

Public Hearing/ Monthly School Board Meeting (Tuesday, August 19, 2025)

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

Dr. Cynthia Seniuk, Superintendent of Schools

Steve Goodstat, Ingerman Smith

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

Procedural: A. Call to Order by Board President, Ms. Ryan at 8:09 AM

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

Motion by Steve Enella, 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: C. Reconvene to Public to begin Public Hearings at 8:30 AM

Motion by Megan Ryan, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2. PUBLIC HEARING - SAFETY PLAN

Procedural: A. Call Public Hearing to order

Board President called the meeting to order at 8:31 AM

Procedural: B. Pledge of Allegiance

Board President led in the pledge.

Action, Procedural: C. Report on public comments received (Safety Plan only)

Mr. Carder reported no comments were received.

Action, Procedural: D. Adjournment 8:33 AM

Adjournment 8:32 AM

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

3. PUBLIC HEARING - CODE OF CONDUCT

Procedural: A. Call Public Hearing to Order

Board President called meeting to order at 8:34 AM

Information: B. Public Hearing - Code of Conduct #5131-R

Superintendent Dr. Seniuk explained that the verbiage in the Code of Conduct, section referencing Student Use of Electronic Devices, needs to be revised as required by New York State.

Information: C. Public Comment (for Code of Conduct Public Hearing only)

None

Action: D. Adjournment
Adjournment 8:35 AM

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

4. OPENING

Information, Procedural: A. Call to Order by Board President at 8:36 AM

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Information, Procedural: A. Superintendent's comments
Dr. Seniuk commented that she is looking forward to the opening of the 2025 school year. Our teachers return on Wednesday for the Superintendent's Conference Day. On Thursday, we will have our annual Meet, Greet, and Treat at 10:00 AM outside of each building.

6. ROUTINE APPROVALS

Action, Minutes: A. Approval of Minutes - July 8, 2025 Reorg and Monthly Meeting; July 29, 2025 Special Meeting
Consent Agenda Items 6A-6C

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

Action: B. Approval of Warrants, Wires, Budget Transfers
Consent Agenda Items 6A-6C

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

Action: C. Approval of Treasurer's Report
Consent Agenda Items 6A-6C

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

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS (agenda items only)

None

8. BUSINESS

Action: A. The Board of Education approves the 2025-2026 District-Wide Safety Plan.
Consent Agenda Items 8A-8P

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 school emergency safety plan for Old Mill Road, Harold D. Fayette, and Camp Avenue School for the 2025-2026 school year.
Consent Agenda Items 8A-8P

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: C. The Board of Education approves the BOCES Initial AS-7 Agreement for the 2025-26 school year in the amount of \$2,402,727.68 (for BOCES services to be rendered to the District) and that the President of the Board of Education is authorized to execute and sign the Initial AS-7 Agreement for the 2025-26 school year.

Consent Agenda Items 8A-8P

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: D. The Board of Education approves the BOCES Final AS-7 Agreement for the 2024-25 school year in the amount of \$2,167,347.98 (for services already rendered to the District) and that the President of the Board of Education is authorized to execute and sign the Final AS-7 Agreement for the 2024-25 school year.

Consent Agenda Items 8A-8P

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: E. The Board of Education approves the transportation contract to First Student to provide transportation to Freeport Christian Academy for the 2025-2026 school year, not to exceed \$25,000.00.

Consent Agenda Items 8A-8P

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: F. The Board of Education approves the extension of school bus transportation contract services to be extended at full C.P.I. of 3.4%.with Dell Transportation, Suburban Bus Company, First Student, We Transport and Guardian Bus Company for the 2025-26 school year and, as been done for prior extensions waiver of the performance bond be continued for the period of the contract extension.

Consent Agenda Items 8A-8P

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: G. 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 8A-8P

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, Information: H. The Board of Education approves the following budget transfers: \$35,467.47 from account code A9060.801-04 Health Insurance to account code A2250.401-04 Cont Services Therapy. Reason: To pay final invoice for student related services for the 2024-2025 school year.

Consent Agenda Items 8A-8P

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: I. The Board of Education sets the price of a second Type A Student Lunch for the 2025-26 school year at \$3.40 and Adult lunch at \$5.29. In addition, it is also recommended that the Board of Education approve increases in the price of certain a la carte items as per the attached schedule.

Consent Agenda Items 8A-8P

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: J. The Board of Education approves the transfer of unspent appropriations for the capital projects detailed in the memo back to the general fund, totaling \$16,206.00.

Consent Agenda Items 8A-8P

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: K. The Board of Education approves the transfer of unspent appropriations for the capital projects detailed in the memo back to the Capital Reserve 2015, totaling \$175,643.00.

Consent Agenda Items 8A-8P

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: L. The Board of Education approves the transfer of the remaining balance of Capital Reserve 2015, \$182,227.30 plus interest earned during the 2024-2025 school year, to Capital Reserve 2025, as approved by the community via Proposition #2 on the May 20, 2025 budget vote & trustee election.

Consent Agenda Items 8A-8P

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: M. The Board of Education approves the interfund transfer of \$8,657.01 from the general fund to the school lunch fund to clear negative student meal account balances from 2024-2025 as required by Section 2 of Part B of Chapter 56 of the laws of 2018 Prohibition Against Meal Shaming.

Consent Agenda Items 8A-8P

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: N. The Board of Education approves entering into an agreement with Kevin O'Hara to provide CPR and Obstructive Airway training to Special Education Aides on 8/27/25. The fee for this training will be \$25 per participant.

Consent Agenda Items 8A-8P

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: O. The Board of Education approves the following: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of North Merrick Union Free School District, having received and reviewed a Settlement Agreement and General Release concerning an instructional employee known to the Board, hereby approves such Settlement Agreement and General Release and authorizes and directs the Superintendent of Schools and Board of Education President to execute such Settlement Agreement on behalf of the Board.

Consent Agenda Items 8A-8P

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: P. The Board of Education approves the following: Be it further resolved that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the transfer of Howard Merims from Principal at Central Office to Principal at Old Mill Road Elementary School; and be it further resolved

that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the transfer of Laura DeLuca from Principal at Old Mill Road Elementary School to Principal at Central Office.

Dr. Seniuk stated we were awaiting board approval to announce that Ms. DeLuca will be retiring and Mr. Merims will start the school year as the principal of Old Mill Road. This notification will be going out to parents, and within that notification, there will be more details about the search moving forward. The Board wishes Ms. DeLuca well in her retirement.

Consent Agenda Items 8A-8P

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

9. 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 update Board of Education Policy No. 5147 INDEPENDENT EDUCATIONAL EVALUATIONS, 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 No. 5147 INDEPENDENT EDUCATIONAL EVALUATIONS.

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

10. PERSONNEL ACTIONS REPORT

Action: A. The Board of Education approves the Personnel Actions Report, as detailed in the mailing.

Motion by Kathy Moran, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

11. SPECIAL SERVICES

Action: A. The Board of Education approves the agreement between Sage Psychology, PLLC and Kathleen Hurley, Psy.D. and the North Merrick School District to conduct an independent educational evaluation (neuropsychological evaluation) for the 2025-2026 school year.

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

12. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Information, Procedural: A. High School

Ms. Ryan stated that the high school had a brief meeting. A full report will be forthcoming next month.

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

Ms. Keene stated that the dates of district council meetings were set up for the year.

Information, Procedural: C. Buildings & Grounds

Mr. Carder stated that during the summer, our crews are really excelling. Buildings look amazing. Lots of fresh paint. All the floors are shiny. There are a couple of other projects to complete, but we have an Extended School Year. Once that is done, we plan to complete everything and be ready for the first day of school.

13. COMMUNICATIONS

Information, Procedural: A. Communications

Ms. Long reported two communications were received and acknowledged.

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Information, Procedural: A. Unfinished Business
none

15. NEW BUSINESS

Information, Procedural: A. New Business
none

16. PUBLIC COMMENTS

none

17. INFORMATIONS REPORTS (BOE only)

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

Information: B. Absences of Five Consecutive Days

Information, Procedural: C. Projected Enrollment September 2025

Information: D. Building and Grounds Reports

18. ADJOURNMENT

Action, Procedural: A. Adjournment 8:40 AM

Motion by Kathy Moran, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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