

**Monthly School Board Meeting (Tuesday, November 12, 2024)****Members present**

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

**Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM****1. OPENING**

Information, Procedural: A. Call to Order by Vice President, Tracy Miller 6:02 PM  
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Action, Information, Procedural: B. Executive Session

The Board of Education approved entering into an executive session for personnel matters and advice of counsel regarding media requests.

Motion by Kathy Moran, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Steve Enella, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Not Present at Vote: Megan Ryan, Mary Keene

Action, Information, Procedural: C. Reconvene to the Public at 7:00 PM

The Board of Education approves reconvening to the public at 7:00 PM

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Mary Keene.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Information, Procedural: D. Call to Order 7:04 PM by Board President, Megan Ryan.

Information, Procedural: E. Pledge of Allegiance by Ms. Ryan

**2. PRESENTATION**

Information, Procedural: A. Board Appreciation

Board President Megan Ryan thanked county legislator Michael Giangregorio for providing \$104,000 to the district to help us with the new roof over at Camp Avenue.

Dr. Seniuk: Tonight is Board of Education appreciation night. Dr. Seniuk compared the North Merrick Board of Education with Olympic athletes.

Dedication: The North Merrick board members commit countless hours to training and understanding educational policies and community needs. Teamwork: the board members collaborate with educators, administrators, and parents. Vision: the board members have a vision to continue improving education and foster thriving learning.

On behalf of the Supervisory Unit, the North Merrick Faculty Association (NMFA), CSEA, and Paraprofessionals, Kim Golterman thanked the Board members for their dedication and read a poem. She presented the board with a check for each of the three schools to purchase in the board's honor.

A PTA representative stated on behalf of Camp Avenue, HD Fayette, Old Mill Road, and SEPTA that they expressed appreciation for all the board does for the community and our students. Students of the district presented the board with personalized trifold boards.

**3. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS**

Information, Procedural: A. Superintendent's comments

None

**4. ROUTINE APPROVALS**

Action, Minutes, Procedural: A. Approval of Minutes - October 15, 2024 board meeting minutes

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Consent agenda 4A-4C

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action, Information: B. Approval of warrants, wires, budget transfers  
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Consent agenda 4A-4C

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action, Information: C. Approval of Treasurer's report  
Approval of warrants, wires, budget transfers  
Consent agenda 4A-4C

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

## **5. 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

## **6. BUSINESS**

Action: A. The Board of Education approves the 2025-26 Budget Development Calendar.  
The Board of Education approves the 2024-25 Budget Development Calendar.  
Consent agenda 6A-6H

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: B. The Board of Education approves final transfers necessary to balance all accounts and close out the books as of June 30, 2024, as detailed in the mailing.

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Consent agenda 6A-6H

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action, Information: C. The Board of Education approves the following 2024-25 school year budget transfers: • \$25,000 from account code A2010.150-04 Deputy Supt Instruction to A2010.151-04 Curriculum Development. Reason: to correct coding for

budget transfer approved at September 2024 meeting. •\$480,000 from account code A9060.801-04 Health Insurance to account code A2250.401-04 Cont Services Therapy. Reason: Funding needed to pay for agency aides.

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Consent agenda 6A-6H

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: D. The Board of Education approves the Inter Municipal Agreement in the amount of \$104,000 between the County of Nassau and North Merrick UFSD relating to the purchase of a new roof at Camp Avenue School.

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Consent agenda 6A-6H

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: E. The Board of Education approves entering into the Memorandum of Understanding with Adelphi University for the placement of student observers and student teachers for the 2024-25 school year.

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Consent agenda 6A-6H

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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Consent agenda 6A-6H

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: G. The Board of Education approves the donation from the Supervisory Unit, (NMFA) North Merrick Faculty Association, (CSEA) Civil Service Employee Association, and the Paraprofessionals to purchase books for school libraries.

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Consent agenda 6A-6H

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Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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Action, Information: H. \*The Board of Education approves entering into an agreement with SCOPE Education Services for a Saturday enrichment program from January 11, 2025, through March 22, 2025.

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Consent agenda 6A-6H

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Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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## **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 Kathy Moran, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

## **8. 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 Policy #3440 - Capitalization and Accounting for Fixed Assets, 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 #3440 - Capitalization and Accounting for Fixed Assets.

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Consent agenda 8A-8C

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: 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 revise Board of Education Policy #4155 Rights of Employees to Express Breast Milk in the Workplace, 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 #4155 Rights of Employees to Express Breast Milk in the Workplace

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Consent agenda 8A-8C

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: C. 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 #5020 Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment Under Title IX, 5020 Regulation and 5020 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 Policy #5020 -Sex Discrimination and Sex-Based Harassment Under Title IX, 5020 Regulation and 5020 Exhibit

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Motion by Will Luciani, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

## **9. SPECIAL SERVICES**

Action: A. The Board of Education approves the sixteen (16) 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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Motion by Mary Keene, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

## **10. REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

Information, Procedural: **A. High School**

Board President, Ms. Ryan, reported on the following:

The Mempham girls' volleyball team won the Nassau County Class AA championship, and they beat both Calhoun Hs and Kennedy HS and continued to win.

For Board Appreciation, the art club presented the board with beautiful artwork, and students performed vocally.

We have the high school student reps report at our meetings. They spoke about Trunk or Treat, workshops regarding responsibilities and actions on social media, and the many events to raise money for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Last month, the Medical Club sold shirts at the football game and donated the money to Nassau County Medical Center.

The external audit report was reviewed, no deficiencies were found, and no comments were made.

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

Trustee Mary Keene thanked the PTAs for their generosity. She said the Fall Festivals at the schools and the district-wide Adventureland trip were all awesome. SEPTA had a sensory table at the fall festival, a huge success. Ms. Keene discussed the many upcoming PTA and SEPTA events and fundraisers. The Next PTA meeting for Camp Avenue School will be tomorrow at 7:30 PM. Harold D. Fayette will meet via Zoom on 11/20, and OMR will be in person on 11/20 at 7:00 PM.

Information, Procedural: **C. Buildings & Grounds**

Director of Facilities Sam Carder reported on the tree work at Old Mill last week, which included thinning out shrubbery to keep the trees healthy.

The tree destroyed a light pole near Old Mill Road; a new one was custom-ordered and installed. We expect wood fiber delivery for Old Mill Road, which will be delivered on Saturday, December 7th.

## **11. COMMUNICATIONS**

Information, Procedural: A. Communications

None

## **12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Information, Procedural: A. Unfinished Business

None

## **13. NEW BUSINESS**

Information, Presentation: A. New Business

None

## **14. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Information, Procedural: A. Comments

None

**15. INFORMATIONS REPORTS (BOE only).**

Information: B. Absences of Five Consecutive Days

Information: C. Enrollment

Information: D. School Health Office and Accident Reports

Information: E. Building & Grounds Reports

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

Action, Procedural: **A. Adjournment 7:24 PM**  
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Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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