

Monthly School Board Meeting (Tuesday, March 19, 2024)

Members present

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

Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM

1. OPENING

Information, Procedural: A. Call to Order by Meg Ryan 5:35 PM
Kathy Moran and Tracey Miller absent

Action, Information, Procedural: B. Executive Session
To go into executive sessions for matters of personnel and negotiations

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Steve Enella.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yes: Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Will Luciani

Action, Information, Procedural: C. Reconvene to the Public to begin the Budget Committee meeting
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Motion by Ed Corona, second by Steve Enella.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yes: Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Will Luciani

Information, Procedural: D. Call to Order Ms. Ryan 7:00 PM

Information, Procedural: E. Pledge of Allegiance
My Ryan thanked everyone for coming tonight. She congratulated the children on their performance of Matilda Junior and thanked the staff for guiding these students through months of hard work. This is an affirmation of the power of art education. The stage crew, big actors, and actresses, thank you—you all helped showcase in our community.

2. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Information, Procedural: A. Superintendent's comments
Dr. Cynthia Seniuk, Superintendent of Schools, reported on the following:

The parent-teacher conference pilot was successful. Parent appointments were made using Parent Square. In addition to meeting with the classroom teacher, parents could make appointments for our special area teachers. Theatre Arts performance was a huge success and gets better every year. Shout out to Ms. Joyce Kelly, Ms. Gail Appelle, and the entire team. Our retirees come back to do this for our students and work tirelessly. Mr. Carter and your team, for all the heavy lifting. Mr. Harrington and his team allowed us to go to Brookside, a fantastic venue. Thank you to the Board of Education for continuously supporting this program.

Our OMR PTA meeting is tomorrow night, and Camp Avenue is virtual at 7:30. Schools are closed from 3/28 through 4/1 for the Easter holiday.

Our summer program information will be available on the school website after Easter weekend. As a reminder, we are not running any programs at Camp Avenue Elementary School because we're putting in a new playground at Camp Avenue.

The next school board meeting is on Monday, April 8th, due to the Eid holiday beginning the evening of the 9th.

3. ROUTINE APPROVALS

Action, Minutes, Procedural: A. Approval of Minutes - February 27, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes; Special Board Meeting March 7, 2024
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Consent agenda 3A-3C

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Ed Corona.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Will Luciani

Action, Information: B. Approval of Warrants, Wires, Budget Transfers
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Consent agenda 3A-3C

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Will Luciani

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

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Will Luciani

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS (agenda items only)

Information, Procedural: 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

Information, Procedural: B. Comments

None

5. BUSINESS

Action: A. The Board of Education approves Priscilla Mezrahi's donation of a Kind News Magazine subscription for all three kindergarten classes at Camp Avenue School.

Board President, Ms. Ryan, thanked Priscilla Mezrahi for donating the magazine subscription for all three kindergarten classes at Camp Avenue School.

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Motion by Mary Keene, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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Action, Procedural: B. The Board of Education approves the agreement with the North Merrick Public Library, located at 1691 Meadowbrook Road, North Merrick, New York 11566, as the location for the District's May 21, 2024 Annual Budget Vote and Election.

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Consent agenda 5B-5H

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Will Luciani

Action, Information, Procedural: C. The Board of Education approves entering into the required Memorandum of Agreement with the Nassau County Board of Elections to provide election services consisting of the provision and usage of voting machines, all

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Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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Action, Information: D. The Board of Education approves the appointment of the Chief Election Inspector and clerks for the following votes: North Merrick Library Vote on April 16, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM; Library evening voter's registration on April 9th, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. North Merrick Budget/Trustee Vote May 21, 2024, from 6:30 AM to 9:00 PM; Evening voter's registration on May 15th from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. BOLD Training and Board of Elections training for the 2024-2025 school year. Chief Election Inspector, Michele Hagan, will be paid \$20 per hour. Clerks Judy Horvath, Cathy Onolfo, Annette Starala, Babette Nicosia, Ann Foley, Bernice Holzmacher, and Lauren Iantosca will be paid \$16.00 per hour (on an as-needed basis). Spanish translator, Giovanna Amarain, will be paid \$25 per hour. The Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District will reimburse the District for half of the May 21, 2024 vote expenses.

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Consent agenda 5B-5H

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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Action: E. The Board of Education authorizes the account code correction for the budget transfer from Business Item 5G of the February 27, 2024 Board meeting from A2820.150-04 to A2820.150-01.

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Consent agenda 5B-5H

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Will Luciani

Action: F. The Board of Education approves the following 2023/24 school year transfer: ACCOUNT FROM: A2250.490.04.2374 - BOCES Tuition - \$116,000 - ACCOUNT TO: A2250.475.04 Tuition Other -\$116,000

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Consent agenda 5B-5H

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Will Luciani

Action: G. The Board of Education approves the agreement with SCOPE Education Services from July 1st through 26th, 2024, at Old Mill Road School for their summer program.

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Consent agenda 5B-5H

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Will Luciani

Action, Procedural: H. The Board of Education approves the following: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the President of the Board of Education is authorized to execute a Second Addendum to the Employment Agreement dated March 17, 2017 for Maureen Gorman, Confidential Senior Stenographer, which has been reviewed by the Board of Education.

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Consent agenda 5B-5H

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Will Luciani

Action, Procedural: I. The Board of Education approves the following: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education appoints Kate Caporusso to the position of Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Personnel, in the tenure area of Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Personnel, for a three-year probationary period from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board President is authorized to execute a Salary and Benefits Agreement with Kate Caporusso, which Agreement has been reviewed by the Board of Education.

Ms. Ryan commented that she supports the motion and the candidate, Ms. Caparusso. She expressed that she has had the opportunity to work with her in other areas and feels it's a well-needed position for the North Merrick district.

Ms. Keene commented although she feels Ms. Capruso is highly qualified, she will not be voting in favor of passing this resolution because she would like to get rid of this position altogether.

The Board extended congratulations to Ms. Caparusso and her family.

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Motion by Will Luciani, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Will Luciani

No: Mary Keene

6. PERSONNEL ACTIONS REPORT

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

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Motion by Will Luciani, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Will Luciani

7. SPECIAL SERVICES

Action, Procedural: A. The Board of Education approves the fifteen (15) Individualized Education Plans (IEP's) which were developed by the North Merrick Committee on Special Education, as detailed in the mailing.

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Consent agenda as 7A-7D

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Will Luciani

Action, Procedural: B. The Board of Education approves the nine (3) 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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Consent agenda as 7A-7D

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Will Luciani

Action: C. The Board of Education approves the agreement between TraceyTalk Speech Pathologist, P.C. and the North Merrick School District to provide speech and language services for the 2023-2024 school year.
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Consent agenda as 7A-7D

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Will Luciani

Action: D. The Board of Education approves the contract agreement between Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf and the North Merrick School District for tuition for one special education placement as per IEP for the 2023-2024 school year.
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Consent agenda as 7A-7D

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Will Luciani

8. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Information, Procedural: A. High School

Ed Corona, Board Vice President, reported the following: Mephram cheer squad, which came in second in Nassau County; Calhoun girls' track team, which came in first in a county championship. We also honored two teachers, Ms. Zannino from MAMS and retired teacher Mr. Schleiths, who won the Harvard Club award for teachers nominated by Harvard graduates.
The high school budget committee met on March 13 and presented a proposed budget. The budget included a 2.55% levy increase, which is well below the Long Island average of 2.76.

Information, Procedural: B. School Community Relations/PTA Council

Board trustee Mary Keene listed the upcoming PTA meetings and events and thanked the PTAs for being awesome. She noted that SEPTA's Dave and Busters fundraiser was hugely successful, and over 270 people attended.

Information, Procedural: C. Buildings & Grounds

Sam Carder, Director of School Facilities, stated that the wind has been causing havoc on the district. Many trees and limbs have been downed. We need to call in an arborist to come in and safely bring that stuff down.

We just had a sheet of roofing peel off at Camp Avenue, which is being serviced now. Mr. Carder spoke about the sewer issue which occurred on Friday at HDF. We had the crew come in on Saturday to disinfect and sanitize the entire building, and they did a fantastic job.

Tomorrow, all theater art stuff comes back from Brookside.

A conversation ensued about the roof concerns and its replacement in the near future. Ms. Carder commented that the roof is out of warranty, and he feels its life expectancy is less than four years.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

Information, Procedural: A. Communications
None

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Information, Procedural: A. Unfinished Business
None

11. NEW BUSINESS

Information, Presentation: A. New Business
None

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Information, Procedural: A. Comments
None

13. INFORMATION REPORTS (BOE only)

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

Information: B. Absence of Five Consecutive Days

Information, Procedural: C. Health office and accident reports

Information, Procedural: D. Enrollment

Information: E. Building & Grounds Reports

14. ADJOURNMENT

Action, Procedural: B. Adjournment
Ms. Ryan thanked Ms. Guidice for her hard work and dedication to the district.

Adjournment

Motion by Ed Corona, second by Mary Keene.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yes: Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Will Luciani