

Monthly School Board Meeting (Tuesday, March 11, 2025)**Board Members present**

Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, Kathy Moran, Will Luciani
Board President, Megan Ryan (arrived 6:50 PM) Vice President, Tracey Miller (arrived 5:45 PM)

Dr. Cynthia Seniuk, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Kate Caporusso, Superintendent for Personnel & Instruction
Mrs. Marie Donnelly, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations
Dr. Edward Murphy, Assistant to the Superintendent of PPS and Special Education
Mr. Samuel Carder, Director of Facilities
Steve Goodstat, Ingerman Smith

Joanne Long, District Clerk

1. OPENING

Action, Information, Procedural: A. Call to Order
Board Trustee, Ed Corona, called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM

Action, Information, Procedural: B. Executive Session
The Board of Education approves entering into executive session for matters of personnel and advice of counsel.

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

Action, Information, Procedural: C. Reconvene to Public
The Board of Education approves to reconvene to the public at 7:00 PM

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

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

Information, Procedural: E. Pledge of Allegiance

2. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Information, Procedural: A. Superintendent's comments
Dr. Seniuk reported on the following:
UPK lottery will take place on Friday, March 14th.
There were 136 UPK registrants. These families will be assigned a number for a UPK spot next year.
Sherk Jr. will be held at Brookside on 3/28 and 3/29 at 7:00 PM. Ticket sales are available on our website.
Summer programs will include a Scope four-week program at Old Mill Road from 8:30 to 12:30. We will also offer a JCC rec program from 12:30 to 3:00 at Old Mill. There will be a reading program here at Fayette, and the extended school year will include a theater arts, music, and ENL program.
Next week, parent-teacher conferences will be held on March 19th from 12:00 to 7:00. On March 20th, the International Day of Happiness will be celebrated in all our buildings and schools.

3. ROUTINE APPROVALS

Action, Information, Minutes: A. Approval of Minutes - February 11, 2025
Consent Agenda 3A-3C

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

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

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Tracey Miller.

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
Consent Agenda 3A-3C

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

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

Aneeba Rehman expressed disappointment in not adding the Eid holiday to the 2025-2026 school calendar.

Board President Ms. Ryan commented that the board is working to create a policy on giving days off because there are many holidays that we need to consider. The board unanimously discussed this and felt this was the best legal way to proceed.

5. BUSINESS

Action, Procedural: A. The Board of Education approves the 2025-2026 school calendar.

The Board of Education approves the 2025-2026 school calendar.

Consent Agenda 5A-5I

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

Action, Procedural: B. 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 equipment, and supplies necessary to conduct voting operations, as well as training and assistance concerning voting machine operations.

Consent Agenda 5A-5I

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

Action, Procedural: C. The Board of Education approves the appointment of the Chief Election Inspector and clerks for the following votes: North Merrick Library Vote on April 9, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM; Library evening voter's registration on April 2nd, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. North Merrick Budget/Trustee Vote May 20, 2025, from 6:30 AM to 9:00 PM. BOLD Training and Board of Elections training for the 2024-2025 school year. Chief Election Inspector Michele Hagan will be paid \$21 per hour. Clerks Judy Horvath, Cathy Onolfo, Annette Desimone-Starala, Bernice Holzmacher, and Lauren Iantosca will be paid \$16.50 per hour (on an as-needed

basis). Spanish translator Giovanna Amarain will be paid \$26 per hour. The Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District will reimburse the District for half of the May 20, 2025, vote expenses.

Consent Agenda 5A-5I

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

Action, Procedural: D. 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 20, 2025 Annual Budget Vote and Election.

Consent Agenda 5A-5I

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

Action, Procedural: E. The Board of Education approves the agreement with Munistat Services, Inc. to provide municipal advisor services for the 2025-26 school year.

Consent Agenda 5A-5I

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

Action, Procedural: F. The Board of Education authorizes the agreement with National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, PA for student accident insurance for the 2025-26 school year.

Consent Agenda 5A-5I

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

Action, Procedural: G. The Board of Education approves the agreement with SCOPE Education Services from June 30, 2025 through July 25, 2025, at Old Mill Road School for their summer program.

Consent Agenda 5A-5I

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

Action, Procedural: H. The Board of Education approves the following resolution: WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the North Merrick Union Free School District is embarking upon the following projects: (1) Roof Replacement at Camp Avenue School; (2) District-Wide Fuel Tank and Monitoring System Repair; (3) Classroom Floor Replacement at Harold D. Fayette School; (4) District-Wide Phone System Upgrades/Additions; (5) District-Wide Security Enhancements; and (6) Replace Water Heater at Camp Avenue School (the "Projects"); WHEREAS, the Projects are subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and WHEREAS, maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQRA Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(1)); and WHEREAS, replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or a facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQRA Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(2); and WHEREAS, routine activities of educational institutions, including expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area and school closings, but not changes in use related to such closings are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQRA Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(10)); WHEREAS, the SEQRA Regulations declare Type II Actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under SEQRA; and WHEREAS, the Board of Education, as the only involved agency, has examined all information related to the Projects and has determined that the Project is

classified as a Type II Action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(1), (2) and (10) of the SEQRA Regulations; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby declares itself lead agency in connection with the requirements of SEQRA; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby declares that the Projects are a Type II Action, which requires no further review under SEQRA; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby shall forward an official copy of this Resolution to the New York State Education Department together with a copy of the correspondence from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in connection with its request for approval of the listed project from the New York State Education Department.

Consent Agenda 5A-5I

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

Action, Procedural: I. The Board of Education approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education shall present to the qualified voters of the North Merrick Union Free School District at the annual meeting to be held on May 20, 2025 the following propositions in substantially the following form: PROPOSITION #2 SHALL the Board of Education of the North Merrick Union Free School District be authorized to expend \$1,355,646 from the Capital Reserve Fund established on May 21, 2019 for the purpose of performing the following project: roof replacement and/or repair at Camp Avenue School, all of the foregoing to include all labor, materials, equipment, apparatus and incidental costs related thereto. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Clerk is authorized to publish an Amended Legal Notice containing the text of said proposition.

Consent Agenda 5A-5I

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.

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

7. SPECIAL SERVICES

Action: A. The Board of Education approves the eleven (11) Individualized Education Programs (IEPS) which were developed by the North Merrick Committee on Pre-School Special Education, as detailed in the mailing.

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: B. The Board of Education approves the thirty-eight (38) Individualized Education Plans (IEPs), which were developed by the North Merrick Committee on Special Education, as detailed in the mailing.

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. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

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

Mr. Corona reported that during the High School Board of Education meeting, discussions included the budget and the high school budget levy, which will have been increased by a 2.82% levy increase with a 3.30 budget-to-budget increase. At this meeting, we honored the bowling team and rifle teams, which are district-wide, as they were both county champions. We had a report discussing Narcan training for all our seniors. The Calhoun newspaper, Hoofbeats, and the Kennedy newspaper, the Cougar Crier, won first place in a national school newspaper competition and a district-wide club.

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

Ms. Keene reported on the following:

Camp Avenue events include sports nights and science fairs. Upcoming fundraiser, the book fair, and the plant sale. March 7th was International Night. Talent show, which is May 9th. The Amazing Athletes began on March 2nd, and the chess club will be held from April 2nd to June 4th. Drama club is also happening.

Fayette celebrated Black History Month. Science Fair judging is March 12th, and the awards will be given at their PTA meeting on March 26th. Ms. Keene extended thank you to HDF for hosting International Night. Happiness Day is March 20th. Mad Science will visit Fayette for an exciting fire and ice science assembly. The New York Islanders are scheduled to visit Fayette on April 11th.

Old Mill Road held an assembly on Happiness Day on March 20 and the Shamrock Dance from 6:00 to 8:15 in the OMR Gym and Cafeteria. Fundraisers include Superfry and Olivet Floral Shop. Mrs. DeLuca also asked for decorations to be donated to the science fair.

SEPTA, Dave and Buster's big fundraiser, is March 18th. On April 24, SEPTA invited a speaker to discuss children with anxiety issues with parents.

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

Mr. Carder reported on the maintenance over the February break, such as floor waxing and painting. They transported materials and equipment to Brookside for Shrek Jr. The Musical. All these events, International Night and Sports Night, require setups and knockdowns. He thanked his crew for their hard work and getting a lot done in a little bit of time.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

Information, Procedural: A. Communications

Joanne Long reported one communication was received and responded to.

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: B. Absences of Five Consecutive Days

Information, Procedural: C. School Health Office and Accident Reports

Information, Procedural: D. Enrollment

14. ADJOURNMENT

Action, Procedural: A. Adjournment
Adjournment 7:25 PM

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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