



Tuesday, December 9, 2025 Monthly School Board Meeting

**North Merrick UFSD
HD Fayette School
1057 Merrick Avenue
North Merrick, NY
7:00 PM**

1. OPENING

- A. Call to Order
- B. Executive Session
- C. Reconvene to Public
- D. Call to Order
- E. Pledge of Allegiance

2. PUBLIC HEARING - CODE OF CONDUCT

- A. Call Public Hearing to order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Public Hearing - update for Code of Conduct #5131-R
- D. Public Comment (for Code of Conduct Public Hearing only)
- E. Adjournment

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

- A. Superintendent's comments

4. PRESENTATION

- A. Celebration of Retiree - Principal Howard Merims

5. ROUTINE APPROVALS

- A. Approval of Minutes - November 12, 2025 board meeting minutes
- B. Approval of Warrants, Wires and Budget Transfers
- C. Approval of Treasurer's Report

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS (agenda items only)

- 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.

B. Comments

7. BUSINESS

A. The Board of Education approves the updated Code of Conduct #5131-R.

B. The Board of Education approves the appointment of Dr. Helen Kanellopoulos, Supervisor of Instructional Technology, Special Area Subjects and Data Reporting, as the Data Protection Officer, pursuant to Education Law 2-d requirements, effective immediately.

C. The Board of Education approves the adoption of the attached resolution, which allows the district to participate in the cooperative Chain Link Fencing bid with Nassau BOCES.

D. The Board of Education approves the 2026 HIP HMO renewal rate sheet as submitted (effective 1/1/2026).

E. The Board of Education approves the 2026 participating agency monthly Empire Plan premium rates for employers as submitted (effective 1/1/2026).

F. The Board of Education approves the extension contract with BOCES to provide summer 2025 transportation for transportation to BOCES – Jerusalem Avenue and BOCES – Carman Road not to exceed \$15,152.50 (retroactive).

G. The Board of Education approves the transportation contract with BOCES to provide 2025-26 school year transportation to BOCES – Jerusalem Avenue and BOCES – Carman Road not to exceed \$94,357.00.

H. The Board of Education approves the transportation contract to First Student Inc. to provide transportation for one student to St. Agnes Cathedral School via the Bellmore Merrick Consortium, not to exceed \$8,100.00.

I. The Board of Education approves the following 2025-26 school year budget transfer: • \$143,543 from account code A2110.480-05 Text-Wrkbks District to account code A2110.490-04 BOCES Services. Reason: Textbooks budgeted in textbook code were purchased through Nassau BOCES.

J. The Board of Education approves the following resolution: Be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby accepts the donation of a synthetic turf field and related items at Old Mill Road School from the Merrick Bellmore Little League pending attorney approval of a memorandum of understanding with the School District and Merrick Bellmore Little League; and Be it further resolved that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign the agreement with the Merrick Bellmore Little League on the Board's behalf upon approval from the District's Attorney.

K. The Board of Education approves entering into an agreement with SCOPE Education Services for a Saturday enrichment program, From January 10, 2026 through March 7, 2026 at no cost to the district.

L. The Board of Education approves the following: Be it resolved that the North Merrick Union Free School District hereby authorizes the appointment of Dr. Dominick Palma to serve as Interim Principal of Old Mill Road Elementary School effective January 5, 2026 through June 30, 2026, and authorizes the Board of Education President to enter into an Agreement with Dr. Dominick Palma to serve in this role.

M. The Board of Education approves the Teacher Center Policy Board members for the 2025-2026 school year.

8. PERSONNEL ACTIONS REPORT

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

9. SPECIAL SERVICES

A. The Board of Education approves the nine (9) Individualized Education Plans (IEP's) which were developed by the North Merrick Committee on Special Education, as detailed in the mailing.

B. The Board of Education approves the two (2) Individualized Education Programs (IEPS) which were developed by the North Merrick Committee on Pre-School Special Education, as detailed in the mailing.

C. The Board of Education approves the agreement between Dr. Caryl Oris and the North Merrick School District to provide psychiatric evaluations as needed for the 2025-2026 school year. (Addendum)

10. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

- A. High School
- B. School Community Relations/PTA Council
- C. Buildings & Grounds

11. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Communications

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Unfinished Business

13. NEW BUSINESS

- A. New Business

14. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. Comments

15. INFORMATION REPORTS (BOE only)

16. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Adjournment