Monthly School Board Meeting (Tuesday, September 10, 2024)

Members present
Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani
Meeting called to order at 6:20 PM
1. OPENING
Procedural: A. Call to Order
Call to order by Tracey Miller 6:20 PM
Megan Ryan arrived 6:45 PM

Action, Procedural: B. Executive Session
Executive session called by Tracey Miller.

The Board of Education approves entering into executive session for matter of employment history of a particular person and seeking legal advice from the board's attorney.

Motion by Kathy Moran, second by Steve Enella.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yes: Tracey Miller, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani
Not Present at Vote: Megan Ryan

Action, Procedural: C. Reconvene to the Public at 6:55

Information, Procedural: D. Call to Order by Megan Ryan 7:05

Information, Procedural: E. Pledge of Allegiance

2. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Procedural: A. Superintendent's comments
Megan Ryan, Board President, called for a moment of silence for the shooting that occurred in Georgia last week and in honor of 911, the families, and the victims that were lost. Also, the North Merrick community lost Art Solnick, the beloved former principal of Camp Avenue.

Dr. Seniuk, Superintendent of Schools, welcomed everyone back. We had terrific openings in all of our schools. We kicked that off with our Meet Greet and Treat. It is one of our most attended events, and it helps to remove those tears on the first day of school. Dr. Seniuk spoke about the Superintendent’s Conference Day and congratulated the recipients of service awards for their years at North Merrick. The staff then had a welcome-back breakfast, followed by professional development. The PTA district council met this week, and the PTA meetings are next week, all on the 18th.

Although many school districts have discontinued printing calendars, district calendars are still distributed to all families, a cherished tradition here in North Merrick. We also have a live calendar on our website. If anything changes, the information is updated on the live calendar, and a Parent Square message is sent to the district’s parents.

Meet the Teacher is this week on Thursday from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. This is a well-attended event by parents as they have an opportunity to see our amazing classrooms.

Dr. Seniuk expressed her gratitude to all for making sure that the opening of schools was truly amazing and thanked the Board of Education for all their support.

3. ROUTINE APPROVALS

Action, Information, Minutes, Procedural: A. Approval of Minutes - 8-20-24 Public Hearing/ Monthly School Board Meeting Minutes
8-20-24 Public Hearing/ Monthly School Board Meeting Minutes
Consent agenda items 3A-3C

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

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

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

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

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

Discussion, Information, Procedural: B. Comments

5. BUSINESS

Action: A. The Board of Education approves the North Merrick Teacher Center Policy Board members for the 2024-25 school year.
The Board of Education approves the North Merrick Teacher Center Policy Board members for the 2024-25 school year.
Consent agenda items 5A-5E

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Will Luciani.
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 entering into an agreement with Carr Business Systems to provide North Merrick UFSD with Managed Print Program Services for the 2024-2025 school year.
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Consent agenda items 5A-5E

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

Action, Information: C. The Board of Education approves the late transportation application for transportation of one student to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School, at no extra cost to the district.
The Board of Education approves the late transportation application for transportation of one student to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School, at no extra cost to the district.
Consent agenda items 5A-5E

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

Action, Information: D. The Board of Education approves to contract with OMNI to serve as the district’s third-party administrator for its Internal Revenue Code §§ 457 and 403(b) plans, which it offers to its employees; and WHEREAS, the North Merrick UFSD wishes to establish a Roth 403(b) retirement plan option and to retain OMNI to act as the district’s third-party administrator of a Roth 403(b). NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the district to establish a Roth

403(b) retirement plan option and approves OMNI to act as its third-party administrator of the Roth 403(b) in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the agreement between the District and OMNI, at no extra cost to the district.
The Board of Education approves to contract with OMNI to serve as the district's third-party administrator for its Internal Revenue Code §§ 457 and 403(b) plans, which it offers to its employees; and
WHEREAS, the North Merrick UFSD wishes to establish a Roth 403(b) retirement plan option and to retain OMNI to act as the district's third-party administrator of a Roth 403(b).
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the district to establish a Roth 403(b) retirement plan option and approves OMNI to act as its third-party administrator of the Roth 403(b) in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the agreement between the District and OMNI, at no extra cost to the district.
Consent agenda items 5A-5E

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

Action, Information: E. The Board of Education approves the following budget transfer: $25,000 from account code A9060.801-04 Health Insurance to account code A2010.150-04 Curriculum Development. Reason: to cover the cost of summer curriculum writing.
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Consent agenda items 5A-5E

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

6. POLICIES

Action, Procedural: 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 revise Board of Education Purchasing Policy Regulation #3320, 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 Purchasing Policy Regulation #3320.
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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.
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Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Steve Enella.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

8. SPECIAL SERVICES

Action: A. The Board of Education approves the three (3) Individualized Education Programs (IEPS) which were developed by the North Merrick Committee on Pre-School Special Education, as detailed in the mailing.
The Board of Education approves the three (3) Individualized Education Programs (IEPS) which were developed by the North Merrick Committee on Pre-School Special Education, as detailed in the mailing.
Consent agenda items 8A-8D

Motion by Kathy Moran, second by Tracey Miller.

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 the four (4) 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 items 8A-8D

Motion by Kathy Moran, 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 agreement between Rockville Centre Schools and the North Merrick School District to provide vision services for the 2024-2025 school year.
The Board of Education approves the agreement between Rockville Centre Schools and the North Merrick School District to provide vision services for the 2024-2025 school year.
Consent agenda items 8A-8D

Motion by Kathy Moran, 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: D. The Board of Education approves the contract agreement between Malverne UFSD and the North Merrick School District for tuition for non-resident special education students attending North Merrick special education programs during the 2024-2025 school year.
The Board of Education approves the contract agreement between Malverne UFSD and the North Merrick School District for tuition for non-resident special education students attending North Merrick special education programs during the 2024-2025 school year.
Consent agenda items 8A-8D

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

9. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Procedural: A. High School
Ed Corona reported on the following: We had our opening day reports from each school. Here are a couple of highlights. Merrick Avenue Middle School had a tremendous amount of capital improvements. Kennedy High School has new computer rooms, an art room, and an art gallery. They also plan to open an authentic restaurant.

(MAP) Meadowbrook Alternative Program is offering three new AP courses. Calhoun has a new on-tour director, Cheryl Fontana. Eric Caballero, our athletic director, has been named the 2024 NYS AHPERD director of the year.

Scott Bersin reported on the following: BMCHSD district has a 97% high school graduation rate. The county average is 94%, and the state average is 86%. The regent's passing percentage is higher than the county average.

The BMCHSD was named the College Board's AP district of the year. Only three schools out of 20,000 nationwide, including Canada, won that award.

Mr. Corona encourages all to watch a video on the high school website highlighting the BMCHSD and what helped us win that award.

Procedural: B. School Community Relations/PTA Council
Ms. Keene reported on the PTA's upcoming events and fundraisers. Some events included staff welcome-back festivities, the district Long Island Ducks game and Adventure Land, Reflections, Miss Chocolate and Spiritware fundraiser, International Walk to School Day, and Picture Day. At the kindergarten and new parent meet-and-greet event, the parents had the opportunity to hear from Dr. Talbot and meet some PTA board members.

Procedural: C. Buildings & Grounds

Mr. Carder thanked the school board members for participating in the building tour. He announced that the playground at Camp Avenue was officially done. As the teachers prepared to return to their classrooms, many work orders were generated. The water heater at Old Mill kitchen is failing; a replacement was ordered.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

Information, Procedural: A. Communication
Joanne Long reported that one communication was received and responded to.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion, Information, Procedural: A. Unfinished business
None

12. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion, Information, Procedural: A. New business
None

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Discussion, Information, Procedural: A. Comments
None

14. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS (BOE only)

Reports: A. Appropriation Status Report; Revenue Status Report; Trial Balance; Cash Flow;

Information: B. Absences of Five Consecutive Days

Information, Procedural: C. Enrollment

Information: D. Building & Grounds Reports

15. ADJOURNMENT

Action, Procedural: A. Adjournment 7:16 PM
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Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Mary Keene.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yes: Tracey Miller, Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani