



# NORTH BELLMORE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AGENDA – DECEMBER 14, 2023

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Business Meeting

Martin Avenue School  
2616 Martin Ave., Bellmore, NY 11710

6:30 PM

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**Note:**

The Board is scheduled to meet briefly at 6:00 p.m. At that time, they will determine whether to go into Executive Session. If there is a need for an Executive Session, the Board will vote to go into Executive Session until the regular meeting that begins at 6:30 p.m. If no Executive Session is needed, the Board will recess until the regular meeting that begins at 6:30 p.m.

**Executive Session**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** "BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education convene an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a particular personnel matter."

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
  
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
  
3. **DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT** - Our mission is to inspire all students to be confident, passionate learners with the courage and skills to lead their lives with integrity, while contributing to our global community with creativity and compassion.

**Public Hearing - Volunteer Firefighters Property Tax Exemption**

4. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**
  - 4.1 Saw Mill Road Sixth Grade Board of Education Representatives
  - 4.2 Tenure Recognition
  
5. **BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION**
  - 5.1 Bus Safety
  - 5.2 Town Hall Concept/Ideas
  - 5.3 Potential work session to discuss BOE Survey
  - 5.4 Revised Board of Education Goals 2023-24

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Business Meeting: November 2, 2023

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** (*Agenda Items Only*)

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8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

9. **APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT** – October 31, 2023

10. **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/HIGH SCHOOL REPORT**

11. **FINANCE**

- 11.1 The Board of Education acknowledges the review of the warrants that have been approved by the Claims Auditor for the month of November 2023.

The Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of all resolutions included in 12.1 through 15.11.

12. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- 12.1 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Report dated December 14, 2023:
- a. Appointments
  - b. Change of Status
  - c. Leave Requests
  - d. Resignations

- 12.2 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the Staff Development Report dated December 14, 2023.

**13. BUSINESS DEPARTMENT REPORT****14. SPECIAL EDUCATION**

- 14.1 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the CPSE and CSE reports dated December 7, 2023.

**15. NEW BUSINESS**

- 15.1 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following contract for the 2023-24 school year:
- Dorothy Ahl
  - Association for Children with Down Syndrome, Inc.
  - Bellmore UFSD
  - Locust Valley CSD
  - Malverne UFSD
  - Mid Island Therapy Associates, LLC DBA All About Kids
  - Wee Friends Too Nursery School
- 15.2 The Board of Education accepts the following policies for a second reading:
- Policy 6640: Capital Assets Accounting
  - Policy 4321.12: Timeout and Physical Restraint (All Students)
- 15.3 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education adopt the following polices:
- Policy 6640: Capital Assets Accounting
  - Policy 4321.12: Timeout and Physical Restraint (All Students)
- 15.4 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Amendment to the July 1, 2023 agreement with Guardian Bus Company Inc for the provision of transportation services to the School District for the 2023-2024 school year in accordance with a written agreement and Amendment with Guardian Bus Company, Inc.; and,
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education President is hereby authorized to sign said amendment.
- 15.5 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept a donation from the Park Avenue School students and families, Class of 2023, of two fence liners, 4 ft. x 20 ft., Park Pride Forever and Park Avenue School (Approximate value \$924.00).
- 15.6 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept a donation from the Bellmore Lions Club of a check in the amount of \$1,500 to the School Lunch Fund to supplement lunch cost for two students as scholarship.

- 15.7 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education excess and sell 325 6<sup>th</sup> Generation iPads to Refreshed TECH that will no longer accept IOS updates which are required for our applications. (See attached list.)
- 15.8 WHEREAS, New York Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a was enacted to provide eligible volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers with a real property tax exemption from school taxes on real property owned by the eligible volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker so long as the school district in which the real property is located, after public hearing, adopts a resolution authorizing the exemption subject to the requirements of New York Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a; and

WHEREAS, New York Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a provides for the additional benefits conferred by the statute applicable to the exemption from school taxes so long as the School District which has authorized the exemption under Section 466-a adopts a resolution authorizing such additional benefits;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the North Bellmore Union Free School District hereby authorizes the application of the Volunteer Firefighter and Ambulance Worker Real Property Tax Exemption as contained in New York Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a in the amount of ten percent of assessed value; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that, pursuant to New York Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a(2)(d), the Board of Education establishes a minimum service requirement for each applicant to be two years; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that, pursuant to New York Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a(2)(d), the Board of Education requires that application be made to local agency responsible for assessment to certify the individual as an enrolled member of a volunteer fire company, fire department or volunteer ambulance service; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that, pursuant to New York Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a(6), the Board of Education designates that application for exemption must be made to the local agency responsible for assessment of real property in the School District; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the North Bellmore Union Free School District, does hereby continues an exemption granting an otherwise eligible volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker the exemption provided for in this resolution for the remainder of his or her life if the eligible volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker accrues more than twenty years of active service and is so certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or volunteer ambulance service; and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the North Bellmore Union Free School District does hereby continue an exemption claimed pursuant to New York Real Property Tax Law 466-a to a deceased enrolled member's un-remarried spouse if such member is killed in the line of duty, subject to the requirements set forth in New York Real Property Tax Law 466-a(4); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the North Bellmore Union Free School District, does hereby continue an exemption claimed pursuant to New York Real Property Tax Law 466-a to a deceased enrolled member's un-remarried spouse, subject to the requirements set forth in New York Real Property Tax Law 466-a(5).

15.9 SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024 RESOLUTION (A)  
JOINT MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE BIDDING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, various educational and municipal corporations located within the State of New York desire to bid jointly for generally needed services and standardized supply and equipment items; and

WHEREAS, the North Bellmore Union Free School District, an educational/municipal corporation (hereinafter the "Participant") is desirous of selectively participating with other educational and/or municipal corporations in the State of New York in joint bidding in the areas mentioned above pursuant to General Municipal Law § 119-o and Education Law Section 1950; and

WHEREAS, the Participant is a municipality within the meaning of General Municipal Law § 119-n and is eligible to participate in the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, First Supervisory District of Suffolk County (hereinafter Eastern Suffolk BOCES) Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program (hereinafter the "Program") in the areas mentioned above; and

WHEREAS, the Participant acknowledges receipt of the Program description inclusive of Eastern Suffolk BOCES' standard bid packet and the general conditions relating to said Program; and

WHEREAS, with respect to all activities conducted by the Program, the Participant wishes to delegate to Eastern Suffolk BOCES the responsibility for drafting of bid specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, evaluating bids, awarding via Eastern Suffolk BOCES Board approval, and reporting the results to the Participant.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Participant hereby appoints Eastern Suffolk BOCES to represent it and to act as the lead agent in all matters related to the Program as described above; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Participant hereby authorizes Eastern Suffolk BOCES to place all legal advertisements for any required cooperative bidding in Newsday, which is designated as the official newspaper for the Program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a Participant Meeting shall be held annually consisting of a representative from each Program Participant. Notice of the meeting shall be given to each representative at least five (5) days prior to such meeting; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that an Advisory Committee will be formed consisting of five to ten representatives of Program Participants for a term of three (3) years as authorized by General Municipal Law §119-o.2.j.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Agreement with the Participant shall be for a term of one (1) year as authorized by General Municipal Law §119-o.2.j.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Participant agrees to pay Eastern Suffolk BOCES an annual fee as determined annually by Eastern Suffolk BOCES to act as the lead agent for the Program.

This Resolution solely applies to the Cross Contact for Bid: Flooring Supply and Installation.

15.10 WHEREAS, on December 8, 2022, the North Bellmore Union Free School District conducted a bond vote; and

WHEREAS, the District Clerk is currently in possession of all voted ballots resulting from the 2022 bond vote; and

WHEREAS, the Records Retention and Disposition Schedule LGS-1 provides for the destruction of such ballots after 1 year from the date of the vote; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the North Bellmore School District order the destruction of all voted ballots resulting from the bond vote of December 8, 2022.

15.11 EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on or about November 29, 2023, the School District discovered an electrical fire in the gymnasium at Newbridge Road School causing damage to the ceiling and the gym floor; and

WHEREAS, the School District discovered due to the electrical fire in the gymnasium at the Newbridge Road School, the entire ceiling needed to be replaced as well as sections of the gym floor in order to provide a safe and

playable surface, and preserve the health, safety and welfare of the students and staff in the building and to preserve the integrity of the property;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the North Bellmore Union Free School District declares the work to replace the ceiling and parts of the gym floor at the Newbridge Road School to be an emergency; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the North Bellmore Union Free School District authorizes the above referenced work as an ordinary contingent expense and authorizes the Superintendent or his designee to take the necessary legal steps to correct said conditions.

#### **16. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **17. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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#### **18. POTENTIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **19. ADJOURNMENT**

**Next Business Meeting: January 11, 2024**