



Tuesday, December 13, 2022 Monthly School Board Meeting

**North Merrick UFSD
HD Fayette School
1057 Merrick Avenue
North Merrick, NY
7:00 PM
*Revised**

1. OPENING

- A. Call to Order
- B. Executive Session
- C. Reconvene to Public

2. PUBLIC HEARING - PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

- A. Call Public Hearing to order
- B. Pledge of allegiance
- C. Review of Real Property Tax Exemption for Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities
- D. Public comment (for Public Hearing only)

E. *The Board of Education approves the following: WHEREAS, New York State Real Property Tax Law ("RPTL") §467 provides for a partial exemption from real property taxation for qualifying senior citizens; and WHEREAS, the North Merrick School District has previously, by resolution, provided for the partial exemption from real property taxation for its senior citizens pursuant to RPTL §467; and WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature amended RPTL §467(3) to increase the maximum income eligibility for senior citizen partial exemptions; and WHEREAS, subsequently, on September 19, 2022, Nassau County enacted Local Law 7-2022 allowing for the increase of the maximum allowable annual household income requirements to qualify for this exemption; and WHEREAS, a school district may opt-in to the new income maximum by resolution after a public hearing; and WHEREAS, the Board of Education has held a public hearing on the proposed amendment to increase the income maximum; and WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to adopt the new income maximum consistent with RPTL §467 and Local Law 7-2022, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the annual income of the owners or combined income of the owners for the calendar year set by RPTL §467(3) and Nassau County Local Law 7-2022 shall determine the percentage exemption granted to senior citizens of the North Merrick School District commencing with the 2023-2024 tax year; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the income of the owner or the combined income of the owners for the calendar year prior to the date that the application is filed, shall determine the percentage of assessed valuation which is exempt from taxation in accordance with the attached schedule; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the partial exemption shall be made in accordance with the chart contained in the attachment to this resolution.

F. The Board of Education approves the following: WHEREAS, New York State Real Property Tax Law ("RPTL") §459-c provides for a partial exemption from real property taxation for qualifying persons with disabilities; and WHEREAS, the North Merrick School District has, by resolution, provided for the partial exemption from real property taxation for its qualifying persons with disabilities pursuant to RPTL §459-c; and WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature amended RPTL §459-c(5) to increase the maximum income eligibility for persons with disabilities' partial exemptions; and WHEREAS, subsequently, on September 19, 2022, Nassau County enacted Local Law 8-2022 allowing for the increase of the maximum allowable annual household income requirements to qualify for this exemption; and WHEREAS, a school district may opt-in to the new income maximum by resolution after a public hearing; and WHEREAS, the Board of Education has held a public hearing with regard to the proposed amendment to increase the income maximum; and WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to adopt the new income maximum consistent with RPTL §459-c and Local Law 8-2022, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the annual income of the owners or combined income of the

owners for the calendar year set by RPTL §459-c(5) and Local Law 8-2022 shall determine the percentage exemption granted to persons with disabilities of the North Merrick School District commencing with the 2023-2024 tax year; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the income of the owner or the combined income of the owners for the calendar year prior to the date that the application is filed, shall determine the percentage of assessed valuation which is exempt from taxation in accordance with the attached schedule; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the partial exemption shall be made in accordance with the chart contained in the attachment to this resolution.

G. Adjournment

3. OPENING

A. Call to Order

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

A. Superintendent's comments

5. ROUTINE APPROVALS

A. Approval of Minutes - November 9, 2022

B. Approval of warrants, wires, budget transfers

C. Approval of Treasurer's report

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS (agenda items only)

A. Guidelines for Public Comments - Any person wishing to make comments or raise questions shall fill out a comment card. After you are called, come forward to the microphone and state your full name. All comments or questions shall be directed to the Board President or Superintendent of Schools. The Board or Administration will do their best to immediately respond to any questions. Out of courtesy and fairness to the rest of the audience, each person will limit his/her remarks to no more than 3 minutes, not to exceed a 30 minute session. Public discussion with respect to confidential matters is prohibited.

B. Comments

7. BUSINESS

A. The Board of Education approves the disposal of e-waste material which are no longer used by the North Merrick School District and have lasted beyond their useful life, such equipment is to be disposed of in a manner which serves the best interest of the District.

B. The Board of Education approves the 2023 Participating Agency Monthly Empire Plan Premium Rates for Employers as submitted.

C. The Board of Education approves the 2023 HIP HMO renewal rate sheet as submitted.

D. The Board of Education authorizes the increase to the BOCES Letter of Intent for the 2022-2023 school year for BOCES to provide the North Merrick UFSD with (3) Xerox Copiers for 60 months.

E. The Board of Education approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board President is authorized to execute an amendment dated December 13, 2022 to the June 14, 2016 Employment Agreement with Dr. Cynthia Seniuk, Superintendent of Schools.

8. PERSONNEL ACTIONS REPORT

A. The Board of Education approves the Personnel Actions Report, as detailed in the mailing.

9. SPECIAL SERVICES

A. The Board of Education approves the contract between Dr. Kimberly S. Williams and the North Merrick School District to conduct an independent neuropsychological evaluation for a special education student during the 2022-2023 school year.

B. The Board of Education approves the contract between Nassau Neuropsychological Services and the North Merrick School District to conduct an independent neuropsychological evaluation for a special education student during the 2022-2023 school year.

C. The Board of Education approves the agreement between North Shore Speech-Language Associates and the North Merrick School District to provide speech and language therapy services for the 2022-2023 school year.

D. The Board of Education approves the fourteen (14) Individualized Education Program (IEP's) which were developed by the North Merrick Committee on Special Education, as detailed in the mailing.

E. The Board of Education approves the four (4) Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) which were developed by the North Merrick Committee on Pre-School Education, as detailed in the mailing.

10. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

A. High School

B. School Community Relations/PTA Council

C. Buildings & Grounds

11. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Communications

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Unfinished Business

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. New Business

14. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Comments

15. INFORMATION REPORTS (BOE only)

16. ADJOURNMENT

A. Adjournment