



**NORTH BELLMORE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES – APRIL 11, 2024**

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Business Meeting	Martin Avenue School 2616 Martin Avenue, North Bellmore, NY 11710	6:00 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 11, 2024, 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:

- Christine Malloy, President
- Nina Lanci, Vice President
- Melissa Cmar-Grote
- Rosemarie Corless
- Christopher Nardo

Also present:

- Marie Testa, Superintendent of Schools
- Janet Pollitt, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
- Jacqueline Rehak, Assistant Superintendent for Business
- Christopher Venator, District Counsel
- Laurice Gunnels, District Clerk

- CALL TO ORDER**                      The meeting was called to order at 6:17 p.m. A motion was made by Mrs. Cmar-Grote, seconded by Mrs. Corless to move into an executive session. Motion was carried 5-0. The meeting reconvened at 7:08 p.m.
  
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**              Mrs. Malloy led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
  
- MISSION STATEMENT**                Mrs. Corless read the District’s Mission Statement.
  
- SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**  
*Park Avenue Sixth Grade  
BOE Representatives*              Mr. DeBlasio, Principal of Park Avenue School, described the importance at Park and all North Bellmore as a whole of teaching and assessing students while building confident learners as modeled by the District’s Mission. Mr. DeBlasio proudly introduced the Park Avenue sixth grade BOE representatives present this evening:
  - Arya Chandhok
  - Christian DeAngelo
  - Christopher Prill
  - Madison Scholl

***Park Avenue Sixth Grade  
BOE Representatives***

The students shared their appreciation for their years at Park Avenue School, and offered gratitude to Mrs. Testa, the BOE, Mr. DeBlasio, and all the North Bellmore schools for allowing them to be present this evening. The students spoke one by one reflecting on memorable years of kind and patient teachers, fun and creative learning, field trips, cool assemblies, and now in sixth grade, preparing for Middle School. You witnessed their excitement in their smiles and words as they spoke of the challenges of a new school, meeting new teachers and friends yet always reminiscent of where that journey began ... *Park Avenue School.*

Mr. DeBlasio congratulated and applauded the students. Mrs. Testa spoke of the phenomenal presentation by the sixth-grade representatives warmly reiterating some of their words of insight into Park Avenue like cool, cozy, fun, safe, and proudly extended gratitude to the families, faculty, and staff for their continued inspiration and support. There was a presentation of leadership certificates by Mrs. Testa and Mrs. Malloy.

**LIONS CLUB DONATIONS**

Mrs. Lanci as a proud long-time member of the Lions Club happily presented the following donations on behalf of the Lions in support of the schools and families of North Bellmore:

- Mrs. Lanci reflected on the garden project at Park. She reminisced and reminded all how that project came to fruition many years ago under the direction of Ms. Skelly and Ms. Obey, recalling the importance of this project for the students, the community, and the environment. The Lions Club at the outset donated funds to jumpstart this program. In furtherance, Mrs. Lanci described the need now for continued maintenance, and presented a donation of \$1,000.00 to the PTA of Park Avenue for this purpose.
- Mrs. Lanci shared that due to rising costs it was brought to her attention that some families do not have the resources to support student activities and presented graciously a donation of \$2,500.00 on behalf of the Lions to the NBTA to assist those families.

Mrs. Testa spoke to years of never-ending support by the Lions on behalf of the North Bellmore community. She shared recently it was brought to her attention by the PTA Coordinating Council, the Principals, and the NBTA the growing financial difficulties families are experiencing, and how instinctively she reached out to Mrs. Lanci and Mrs. Cmar-Grote, both members of the Lions Club, expressing those concerns. Mrs. Testa extended gratitude to the entire team, i.e., Mrs. Lanci and Mrs. Cmar-Grote, on behalf of the Lions Club, the Principals, the NBTA, and the PTA Coordinating Council for remaining true to the district Mission and core values.

**AMENDMENT TO ORDER OF  
AGENDA ITEMS**

In recognition of Tenure, Item 12.2, the Personnel Report, was moved up on the Agenda with no objection.

**PERSONNEL REPORT:**  
**Item No. 12.2**

12.2 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Report dated April 11, 2024:

- a. Appointments
- b. Leave Requests
- c. Resignations
- d. Retirements
- e. Terminations

ON A MOTION made by Mrs. Lanci, seconded by Mr. Nardo, and carried 5-0, the BOE approved the Personnel Report dated April 11, 2024.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**  
**Tenure Recognition**

Mrs. Malloy on behalf of the BOE welcomed all present this evening in celebration of North Bellmore's administrators and teachers receiving tenure and introduced Mrs. Testa to begin the festivities. Mrs. Testa expressed her gratitude to the BOE, welcomed esteemed colleagues, family, and friends in honor of the celebration, and proudly introduced the *amazing* administrators and teachers receiving tenure.

- Ms. Melissa Halaris, Teacher K-6
- Ms. Denise Fisher, Executive Director of Personnel
- Ms. Maritza Lopez, Music Teacher
- Ms. Leyna Malone, Executive Director of Pupil Services & Special Ed
- Ms. Daniela McGee, Speech Pathologist
- Ms. Kimberley Rackley, Teacher K-6
- Mr. Alexander Roff, Music Teacher

Reaching tenure is a monumental accomplishment and those newly appointed were congratulated and recognized for their excellence, strong leadership, dedication, commitment, and loyalty by Mrs. Testa, Superintendent of Schools, by their Principals, Mrs. Brugge, Ms. Licci, Mr. Rosof, Mr. Yannucci, and on behalf the of NBTA, Ms. Signorelli. Fellow colleagues shared heartfelt stories and poems created in honor of poetry month on their behalf inciting laughter and tears. The PTA extended their gratitude and appreciation, and students presented flowers and cards on their behalf.

The meeting was temporarily interrupted for cake in celebration of tenure at 8:38 p.m. and resumed at 8:49 p.m.

**BOE DISCUSSION**

No items were raised for discussion.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

ON A MOTION to approve the minutes of the Business meeting of March 14, 2024, Mrs. Corless, Mrs. Lanci, Mrs. Cmar Grote, and Mr. Nardo voted in favor, and Mrs. Malloy abstained as she was not present for the March 14, 2024, meeting. The Motion passed with four votes in favor and one abstention.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**  
*(Agenda Items only)*

Guidelines for Public Comments was communicated by Mrs. Malloy on behalf of the Board of Education. There were no public comments relating to agenda items only.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mrs. Malloy acknowledged that the Board received and discussed correspondence in Executive session.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

ON A MOTION made by Mrs. Corless, seconded by Mrs. Lanci, and carried 5-0, the Board of Education approves the Treasurer's report for the month ending February 29, 2024.

**BOARD COMMITTEE / HIGH SCHOOL REPORTS**

Mrs. Lanci indicated that the BMCHSD met on Wednesday, April 3. Mrs. Lanci extended congratulations to all Award Honorees and other events celebrated including the Calhoun Girls Track team on their Nassau County Championship, Logan Schaeffler, on his extra-ordinary accomplishments in the area of Track and Field, and proudly shared St. Baldrick's raised over \$56,000.00, a record for Mepham High School. With respect to the budget, she disclosed there will be three propositions on the ballot this year for the high school district including one, the proposed budget for 2024/25 of \$197,450,603, a budget increase of 4.55 percent and a tax levy increase of 2.55 percent; second, an expenditure of money on an existing capital reserve (which does not increase the tax levy); and third, approval to establish a new capital reserve. The next meeting will be held on May 8.

**BUSINESS DEPARTMENT REPORT:  
*Budget Presentation***

Mrs. Testa and Mrs. Rehak presented a detailed power point presentation of the proposed budget for adoption by the BOE. A copy is available on the website for viewing. The proposed budget contains a budget increase of 6.22 with a 2.39 percent tax levy increase which does not exceed the allowable tax cap.

Mrs. Testa reported the proposed budget will maintain the current and continued growth in instruction-based learning prided by the North Bellmore School District in literacy, math, science, social studies, special area programs of art, music, physical education, library, computer science, Spanish and World Language instruction, etc., and professional development for faculty and staff. Mrs. Testa extended gratitude to Mrs. Pollitt and Ms. McNamara for their dedicated hard work and research providing opportunities for growth in student curriculum and faculty instructional development.

Mrs. Rehak highlighted the following budgetary factors (Proposition 1):

- The number of projected classroom sections is contingent upon enrollment. Currently it is 106 (down one from last month) which is an increase of one section from the 2023/24 budget.
- In the area of Special Education, there is an increase noted in both in-district and out-of-district placements.
- Continued monitorization of staffing with respect to an increase in English Language Learners districtwide.
- Buildings and ground maintenance.
- Continue growth in District Technology, and maintain and upgrade existing equipment, i.e. smart boards, Chromebooks, etc.

**Budget Presentation  
(continued)**

- Transportation cost is governed by the CPI, and the *projected* increase for those contracts extended for the 2024/25 school year is 5 percent. In addition, budgeted funds were allocated for special placement transportation both in and out of district.
- NYSIR, the liability insurance carrier for the district, projected a 15 percent increase, and with respect to health coverage, an increase of 12 percent is anticipated due to market trends.
- Maintain and enhance District safety and security.
- Budgetary capital projects consisting of electrical upgrades at John G. Dinkelmeyer, Park Avenue, and Jacob Gunther (Saw Mill Road, Martin Avenue, and Newbridge were included in the 2023/24 budget), and brick pointing for Newbridge Road and Jacob Gunther schools.
- Keeping the tax levy within the tax cap, and continue to look for outside resources always mindful of long-term goals.

Moving on to Proposition 2, Mrs. Rehak reiterated this proposition *does not add* to the tax levy. She stated this is Phase III of the Capital Reserve Project for Newbridge Road and Jacob Gunther School proposed to start in the summer of 2025. She reminded all of Phase 1, the work performed this past summer at John G. Dinkelmeyer and Martin Avenue schools, and Phase 2 projected to start this summer at Saw Mill Road and Park Avenue schools.

In conclusion, Mrs. Rehak reiterated the presentation is available on the website for review and noted the following upcoming budget related dates:

- May 9 - BOE Meeting/Budgetary Presentation – Martin Avenue School.
- May 21 - Annual Budget Vote – Newbridge Road School 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Mrs. Malloy asked the Board if they had any questions.

Mrs. Lanci inquired regarding the approval status of projects by the state. Mrs. Rehak responded the state has increased staffing, and we have moved up on the list. She was hopeful to hear by the next Board meeting.

Mrs. Cmar-Grote inquired about the roofs and the thermal scanning status. Mrs. Rehak explained the report is not completed yet, and Mrs. Testa added some of the buildings have been completed but due to the rain it has delayed the process since the roofs must be dry. In furtherance, Mrs. Rehak indicated once the report is completed a timeline and long-term planning can be established.

Mr. Nardo inquired regarding the Academic Program Budget, is the Special Education transportation built into the line item for Special Education or Transportation. Mrs. Rehak replied all transportation is included under *Transportation* offering examples of General Education, Special Education, etc.

<b>2024/2025 BUDGET</b>	ON A MOTION made by Mrs. Cmar-Grote, seconded by Mrs. Corless, and carried 5-0, the Board of Education authorizes the North Bellmore School District to expend the sum in the General Fund Appropriation in the total amount of \$68,606,668 for the 2024/2025 school year.
<b>SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT</b>	Mrs. Testa indicated she had no further information to share as her report was contained within the Business/Budget presentation and tenure celebration this evening.
<b>CONSENT AGENDA: Item Nos. 11.2 to 12.1 and Item Nos. 12.3 to 15.6</b>	Mrs. Malloy moved for a Consent Agenda for Item Nos. 11.2 through 15.6. Mrs. Lanci motioned that the Board of Education approve Item Nos. 11.2 through 15.6, noting for the record the prior approval of Item No. 12.2. Mrs. Cmar-Grote seconded, and the Motion was carried 5-0.
<b>FINANCE</b>	<p>11.2 The Board of Education acknowledged review of the warrants that have been approved by the Claims Auditor for the month of March 2024.</p> <p>11.3 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approved the Budgetary Transfers dated April 11, 2024.</p>
<b>NBTA AGREEMENT: Extension of Unpaid Childcare Leave of Absence</b>	12.1 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve a side letter of agreement between the North Bellmore UFSD and the North Bellmore Teachers' Association for an Extension of Unpaid Childcare Leave of Absence.
<b>PERSONNEL REPORT (See Page 2)</b>	<i>In recognition of Tenure, Item 12.2, the Personnel Report, was moved up on the Agenda with no objection.</i>
<b>STAFF DEVELOPMENT</b>	12.3 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Staff Development Report dated April 11, 2024.
<b>CPSE/CSE REPORTS</b>	14.1 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the CPSE and CSE reports dated April 4, 2024.
<b>NEW BUSINESS CONTRACTS</b>	<p>15.1 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following contracts for the 2023-24 school year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Amanda McCarthy</li> <li>- Seaford UFSD (Health &amp; Welfare)</li> </ul>
<b>JOINT MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE BIDDING PROGRAM</b>	<p>15.2 JOINT MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE BIDDING PROGRAM</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p>

**JOINT MUNICIPAL  
COOPERATIVE BIDDING  
PROGRAM  
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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 Contract for Bid: Security Services.

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**2024 ANNUAL BUDGET  
VOTE/SCHOOL BOARD  
ELECTION:**

***Appointment of Election  
Inspectors***

15.4 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint the following election inspectors for the 2024 Annual Budget Vote and School Board Election:

District Employees: Michael J. Bevilacqua, Jack Newman, Laurice Gunnels, Kathy Lazaar, Barbara Miller, Lisa Danz, Patricia Lombardo, Jennifer Pelini, Barbara Fillios, Carol Sena, Rosemarie Savalli, Anne Barbera, Diane Agoglia, Kim Boschert, Carol Leroux, Mary Grace Roach, Jacqueline Laddomada, Monica Gargano, Marianne Lulic, Karen Guerra, June Carbone, Teresa Foti, Christy Boschert, at their hourly rate.

Non-District Employees: Justine Barbera-Brazas at an hourly rate of \$16.00.

**TRASH BAG COOPERATIVE  
BID**

15.5 Trash Bag Cooperative Bid

WHEREAS, the North Bellmore UFSD has received sealed bids.

Bid Description: Trash Bag Cooperative Bid

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Bid Advertised: Nassau Newsday March 11, 2024A

Bid Opening: March 25, 2024 at 11 AM

BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of schools, Mrs. Testa, that the Board of Education agrees to award the following bids:

**AWARDED VENDORS:**

	Item #	Name	Amount
1	516-001	Unipak Corp, P.O. Box 332, West Long Branch, NJ 07764	\$5.40
2	516-002	Central Poly-Bag Corp, 2400 Bedle Place, Linden, NJ 07036	\$22.80
3	516-003	Interboro Packaging, 114 Bracken Road, Montgomery, NY 12549	\$7.92
4	516-004	Central Poly-Bag Corp, 2400 Bedle Place, Linden, NJ 07036	\$17.30
5	516-005	Unipak Corp, P.O. Box 332, West Long Branch, NJ 07764	\$17.60
6	516-006	Unipak Corp, P.O. Box 332, West Long Branch, NJ 07764	\$6.90
7	516-007	Unipak Corp, P.O. Box 332, West Long Branch, NJ 07764	\$7.60
8	516-008	Interboro Packaging, 114 Bracken Road, Montgomery, NY 12549	\$17.24
9	516-009	Interboro Packaging, 114 Bracken Road, Montgomery, NY 12549	\$15.82
10	516-010	Unipak Corp, P.O. Box 332, West Long Branch, NJ 07764	\$14.20
11	516-011	Unipak Corp, P.O. Box 332, West Long Branch, NJ 07764	\$16.70
12	516-012	Unipak Corp, P.O. Box 332, West Long Branch, NJ 07764	\$16.40
13	516-013	Unipak Corp, P.O. Box 332, West Long Branch, NJ 07764	\$14.20
14	516-014	Central Poly-Bag Corp, 2400 Bedle Place, Linden NJ, 07036	\$18.60
15	516-015	Unipak Corp, P.O. Box 332, West Long Branch, NJ 07764	\$17.40
16	516-016	Unipak Corp, P.O. Box 332, West Long Branch, NJ 07764	\$15.20
17	516-017	Unipak Corp, P.O. Box 332, West Long Branch, NJ 07764	\$20.50

**TRASH BAG COOPERATIVE  
BID  
(continued)**

These contracts, which were bid as cooperative services, shall include the participation of the following school districts:

- North Bellmore Union Free School District, Bellmore, N.Y.
- Baldwin Union Free School District, Baldwin, N. Y.
- Bellmore Union Free School District, Bellmore, N.Y.
- Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District, Merrick, N.Y.
- Bethpage Union Free School District, Bethpage, N. Y.
- Carle Place Union Free School District, Carle Place, N.Y.
- East Meadow Union Free School District, East Meadow, N.Y.
- East Rockaway Union Free School District, East Rockaway, N.Y.
- East Williston Union Free School District, East Williston, N.Y.
- Floral Park-Bellerose Union Free School District, Floral Park, N. Y.
- Freeport Union Free School District, Freeport, N.Y.
- Garden City Union Free School District, Garden City, N.Y.
- Glen Cove City School District, Glen Cove, N. Y.
- Great Neck Union Free School District, Great Neck, N. Y.
- Hempstead Union Free School District, Hempstead, N.Y.
- Herricks Union Free School District, New Hyde Park, N.Y.
- Hewlett-Woodmere Union Free School District, Woodmere, N. Y.
- Hicksville Union Free School District, Hicksville, N. Y.
- Island Trees Union Free School District, Levittown, N.Y.
- Jericho Union Free School District, Jericho, N.Y.
- Levittown Union Free School District, Levittown, N.Y.
- Locust Valley School District, Locust Valley N.Y.
- Long Beach School District, Long Beach, N. Y.
- Lynbrook Union Free School District, Lynbrook, N.Y.
- Manhasset Union Free School District, Manhasset, N.Y.
- Massapequa Union Free School District, Massapequa, N.Y.
- Merrick Union Free School District, Merrick, N.Y.
- Mineola Union Free School District, Mineola, N.Y.
- New Hyde Park/Garden City Park School District, New Hyde Park, N.Y.
- North Bellmore Union Free School District, North Bellmore, N.Y.
- North Merrick Union Free School District, North Merrick, N.Y.
- North Shore Central School District, Sea Cliff, N.Y.
- Oceanside Union Free School District, Oceanside, N.Y.
- Plainedge Union Free School District, North Massapequa, N.Y.
- Plainview/Old Bethpage Central School District, Plainview, N.Y.
- Port Washington Union Free School District, Port Washington, N.Y.
- Rockville Centre Union Free School District, Rockville Centre, N.Y.
- Roosevelt Union Free School District, Roosevelt, N.Y.
- Seaford Union Free School District, Seaford, N. Y.
- Syosset Central School District, Syosset, N. Y.
- Uniondale Union Free School District, Uniondale, N.Y.
- Valley Stream 13 Union Free School District, Valley Stream, N.Y.
- Valley Stream 24 Union Free School District, Valley Stream N. Y.
- Valley Stream 30 Union Free School District, Valley Stream, N.Y.
- Wantagh Union Free School District, Wantagh, N.Y.
- West Hempstead Union Free School District, Hempstead, N.Y.
- Westbury Union Free School District, Westbury, N.Y.

**NEW BUSINESS CONTRACT**

15.6 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve a contract with Caryl Oirs, MD for the 2023/24 school year.

**FRANZ LAW GROUP, APLC**

ON A MOTION made by Mrs. Lanci, seconded by Mrs. Cmar-Grote, and carried 5-0, the Board of Education authorizes the law firms of Franz Law Group, APLC and Ingerman Smith, LLP to commence legal action against the parties identified on Confidential Schedule "A" with respect to the litigation discussed in executive session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board President is authorized to sign the attached retainer agreement with Frantz Law Group, APLC and Ingerman Smith, LLP, and take all steps necessary to effectuate the litigation.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mrs. Lanci congratulated the entire Music Department on the *spectacular* Sixth Grade Festival Chorus and Band Concert held at Brookside. She commented proudly on their phenomenal performance illustrating the dedication and hard work of the faculty and students.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Guidelines for Public Comments was communicated by Mrs. Malloy on behalf of the Board of Education.

Ms. Ozechowski and Ms. Laino – *Is there an update on a previous meeting question regarding the current size of Martin Avenue's first grade...we are the largest grade with only two classes.* Mrs. Malloy spoke of ongoing conversations between administration and the BOE in light of the growing enrollment districtwide and the impact upon class sizes. Mrs. Testa shared similar examples of classroom sizes in other buildings illustrating the growing enrollment across all buildings. She stressed the importance of enrollment and the multi factors that impact it including families moving in and out of the district, transportation, mainstreaming, number of classrooms, etc. Mrs. Testa reiterated the importance of monitoring central registration, and the constant communication between the administrators, the principals, and the BOE regarding enrollment which will remain ongoing into the summer as it further evolves.

**POTENTIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION**

MOTION was made to enter into Executive Session by Mrs. Lanci at 9:49 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Cmar-Grote, for matters pertaining to personnel. Motion carried 5-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

ON A MOTION made by Mrs. Cmar-Grote, seconded by Mrs. Lanci, and carried 5-0, the Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m. The next Business Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 9.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurice Gunnels  
District Clerk