

Monthly School Board Meeting (Tuesday, July 8, 2025)

Board members present: Board President, Megan Ryan; Steve Enella, Mary Keene, William Luciani, Ed Corona and Kathy Moran

Absent: Vice President, Tracey Miller

Dr. Cynthia Seniuk, Superintendent of Schools

Steve Goodstat, Ingerman Smith

Joanne Long, District Clerk

Not Present:

Mrs. Kate Caporusso, Superintendent for Personnel & Instruction

Mrs. Marie Donnelly, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations and

Dr. Edward Murphy, Assistant to the Superintendent of PPS and Special Education

Mr. Samuel Carder, Director of Facilities

1. OPENING

Action, Procedural: A. Call to Order by Megan Ryan at 8:47 AM

2. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Information: A. Comments

No comments

3. ROUTINE APPROVALS

Action, Minutes: A. Approval of Minutes - June 10, 2025 monthly meeting

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Motion by Mary Keene, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

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

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Motion by Mary Keene, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

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

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Motion by Mary Keene, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Information: 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.

5. BUSINESS

Action: A. The Board of Education approves the adoption of the 2025-26 tax levy (as required by law).
Consent agenda items 5A-5RR

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

Action: B. The Board of Education approves the renewal of an existing Inter-Municipal Transportation Management Services agreement between Bellmore-Merrick Central HS District, the Bellmore UFSD, the Merrick UFSD, the North Bellmore UFSD and the North Merrick UFSD authorizing inter-municipal cooperation and assistance with and among each other for the consolidation of their transportation management services and administration of the transportation management by a single transportation coordinator for the 2024-2025 school year.
Consent agenda items 5A-5RR

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

Action: C. The Board of Education approves the renewal of an existing Inter-Municipal Transportation Management Services agreement between Bellmore-Merrick Central HS District, the Bellmore UFSD, the Merrick UFSD, the North Bellmore UFSD and the North Merrick UFSD authorizing inter-municipal cooperation and assistance with and among each other for the consolidation of their transportation management services and administration of the transportation management by a single transportation coordinator for the 2025-2026 school year.
Consent agenda items 5A-5RR

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

Action: D. The Board of Education authorizes petty cash funds, in the amount of \$50 each, to be provided as start-up cash for the cafeteria programs operated by Whitsons at Camp Avenue School, Old Mill Road School, and Harold D. Fayette School for the 2025-2026 school year. The petty cash checks will be made payable to Marie Donnelly, Business Official, overseeing the district's cafeteria program.
Consent agenda items 5A-5RR

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

Action: E. The Board of Education approves the following: WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the North Merrick UFSD desires to embark upon the following capital improvement projects: • Roof replacement over entire building including wall flashing and coping at Camp Avenue ES WHEREAS, said capital improvements 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, Construction or expansion of a primary or accessory/appurtenant non-residential structure or facility involving less than 4,000 square feet of gross floor area and not involving a change in zoning or a use variance and consistent with local land use controls, but not radio communication or microwave transmission facilities at the School District. 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 capital improvement projects and has determined that the Project is classified as a Type II Action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(1) and (2) 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 the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, after a review of the proposed action, hereby declares that the Projects are Type II Actions, which requires no further review under SEQRA; or 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 items 5A-5RR

Motion by Kathy Moran, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: F. The Board of Education hereby authorizes the payment in advance of audit of claims for public utility services (electric, gas, water, sewer, telephone, fuel oil), postage and freight and express charges, pursuant to Section 1724 of the Education Law. All such claims shall be presented at the next regular meeting for audit.

Consent agenda items 5A-5RR

Motion by Kathy Moran, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: G. The Board of Education hereby directs the Business Office to take the necessary action to revise the 2024-25 budget to pay for benefits due to employees for sick and vacation leave and to be paid from the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve.

Consent agenda items 5A-5RR

Motion by Kathy Moran, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: H. The Board of Education renews the Food Service Management Company contract the Whitsons Nutrition LLC, to operate the breakfast and lunch programs during the 2025-2026 school year.

Consent agenda items 5A-5RR

Motion by Kathy Moran, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: I. The Board of Education approves the following: WHEREAS, New York General Municipal Law, Article 5-G, Section 119-o (Section 119-o) empowers municipal corporations [defined in Article 5-G, Section 119-n to include school districts, boards of cooperative educational services, counties, cities, towns and villages, and districts] to enter into, amend, cancel, and terminate agreements for the performance among themselves (or one for the other) of their respective functions, powers, and duties on a cooperative or contract basis; WHEREAS the North Merrick UFSD wishes to invest portions of its available investment funds in cooperation with other corporations and/or districts pursuant to the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of August 1, 2023; WHEREAS the North Merrick UFSD wishes to satisfy the safety and liquidity needs of their funds; Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved as follows: That Marie Donnelly, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations and Allison Fronte, Senior Account Clerk, of North Merrick UFSD are hereby authorized to participate in the NYCLASS program under the terms of the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation agreement Amended and Restated as of August 1, 2023.

Consent agenda items 5A-5RR

Motion by Kathy Moran, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: J. The Board of Education approves the part-time and non-aligned employee "Salary and Rate Schedule" for the 2025-26 school year.

Consent agenda items 5A-5RR

Motion by Kathy Moran, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: K. The Board of Education re-approves the agreements with Quadient Leasing USA Inc for the District's postage machines for the school year ending June 30, 2026.

Consent agenda items 5A-5RR

Motion by Kathy Moran, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: L. The Board of Education approves the purchase of postage from Quadient Finance Mgr to provide postage services for the school year ending June 30, 2026.
Consent agenda items 5A-5RR

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

Action: M. The Board of Education approves the attached "Nurses - Terms of Employment".
Consent agenda items 5A-5RR

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

Action: N. The Board of Education approves the donation of \$288.26 from the Harold D. Fayette School Student Council to the K9s for Warriors (money collected from 2025 Field of Flags).
Consent agenda items 5A-5RR

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

Action, Procedural: O. The Board of Education approves Priscilla Mezrahi's donation of a Kind News Magazine subscription for all three kindergarten classes at Camp Avenue School.
Consent agenda items 5A-5RR

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

Action: P. The Board of Education approves entering into an agreement with the Center for Responsive Schools to provide Responsive Classroom Elementary Core professional development for the 2025-26 School Year. The cost of this training shall not exceed \$25,000.
Consent agenda items 5A-5RR

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

Action, Procedural: Q. The Board of Education approves entering into a consulting agreement with Distinctive Educators Institute (Literacy Matters) to provide professional development for the 2025-26 school year. The cost is not to exceed \$15,000.
Consent agenda items 5A-5RR

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

Action, Procedural: R. The Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute addenda, dated July 8, 2025, to the salary and benefits agreements for the incumbents in the following positions: Superintendent of Schools; Assistant

Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Personnel; Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations, Assistant to the Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services; and Director of Facilities.
Consent agenda items 5A-5RR

Motion by Kathy Moran, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: 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 Mary Keene, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Megan Ryan, Ed Corona, Steve Enella, Mary Keene, 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 required to create Policy #5695 STUDENT AND PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES 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 #5695 STUDENT AND PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

Motion by Kathy Moran, second by Mary Keene.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

8. SPECIAL SERVICES

Action: A. The Board of Education approves for entering into contracts with the private schools and agencies listed below enabling these districts and agencies to receive their New York State approved SEDCAR flow-through allocations as per Section 611 and 619 funds for the students with disabilities for the 2025-2026 school year: ACDS, Inc. Brookville Center for Children's Services, Inc. Developmental Disabilities Institute Green Chimneys School The Hagedorn Little Village School Kids First Evaluation and Advocacy Center, Inc. Kidz Therapy Services, PLLC Metro Therapy, Inc. Mid Island Therapy Associates, LLC d/b/a All About Kids Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf Nassau BOCES Variety Child Learning Center The President of the North Merrick Board of Education is authorized to execute these contracts on behalf of the District pending approval by District Counsel as to substance and form.

Consent agenda items 8A-8F

Motion by Kathy Moran, second by Mary Keene.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: B. The Board of Education approves the agreement between Long Island Neuropsychological Consultants and the North Merrick School District to conduct an independent educational evaluation (neuropsychological evaluation) for one student during the 2025-2026 school year.

Consent agenda items 8A-8F

Motion by Kathy Moran, second by Mary Keene.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: C. The Board of Education approves the agreement between Dragonfly Speech Language PLLC and the North Merrick School District to provide speech and language services for the 2025-2026 school year.

Consent agenda items 8A-8F

Motion by Kathy Moran, second by Mary Keene.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: D. The Board of Education approves the agreement between Long Island Optometric Vision Development, PLLC and the North Merrick School District to provide developmental vision services for the 2025-2026 school year.
Consent agenda items 8A-8F

Motion by Kathy Moran, second by Mary Keene.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: E. The Board of Education approves the fifty four (54) Individualized Education Plans (IEP's) which were developed by the North Merrick Committee on Special Education, as detailed in the mailing.
Consent agenda items 8A-8F

Motion by Kathy Moran, second by Mary Keene.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: F. 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.
Consent agenda items 8A-8F

Motion by Kathy Moran, second by Mary Keene.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

9. COMMUNICATIONS

Information: A. Communications

Joanne Long, district clerk, reported that two communications were received and responded to.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion, Information, Procedural: A. Unfinished business

11. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion, Information: A. New business

Steve Enella wants to review policies relating to the board of education members.

12. INFORMATIONAL

Information, Procedural: A. Appropriation Status Report; Revenue Status Report; Trial Balance; Cash Flow

Information, Procedural: B. Health Office Report; Student/Adult Accidents

Information, Procedural: C. Enrollment

Information: D. Absences of Five Consecutive Days

Information: E. Building and Grounds Reports

13. ADJOURNMENT

Action: A. Adjournment

8:55 AM