



**NORTH BELLMORE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES – NOVEMBER 21, 2024**

Special Meeting	Martin Avenue School 2616 Martin Avenue, Bellmore, New York 11710	6:30 PM
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A special meeting of the North Bellmore Union Free School District Board of Education was held on Thursday evening, November 21, 2024.

The following members of the Board of Education were present:

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

Also present:

- Marie Testa, Superintendent of Schools
- Richard Russo, Director of Facilities
- Laurice Gunnels, District Clerk

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| CALL TO ORDER | The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. |
| PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | Mrs. Lanci led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. |
| MISSION STATEMENT | Mrs. Corless read the District’s Mission Statement. |
| SUPERINTENDENT REPORT | Mrs. Testa put forth a Personnel Report for the Board’s approval. |
| PERSONNEL REPORT | ON A MOTION by Mrs. Corless, seconded by Mrs. Malloy, and carried 5-0, the Board of Education approved the Personnel Report dated November 21, 2024. |
| DISCUSSION | Mrs. Testa reminded the BOE of the last work session meeting of August 13, regarding Capital Projects, indicated project status, and expressed this evening’s purpose is to provide an update and discuss future options. She distributed to the BOE a summary of the Capital Projects which is also available on the website.

Highlights of items opened for discussion by the district with the BOE included: |

- The plans for Newbridge Road were sent to NYSED. Additionally, the district's engineer sent the district a report regarding potential county implications with respect to the pavement which would require county inspection and approval which could cause a delay in the timeline of August 2025.
- Gunther's completion date was moved from August of 2025 to August 2026, to allow time for Wee Friends to plan accordingly, and in anticipation that there may be a delay in receiving the approval back from NYSED.
- The status of the ADA Bathroom capital reserve project was discussed with a potential timeline for the summer of 2026. Mr. Russo spoke to the process including voter approval to expend these funds, the preparation and approval of plans, etc., as with all projects. The district will move forth to prepare for this project.
- Planning a new bond and the projected timeline was discussed. Mrs. Testa reminded the BOE of the debt roll off with the completion of the existing bond in 2027/28 and discussed the possibility of a new bond(s) with respect to districtwide roofing and/or the HVAC system. The timeline of the process if the BOE were to move forward would start in July of 2025, a bond vote in 2026/27, and if approved this would coincide with the projected debt roll off in 2027/28 with a debt service payment starting in 2028/29. Further discussion on the proposed bond will be conducted after the completion of this budget.
- Regarding the potential legislation with respect to a requirement for air conditioning at a specific temperature range, and an unknown timeline for compliance, the cost for panels and installation will be investigated as an interim and/or backup plan for adding individual air conditioning units to keep spaces within the anticipated regulation.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION by Mrs. Corless, seconded by Mrs. Malloy, and carried 5-0, the Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurice Gunnels
District Clerk