementary School; and

**NB/NM LITTLE LEAGUE
AGREEMENT
Field Refurbishment Project
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WHEREAS, the North Bellmore North Merrick Little League has raised the funds necessary to complete this work and has demonstrated to the District Administration that it has these funds on hand; and

WHEREAS, said funds will be placed in an escrow account for disbursement to the North Bellmore North Merrick Little League to make payments to the contractor selected to perform the work; and

WHEREAS, the North Bellmore North Merrick Little League has secured a qualified, licensed and insured contractor to complete this work; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the North Bellmore Union Free School District is desirous of accepting the gift of the replacement of the fields at Saw Mill Road Elementary School;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Bellmore Union Free School District hereby accepts the gift of the replacement of the fields at Saw Mill Road Elementary School with much gratitude and appreciation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Board of Education hereby directs the administration to take all steps necessary to commence the project and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute any and all agreements necessary to allow for the commencement of the project.

16.10 WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the North Bellmore Union Free School District, by way of donation of labor and materials from the North Bellmore North Merrick Little League, desires to embark upon the following capital improvements at its Saw Mill Road Elementary School property: the replacement of a grass baseball field and a grass tee-ball field with synthetic turf.

WHEREAS, said capital improvement projects are subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, the SEQR Regulations declare Type II Actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under SEQR; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, as the only involved agency, has examined all information related to the Projects and has determined that the Projects are classified as Type II Actions pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(1),(2), and (10) of the SEQR Regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares that the above-described capital improvements projects are Type II Actions, which require no further review under SEQRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby shall forward an official copy of this Resolution to the New York State Education Department together with a copy of the correspondence from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in connection with its request for approval of the project from the New York State Education Department.

NB/NM LITTLE LEAGUE
Field Refurbishment Project

Mrs. Testa opened the meeting this evening in celebration of the Board's approval of the Field Refurbishment Project/Turf Fields (Phase 1) located at Saw Mill. Mrs. Testa on behalf of the Board expressed joy and gratitude over the amazing fundraising efforts and generous donation by the North Bellmore-North Merrick Little League (NBNMLL) in creating the *Field of Dreams* for the families and children of our community.

Mrs. Rehak, echoing the sentiments of Mrs. Testa, expressed excitement in anticipation of this project. Phase 1 she described consists of two fields, the North Field and the Tee Ball Field, located at the back of the Saw Mill Road School near Jerusalem Avenue. She congratulated the NBNMLL on their extraordinary fundraising and thanked the community and all those who most generously donated to this project.

Mrs. Erhard, on behalf of the Board, reiterated the appreciation of the project noting NBNMLL's vision and design of the fields, their overwhelming generosity, and expressed gratitude for the League's longstanding commitment to the children and families of this community.

Mrs. Testa then invited the NBNMLL representatives present at the meeting to come up and meet the Board i.e., Mr. Craig Kute, President, Mr. Rich LaVacca, Vice President, and Board Members Mr. Michael Rut, Mr. Michael Kurz, and Mr. Keith Holloway, and thanked all other members and children in attendance this evening on behalf of the Little League.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
Tenure Recognition

Moving on with the celebratory events this evening, Mrs. Testa thanked the Board for approving the personnel report and with pride joyfully announced the appointment of tenure to the following North Bellmore faculty:

- Ms. Danielle Brocco, Elementary Education (Saw Mill Road School)
- Ms. Elizabeth Gorman, Elementary Education (Martin Avenue School)
- Ms. Sarah Mazeika, Elementary Education (Park Avenue School)
- Ms. Katelyn Panchyn, Elementary Education (Saw Mill Road School)
- Ms. Christine Turowski, Occupational Therapist

The newly tenured staff were honored for their dedication and life-long commitment to growth and learning as strong instructional leaders and role models. In recognition of their excellence, exemplary words of congratulations and appreciation were offered by the Principals, Mr. Rosof of Saw Mill Road, Mr. O'Brien of Martin Avenue, Mr. DeBlasio of Park Avenue, and from the NBTA, Ms. Signorelli. Members of the faculty, representatives of the PTA, and students also offered heart felt words of encouragement and gratitude, and presented them with gifts and flowers.

Mrs. Testa in closing proudly spoke to the long-standing tradition of tenure in North Bellmore and the high rigorous standards to meet that goal. She asked the newly tenured to stand and warmly spoke to each one individually of their outstanding attributes. In conclusion, Mrs. Testa shared from one of her favorite

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
Tenure Recognition
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books *Good to Great*, “*being great takes conscious effort, determination, intentionality, and a rigorous, rigorous denial of I’m never going anywhere just good*”. She described children as being great and each one of them need those here today as their role models to lead them in the power of thinking by challenging and inspiring them.

In conclusion, Mrs. Corless on behalf of the Board, shared their gratitude and appreciation to the newly tenured leaders for already leaving their footprint on our community and sincerely expressed to them by touching the lives of children you touch the lives of all our futures.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer’s report for the month ended February 28, 2022. Mrs. Erhard seconded and the motion was carried 4-0.

BOARD COMMITTEE /
HIGH SCHOOL REPORTS

Mrs. Lanci reported that the BMCHSD met last evening, Wednesday, April 6. She happily expressed that Mrs. Cmar-Grote and herself had the privilege to share in honoring Camylin Blake and Amokrane Aouchiche, All American/Winter Track athletes, Raymond Adams, All State/Wrestling, and the Calhoun Girl’s Winter Track Team, 2022 Nassau County Champions, the first time ever for Calhoun High School. She proudly reported that St. Baldrick’s at Mephram High School to date has raised \$70,000 for childhood cancer. Mrs. Lanci shared the budget was adopted with a 2.11 percent tax levy and spoke to the increase in state aid, and the approval of the inter-municipal agreement for transportation for BMCHSD and the components. She indicated they will meet again on April 26 for the BOCES Budget Vote and the next meeting will be held on May 4.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Corless advised that the Board received correspondence and it was discussed in Executive Session.

FINANCE

The Board of Education acknowledged the review of the warrants that have been approved by the Claims Auditor for the month of March 2022.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT:
Budget Presentation

Mrs. Rehak indicated the budget presentation this evening is an abridged version in comparison to those presented prior and the full presentation is available on the website under the Business Department section.

Mrs. Rehak presented a summary of the 2022-2023 budget (Proposition One) as follows:

- The tax cap proposed increase is 2.22 percent with a budget-to-budget proposed increase of 3.44 percent for a total budget of \$61,227,296.
- The tax levy increase in actuality is an average of the last five years with the highest in 2018-2019 of 3.2 percent and the lowest in 2021-2022 of 1.54 percent.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT:
Budget Presentation
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Mrs. Rehak described and illustrated the two Capital Reserve propositions on the ballot this year.

- Proposition Two – expend money from the *existing* Capital Reserve for ceilings and pavement replacements and reconstruction.
- Proposition Three – establish and fund a *new* Capital Reserve for districtwide bathroom and sidewalk renovations as well as supplement ceiling and pavement replacements, and would not result in an increase to the tax levy.

With respect to the Capital Reserve, if approved, Mrs. Rehak presented a proposed timeline of work to be performed in phases (two buildings per phase) over the summer months in the order of priority based on the building condition surveys. Mrs. Rehak indicated Phase 1 renovation would begin in July of 2023 (JGD and Martin), followed by Phase 2 in July of 2024 (two buildings), and Phase 3 in July of 2025 (two buildings).

Mrs. Rehak happily informed the Board that the Security Vestibule Project has begun at the Saw Mill Road School, work at Martin, Park, and Newbridge should be starting next week, and JGD is expected to begin soon. If adjustments for arrival/dismissal procedures are deemed necessary due to the commencement of the work, Mrs. Rehak indicated the principals will reach out to their respective families.

Mrs. Rehak shared the following important dates:

- May 9, 7:30 p.m. – BOE Meeting/Budget Presentation.
- May 17, 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. – Budget Vote & Annual Trustee Election at Newbridge Road School.

In closing, Mrs. Rehak reiterated again a detailed breakdown of the budget presentation is available online and provided her direct contact information for those who may still have questions.

2022/2023 BUDGET

Mrs. Erhard moved that the Board of Education authorize the North Bellmore School District to expend the sum in the General Fund Appropriation in the total amount of \$61,227,296 for the 2022/2023 school year. Mrs. Lanci seconded and the motion was carried 4-0.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Moving forward from the celebratory presentations this evening, Mrs. Testa continued her report by addressing an item of focus raised by some in attendance this evening on behalf of the JGD community. Mrs. Testa spoke to the District being contacted by representatives of JGD regarding the request for a new playground at Dinkelmeyer and financial assistance for this project. One option she described that was investigated was the possibility of PTA raised funds in partnership with grant opportunities afforded the District. While the District did offer to partner in a grant with the JGD PTA, this was not agreed upon based on the understanding of guidelines received by the PTA from Nassau County PTA.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT
(continued)**

Based on the aforementioned, Mrs. Testa explained if the District were requested to directly fund a project of this nature, a district-wide assessment of all playgrounds must be taken into consideration for need and necessity, and indicated the district, under the advisement of counsel, must follow certain guidelines. In furtherance of that, Mrs. Testa asked Mrs. Rehak to speak further with regard to funding.

With respect to the methodology of funding for playgrounds, Mrs. Rehak spoke to surveying districts throughout Nassau County and to the vast variations of funding including partnerships with PTA's coupled with applying for grants in conjunction with the possible usage of budgeted funds, districts applying for just grants and usage of budgeted funds without PTA partnership, and those partnering with other community organizations. Mrs. Rehak indicated that while an agreement was not met with the PTA with respect to funding at the present time, it can be investigated further in the future.

If the district were to take on this project solely, Mrs. Rehak reiterated what Mrs. Testa spoke to earlier regarding the need for a district-wide assessment. The overall cost of a playground Mrs. Rehak explained could range from \$100,000 to \$300,000. A project of this nature would require the approval of NYSED and/or could rise to the level of a capital project. Mrs. Rehak explained that as a capital project the playground would become an exclusion item resulting in a possible tax levy increase, the utilization of funds budgeted for another program, an increase of taxes to the taxpayer, etc.

Mrs. Malloy inquired if the decision was made to partner with the PTA when would you be able investigate grant options for this project for planning purposes with respect to a timeline. Mrs. Rehak indicated information for SAM Grants become available in the late fall with respect to what the District can apply for, and the application is normally due at the end of December, the beginning of January. Mrs. Rehak then explained the lengthy process involved including the initial application describing the reason for the grant, and if approved, a follow-up application which would include the requirements of detailed estimates, etc.

Mrs. Lanci inquired about the possibility of community money available through Nassau County citing that the playground though it exists on school grounds is accessible to the community. Mrs. Rehak said the District can contact Nassau County to see what is available, but indicated that those grants are on a reimbursement basis where the district expends the money and waits to be reimbursed by the County.

Mrs. Corless indicated due to the events this evening, there will be no individual departmental reports presented.

CPSE/CSE REPORTS

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the CPSE and CSE reports dated March 31, 2022. Mrs. Malloy seconded and the motion was carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS**17.1 Amended Resolution to Authorize a Proposition to Establish a Capital Reserve Fund Known as the "Facilities Improvement Program 2022"**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the North Bellmore Union Free School District hereby authorizes the following amended proposition to be placed on the ballot of the May 17, 2022 annual vote:

SHALL the Board of Education, pursuant to Education Law section 3651, be authorized to establish a Capital Reserve Fund known as the "Facilities Improvement Program 2022" for the purpose of performing the following capital improvements: district-wide ceiling replacements, districtwide pavement replacements, district wide electrical upgrades and district wide interior ADA accessibility or district wide bathroom renovations, all of the foregoing to include all labor, materials, equipment, apparatus and incidental cost related thereto.

The maximum amount of the aforesaid Capital Reserve Fund shall be \$10,000,000, plus investment income. The probable term is to be ten (10) years; the funds are to be transferred from surplus monies, if any, remaining in the general fund including a sum not to exceed \$1,500,000 from the 2021-2022 budget and thereafter in an annual amount of not more than \$3,500,000 for each remaining year of the probable term.

Motion was made by Mrs. Erhard to approve the amendment, seconded by Mrs. Malloy, and carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Holmes (Logue Street) – *Re. capital reserve for updates to bathrooms. Did the school district receive a SAM grant for the bathroom renovation already? If so, why are we creating a capital reserve for this purpose.* Mrs. Rehak responded the SAM Grant was applied for adult ADA bathrooms at Martin Avenue and it was done prior to the decision to create a reserve for district-wide bathroom renovation. The SAM Grant is \$100,000 and the cost to renovate district-wide bathrooms is almost \$5 million.

Ms. Murphy (Monroe Avenue) – *Requested to provide additional information regarding the SAM grant and the PTA request.* Ms. Murphy spoke to the discussions between Mrs. Testa, Mrs. Rehak, Mrs. Brugge, the JGD PTA, the playground committee, and Nassau County PTA. Ms. Murphy did indicate the JGD PTA Co-Presidents were asked to sign a written commitment by the District to fundraise monies to supplement the grant funded money provided to the District to complete the playground. She further stated that while a PTA can fundraise for the playground, the guidance provided by Nassau County PTA was this is against their mission statement and may place their tax-exempt status at risk. Mrs. Rehak responded and confirmed the District did ask for the agreement and explained a partnership of this nature between the District and the PTA to fund the playground would not encompass the need for taxpayer monies. Mrs. Rehak reiterated and stressed if such need were to arise though, it would become part of the budget requiring Board approval and all the school playgrounds would be surveyed and assessed for the necessity of upgrades and improvements district-wide.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
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Ms. Vera (Decatur Avenue) – Ms. Vera presented the Board with a Petition signed by 334 North Bellmore and Dinkelmeyer parents requesting that the Board consider as part of improvement projects the JGD playground. In her speech, she referred to the District school buildings as children, and used this analogy to describe that one of the five children, JGD, is begging their parents for one thing while the other four children are asking for things as well. She indicated the understanding of renovation work needed district-wide and the impact that has on the community as a whole. She presented argument on the physical environment on children and quoted Sir Ken Robinson’s new book “*a school is shaped by the physical environment*”, the importance of play in children’s lives both mentally and physically, and the socialization aspect created by a playground for the community. She requested the support of the district to assist them in securing grants and financial assistance for this purpose. Mrs. Corless thanked her for her thoughtful information and indicated the Board will continue to look into this.

Ms. Cassara (Grant Place) – *I understand playgrounds are hard but what about thinking about it differently. Think about it as outdoor learning – renewable and green.* Ms. Cassara reiterated the need for overall renovation to the outside grounds of JGD extending beyond the playground. She spoke to researching what other schools do outside of New York State and spoke to grants for outdoor learning spaces offering butterfly gardens as an example, and the prospect of Solar Companies creating outside learning centers.

Mrs. Testa thanked Ms. Cassara, and shared that a proposal was submitted for an outdoor learning space at JGD, and indicated the need to discuss and research this project with NYSIR and the attorneys with respect to it for consideration by the Board. With respect to all the aforementioned, Mrs. Testa on behalf of the Board and district solemnly spoke to the significance of the physical environment and the understanding and appreciation of play on the social and emotional wellbeing of the children and the community.

Ms. Malloy raised the question that if outside grant funding becomes available, continuing with the analogy of buildings as children, do we have to be fair to all five children or can one get a little more *love* than someone else. Mrs. Testa indicated the district must evaluate the building assessments and formulate a plan based on that. Mrs. Testa illustrated this by exemplifying the use of the building condition survey for the ceiling and pavement plan with respect to the order of the buildings by phase for that particular project.

Mrs. Lanci inquired regarding the possibility of a Solar Company donating services and if the district can accept their money and/or services. Mr. Venator responded that you can accept a business’ money, but there are significant limitations on advertising their name as we cannot allow commercialization of the school’s property. Sponsorship would need to be reviewed and done in a limited and tasteful manner.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS
(continued)**

Ms. Hanson (Waltoffer Avenue) – *spoke to advertising in other districts on school grounds*. Ms. Hanson informed the Board that recently she saw advertisements for Target and Lowes up in another district on their grounds. Mrs. Testa indicated while she can't comment on another district's practices, North Bellmore relies on our attorneys to advise us accordingly. Mr. Venator reiterated that while advertising is not impermissible there are limitations.

**POTENTIAL EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Mrs. Cmar-Grote arrived and entered the meeting at 10:02 p.m.

Motion was made to return into Executive Session by Mrs. Lanci at 10:05 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Malloy. Motion was carried 5-0. The meeting reconvened at 11:20 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mrs. Lanci, seconded by Mrs. Erhard, and carried 5-0, the Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 11:22 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 9, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurice Gunnels
District Clerk