Tuesday, February 27, 2024
Monthly School Board Meeting

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

1. OPENING

A. Call to Order

B. Executive Session

C. Reconvene to Public

D. Call to Order

E. Pledge of Allegiance

2. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

A. Superintendent's comments

3. ROUTINE APPROVALS

A. Approval of Minutes - January 9, 2024

B. Approval of Warrants, Wires, Budget Transfers

C. Approval of Treasurer's Report

4. 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

5. BUSINESS

A. The Board of Education approves the 2023-2024 school calendar.

B. The Board of Education approves Ms. Jen Calonita's donation of one (1) Little Lending Library bookshelf to the North Merrick UFSD. This bookshelf will hold a variety of books for educational purposes.

C. The Board of Education approves the following resolution: RESOLVED the Board of Education hereby authorizes the law firm of Frantz 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, as detailed in the mailing.

D. The Board of Education awards the piggyback transportation contract with Merrick UFSD for transportation to Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf via the Merrick UFSD We Transport contract for one (1) student at the cost of $3,900.00 per pupil per month and $3,500 per matron per month. Retroactive 2-14-2024.

E. The Board of Education of the North Merrick Union Free School District accepts the Federal Single Audit Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, as prepared by R.S. Abrams & Co, in accordance with Section 170.3 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

F. The Board of Education authorizes the update of the mileage reimbursement rate to be paid to authorized personnel conducting school district business for the 2024 calendar year to 67 cents per mile as of January 1, 2024, payment to be made only upon presentation of approved claims.

G. The Board of Education authorizes the budget transfers as follows: Account To: 2815.409-04; Health Other; $91,000. Account From: A2820.150-04; Psychologist Camp; $35,000, A2815.160-03; Nurse OMR; $8,000, A2815.160-04; School Nurse; $9,000, A2250.160-01; Spec Ed Teach Aides Camp; $7,500, A2250.160-02; Spec Ed Teach Aides HDF; $27,000, A9040.800-04; Workers Comp; $4,500. Reason: to pay for additional special education nurses and certified nurse assistant costs. The Board of Education authorizes the budget transfers as follows: Account To: 2250.400-04; Contracted Services; $192,000. Account From: A9040.800-04; Workers Comp; $20,500, A9010.800-04; NYS Employees Ret; $20,000, A9060.801-04; Health Insurance; $151,500. Reason: to pay for additional special education aide costs.

H. The Board of Education approves the revision of the agreement (November 2023) with Yoga and Breathing for Kids to facilitate two yoga sessions during the Mindfulness Retreat on February 8, 2024. The cost is not to exceed $600 (retroactive).

I. The Board of Education approves the following resolution: RESOLVED that the Board President is authorized to execute a repayment agreement with an employee whose identity is known to the Board of Education, which agreement has been reviewed by the Board of Education, as detailed in the mailing.

6. PERSONNEL ACTIONS REPORT

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

7. 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 Corporal Punishment Policy No. 5144 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 Corporal Punishment Policy No. 5144.

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 The Rights of Employess to Express Breast Milk in the Workplace Policy No. 4155 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 The Righst of Employess to Express Breast Milk in the Workplace Policy No. 4155.

8. SPECIAL SERVICES

A. The Board of Education approves the contract between Long Island Optometric Vision Development, PLLC and the North Merrick School District to conduct a developmental vision evaluation for a special education student for the 2023-2024 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 for the 2023-2024 school year.

C. The Board of Education approves the nine (9) Individualized Education Programs (IEPS) which were developed by the North Merrick Committee on Pre-School Special Education, as detailed in the mailing.

D. The Board of Education approves the fifteen (15) Individualized Education Programs (IEP's) which were developed by the North Merrick Committee on special Education, as detailed in the mailing.

9. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

A. High School

B. School Community Relations/PTA Council

C. Buildings & Grounds

10. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Communications

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Unfinished Business

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. New Business

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Comments

14. INFORMATIONS REPORTS (BOE only)

15. ADJOURNMENT

A. Adjournment