

Monthly School Board Meeting (Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 7:00 PM)

Board members present:

Board President, Megan Ryan; Vice President, Ed Corona; Trustees: Kathy Moran, Steve Enella, Mary Keene arrived 6:40 PM, William Luciani

ABSENT: 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

Thomas Leddy, Ingerman Smith

Joanne Long, District Clerk

1. OPENING

A. Call to Order by Board President, Ms. Ryan at 6:06 PM

B. Executive Session for advice of counsel

Motion by Steve Enella, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Not Present at Vote: Mary Keene

C. Reconvene to the Public 6:55 PM

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

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

E. Pledge of Allegiance led by Board President, Ms. Ryan

Board President Ms. Ryan welcomed everyone to the September meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Ryan called for a moment of silence, which was observed in recognition of the upcoming anniversary of September 11 and in remembrance of the victims and their families.

The Board President thanked Superintendent Dr. Seniuk, the principals, teachers, and staff for their efforts in ensuring a successful opening of the school year.

2. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

A. Superintendent's comments

Dr. Seniuk welcomed everyone to the first Board meeting of the 2026-27 school year and thanked the custodial, maintenance, and buildings and grounds teams for preparing the schools for a successful opening. She also reported that the "Meet, Greet and a Treat" event was well received and that parents provided positive feedback on the district's summer programs, including music, theater, and the arts.

Dr. Seniuk welcomed the PTA presidents and co-presidents back for the new school year and thanked them for their continued support. She reviewed upcoming events, including PTA kickoff meetings, Night to Connect, Meet the Teacher Night, welcome-back picnics, and the Fayette movie night.

3. ROUTINE APPROVALS

A. Approval of Minutes - 8-18-2026 Monthly School Board Meeting; 8-31-2026 Special School Board Meeting

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Consent Agenda Items 3A-3C

Motion by Kathy Moran, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Action: B. Approval of Treasurer's Report

Approval of Warrants, Wires, Budget Transfers

Consent Agenda Items 3A-3C

Motion by Kathy Moran, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

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Consent Agenda Items 3A-3C

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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.

None

Discussion, Information, Procedural: B. Comments

None

5. BUSINESS

A. The Board of Education approves the contract between North Merrick UFSD and Eric Feller for videography services for June 2026 graduation ceremonies. Cost not to exceed \$500.00 (retroactive).

Consent Agenda Items 5A-5D

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

B. The Board of Education sets the price of adult meals for the 2026–2027 school year as follows: • Breakfast: \$3.64 • Lunch: \$5.98 Both meals will be charged the applicable tax as required.

Consent Agenda Items 5A-5D

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Steve Enella.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

C. The Board of Education approves the 2026-2027 District-Wide Safety Plan.

Consent Agenda Items 5A-5D

Motion by Steve Enella, second by Ed Corona.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

D. The Board of Education approves an extension of the Memorandum of Understanding with Hofstra University for the placement of student observers and student teachers. This agreement is from September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2028
Consent Agenda Items 5A-5D

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Ed Corona.

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 Ed Corona, second by Steve Enella.

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 one (1) Individualized Education Plans (IEP's) which were developed by the North Merrick Committee on Special Education, as detailed in the mailing.

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Steve Enella.

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, Vice President, reported on the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District's first Board meeting of the school year and upcoming Back-to-School Nights on September 17 and 24. He highlighted summer improvements at Calhoun High School and Central Office, including new ceilings, flooring, a steam lab, gymnasium upgrades, and a simulated apartment for independent living instruction.

He also reviewed the district's academic ranking, noting that AP scores were not included in this year's rankings. The district ranked in the top quarter of the county, with a 97.5% graduation rate and approximately 1,600 students enrolled in AP courses.

Ms. Ryan clarified that the ranking referred to the district's academic ranking and not individual student rankings.

B. School Community Relations/PTA Council

Ms. Keane, Board Trustee, thanked the PTAs for their continued support and provided updates from each school. Camp Avenue and Old Mill Road will hold Welcome Back Picnics on September 18, with Reflections programs and various fall activities beginning throughout the month. Fayette will host a Pinwheels for Peace assembly, Movie Night, and several fall clubs. All three PTAs will also hold upcoming fundraising events, including Spiritwear and Book Fairs.

SEPTA is seeking input from families regarding future programs and resources for students and parents.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Communication

None

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Unfinished business

None

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. New business

None

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Comments

None

13. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS (BOE only).

A. Appropriation Status Report; Revenue Status Report; Trial Balance; Budget Transfers; Cash Flow

B. Absences of Five Consecutive Days

C. Enrollment

D. Building and Grounds Reports

14. ADJOURNMENT

A. Adjournment at 7:09 PM

Motion by Mary Keene, second by Will Luciani.