

Monthly School Board Meeting (Monday, December 9, 2024)**Members present**

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

Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM**1. OPENING**

Information, Procedural: A. Call to Order

Called to order by Vice President, Tracey Miller at 6:35 PM

Action, Information, Procedural: **B. Executive Session**

Executive Session for matters of personnel and legal advice from counsel.

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Tracey Miller, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Not Present at Vote: Megan Ryan

Action, Information, Procedural: **C. Reconvene to Public**

Reconvene to public at 7:14 PM

Motion by Ed Corona, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Information, Procedural: **D. Call to Order**

Call to Order by Board President, Megan Ryan at 7:20 PM

Information, Procedural: **E. Pledge of Allegiance**

Pledge of Allegiance led by Board President Megan Ryan.

2. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Information, Procedural: A. Superintendent's comments

Dr. Seniuk recapped the wonderful Thanksgiving celebrations. The schools were very festive. She thanked the principals, faculty, and staff for their help and preparation for this event.

The literacy survey went out last week, and parents provided great feedback. We will share the results and use them to guide us as we audit our literacy program throughout the district.

The holiday concert is next Wednesday, 12/17, at Brookside. Kids will perform holiday songs. SEPTA is hosting a Stuff a Bear and Movie Night fundraiser this Friday.

Dr. Seniuk thanked Ms. Caporusso and Dr. Talbot for the new report cards. The district will roll out our new report cards on December 12th. This project, which we started last year, involved our teachers.

Kindergarten registration opens from January 14th through 16th, and UPK registration begins on February 7th.

Dr. Seniuk stated on behalf of the Board of Education, administration, faculty, and staff, she wished everyone a wonderful holiday season with family, friends, and loved ones.

3. ROUTINE APPROVALS

Action, Minutes, Procedural: A. **Approval of Minutes** - November 12, 2024 board meeting minutes and November 25, 2024 Special Board Meeting

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Consent agenda 3A - 3C

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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Action, Information: B. **Approval of Warrants, Wires, Budget Transfers**

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Consent agenda 3A - 3C

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action, Information: C. **Approval of Treasurer's report**

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Consent agenda 3A - 3C

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Steve Enella.

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.

Information, Procedural: B. Comments

None

5. BUSINESS

Action: A. The Board of Education approves the 2025 HIP HMO renewal rate sheet as submitted (effective 1/1/2025).

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Consent agenda 5A-5E

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Will Luciani.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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Action: B. The Board of Education approves the 2025 participating agency monthly Empire Plan premium rates for employers as submitted (effective 1/1/2025).

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Consent agenda 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: C. The Board of Education approves the renewal of the opt-in agreement made between the Town of Hempstead, North Merrick Union Free School District, and Bus Patrol America LLC and agrees to be bound by its terms, as detailed in the mailing.

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Consent agenda 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: D. The Board of Education approves the disposal of obsolete equipment that is no longer operational: (1) Univex Meat Slicer (Asset tag #20090106/000532, Serial #S007903).

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Consent agenda 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 2024-25 school year budget transfer: • \$5,337 from account code A1620.421-01 Fuel Oil-Camp, \$12,165 from account code A1620.421-02 Fuel Oil-Fayette, \$12,165 from account code A1620.421-03 Fuel Oil-Old Mill Rd, \$7,713 from account code A1621.200-04 Grounds Equipment, \$7,500 from account code A1621.457-04 Grounds Supplies (total \$44,880) to account code A1620.400-04 Contracted Services. Reason: Electrical work needed for installation of HVAC in HDF Gym.

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Consent agenda 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, Procedural: F. The Board of Education approves adding the following resolution: Be it resolved that the Board of Education authorizes the drafting of a letter to the New York State Education Department regarding the proposed language of SubPart 124-1 of the Commissioner Regulations (addendum).

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Motion by Steve Enella, second by Will Luciani.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

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 Mary Keene, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

7. POLICIES

Action: 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 create Board of Education Policy 9010.3 Sexual Harassment 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 9020.3 Sexual Harassment in the Workplace.

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Consent agenda 7A-7B

Motion by Mary Keene, 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: 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/update Board of Education Policy #2564 School District Records; Policy #5111 School Admissions; Policy #4220 Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity, 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 #2564 School District Records; Policy #5111 School Admissions; Policy #4220 Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity
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Consent agenda 7A-7B

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Tracey Miller.

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 contract between the North Bellmore School District and North Merrick UFSD for the provision of educational placement and services for one North Bellmore student as per IEP.
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Consent agenda 8A-8D

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

Action: B. The Board of Education approves the contract between Psychological Diagnostic Evaluations of New York and the North Merrick School District to conduct neuropsychological evaluations for special education students for the 2024-2025 school year.
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Consent agenda 8A-8D

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

Action: C. The Board of Education approves the agreement between Dragonfly Applied Behavior Analysis PC and the North Merrick School District to provide special education services for the 2024-2025 school year.
The Board of Education approves the agreement between Dragonfly Applied Behavior Analysis PC and the North Merrick School District to provide special education services for the 2024-2025 school year.
Consent agenda 8A-8D

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

Action, Procedural: D. The Board of Education approves the agreement between New York Therapy Placement Services, Inc. and the North Merrick School District to provide special education services and evaluations for the 2024-2025 school year.
The Board of Education approves the agreement between New York Therapy Placement Services, Inc. and the North Merrick School District to provide special education services and evaluations for the 2024-2025 school year.
Consent agenda 8A-8D

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

9. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Information, Procedural: A. High School

Mr. Corona reported that the district athletic director, Eric Caballero, had reported on the district's athletic programs. He presented a video, which is available on the high school website.

Makayla Daube, a Mepham High School basketball player and volleyball player, was named a News 12 Scholar-Athlete. This is a great honor, as only 30 are selected each year.

The student reps from Mepham reported. The girl's volleyball team won the county championships. Students and staff hosted a Stairway Climb fundraiser for the FDNY, Manuel Mojica, a Bellmore resident and father who lost his life on 9/11.

The Meadowbrook Alternative Program students had a winter spirit week and a student-faculty bowling event.

Kennedy High School hosted a six-on-six volleyball tournament to raise money for Special Olympics.

During public comments, we heard from one resident who wanted to add American Sign Language to the course offerings and a resident who wished to discuss regionalization.

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

Ms. Keene reported on the PTA events throughout the district, such as Camp Avenue, the science fair, which kicked off bingo for books, sports night, and after school. Chess club and drama club.

Merrick Bicycles shop donated a bike for Camp Avenue to do a raffle. She spoke about the holiday breakfast and boutique sales at each school. At Fayette PARP, it will begin on January 13th and run through the 26th. The Masked Reader theme is "discover a new universe of books."

At Old Mill Road, there will be an anti-bullying assembly scheduled for January 26th.

After-school events, such as the chess club and drama club will continue.

The mother and son bowling night is January 10th at the AMF Lanes in Wantagh. The boys and their moms always enjoy this evening. The sweetheart dance is scheduled for January 31st. The girls are invited to bring a special male adult for dinner and dancing.

There are tons of assemblies and activities going on at each school.

The next PTA meetings will be in person on January 22, 2025.

SEPTA hosted a special education day for all staff and teachers to thank them and show their appreciation for all they do to support our PTA. The Stuff a Bear and Movie Night fundraiser is this Friday. SEPTA will host a fun dance night in January with Ms. Carfinkel.

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

None

10. COMMUNICATIONS

Information, Procedural: A. Communications

None

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Information, Procedural: A. Unfinished Business

None

12. NEW BUSINESS

Information, Presentation: A. New Business

Trustee Mary Keene praised our high school representatives, Ed Corona and Meg Ryan, for their great job representing North Merrick.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Information, Procedural: A. Comments

None

14. 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

15. ADJOURNMENT

Action, Procedural: A. Adjournment

Adjournment 7:45

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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