Monthly School Board Meeting (Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 7:00 PM)

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

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 5:45 PM.
Megan Ryan arrived 5:50 PM. Will Luciani arrived 5:52 PM

B. Executive Session for matters of personnel and negotiations.
Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Steve Enella.

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

C. Reconvene to Public 6:15 to begin a budget committee meeting in the general purpose room.

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

D. Call to Order by Board President, Ms. Ryan at 7:00

E. Pledge of Allegiance led by Board President, Ms. Ryan.
Ms. Ryan thanked Ms. Donnelly, Dr. Seniuk, and their team for preparing an excellent budget presentation before the meeting. She noted that a follow-up presentation will be provided at the March Board meeting.

2. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

A. Superintendent's comments
Dr. Seniuk provided district updates, noting the successful wellness retreat for grades 4–6 at Old Mill Road, with the K–3 retreat scheduled for Thursday. The Shark Tank program showcased student innovations. UPK registration closes February 27, with the lottery on March 13.

Students participated in the World Read Aloud event, and SEPTA's Creative Cupcake Art Night is scheduled for tomorrow. February break and Saturday Scope are upcoming, summer program planning is underway, and science fairs are planned across all schools.

3. ROUTINE APPROVALS

A. Approval of Minutes - January 13, 2026
Consent agenda 3A-3C

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

B. Approval of Warrants, Wires and Budget Transfers
Consent agenda 3A-3C

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

C. Approval of Treasurer's Report
Consent agenda 3A-3C

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

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

5. BUSINESS

A. The Board of Education approves the 2026-2027 school calendar.
Consent agenda 5A-5G

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

B. The Board of Education approves the agreement with Educational Data Services, Inc. for the 2026/27 School Year to provide bid specifications and interactive software in the amount of $2,965.00, $50.00 processing fee for the bulk order purchase orders and a subscription to the Time & Materials bids at a cost of $2,100.00.
Consent agenda 5A-5G

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

C. WHEREAS, the employment of per diem psychologists provides the District with flexibility to meet staffing needs on a temporary or as-needed basis; and WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires to establish a clear and consistent rate of compensation for per diem psychologists; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby establishes the rate of pay for per diem psychologists at Two Hundred Fifty Dollars ($250.00) per day.
Consent agenda 5A-5G

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

D. The Board of Education approves the following 2025-26 school year budget transfer: • $180,894 from account code A9060.801-04 to account code A2630.490-04 BOCES Services. Reason: For the purchase of (250) Chromebooks from Nassau BOCES.
Consent agenda 5A-5G

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

E. The Board of Education awards the contract for Roof Replacement at Camp Avenue School to PTS General Construction LLC, as detailed in the mailing.
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Consent agenda 5A-5G

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

F. The Board of Education approves entering into an agreement with Kevin O'Hara to provide CPR training for custodial staff. The fee for this training will be $25 per participant.
Consent agenda 5A-5G

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

G. The Board of Education approves the following: WHEREAS, in accordance with the foregoing, the North Merrick Union Free School District hereby previously exercised its election not to participate in the development of a regionalization plan or in any aspect of the regionalization plan, unless otherwise subsequently authorized by the Board of Education, and the Superintendent of Schools provided written notification of said election to not participate in a regionalization plan to the New York State Department's Office of Education Policy by letter in December 2024, and WHEREAS, that in the Article 78 proceeding entitled "Coalition to Oppose the Regionalization of New York Public Schools, et al. v. Hochul, et al., filed in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Index No.: 900513-25, the New York State Education Department took the formal legal position that "the Rule is optional and not mandatory" and that "districts that opt out of regionalization efforts are not required to participate in regionalization efforts," as noted in the Court's decision dated October 7, 2025 (page 10); BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Merrick Free School District hereby reiterates that it has opted out of any and all regionalization plans and regionalization efforts created under the NYSED regionalization regulation; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the North Merrick Union Free School District shall not participate in, be included in, or be compelled to join any regionalization plan or implementation activity, unless expressly authorized by a future vote of its Board of Education, on or before the next deadline of January 15, 2035, as authorized by Regulation 124-2.8, unless otherwise expressly set forth in the law.
Consent agenda 5A-5G

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

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 Mary Keene.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Yes: Tracey Miller, 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 necessary to revise and update Policy #5132 to "Charging" Meals and Other Food Items 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 Policy #5132 to "Charging" Meals and Other Food Items

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

8. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

A. High School

Mr. Corona reported that the Board recognized several outstanding individuals from the district. Cole Stern of Kennedy High School was honored as a Regeneron Science Finalist. Nattie Martin of Calhoun High School was named the Merrick Herald Person of the Year for her work with autism. Additionally, Stacy Brief, from Mepham High School, was recognized as the Bellmore Herald Person of the Year for her contributions to suicide prevention.

Kara Dobbs, our Calhoun student representative, reported on recent student activities and achievements. The Calhoun choir performed at Westbury

Gardens, and the high school rock band is scheduled to perform a Valentine's Day-themed event at the school. Both the boys' and girls' basketball teams qualified for the playoffs, and the boys' and girls' track teams were named conference champions. Additionally, the theater program On-Tour performed "The Old Man and the Old Moon," with the playwright in attendance and speaking to the students.

The Board received a presentation on the college admissions process and assistance program at Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District. Presenters highlighted current trends, including increased application volumes (average of 7 per student, up from 5 four years ago), students submitting up to 15–20 applications due to free applications and the Common App, and a noticeable shift toward Southern colleges. Additionally, the Board approved an agreement with Binghamton University to accept qualified student teachers from the university each year.

Mr. Corona noted a resident's concern about a federal investigation involving a transgender athlete at Calhoun. Ms. Ryan clarified that the district has received a complaint, not a lawsuit. Some online reports are inaccurate. The district is cooperating with the investigation and will keep the Board updated.

B. School Community Relations/PTA Council
Ms. Keane reported that PTAs across the district are extraordinary.

Fayette School: PARP is underway with a "Reading Olympics" theme. Upcoming events include Prismatic Magic, the Book Fair, and Bingo Night. Clubs and recent events, including Bowling Night and the Sweetheart Dance, were well attended.
Old Mill Road School: students enjoyed an assembly with Paralympian Blake Leeper, who signed books for all students. The Readathon has raised over $10,000.
Camp Avenue School: PARP launched with a "Pirates" theme featuring author Darrell Cobb. Fundraisers have been successful, and a new Readathon is off to a strong start.
SEPTA: Preparing for its March 6 Auction and Family Night at the Long Island Children's Museum.

C. Buildings & Grounds
The Board thanked Mr. Carder and the facilities team for their continued efforts during multiple snow events.
Mr. Carder reported that sidewalks have been consistently cleared, and staff have promptly repaired snow equipment to remain prepared for additional storms. Due to extreme cold, buildings have been maintained in occupied mode overnight to help prevent frozen pipes and avoid costly damage. Theater Arts supplies are being relocated to Brookside in preparation for upcoming productions. Maintenance work orders are ongoing. Following recent power outages, the team is installing additional emergency lighting in interior rooms. This work is being completed in-house. Bids for the Camp roof project were received slightly under budget and are scheduled to be awarded. Roof replacement will begin soon.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

Information, Procedural: A. Communications
District Clerk, Joanne Long, reported that one communication was received and distributed to the Board of Education.

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. INFORMATIONS REPORTS (BOE only)

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

Information: B. Absences of Five Consecutive Days

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

Information, Procedural: D. Enrollment

Information: E. Building and Grounds Reports

14. ADJOURNMENT

A. Adjournment 7:14 PM

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