

Monthly School Board Meeting (Tuesday, April 14, 2026)**Board members present:**

Vice President, Ed Corona. Trustees Steve Enella, Mary Keene, William Luciani, Tracey Miller, and Kathy Moran

Absent: Board President, Megan Ryan;

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

Thomas Leddy, Ingerman Smith

Joanne Long, District Clerk

1. OPENING

A. Call to Order by Vice President, Ed Corona at 6:35 PM

B. Executive Session matters of negotiations

The Board of Education approves entering into Executive Session for matters of negotiations.

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

C. Reconvene to public session 7:00 PM

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Motion by Steve Enella, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

D. Call to Order by Vice President, Ed Corona at 7:02 PM

E. Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Corona

2. PRESENTATION

A. 2026-2027 Budget Presentation by Marie Donnelly, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations

Ms. Donnelly, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations, was introduced and presented the 2026–2027 budget.

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

A. Superintendent's comments

Dr. Seniuk stated that Theater Arts presented a successful production of *Alice in Wonderland*, featuring strong performances from students, staff, faculty, and retirees. Spring activities are now underway, including kindergarten orientations and upcoming spring concerts. She also noted that there will be no school on the Friday before Memorial Day, as previously communicated. The next Board of Education meeting will be held on May 5, adjusted from the usual schedule due to required notice timelines.

4. ROUTINE APPROVALS

A. Approval of Minutes - March 10, 2026 and Special Board Meeting March 25, 2026

Consent agenda 4A-4C

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Mary Keene.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

B. Approval of Warrants, Wires and Budget Transfers

Consent agenda 4A-4C

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Mary Keene.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

C. Approval of Treasurer's Report

Consent agenda 4A-4C

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Mary Keene.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

5. 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.

None

Information, Procedural: B. Comments

None

6. BUSINESS

A. The Board of Education adopts the proposed budget for the 2026-2027 school year in the amount of \$44,283,243.

Consent agenda 6A-6J

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

B. The Board of Education adopts the 2026-2027 Property Tax Report Card for the North Merrick Union Free School District. The Board of Education adopts the 2026-2027 Property Tax Report Card for the North Merrick Union Free School District.

Consent agenda 6A-6J

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

C. The Board of Education approves the agreement with Munistat Services, Inc. to provide municipal advisor services for the 2026-2027 school year.

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Consent agenda 6A-6J

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

D. The Board of Education approves the agreement with the North Merrick Public Library, located at 1691 Meadowbrook Road, North Merrick, New York 11566, as the location for the District's May 19, 2026 Annual Budget Vote and Election.

Consent agenda 6A-6J

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

E. The Board of Education approves the updated appointments 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 \$17.00 per hour (on an as-needed basis). Spanish translator/election inspector Giovanna Amarain will be paid \$26 per hour. The Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District will reimburse the District for half of the expenses for the May 19, 2026, vote.

Consent agenda 6A-6J

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: F. The Board of Education approves the disposal of e-waste materials that are no longer used by the North Merrick School District and have reached the end of their useful life. Such equipment is to be disposed of in a manner that serves the best interest of the District, as detailed in the mailing.

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Consent agenda 6A-6J

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: G. The Board of Education accepts the donation from Mr. Douglas Menelly for fifteen brand-new music stands for Camp Avenue School, with a total value of \$390.

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Consent agenda 6A-6J

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: H. The Board of Education approves entering into an agreement with Distinctive Educators Institute (Literacy Matters) for literacy consulting during the 2025-26 school year. Cost not to exceed \$6,000.

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Consent agenda 6A-6J

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: I. The Board of Education approves the agreement with Textbook Central for the 2026-27 school year to purchase textbooks for North Merrick students attending non-public schools.

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Consent agenda 6A-6J

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: J. The Board of Education approves the agreement with Quantas Advisors to provide Affordable Care Act administration and consulting services through June 30, 2027.

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Consent agenda 6A-6J

Motion by Will Luciani, second by Tracey Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

7. PERSONNEL ACTIONS REPORT

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

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

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

8. SPECIAL SERVICES

Action: A. The Board of Education approves the contract between Island Trees UFSD and North Merrick UFSD for the provision of placement and services for Island Trees residents (2) as per IEP placement.

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Consent agenda 8A-8C

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: B. The Board of Education approves the five (5) Individualized Education Programs (IEPS) which were developed by the North Merrick Committee on Pre-School Special Education, as detailed in the mailing.

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Consent agenda 8A-8C

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: C. The Board of Education approves the sixty two (62) Individualized Education Plans (IEP's) which were developed by the North Merrick Committee on Special Education, as detailed in the mailing.

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Consent agenda 8A-8C

Motion by Tracey Miller, second by Kathy Moran.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

9. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Information, Procedural: A. High School

Mr. Corona stated that the high school meeting will take place tomorrow and that he will provide a report at next month's meeting.

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

Board Trustee, Mary Keene, reported on the following: The PTA reported several successful events and upcoming activities. Camp Avenue hosted a popular game show, and upcoming events include the spring auction on April 16, book fair on April 23, Spring Fling on May 1, plant sale on May 8, and talent show on May 15. PTA meetings for all schools will be held on April 22, and Staff Appreciation Week is the week of May 4. Fayette and Old Mill celebrated the International Day of Happiness with special assemblies and activities. Recent events included a well-attended Bingo Night and Old Mill's first "Tacos and Trivia," which drew over 80 participants. A "Night to Connect" fundraiser will be held on April 21 at Pit Stop in Merrick, and the PTA is also planning a plant sale with Pat's Farms.

Information, Procedural: C. Buildings & Grounds

Mr. Carder, Director of Facilities, reported that during the break, the facilities team completed several key projects that are difficult to address while school is in session. At Camp Avenue, a 20-year-old water heater was replaced and upgraded to improve efficiency and deliver hot water faster. The main entrance at HDF was repainted blue, and trees were pruned to promote health and safety. At Old Mill, a new manhole was installed, and the gym partition was repaired using a cost-effective solution. Playgrounds were maintained by tilling and inspecting wood fiber surfaces, with additional material to be added at three sites. All buildings were also flushed to ensure clean, fresh water before reopening. Work on the turf field is progressing well, with concrete completed in the dugouts and backstops and fencing underway. The project remains on schedule, and the district appreciates the Little League's generous support.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

Information, Procedural: A. Communications

None

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Information, Procedural: A. Unfinished Business
None.

12. NEW BUSINESS

Information, Presentation: A. New Business
Ms. Keene added that SEPTA is hosting an ice cream social at the beginning of June for SEPTA.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Information, Procedural: A. Comments
None

14. INFORMATIONS REPORTS (BOE only)

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

15. ADJOURNMENT

Action, Procedural: A. Adjournment
Adjournment 7:30 PM

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