

Monthly School Board Meeting (Tuesday, July 11, 2023)**Members present**

Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

1. OPENING

Action, Procedural: A. Call to Order by Board President, Megan Ryan at 9:09 AM

2. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Information: A. Comments

Dr. Cynthia Seniuk, Superintendent of Schools, spoke about the summer programs and said she was pleased to see the increase in participation. Dr. Seniuk said it is great that families are taking advantage of all that North Merrick offers. She thanked Dr. Edward Murphy for providing the Extended-Year Program throughout the summer.

Dr. Seniuk said she is honored to be the Superintendent of North Merrick Schools and proud of all the wonderful events and programs offered last year, and she said she looks forward to continuing with this momentum. She thanked the Board of Education, central and school administration, faculty and staff, and parents for their support.

3. ROUTINE APPROVALS

Action, Minutes: A. Approval of Minutes - June 13, 2023 monthly meeting
Consent agenda items 3A-3C

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Action, Information: B. Approval of warrants, wires, budget transfers
Consent agenda items 3A-3C

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Action, Information: C. Approval of Treasurer's report
Consent agenda items 3A-3C

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Information: 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.

None

5. BUSINESS

Action: A. The Board of Education approves Dr. Cynthia Seniuk, Superintendent of Schools, to attend the 2023 Fall Leadership Summit in Saratoga Springs on October 1 - 3, 2023. Member cost: \$749, plus overnight accommodations.

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Consent agenda 5A - 5R

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Action: B. The Board of Education approves Dr. Cynthia Seniuk, Superintendent of Schools, and Jaclyn Guidice, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Personnel, to attend the NYSSBA 2023 Summer Law Conference July 18, 2023, at the Hilton Long Island-Huntington, 598 Broad Hollow Road, Melville. Member cost: \$310.

The Board of Education approves Dr. Cynthia Seniuk, Superintendent of Schools, and Jaclyn Guidice, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Personnel, to attend the NYSSBA 2023 Summer Law Conference July 18, 2023, at the Hilton Long Island-Huntington, 598 Broad Hollow Road, Melville. Member cost: \$310.

Consent agenda 5A - 5R

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Action: C. The Board of Education approves the adoption of the 2023-24 tax levy (as required by law).

The Board of Education approves the adoption of the 2023-24 tax levy (as required by law).

Consent agenda 5A - 5R

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Action: D. The Board of Education award the Food Service Management Company contract to Whitsons Nutrition, LLC to operate breakfast and lunch programs during the 2023/24 school year.

The Board of Education award the Food Service Management Company contract to Whitsons Nutrition, LLC to operate breakfast and lunch programs during the 2023/24 school year.

Consent agenda 5A - 5R

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Action, Procedural: E. The Board of Education approves the various school supply bids for the 2023-24 school year as evaluated by Educational Data Services, Inc., as detailed in the mailing.

The Board of Education approves the various school supply bids for the 2023-24 school year as evaluated by Educational Data Services, Inc., as detailed in the mailing.

Consent agenda 5A - 5R

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Action, Procedural: F. The Board of Education approves the updated contract for Universal Pre-K for the 2023-2024 school year grant amount of \$5,400.00 per child per year to TLC – Brookside, in accordance with the RFP effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, with an annual option for the Board to renew the agreement up to four additional school years (enrollment changes).

The Board of Education approves the updated contract for Universal Pre-K for the 2023-2024 school year grant amount of \$5,400.00 per child per year to TLC – Brookside, in accordance with the RFP effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, with an annual option for the Board to renew the agreement up to four additional school years (enrollment changes).

Consent agenda 5A - 5R

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Action, Procedural: G. The Board of Education approves the updated contract for Universal Pre-K for the 2023-2024 school year grant amount of \$5,400.00 per child per year to TLC – Merrick Avenue, in accordance with the RFP effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, with an annual option for the Board to renew the agreement up to four additional school years (enrollment changes).
The Board of Education approves the updated contract for Universal Pre-K for the 2023-2024 school year grant amount of \$5,400.00 per child per year to TLC – Merrick Avenue, in accordance with the RFP effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, with an annual option for the Board to renew the agreement up to four additional school years (enrollment changes).
Consent agenda 5A - 5R

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Action, Procedural: H. The Board of Education approves the updated contract for Universal Pre-K for the 2023-2024 school year grant amount of \$5,400.00 per child per year to Wee Friends, in accordance with the RFP effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, with an annual option for the Board to renew the agreement up to four additional school years (enrollment changes).
The Board of Education approves the updated contract for Universal Pre-K for the 2023-2024 school year grant amount of \$5,400.00 per child per year to Wee Friends, in accordance with the RFP effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, with an annual option for the Board to renew the agreement up to four additional school years (enrollment changes).
Consent agenda 5A - 5R

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Action, Procedural: I. The Board of Education approves the updated contract for Universal Pre-K for the 2023-2024 school year grant amount of \$5,800.00 per child per year to SCOPE Educational Services, in accordance with the RFP effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, with an annual option for the Board to renew the agreement up to four additional school years (enrollment changes).
The Board of Education approves the updated contract for Universal Pre-K for the 2023-2024 school year grant amount of \$5,800.00 per child per year to SCOPE Educational Services, in accordance with the RFP effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, with an annual option for the Board to renew the agreement up to four additional school years (enrollment changes).
Consent agenda 5A - 5R

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Action, Procedural: J. The Board of Education approves entering into an agreement with RCP Consultants, Rose Peppe, for the 2023-24 school year for NYSED Consolidated Application Preparation. Cost not to exceed \$4,000.00.
Request clarity on Item J - RCP Consultants:

Jaclyn Guidice, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Personnel, explained that Rose Peppe (RCP) is a consultant for North Merrick as well as for all 56 school districts in Nassau County to ensure that everything submitted for Title I funding and aid is completed appropriately. Ms. Guidice said that from experience, if the state flags anything, Ms. Pepe immediately rectifies the issue.

The Board of Education approves entering into an agreement with RCP Consultants, Rose Peppe, for the 2023-24 school year for NYSED Consolidated Application Preparation . Cost not to exceed \$4,000.00.
Consent agenda 5A - 5R

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Action, Procedural: K. The Board of Education approves entering into a consultant agreement with Lisa Friend to present The Best Version of You: How to Optimize your Career and Life at Superintendent's Conference Day on August 30, 2023. Cost not to exceed \$500 (Teacher Center grant funded).
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Consent agenda 5A - 5R

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Action: L. The Board of Education re-approves the agreements with Quadient Leasing USA, Inc. for the District's postage machines for the school year ending June 30, 2024. Cost not to exceed \$2,500 per machine.

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Consent agenda 5A - 5R

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Action: M. The Board of Education approves entering into an agreement with Quadient Finance MGR to provide postage services for the school year ending June 30, 2023, not to exceed \$10,300.00.

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Consent agenda 5A - 5R

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Action: N. The Board of Education approves entering into a consulting agreement with IXL Learning for professional development services presented to staff on Superintendent's Conference Day, 8/30/23. Cost not to exceed \$595.00

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Consent agenda 5A - 5R

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Action: O. The Board of Education approves entering into a licensing agreement with Wilson Language Training Corporation for the use of the Foundations Reading Program for the 2023-24 school year. Cost not to exceed \$19,850.00

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Consent agenda 5A - 5R

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Action: P. The Board of Education approves entering into an agreement with the Center for Responsive Schools, Inc. to provide an elementary core course during the 2023-24 school year. Cost not to exceed \$25,050.00 and will be grant-funded.

The Board of Education approves entering into an agreement with the Center for Responsive Schools, Inc. to provide an elementary core course during the 2023-24 school year. Cost not to exceed \$25,050.00 and will be grant-funded. Consent agenda 5A - 5R

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Action, Presentation: Q. The Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute addenda, dated July 11, 2023, to the salary and benefits agreements for the incumbents in the following positions: District Clerk; Confidential Senior Stenographer; and Senior Stenographer.

The Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute addenda, dated July 11, 2023, to the salary and benefits agreements for the incumbents in the following positions: District Clerk; Confidential Senior Stenographer; and Senior Stenographer.

Consent agenda 5A - 5R

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Action, Procedural: R. The Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute addenda, dated July 11, 2023, to the salary and benefits agreements for the incumbents in the following positions: Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Personnel; Assistant to the Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services; and Director of Facilities.

The Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute addenda, dated July 11, 2023, to the salary and benefits agreements for the incumbents in the following positions: Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Personnel; Assistant to the Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services; and Director of Facilities.

Consent agenda 5A - 5R

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

6. POLICIES

Action: A. The Board of Education approves the following resolution: WHEREAS, the North Merrick Union Free School District Policy No. 9310 – Adoption of Policies contains the Board of Education procedures for the adoption, change and repeal of District policies; and WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that it is necessary to create Board of Education Policy No. Policy No. 2635 Information Security Breach and Notification, at this time; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education waives Policy No. 9310 with respect to the requirements related to the first reading of policies and the sequence of adoption of policies in relation to Policy No. 2635 Information Security Breach and Notification.

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Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Will Luciani.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

7. PERSONNEL ACTIONS REPORT

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

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

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

8. SPECIAL SERVICES

Action, Procedural: A. The Board of Education approves entering into an agreement between Home Care Therapies (dba Horizon Healthcare Staffing) and the North Merrick School District to provide nursing services for the 2023-2024 school year.

The Board of Education approves entering into an agreement between Home Care Therapies (dba Horizon Healthcare Staffing) and the North Merrick School District to provide nursing services for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Action, Procedural: B. The Board of Education approves entering into contracts with the private schools and agencies listed below, enabling these districts and agencies to receive their New York State-approved SEDCAR flow-through allocations as per Section 611 and 619 funds for the students with disabilities for the 2023-2024 school year: ACDS, Inc., Brookville Center for Children's Services, Inc. Developmental Disabilities Institute The Hagedorn Little Village School, Kidz Therapy Services, PLLC, Metro Therapy, Mid Island Terapy Associates, LLC d/b/a All About Kids and Variety Child Learning Center.

The Board of Education approves entering into contracts with the private schools and agencies listed below, enabling these districts and agencies to receive their New York State-approved SEDCAR flow-through allocations as per Section 611 and 619 funds for the students with disabilities for the 2023-2024 school year: ACDS, Inc., Brookville Center for Children's Services, Inc. Developmental Disabilities Institute The Hagedorn Little Village School, Kidz Therapy Services, PLLC, Metro Therapy, Mid Island Terapy Associates, LLC d/b/a All About Kids and Variety Child Learning Center.

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Action: C. The Board of Education approves the contract between Psychological Diagnostic Evaluations of New York and the North Merrick School District to conduct independent neuropsychological evaluations for special education students during the 2023-2024 school year.

The Board of Education approves the contract between Psychological Diagnostic Evaluations of New York and the North Merrick School District to conduct independent neuropsychological evaluations for special education students during the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Action: D. The Board of Education approves the agreement between Mill Neck Interpreter Service and the North Merrick School District to provide sign language interpreting services for the 2023-2024 school year.

The Board of Education approves the agreement between Mill Neck Interpreter Service and the North Merrick School District to provide sign language interpreting services for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Action: E. The Board of Education approves the fourteen (14) Individualized Education Programs (IEPS) which were developed by the North Merrick Committee on Pre-School Special Education, as detailed in the mailing.

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Motion by Will Luciani, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Action: F. The Board of Education approves the thirty-five (35) Individualized Education Programs (IEP's) which were developed by the North Merrick Committee on Special Education, as detailed in the mailing.

The Board of Education approves the thirty-five (35) Individualized Education Programs (IEP's) which were developed by the North Merrick Committee on Special Education, as detailed in the mailing.

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

9. COMMUNICATIONS

Information: A. Communications received

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion, Information, Procedural: A. Unfinished business

11. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion, Information: A. New business

12. INFORMATIONAL

Information, Procedural: A. Appropriation Status Report; Revenue Status Report; Trial Balance

Procedural: B. Enrollment; Health Office Report; Student/Adult Accidents

Information: C. Absences of Five Consecutive Days

Information: D. Building & Grounds Reports

13. ADJOURNMENT

Action: A. Adjournment

Adjournment 9:22 AM

Motion by Kathy Moran, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani