

Monthly School Board Meeting (Tuesday, March 10, 2026)**Board members present:**

Board President, Megan Ryan; Vice President, Ed Corona. Trustees Steve Enella, Mary Keene, William Luciani and Kathy Moran

Absent: Trustee, Tracey Miller

Administration present:

Dr. Cynthia Seniuk, Superintendent of Schools

Mrs. Kate Caporusso, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Personnel

Mrs. Marie Donnelly, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations

Dr. Ed Murphy, Assistant to the Superintendent for PPS & Special Education

Mr. Samuel Carder, Director of Facilities

Steve Goodstat, Ingerman Smith

Joanne Long, District Clerk

1. OPENING

A. Call to Order by Vice President, Ed Corona, at 5:50 PM

B. Executive Session for matters of negotiations and personnel matters.

Megan Ryan arrived at 5:55 PM

Motion by Steve Enella, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Not Present at Vote: Megan Ryan

C. Reconvene to Public to begin the Budget Committee at 6:20, end at 6:58

Reconvene the Public to begin the Budget Committee

Motion by Steve Enella, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

D. Call to Order by Board President, Ms. Ryan at 7:01 PM

E. Pledge of Allegiance, Ms. Ryan led in the pledge.

Board President Mrs. Ryan welcomed everyone to the March Board of Education meeting and thanked attendees for their participation. She recognized Mr. Carter and the facilities team for their outstanding work during the recent snowstorm, noting their tireless efforts to clear school grounds and ensure safe conditions across the district. She expressed appreciation for their dedication and commitment, highlighting that their work made it feel as though the storm had never occurred once the schools were accessible.

2. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

A. Superintendent's comments

Superintendent Dr. Seniuk reported that March is Theater Arts Month, with Alice in Wonderland scheduled for March 27–28 at Brookside at 7 p.m., and tickets are available on the district website. She shared updates on summer programming, including SCOPE registration, the JCC afternoon program at Old Mill, combined SCOPE/JCC options, and additional arts and music opportunities. The 2026–2027 district calendar has been approved and posted online. She also noted that a decision on the Friday before Memorial Day will be shared in early April and that one snow day has been forgiven.

She announced adjustments to upcoming events, including the fourth-grade concert, which is moving to Brookside due to high participation and is now scheduled for June 2 at 6 p.m., and the ice cream social, which is moving to June 3 in coordination with SEPTA. Parent-teacher conferences are currently underway, and appreciation was expressed for strong family partnerships. The UPK lottery will take place on Friday at 9 a.m. and be livestreamed by District Clerk Ms. Joanne Long, with 138 families participating.

The district will be closed on March 20 for Eid, followed by spring recess from April 2–10, with students returning April 13. The April Board of Education meeting is scheduled for April 14.

The Board President thanked Dr. Seniuk for her report and her leadership during the recent snowstorms, noting her close coordination before, during, and after the events to ensure safety and support across the district. She also thanked staff for their efforts in clearing schools and safely returning

students to classes.

3. ROUTINE APPROVALS

A. Approval of Minutes - February 10, 2026

Consent agenda 3A-3C

Motion by Steve Enella, second by Mary Keene.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

B. Approval of Warrants, Wires and Budget Transfers

Consent agenda 3A-3C

Motion by Steve Enella, second by Mary Keene.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

C. Approval of Treasurer's Report

Consent agenda 3A-3C

Motion by Steve Enella, second by Mary Keene.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: 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

none

5. BUSINESS

A. 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-5F

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

B. The Board of Education approves the appointment of the Chief Election Inspector and clerks for the following votes: North Merrick Library Vote on April 29, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM. North Merrick Budget/Trustee Vote May 19, 2026, from 6:30 AM to 9:00 PM. BOLD Training and Board of Elections training for the 2025-2026 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 19, 2026, vote expenses.

Consent agenda 5A-5F

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

C. The Board of Education approves the agreement with CBIZ Valuation Services to provide fixed asset reporting and property insurance updating services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, not to exceed \$1,790.00.

Consent agenda 5A-5F

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Kathy Moran.

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 following resolution: WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the School District desires to embark upon the following capital improvements at the District's facilities: storefront replacement at Old Mill Road School; Classroom floor replacements at Camp Avenue School and Harold D. Fayette School; District wide - Phone system upgrades/additions; District wide - Security enhancements; sidewalk renovations at Camp Avenue School (hereinafter the "Projects"); and 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 SEQR 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 SEQR 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 (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(10)); and WHEREAS, the SEQR Regulations declare Type II Actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under SEQR; 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 Projects are classified as Type II Actions pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(1), (2), and (10) of the SEQR 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 hereby declares that the Projects are Type II Actions, which require no further review under SEQR; 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-5F

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

E. The Board of Education approves the agreement with SCOPE Education Services for the summer program at Old Mill Road School from July 6, 2026 through July 31, 2026.

Consent agenda 5A-5F

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

F. The Board of Education approves entering into a consulting agreement with Distinctive Educators Institute (Literacy Matters) for the 2025-26 school year. Cost not to exceed \$15,000 (fully grant-funded).

Consent agenda 5A-5F

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

6. PERSONNEL ACTIONS REPORT

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

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Will Luciani.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

7. SPECIAL SERVICES

A. The Board of Education approves the seven (7) Individualized Education Programs (IEPS) which were developed by the North Merrick Committee on Pre-School Special Education, as detailed in the mailing.

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Mary Keene.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

B. The Board of Education approves the eleven (11) Individualized Education Plans (IEP's) which were developed by the North Merrick Committee on Special Education, as detailed in the mailing.

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Mary Keene.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

8. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

A. High School

Mr. Corona reported on the March 4 Central High School District Board of Education meeting. The superintendent's report addressed challenges from the recent snowstorm, including students who were briefly stranded during trips in Florida, the Galapagos Islands, and Ecuador, all of whom returned safely. Custodial staff also remained at the central office during the storm. He shared that the district hockey team won the New York State championship and received a police escort home, and that a student from MAMS, Austin Bird, was recognized for his presentation on wheelchair basketball. The board also received recognition for the district's Career Fair and a presentation on the CHAMP program at Kennedy High School. In addition, the district presented its budget, including a 3.12% increase and a 2.35% tax levy increase.

B. School Community Relations/PTA Council

Ms. Keene thanked the PTA for their continued support and shared upcoming events at Camp Avenue School, including Earth Dome on March 11, sports nights on March 26, kindergarten orientation on April 23, and the plant sale through April 1. Fundraising efforts include a successful read-a-thon raising over \$17,000, along with additional events such as Islanders games, a JetBlue raffle, and a Chipotle fundraiser on March 16. Science fair judging will take place on March 17, with awards on March 18, and International Day of Happiness will be celebrated on March 19 with a visit from a News 12 meteorologist. At Old Mill Road School, events include the science fair on March 16, Jester Jim's assembly on March 19, Family Sports Night on April 6, Tacos and Trivia on March 31, and variety show rehearsals on April 23, along with food provided for conferences on March 12. SEPTA also held a recent fundraiser and is preparing for a new board for 2026–2027.

C. Buildings & Grounds

Mr. Carder, Director of Facilities, reported that planning for summer projects and programs is underway despite the current winter conditions. He noted that significant work was completed over the February break, including CPR and AED training for all staff, along with a member of the technology team. The hot water heater replacement at Camp Avenue is scheduled for the April break, pending delivery of equipment. Painting on the second floor at Camp Avenue is ongoing and progressing well. Additionally, the emergency lighting project at Old Mill is nearly complete, with plans to begin similar upgrades at other locations.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Communications

None were received.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Unfinished Business

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. New Business

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Comments

13. INFORMATION REPORTS (BOE only)

B. Absences of Five Consecutive Days

C. School Health Office and Accident Reports

D. Enrollment

E. Building and Grounds Reports

14. ADJOURNMENT

Action, Procedural: A. Adjournment

7:20 PM