Tuesday, December 12, 2023
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 for matters of personnel and negogiations

C. Reconvene to Public

2. PUBLIC HEARING - PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

A. Call public hearing to order

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Review of Volunteer Firefighter /Volunteer Ambulance worker partial property tax exemption

D. Public comment (for Public Hearing only)

E. 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 Merrick 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 Merrick 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 Merrick Union Free School District does hereby continues 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 Merrick Union Free School District, does hereby continues 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).

F. Adjournment of public hearing

3. OPENINING

A. Call to Order

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

A. Superintendent's comments

5. ROUTINE APPROVALS

A. Approval of Minutes - November 14, 2023

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 donation of $300 from the Supervisory Unit, the North Merrick Faculty Association (NMFA), CSEA, and Paraprofessionals. This money is to be used to purchase books for all three libraries.

B. The Board of Education approves the donation of books from SEPTA. These books are to be used in all three libraries.

C. The Board of Education approves the following 23/24 school year transfers: Accounts From: A 2250.490.04.2374 - Tuition BOCES - $50,000; A 2250.160-01 Spec Ed Teach Aides CAMP - $16,000; A 2250.160-02- Spec Ed Teach Aides HDF -$16,000; A 2250.160-03 Spec Ed Teach Aides OMR – Accounts To: A2250.400.04 Contract Services - $96,000.

D. The Board of Education approves the 2024 HIP HMO renewal rate sheet as submitted.

E. The Board of Education approves the 2024 participating agency monthly Empire Plan premium rates for employers as submitted.

F. The Board of Education approves entering into an agreement with SCOPE Education Services for a Saturday enrichment program, from January 6, 2024 through March 2, 2024, at no cost to the district.

G. The Board of Education approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that the employee, whose identity is known to the Board of Education, is directed to report for a medical examination, pursuant to Education Law Section 913, in order to determine the capacity of such person to perform his/her duties; the date and time of such examination shall be subsequently determined and communicated to the employee. (*Addendum)

8. PERSONNEL ACTIONS REPORT

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

9. POLICIES

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 update Board of Education Sexual Harassment Policy No. 9010.2, 9010.2-Regulation and Exhibit, 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 Sexual Harassment Policy No. 9010.2, 9010.2-Regulation and Exhibit.

B. 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, Workplace Violence Prevention Policy 4130, 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 Workplace Violence Prevention Policy 4130.

10. SPECIAL SERVICES

A. The Board of Education approves the contract between Sepideh Homayoonfar, Psy. D. and the North Merrick School District to conduct independent neuropsychological evaluations for (2) special education students for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

C. The Board of Education approves the six (6) Individualized Education Programs (IEPS) which were developed by the North Merrick Committee on Pre-School Special Education, as detailed in the mailing.

11. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

A. High School

B. School Community Relations/PTA Council

C. Buildings & Grounds

12. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Communications

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Unfinished Business

14. NEW BUSINESS

A. New Business

15. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Comments

16. INFORMATIONS REPORTS (BOE only)

17. ADJOURNMENT

A. Adjournment