Tuesday, June 9, 2026
Monthly School Board Meeting

North Merrick UFSD
General Purpose Rm
1057 Merrick Avenue
7:00 PM

1. OPENING

A. Call to Order

B. Executive Session

C. Reconvene to the Public

D. Call to Order

E. Pledge of Allegiance

2. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

A. Superintendent's comments

3. PRESENTATION

A. Celebration of Retirees

4. ROUTINE APPROVALS

A. Approval of Minutes May 5th Budget/Board Meeting; May 19th Special School Baord meeting

B. Approval of Warrants, Wires and Budget Transfers

C. Approval of Treasurer's Report

5. 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.

6. BUSINESS

A. The Board of Education approves the part-time and non-aligned employee Salary and Rate Schedule for the 2026-2027 school year.

B. The Board of Education authorizes the continuation of the agreement with New York Schools Insurance Reciprocal for the 2026-2027 school year.

C. The Board of Education authorizes the agreement with Wright National Flood Insurance Company for the 2026-2027 school year.

D. The Board of Education authorizes the continuation of the agreement with Travelers Casualty & Surety Co. of America for Commercial Crime Coverage for the 2026-2027 school year.

E. The Board of Education approves the contract with Cullen & Danowski, LLP to provide external accounting services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

F. The Board of Education approves the renewal of the contract for General and Labor Counsel Legal Services with Ingerman & Smith LLP, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

G. The Board of Education of the North Merrick Union Free School District elects to continue its membership in the Nassau County Schools Cooperative Self-Insurance Plan for Workers Compensation for the 2026-2027 school year pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Nassau County Schools Cooperative Self-Insurance Plan for Workers' Compensation Agreement dated February 9, 2016. The Board of Education appoints the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations, or designee, as representative of North Merrick Union Free School District to the Board of Trustees of the Nassau County Schools Cooperative Self-Insurance Plan for Workers Compensation for the 2026-2027 school year.

H. The Board of Education authorizes the agreement with New York State Insurance Fund (NYSIF) for Disability Benefits for the 2026-2027 school year.

I. The Board of Education authorizes the District to renew the agreement for Dental Insurance with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, effective July 1, 2026.

J. The Board of Education approves the agreement with Omni Group to act as a third-party administrator of the district's 403(b) and 457(b) plans from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a rate of $33.00 per account, not to exceed $4,800.00.

K. The North Merrick Board of Education hereby directs the Business Office to take the necessary action to revise the 2025-2026 budget to pay for benefits due to employees for sick and vacation leave and to be paid from the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve.

L. The Board of Education approves the various school supply bids for the 2026-2027 school year as evaluated by Educational Data Services, Inc., as detailed in the mailing.

M. The Board of Education approves the contract with Suburban Bus Transportation to provide Summer 2026 transportation services for Family of Kidz, at a cost not to exceed $17,100.00.

N. The Board of Education approves the contract extensions with Suburban Bus Transportation to provide Summer 2026 transportation Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf and Hagedorn Little Village. This extension is at the full CPI.

O. The Board of Education approves contract extension with First Student for transportation to DDI Huntington for Summer 2026. This extension is at the full CPI.

P. The Board of Education approves the contract extensions with We Transport to provide Summer 2026 transportation to Harold D. Fayette and Sagamore Children's Psychiatric Center. These extensions are at the full CPI.

Q. The Board of Education approves the contract extension with BOCES to provide Summer 2026 transportation for transportation to BOCES – Jerusalem Avenue and BOCES – Carman Road not to exceed $15,910.00.

R. The Board of Education designates the President of the Board of Education to enter into contract(s) with the district of location, pursuant to Education law 3602-c, for services provided to parentally placed students in private or public schools in other districts; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education designates the President of the Board of Education to enter into contract(s) with the district of residence, pursuant to Education Law 3602-c, for services provided to parentally placed students in private or public schools located in the North Merrick UFSD.

S. The Board of Education approves the contract with HMB Consultants, LLC to provide consulting services related to the district's food service program for the 2026-2027 school year at a cost of $6,445.90, plus the Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment as of May 2026, to be released in June 2026.

T. The Board of Education approves the following resolution: WHEREAS, four (4) BOCES (Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES, Albany-Schoharie Schenectady-Saratoga BOCES, Madison-Oneida BOCES and Broome-Tioga BOCES) have collaborated and entered into an Article 5 General Municipal Law intermunicipal arrangement for the purpose of improving vendor management and data security and privacy practices for school districts and/or BOCES

statewide known as the RIC ONE Risk Operations Center (the "ROC"); WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the North Merrick UFSD, through its affiliation with a locally based Regional Information Center, participates with the ROC and desires, for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, to authorize the ROC and its attorneys to negotiate Data Privacy Agreements and related exhibits (DPAs) with vendors and third-party contractors that include the requirements of, and compliance with, New York State Education Law Section 2-d and Part 121 Regulations (collectively, "Ed Law 2d") related to student personally identifiable information (PII) and certain Teacher and Principal APPR data;" WHEREAS, the ROC also partners with NYSED, the Access4Learning Student Data Privacy Consortium (SDPC) and The Education Cooperative (TEC), to negotiate and approve Ed Law 2-d compliant DPAs; WHEREAS, the DPAs are presented to school districts and/or BOCES for final execution and do not require the expenditure of funds beyond those budgeted; BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education authorizes the use of DPAs negotiated by the RIC ROC and its attorneys, consistent with its needs and the needs of its students; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the North Merrick UFSD reserves to itself the right to make determinations regarding the use of such DPAs and the software and/or technology resources to which they relate and to consult with its own legal counsel to review any specific issues or concerns before executing any DPA.

U. The Board of Education of the North Merrick Union Free School District approves a memorandum of agreement with the North Merrick Supervisory Unit. And be it further resolved that the Board of Education of the North Merrick Union Free School District authorizes that the Superintendent execute the agreement on the BOE's behalf.

V. The Board of Education approves the donation of $516.80 from the Camp Avenue School Student Council to the Wounded Warrior Project (money collected from 2026 Field of Flags).

W. Consulting Agreement - Rose Peppe-RCP Consultants for completion, maintenance and consultation of the 2026-27 ESSA Consolidated Appplication not to exceed $7,500

X. The Board of Education approves that the annual Reorganization Meeting for the North Merrick School District be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the H.D. Fayette School.

Y. The Board of Education approves the following appointments to the Board of Registry for a term commencing immediately and terminating thirty (30) days following the next Annual Meeting and Budget Vote: Joanne Long (District Clerk), Cathy Onolfo, Judy Horvath, and Michele Hagan. The current Board of Registry's term expires on June 19, 2026.

Z. WHEREAS, the July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2026 labor agreement between the Board of Education of the North Merrick Union Free School District (hereinafter the "District") and the North Merrick Faculty Association (hereinafter the "Association") is due to expire on June 30, 2026; and WHEREAS, representatives of the respective parties have engaged in negotiations for a successor agreement to the labor agreement; and WHEREAS, the representatives of the District and the Association reached an agreement that has been memorialized in a Memorandum of Agreement executed May 14, 2026, which Memorandum of Agreement has been reviewed by the Board of Education; and WHEREAS, the membership of the Association has ratified said Memorandum of Agreement. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the North Merrick Union Free School District herewith ratifies and approves the Memorandum of Agreement hereinabove referenced and authorizes the expenditure of funds necessary to implement said Memorandum of Agreement; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools are hereby authorized to execute the new collective bargaining agreement incorporating the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

AA. The Board of Education authorizes the renewal of the cyber insurance policy with Great American Insurance Group for the 2026-2027 school year. The total premium cost not to exceed $6,975.00.

BB. The Board of Education approves the following 2026-27 school year budget transfer: • $200,000 from account code A9060.801-04 Health Insurance to account codes A2250.400-04 Contractual Services ($165,000) and A2250.475-04 Tuition ($35,000). Reason: To cover costs of related services, agency aides and out of district tuition.

7. PERSONNEL ACTIONS REPORT

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

8. SPECIAL SERVICES

A. The Board of Education approves the agreement between Blue Sea Educational Consulting, Inc. and the North Merrick School District to provide special education services for the 2026-2027 school year.

B. The Board of Education approves the agreement between Corinthian Therapy Management Services, Inc. and the North Merrick School District to provide special education services for the 2026-2027 school year.

C. The Board of Education approves the agreement between Dragonfly Applied Behavior Analysis PC and the North Merrick School District to provide special education services for the 2026-2027 school year.

D. The Board of Education approves the agreement between Dragonfly Speech Language PLLC and the North Merrick School District to provide special education services for the 2026-2027 school year.

E. The Board of Education approves the agreement between Home Care Therapies LLC d/b/a Horizon Healthcare Staffing and Horizon Staffing Solutions and the North Merrick School District to provide special education and nursing staffing services for the 2026-2027 school year

F. The Board of Education approves the agreement between Hagedorn Little Village School, Jack Joel Center for Special Children and the North Merrick School District to provide special education services for the 2026-2027 school year.

G. The Board of Education approves the agreement between Institute for Children with Autism and Related Disorders, Inc. and the North Merrick School District to provide behavioral intervention services for the 2026-2027 school year.

H. The Board of Education approves the agreement between Metro Therapy, Inc. and the North Merrick School District to provide special education services for the 2026-2027 school year.

I. The Board of Education approves the agreement between New York Therapy Placement Services, Inc. and the North Merrick School District to provide special education services for the 2026-2027 school year.

J. The Board of Education approves the agreement between TraceyTalk Speech Pathologist, PC and the North Merrick School District to provide speech and language therapy services for the 2026-2027 school year.

K. The Board of Education approves the agreement between East Meadow Union Free School District and the North Merrick School District to provide educational placements for East Meadow UFSD students in North Merrick special classes for the 2026-2027 school year.

L. The Board of Education approves the agreement between Hempstead Union Free School District and the North Merrick School District to provide educational placements for Hempstead UFSD students in North Merrick special classes for the 2026-2027 school year.

M. The Board of Education approves the agreement between the Island Trees Union Free School District and the North Merrick School District to provide educational placements for Island Trees UFSD students in North Merrick special classes for the 2026-2027 school year.

N. The Board of Education approves the agreement between the Malverne Union Free School District and the North Merrick School District to provide educational placements for Malverne UFSD students in North Merrick special classes for the 2026-2027 school year.

O. The Board of Education approves the agreement between the North Bellmore Free School District and the North Merrick School District to provide educational placements for North Bellmore UFSD students in North Merrick special classes for the 2026-2027 school year.

P. The Board of Education approves the agreement between Valley Stream Union Free School District 24 and the North Merrick School District to provide educational placements for Valley Stream 24 students in North Merrick special classes for the 2026-2027 school year.

Q. The Board of Education approves the agreement between Mill Neck Interpreter Services and the North Merrick School District to provide sign language interpreting services for the 2026-2027 school year.

R. The Board of Education approves the agreement between Thomas M Doxsee OT PC and the North Merrick School District to provide occupational therapy services for the 2026-2027 school year.

9. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

A. High School

B. School Community Relations/PTA Council

C. Buildings & Grounds

10. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Communication

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Unfinished business

12. NEW BUSINESS

A. New business

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Comments

14. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS (BOE only)

15. ADJOURNMENT

A. Adjournment