

Monthly School Board Meeting (Tuesday, January 14, 2025)

Members present

Megan Ryan, Steve Enella, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Tracey Miller was present for the Executive Session but did not attend the Public.

ABSENT:

Mary Keene and Ed Corona were absent

Meeting called to order at 6:10 PM

1. OPENING

Information, Procedural: **A. Call to Order** by Megan Ryan at 6:10 PM

Action, Information, Procedural: **B. Executive Session for matters of personnel**

Matters of personnel.

Motion by Kathy Moran, second by Megan Ryan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action, Information, Procedural: **C. Reconvene to Public** 7:05 PM

Motion by Kathy Moran, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Megan Ryan, Steve Enella, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Not Present at Vote: Tracey Miller

Information, Procedural: **D. Call to Order 7:10 PM**

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

Board President Megan Ryan thanked Dr. Seniuk and her team for organizing fun holiday events for the kids and their parents. From concerts to parties, the PTA and class parents did a great job.

Ms. Ryan spoke about the unexpected loss of one of our team members last month, Babette Nicosia; she was an integral part of our school district and has worked in Special Education in North Merrick for many years. Our hearts and prayers go out to her and her family. Ms. Ryan called for a moment of silence in her memory.

Action: F. The Board of Education approves a Moment of Silence for Babette Nicosia (*addendum).
Moment of silence

2. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Information, Procedural: A. Superintendent's comments

Dr. Seniuk spoke of the holiday concerts in December – they were terrific celebrations for all.

Dr. Seniuk stated that budget season had begun, and the budget committee notification went out to the community. The first budget meeting is January 27th at 6 PM here in the GPR. Kindergarten registration this week on 12/14, 12/15, and 12/16, Dr. Seniuk commented that North Merrick is the desired school district; people are choosing to move to the district because of our schools, teachers, families, administrators, and the central high school district.

The Scope Saturday winter program started this past Saturday. The students are enjoying Disney Art and Music. Last night, the SEPTA Glow Party was held at Old Mill Road, with lots of dancing. Dr. Murphy, Dr. Bromberg, and I were there enjoying the festivities. PARP is starting in all three schools.

UPK lottery registration will begin online on February 7th at 9:00 AM.

The district is preparing for winter weather. Yesterday at 4:00, the inclement weather letter went out with information on how to find out if the schools are closed.

3. ROUTINE APPROVALS

Action, Minutes, Procedural: A. Approval of Minutes -December 9, 2024 board meeting minutes and December 17, 2024 Special Board Meeting

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Motion by Kathy Moran, second by Will Luciani.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Approval of Minutes -December 9, 2024 board meeting minutes and December 17, 2024 Special Board Meeting

Motion by Kathy Moran, second by Will Luciani.

Motion Carried

Yes: Megan Ryan, Steve Enella, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

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

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Motion by Kathy Moran, second by Will Luciani.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Megan Ryan, Steve Enella, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

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

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Motion by Kathy Moran, second by Will Luciani.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Megan Ryan, Steve Enella, 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.

none

Information, Procedural: B. Comments

None

5. BUSINESS

Action: A. The Board of Education authorizes the update of the mileage reimbursement rate to be paid to authorized personnel conducting school district business for the 2025 calendar year to 70 cents per mile as of January 1, 2025, payment to be made only upon presentation of approved claims.

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Motion by Will Luciani, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Megan Ryan, Steve Enella, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Action: B. The Board of Education approves entering into an agreement to engage CBIZ Valuation Group, LLC, to provide updated Property Valuation Services for the school year ending June 30, 2025, at no cost to the district.

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Motion by Will Luciani, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Megan Ryan, Steve Enella, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Action: C. The Board of Education approves the agreement with Educational Data Services, Inc. for the 2025/26 School Year to provide bid specifications and interactive software in the amount of \$2,965.
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Motion by Will Luciani, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Megan Ryan, Steve Enella, 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 Kathy Moran, second by Will Luciani.

Final Resolution: Motion Failed

Not Present at Vote: Megan Ryan, Steve Enella, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

7. 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/update Board of Education Policy #9010.2 Sexual Harassment and Policies 5011.5/5011.5R Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention, 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 #9010.2 Sexual Harassment and Policies 5011.5/5011.5R Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention.

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Motion by Will Luciani, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Megan Ryan, Steve Enella, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

8. SPECIAL SERVICES

Action: A. The Board of Education approves the six (6) 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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Motion by Kathy Moran, second by Will Luciani.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Megan Ryan, Steve Enella, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani

Action: B. The Board of Education approves the twenty six (26) 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 Kathy Moran, second by Will Luciani.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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9. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

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

Ms. Ryan reported on the high school meeting. The Mephram Girls' Volleyball team won all County Championships. There was a curriculum update and the start of budget season. Ms. Ryan stated that the Bellmore-Merrick CHSD unanimously approved opting out of the regionalization plan.

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

Superintendent Dr. Seniuk gave an overview of PTA activities at the three schools, such as Bingo for Books, Sports Nights, and Reflection awards. Upcoming events in February and March include Sweetheart Skate, science fair, Amazing Athletes, chess club, drama club, Pokemon club, and Black History Month. PARP is hosting Reading Under the Stars, and Mr. Merims will Zoom in as a guest reader.

Dr. Seniuk also provided the dates for the upcoming PTA and SEPTA meetings and fundraisers.

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

Mr. Carder, Director of Facilities, spoke about the work during the school break. A new convection oven and a new range were installed at Old Mill Road. The fire alarm system was inspected district-wide, and every device was tested to ensure they were working properly. Each building takes a whole day to complete, so they were here for three days, and we're very happy to have them take care of that. We switched our paper vendor and transitioned to Scotts Brand, a much better and cheaper product. We have gotten some good feedback on it.

He discussed the winter prep and said that our groundsman, Frank, has been diligently working on the equipment to ensure we are ready for inclement weather. Next week, there will be some electrical work for the HDF gymnasium air conditioning. Mr. Carder welcomed Ken Grant, our lead maintainer, back. Mr. Grant was out for a few months and returned to work, so we're happy to have him back.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

Information, Procedural: A. Communications
none

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Information, Procedural: A. Unfinished Business
none

12. NEW BUSINESS

Information, Presentation: A. New Business
none

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 7:23 PM
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Motion by Steve Enella, second by Will Luciani.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Megan Ryan, Steve Enella, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani
Not Present at Vote: Tracey Miller