

MINUTES OF THE NORTH BELLMORE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING June 7, 2018

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The regular meeting of the North Bellmore Union Free School District Board of Education was held on Thursday evening, June 7, 2018, in the All Purpose Room of the Martin Avenue School at 2616 Martin Avenue, Bellmore, New York.

The following members of the Board of Education were present:

Peter Mayo, President  
Melissa Cmar-Grote, Vice President  
JoAnn DeLauter  
John Ferrara  
Nina Lanci

Also present:

Marie Testa, Superintendent of Schools  
Carol Eskew, Deputy Superintendent  
Mark Schissler, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
Janet Pollitt, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction  
Jason Fischetti, Director of Technology, Chief Information Officer  
Larry Tenenbaum, District Counsel  
Jeanne Canavan, Board Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. Motion was made by Mr. Ferrara, seconded by Mrs. Cmar-Grote, to move into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Motion was carried 5-0. The meeting reconvened at 7:40 p.m. Mr. Mayo led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Lanci then read the District's Mission Statement.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the Minutes from the Regular meeting of May 8, 2018 and Minutes from the Special meetings of April 26, May 15 and May 22, 2018. Mrs. DeLauter seconded, and the motion was carried 5-0.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**BUDGET**

Mrs. Testa provided a brief overview of the budget revote, which will be held on June 19 at Newbridge Road School from 6 AM to 9 PM. Mrs. Testa explained that the budget failed because it did not get the 60 percent pass rate that was required. The revised proposed budget contains an additional \$75,000 in reductions due to a reduction in expenditures related to the district's insurance cost and BOCES rental fees. The revised budget carries a 3.20 percent tax levy increase and stays within the district's allowable property tax levy cap. Mrs. Testa added that there are no additional propositions on the June 19 ballot. The revised proposed budget needs a simple majority (50 percent +1) for approval.

**BUDGET**

Mrs. Testa indicated that if the budget is defeated a second time, the district must adopt a contingency budget and the proposed budget would be further reduced by an additional \$1.2 million resulting in deep cuts in personal, including the elimination of teachers and staff. Mrs. Testa added that it could take seven years to reinstate programs once eliminated due to a contingency budget.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT**

Mrs. Testa stated the district will host a press conference with Sen. Brooks tomorrow at Newbridge Road School where the Senator will announce his plan to introduce a Property Tax Relief Bill that would change the rules by which districts receive state aid and could bring property tax relief to Long Islanders. Mrs. Testa invited the community to attend. The legislation would increase financial support from the state in districts in which at least half of the annual tax levy is paid for by the residential property owners. After the 50 percent cap on the residential tax burden, the state would pick up the difference. In North Bellmore, where there is only a small commercial tax base, approximately 70 percent of the educational tax is paid for by homeowners. Mrs. Testa stated that she has been advocating for reform for many years for districts, which have a large residential property tax burden and was grateful to Sen. Brooks for introducing legislation to address it.

Mr. Mayo encouraged the community to cast their vote on June 19

**EAGLE SCOUT  
PROJECT**

Mrs. Testa introduced former Martin Avenue student and Boy Scout John Berry who presented his Eagle Scout project to the Board of Education to build a Buddy Bench for the students of Martin Avenue School.

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the Eagle Scout Project. Mr. Ferrara seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**ART STUDENTS  
RECOGNITION**

Mrs. Testa stated that we are celebrating the art students tonight. She added that their artwork will be proudly displayed throughout the district office hallways for everyone to appreciate. Mrs. Testa turned the meeting over to Mrs. Skelos who coordinates the art program. Mrs. Skelos thanked all, especially the students for their beautiful artwork. She then introduced the art teachers, Mrs. Skelly, Mrs. Lopez, Ms. Emmer and Mrs. Hill. Each teacher introduced and presented certificates to over twenty students whose artwork was on display. Mr. Mayo thanked all the students and called for a short break at 8:10 PM. The meeting reconvened at 8:27 PM.

**RETIREES  
RECOGNITION**

Mrs. Testa announced that we are honoring seven very special retirees who have served the students in North Bellmore. Mrs. Testa presented plaques to the retiring teachers and administrator: Mrs. Batch, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. D'Amato, Mrs. Drum, Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Zaglin and Mrs. Bennet.

**RETIREES RECOGNITION** Mr. Rosof and Mrs. Skelos, on behalf of the Principals' Association, Mrs. Elhilow, on behalf of the NBTA, Mr. Mayo, on behalf of the Board of Education, teachers and students added his/her congratulations and best wishes to the retirees.  
 The meeting adjourned for a "cake break" at 9:30 PM.  
 The meeting reconvened at 9:53 PM.

**VISITORS** There were no visitors on agenda items only.

**CORRESPONDENCE** Mr. Mayo advised that correspondence was received.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer's report for the month ended April 30, 2018.  
 Mr. Ferrara seconded and the motion and was carried 5-0.

**HIGH SCHOOL REPORT** Mrs. Lanci reported that at the June 6 meeting, the Board honored the 2018 Valedictorians and Salutatorians and recognized the retiring members of the district. Mrs. Lanci reported that the MAP graduation will take place on June 18 and the High School graduations will take place at NYCB on June 24. The Board of Education Organizational meeting will be held on July 10.

**FINANCE** The Board of Education acknowledged the review of the warrants that have been approved by the Internal Auditor for the month of May 2018.

**BUDGETARY TRANSFERS** Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the Budgetary Transfers dated June 7, 2018. Mr. Ferrara seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**PERSONNEL REPORT** Mrs. DeLauter moved that the Board of Education approve the following Personnel Report dated June 7, 2018. Mrs. Cmar-Grote seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**A.1 PERSONNEL REPORT**

**JUNE 7, 2018**

**Certified Personnel:** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it resolved that the following persons be appointed as teachers in North Bellmore Union Free School District as indicated below. All assignments are at the discretion of the district. Leave replacements are paid on a per diem basis per the NBTA Collective Bargaining Agreement.

<u>Appointments:</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>
12.1 Loetman, Samantha	Lv. Repl. Special Ed. Teacher K-6	95% 3M	\$329.01/day	7/01/18-11/28/18
12.2 Leone, Danielle	Lv. Repl. Teacher 1-6	95% 3M	\$65,802.70/yr	7/01/18-10/19/18
12.3 Panchyn, Katelyn	Lv. Repl.Special Ed. Teacher 1-6	95% 3B	\$57,549.10/yr	7/01/18-06/30/19
12.4 Nidzyn-Soares, Joan	Substitute Teacher		\$100/day	6/08/2018

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12.5	Marotta, Dawn	Substitute Teacher	\$100/day	5/29/2018
12.6	Romano, Alyssa	Substitute Teacher	\$100/day	5/29/2018
12.7	Borchers, Kristina	Substitute Teacher	\$100/day	5/29/2018
12.8	Young, Jacqueline	Substitute Teacher	\$100/day	5/29/2018
12.9	Joseph, Nicole	Substitute Teacher	\$100/day	5/29/2018
12.10	Amenta, Marcella	Substitute Teacher	\$100/day	5/29/2018
12.11	Carroll, Kristen	Substitute Teacher	\$100/day	5/29/2018
12.12	Aiosa, Elaina	Substitute Teacher	\$100/day	5/29/2018
12.13	Coules, Jessica	Substitute Teacher	\$100/day	5/29/2018

**Special Education Summer Program:** *(Teachers and Substitutes / Related service providers / Evaluators / CSE / CPSE Meetings )*

12.14 Plunkett, Amanda Special Ed. Teacher 6/25/18-08/31/18

**Family Medical Leave of Absence:**

12.15	Powell, Brittany	Psychologist		05/18/18-06/25/18
12.16	Zocchia, Tiffany	Teacher K-6		08/29/18-10/19/18
12.17	Henchel, Kristin	Special Ed. Teacher		06/13/18-06/25/18
12.18	Pugliese, Caitlin	Special Ed. Teacher		08/29/18-11/28/18

**Resignations:**

12.19 Miller, Nicole Substitute Teacher 05/24/2018

**Terminations:** *(No response)*

12.20	Cooper, Leila	Substitute Teacher		06/08/2018
12.21	Kanner, Jamie	Substitute Teacher		06/08/2018
12.22	Bragg, Jaime Lynn	Substitute Teacher		06/08/2018
12.23	Kahn, Steven	Substitute Teacher		06/08/2018

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	<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Step</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>	<b><u>Eff. Date</u></b>
12.24	Caravella, Karen	Monitor PT/Sub	\$14.42/hr	05/31/2018

**Special Education Summer Program:**

12.25 Casalino, Suzanne Teacher Aide \$17.25/hr 6/25/18-08/31/18

**Resignations:**

12.26 Quadri, Mahum Teacher Aide PT/Sub 06/01/2018

**A.1 Personnel Report  
 Addendum**

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**Special Education Summer Program:** *(Teachers and Substitutes / Related service providers / Evaluators / CSE / CPSE Meeting.*

12.27 Leone, Danielle Special Ed. Teacher \$54.59/hr 6/25/18-08/31/18

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12.28 Salamone, Alex	Custodian	1	\$50,274/yr	08/01/2018
<u>Special Education Summer Program:</u>				
12.29 Schneider, Meredith	Teacher Aide		\$17.25/hr	6/25/18-08/31/18

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

Mrs. Cmar-Grote moved that the Board of Education approve the Staff Development report dated June 7, 2018. Mr. Ferrara seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION CPSE/CSE**

Mr. Ferrara moved that the Board of Education approve the CPSE and CSE reports dated May 31, 2018. Mrs. Cmar-Grote seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS CONTRACTS**

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the following contracts for the 2018/19 school year:

- All About Kids, PLLC
- Bellmore-Merrick CHSD
- Blue Sea Educational Consulting, Inc.
- Brookville Center for Children’s Services, Inc.
- Cullen & Danowski, LLP
- Family Pediatric Home Care Services
- Plainedge UFSD (2017/18)
- US Medical Staffing Services
- Winston Staffing Services LLC

Mr. Ferrara seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Ferrara moved that the Board of Education move to a consent agenda. Mrs. Lanci seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve agenda items 14.3 through 14.16. Mrs. DeLauter seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS**

14.3 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education renew the following 2018 Summer Transportation Contracts at the revised CPI with: Acme, Baumann Bus, First Student, Suburban and We Transport.

14.4 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the new 2018 summer Transportation Contracts with We Transport.

- INTERNAL AUDITOR** 14.5 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:  
The District, in conjunction with the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District, requested proposals for internal audit services.  
Three proposals were received.
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| Cerini and Associates | \$29,995 |
| R.S. Abrams           | \$20,000 |
| Questar III (BOCES)   | \$18,020 |
- It is recommended that Questar III be awarded the contract for the 2018-10 school year in the amount of \$18,020.
- DONATIONS**
- 14.6 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a donation from Stop &Shop in the amount of \$664.70 to be used to purchase reading materials to build classroom libraries for students in grades 3-6 at Martin Avenue.
- 14.7 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a donation of a check from FAER (Foundation for Academics, Enrichment and Recreation) in the amount of \$4,250 to be used for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade internet safety program (\$1,750) and to purchase basketball pads districtwide (\$2,500).
- 14.8 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a donation from Ahold Delhaize USA Stop and Shop Rewards Program in the amount of \$146.42 to be used to purchase Alternate Seating for the students at Saw Mill Road School.
- POLL WATCHERS**
- 14.9 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint the following as poll watchers for the 2017/2018 Budget Re-Vote effective for the 2018/2019 School Year:  
6/19/18 - District Employees-Karen Hartnett, Michael J. Bevilacqua, Karen Guerra, Christine Kropp, Nicholas Bazarewski, Carol Sena, Roseann Moskowitz, Kim Cavanagh, Susan Salvo, Dianne Agoglia, Mary Grace Roach, Maggie Santagato, Kim Boschert  
Non-district employees-Justine Barbera-Brazas – hourly rate of \$14.00
- 14.10 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint the following as poll watchers for the 2017/2018 Budget Vote and Election effective for the
- 2018/2019 School Year:  
5/15/18 Kim Boschert
- TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS**
- 14.11 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education renew the following transportation contracts at the revised CPI for the 2018/19 school year with: Acme, Baumann Bus, First Student, Guardian, Suburban and We Transport.

- TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS** 14.12 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve new transportation contracts for the 2018/19 school year with: Baumann Bus, First Student and We Transport.
- BUDGETARY TRANSFERS** 14.13 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Budgetary Transfers Addendum dated June 7, 2018.
- PERSONNEL REPORT ADDENDUM** 14.14 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Personnel Report Addendum dated June 7, 2018.
- DONATION** 14.15 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a donation from Stop & Shop in the amount of \$1,246.73 to be used to purchase Scholastic Magazine for grades K, 1, 2, 3 for the 2018-19 school year for the students of Newbridge Road School.
- CONTRACT** 14.16 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve a contract with Winston Staffing Services, LLC for the 2018/19 school year.
- OLD BUSINESS** None.
- VISITORS** None.
- Mrs. Testa thanked the FAER for their generous donation.  
Mr. Mayo reminded the community to come out and vote on June 19.
- ADJOURNMENT** On a motion by Mr. Ferrara, seconded by Mrs. Lanci and carried 5-0, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Canavan, Board Secretary

Mark Schissler, District Clerk