



**NORTH BELLMORE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES – July 8, 2021**

Reorganization Meeting	Martin Avenue School 2616 Martin Avenue, Bellmore, NY 11710	7:30 PM
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The Organizational meeting of the North Bellmore Union Free School District Board of Education was held on Thursday evening, July 8, 2021, 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:

Rosemarie Corless, President
Jo-Ann Erhard, Vice President
Melissa Cmar-Grote
Nina Lanci
Christine Malloy

Also present:

Marie Testa, Superintendent of Schools
Janet Pollitt, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Jacqueline Rehak, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Jason Fischetti, Executive Director of Technology, Data and Information Services
Leyna Malone, Executive Director of Pupil Personnel Services and Special Education
Christopher Venator, District Counsel
Laurice Gunnels, District Clerk

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM. Motion was made by Mrs. Erhard, seconded by Mrs. Cmar-Grote to move into an executive session. Motion was carried 5-0. The meeting reconvened at 7:43 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mrs. Corless led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Cmar-Grote read the District’s Mission Statement.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION Mr. Venator administered the Oath of Office to Laurice Gunnels as the District Clerk, and Melissa Cmar-Grote and Nina Lanci as the newly elected Board members.

ELECTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESIDENT Mrs. Gunnels called for nominations for the School Board President for the 2021-2022 school year. Mrs. Lanci moved to nominate Rosemarie Corless and Mrs. Cmar-Grote seconded. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed, and the motion was carried 5-0. Mrs. Gunnels administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Corless.

**ELECTION OF BOARD
OF EDUCATION
VICE PRESIDENT**

Mrs. Corless called for nominations for the position of Vice President of the Board of Education. Mrs. Cmar-Grote moved to nominate Jo-Ann Erhard and Mrs. Lanci seconded. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed, and the motion was carried 5-0. Mrs. Corless administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Erhard.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
APPOINTMENTS**

7. BOE Appointments

A motion was made by Mrs. Corless, seconded by Mrs. Cmar-Grote, and the motion was carried 5-0 that the Board of Education approve the following appointments:

7.1 Audit Committee: Jo-Ann Erhard and Nina Lanci

7.2 Policy Committee: Christine Malloy, Nina Lanci, and Jo-Ann Erhard

7.3 Districtwide School Safety Committee: Melissa Cmar-Grote & Rosemarie Corless

7.4 District Shared Decision Making Team: Melissa Cmar-Grote and Christine Malloy

7.5 District Mental Health and Wellness Committee: Rosemarie Corless

7.6 Official Voting Delegate to NYS School Boards Association Annual Meeting: Rosemarie Corless

7.7 Voting Delegate Alternate to NYS School Boards Association Annual Meeting: Christine Malloy

7.8 NYS School Board Association Advocacy Liaison: Melissa Cmar-Grote and Jo-Ann Erhard

7.9 Bellmore Merrick CHSD Board of Education: Nina Lanci and Melissa Cmar-Grote

**NORTH BELLMORE BOARD
OF EDUCATION MEETINGS**

8. North Bellmore BOE Meetings

A motion was made by Mrs. Lanci that the Board of Education approve the following schedule of Board Meetings for the 2021-2022 school year: July 8, 2021, August 12, 2021, September 9, 2021, October 14, 2021, November 8, 2021, December 9, 2021, January 13, 2022, February 10, 2022, March 10, 2022, April 7, 2022, May 9, 2022, and June 9, 2022. Mrs. Cmar-Grote seconded and the Motion was carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mrs. Lanci, seconded by Mrs. Cmar-Grote, and passed unanimously for the following consent agenda items: Nos. 9.1 - 25.

APPOINTMENTS

9. Appointments:

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Bellmore Board of Education approves the appointment of the following the 2021/22 school year:

9.1 District Attorney – Ingerman Smith LLP

9.2 External Auditor – Nawrocki and Smith

9.3 Internal Auditor – Questar III

9.4 Claims Auditor – RS Abrams

9.5 School Architect – John Grillo

9.6 Board Secretary – Jeanne Canavan

9.7 District Treasurer – Barbara Fillios

9.8 Records Access Officer – Jacqueline Rehak

9.9 Asbestos Related Activities & AHERA Compliance Designee –Richard Russo

APPOINTMENTS
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- 9.10 Purchasing Agent – Jacqueline Rehak
 9.11 School Physicians – Dr. Eric Last and Dr. Susanne Kowal-Connelly
 9.12 Medical Director – Dr. Ronald Marino
 9.13 Title IX Compliance Officer – Leyna Malone
 9.14 District Mental Health and Wellness Coordinator – Janet Pollitt
 9.15 Homeless Liaison – Janet Pollitt
 9.16 Dignity Act Coordinator – Marie Testa
 9.17 Bond Council – Hawkins, Delafield and Wood LLP
 9.18 Fiscal Advisors – Capital Market Advisors
 9.19 District Clerk – Laurice Gunnels
 9.20 School District Chief Emergency Officer – Marie Testa
 9.21 Data Privacy Officer – Jason Fischetti
 9.22 Districtwide School Safety Team –
 Marie Testa, Superintendent of Schools
 Janet Pollitt, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
 Jacqueline Rehak, Assistant Superintendent for Business
 Jason Fischetti, Executive Director of Technology, Data and Information Services
 Leyna Malone, Executive Director of Pupil Personnel Services and Special Education
 Richard Russo, Director of Facilities
 Danica Brugge, Dinkelmeyer Principal
 James O’Brien, Martin Avenue Principal
 Denise Fisher, Newbridge Road Principal
 Michael DeBlasio, Park Avenue Principal
 Jeffrey Rosof, Saw Mill Road Principal
 Daniel Madden, Saw Mill Road Assistant Principal
 Victoria DiOrio, School Counselor
 Jo Ann Signorelli, Social Worker
 Matthew Brennan, N. Bellmore Fire District
 June Smith, Director of Bellmore-Merrick Child Care Program
 Dave Marschall, Chief of Department, North Bellmore Fire Department
 NCPD Officer, Daniel Clarke
 Wendi Murphy, PTA Coordinating Council President
 Jessica Ryan, Parent Member
 Terry-Ann Montaque, Nassau BOCES, Health and Safety
 Melissa Cmar-Grote, Board member
 Rosemarie Corless, Board member

CSE APPOINTMENTS

- 9.23 Committee on Special Education
 Mrs. Leyna Malone, Executive Director of Pupil Personnel Services and Special Education, and CSE Chairperson
 Dr. Lindsay Rich, Psychologist, Chairperson
 Ms. Keri Dejak, Psychologist, Chairperson
 Ms. Judy Stuertz, Psychologist, Chairperson
 Ms. Cheryl Lange, Psychologist, Chairperson
 Ms. Kristen Marino, Psychologist, Chairperson
 Ms. Margaret Jaffa, Psychologist, Chairperson
 Dr. Allison Azus, Psychologist, Chairperson

CSE APPOINTMENTS
(continued)

Ms. Brittany Powell, Psychologist, Chairperson
 The Child's regular education teacher: Citation (Part 200.3)
 The Child's special education teacher or special education provider:
 Citation (Part 200.3)
 Dr. Kowal-Connelly, School Physician*
 Dr. E. Last, School Physician*
 Parent or persons in parental relationship of the student
Note: The parent or person in a parental relationship of the student may request that a parent member participate in the CSE meeting.

* The school physician is not a mandated member of the CSE unless requested, in writing, by the parent of the student at least 72 hours before the meeting.

CPSE APPOINTMENTS

9.24 Committee on Pre-School Education

Mrs. Leyna Malone, Executive Director of Pupil Personnel Services and Special Education, and CPSE Chairperson
 Dr. Lindsay Rich, Psychologist, Chairperson
 Ms. Kristen Marino, Psychologist, Chairperson
 Ms. Keri Dejak, Psychologist, Chairperson
 Ms. Margaret Jaffa, Psychologist, Chairperson
 Ms. Cheryl Lange, Psychologist, Chairperson
 Ms. Judy Stuertz, Psychologist, Chairperson
 Dr. Allison Azus, Psychologist, Chairperson
 Ms. Brittany Powell, Psychologist, Chairperson
 The Child's Teacher: Citation (Part 200.3)*
 Member of Evaluation Site
 Parent or persons in parental relationship of the student
 Representative of Nassau County Pre-School Education
 Representative of Department of Health-Early Intervention
 Coordinator

SECTION 504 COMMITTEE

9.25 Section 504 Committee

Mrs. Leyna Malone, Executive Director of Pupil Personnel Services and Special Education, and 504 Chairperson
 Dr. Lindsay Rich, Psychologist, Chairperson
 Ms. Keri Dejak, Psychologist, Chairperson
 Ms. Judith Stuertz, Psychologist, Chairperson
 Ms. Cheryl Lange, Psychologist, Chairperson
 Ms. Kristen Marino, Psychologist, Chairperson
 Ms. Margaret Jaffa, Psychologist, Chairperson
 Dr. Allison Azus, Psychologist, Chairperson
 Ms. Brittany Powell, Psychologist, Chairperson
 The Child's regular education teacher: Citation (Part 200.3)
 The Child's special education teacher or special education provider:
 Citation (Part 200.3)
 Parent or persons in parental relationship of the student

**REGISTRARS – 2021-2022
 ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE
 AND ELECTION**

9.26 Registrars

Riva Bazarewski, Barbara Fillios, and Eileen Giovino

**PETTY CASH FUND
CUSTODIANS**

9.27 Petty Cash Fund Custodians

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>CUSTODIAN</u>
Dinkelmeyer School	\$100.00/mo.	Danica Brugge
Martin Avenue School	\$100.00/mo.	James O’Brien
Newbridge Road School	\$100.00/mo.	Denise Fisher
Park Avenue School	\$100.00/mo.	Michael DeBlasio
Saw Mill Road School	\$100.00/mo.	Jeffrey Rosof

**DEPOSITORIES FOR SCHOOL
FUNDS**

10. Depositories for School Funds

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Bellmore Board of Education approve the following banks as depositories for school funds:

Account	Bank	Alternates
General Fund Checking	Sterling National Bank	Capital One, TD Bank, Flushing Savings Bank, HSBC, Citi Financial, JP Morgan Chase
School Lunch Fund	Sterling National Bank	Capital One, TD Bank, Flushing Savings Bank, HSBC, Citi Financial, JP Morgan Chase
Capital Fund	Sterling National Bank	Capital One, TD Bank, Flushing Savings Bank, NYLAF, HSBC, Citi Financial, JP Morgan Chase
Special Aid Fund	Sterling National Bank	Capital One, TD Bank, Flushing Savings Bank, HSBC, Citi Financial, JP Morgan Chase
Money Market Funds	Sterling National Bank, Signature Bank	Capital One, TD Bank, Flushing Savings Bank, NYLAF, HSBC, Citi Financial, JP Morgan Chase
Payroll Fund	Sterling National Bank	Capital One, TD Bank, Flushing Savings Bank, HSBC, Citi Financial, JP Morgan Chase
Tenant Security Deposit Fund	Sterling National Bank	Capital One, TD Bank, Flushing Savings Bank, NYLAF, HSBC, Citi Financial, JP Morgan Chase
Trust and Agency Fund	Sterling National Bank, Citi Financial, Signature Bank	Capital One, TD Bank, Flushing Savings Bank, HSBC, JP Morgan Chase
Scholarship Fund Accounts	Capital One	Sterling National Bank, TD Bank, Flushing Savings Bank, NYLAF, HSBC, Citi Financial, JP Morgan Chase
Investment Accounts – General Fund, School Lunch Program, and Federal Fund	NYLAF	Flushing Savings Bank

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves a maximum funding amount of \$60,000,000 per institution.

AUTHORIZATIONS11. Authorizations:11.1 Authorization to Invest District Monies

BE IT RESOLVED that the District Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer are hereby authorized to invest district monies in accordance with Article 35, Section 1723 of Education Law and the Board of Education Policy 6240.

11.2 Designation of Person Authorized to Wire Funds

BE IT RESOLVED that the District Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer are hereby authorized to transfer funds via wire in an amount up to \$20,000,000. All other transfers via wire require prior Board of Education approval.

11.3 Authorization to Re-Establish Reserve Accounts

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby reaffirms the authorization for the following reserve accounts as prescribed under General Municipal law and/or Education Law: Workers' Compensation Reserve, Unemployment Reserve, Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve, Employee Retirement System Contribution Fund and Teachers' Retirement Contribution Sub-fund, Capital Reserve.

11.4 Designation of Person Authorized to Transfer Funds

BE IT RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools or her designee be authorized to (1) transfer funds within function codes and (2) transfer up to \$10,000 between function codes. All other transfers require prior Board of Education approval.

11.5 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the North Bellmore Board of Education approves the following authorizations:

- a. Contract Authorized Signatures – Following Board approval, Board President, Board Vice President, or Superintendent may sign.
- b. Filing of School and Special School Lunch Claims – Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent for Business, or her designee.
- c. SED Grants, ESEA Chapter I, All Federal Chapter Programs – Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent for Business, or Board President.
- d. Federal Aid Filings - Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent for Business, or Board President.
- e. Bid Openings - Assistant Superintendent for Business.
- f. Payroll Certification – Assistant Superintendent for Business.
- g. Nassau County Civil Service Commission Payroll Certification – Board President.
- h. Staff Absences – Superintendent.
- i. Petty Cash Funds – Assistant Superintendent for Business.
- j. Cell Phone and Electronic Device Use and Reimbursements – Robert Vermillion \$40/month for cell phone
- k. Free and Reduced Price Lunch and Milk Eligibility – Assistant Superintendent for Business or Manager of School Lunch

**START-UP FUNDS
SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM**

12. Start-Up Funds School Lunch Program
BE IT RESOLVED that the following start-up funds are hereby established for the School Lunch Program.

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Dinkelmeyer School	\$30.00/year
Martin Avenue School	\$30.00/year
Newbridge Road School	\$30.00/year
Park Avenue School	\$30.00/year
Saw Mill Road School	\$60.00/year

**USE OF DISTRICT CREDIT
CARDS**

13. Use of District Credit Cards
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education permits the use of District credit cards by certain school officials and employees to pay for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of work-related duties and to purchase goods for the District. The following job title is authorized to utilize a District credit card as part of the day-to-day duties: Director of Facilities and Operations and his designee.

**APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY
TREASURER**

14. Appointment of Deputy Treasurer
BE IT RESOLVED that Susan Salvo be appointed as Deputy Treasurer at a stipend of \$500 per annum.

CHECK SIGNATURES

15. Check Signatures
 15.1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education authorizes the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer to sign all checks pertaining to school funds.

 15.2 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for Business to certify all payrolls for the 2021-22 school year.

**OFFICIAL DISTRICT
NEWSPAPERS**

16. Official District Newspapers
BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Bellmore Board of Education approve the designation of the Bellmore Herald Life as the official District newspaper (Ed. Law 2004).

**DAYS OF RELIGIOUS
OBSERVANCE**

17. Days of Religious Observance
BE IT RESOLVED that the North Bellmore Board of Education approves the following Days of Religious Observance Calendar for the 2021/22 school year:

Eid-Al-Adha**	July 19, 2021
Feast of the Assumptio	August 15
Rosh Hashanah	Sept. 7/8
Yom Kippur	Sept. 16
Feast of Elevation of the Cross	Sept. 14
First 2 Days of Sukkot	Sept. 20/21
Last 2 Days of Sukkot	Sept. 26/27
Feast Day of St. Demetrios*	Oct. 26
Feast of All Saints	Nov. 1
Feast of Immaculate Conception	Dec. 8
Christmas	Dec. 25

DAYS OF RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE (continued)	Epiphany*	Jan. 6, 2022
	Al-Isra'wal-Mi'Raj**	March 1
	Ash Wednesday	March 2
	Purim	March 17
	Holy Thursday	April 14
	Good Friday	April 15
	First 2 Days of Passover	April 16/17
	Easter	April 17
	Last 2 Days of Passover	April 22/23
	Orthodox Good Friday*	April 22
	Orthodox Easter	April 24
	Eid-Al-Fitr**	May 3
	Ascension Day	May 26
	Orthodox Ascension Day	June 2
	Orthodox Pentecost	June 5
Shavuot	June 5	
Pentecost	June 5	

**READOPTION OF EXISTING
POLICIES AND PLANS**

18. Readoption of Existing Policies

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Bellmore Board of Education approve and extend the existing policies, regulations, rules, by-laws, and directives in force during the 2020/21 school year for the 2021/22 school year.

**SHARED DECISION MAKING
PLAN**

19. Readoption of District Shared Decision Making Plan

BE IT RESOLVED that the District Shared Decision Making Plan be readopted for the 2021/22 school year. (Copy on file in District Office)

APPR PLAN

20. Readoption of the APPR Plan

BE IT RESOLVED that the APPR Plan be readopted for the 2021/22 school year. (Copy on file in District Office.)

**PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

21. Readoption of Professional Development Plan

BE IT RESOLVED that the Professional Development Plan be readopted for the 2021/22 school year. (Copy on file in District Office.)

**COMPREHENSIVE
DEVELOPMENTAL SCHOOL
COUNSELING PLAN**

22. Readoption of Comprehensive Developmental School Counseling Plan

BE IT RESOLVED that the Comprehensive Developmental School Counseling Plan be readopted for the 2021/22 school year. (Copy on file in District Office.)

CODE OF CONDUCT

23. Readoption of Code of Conduct

BE IT RESOLVED that the Code of Conduct be readopted for the 2021/22 school year. A copy of the Code of Conduct will be on file in the office of the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction.

**IMPARTIAL HEARING
OFFICERS**

24. Impartial Hearing Officers

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Bellmore Board of Education, pursuant to Federal and State Laws and Regulations, approve the list of individuals who are certified and eligible to serve as Impartial Hearing Officers in Nassau County for hearings regarding students with disabilities for the 2021/22 school year, as set forth by the New York State Education Department.

**IMPARTIAL HEARING
OFFICERS
(continued)**

Resolved, that the Board designate the Board President and Vice President as trustees who each have the individual authority to appoint an Impartial hearing Officer, who has been identified in accordance with the mandated State hearing officers selection procedures, on behalf of the Board of Education of the North Bellmore Union Free School District.

Resolved, that the Board of Education approve as impartial hearing officer compensation rate of \$100 per hour for pre-hearing, hearing and post-hearing activities, as well as reimbursement for reasonable expenses.

**REAFFIRMATION OF
SCHOOL EMPLOYEES AND
OFFICERS INDEMNIFICATION**

25. Reaffirmation of School Employees' and Officers' Indemnification Pursuant to Public Officers Law 18:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board Of Education reaffirms its adoption of the coverage provided by Section 18 of the Public Officers' Law of the State of New York, for its employees, officers, and trustees, as defined in that statute. The adoption of this resolution is intended to reaffirm the provision of benefits, which shall supplement and be available in addition to defense benefits or indemnification protection conferred by virtue of other sources. The Superintendent of Schools or his designee shall confirm and take such additional action as may be necessary to obtain insurance protection against such potential liability to the District as may arise in connection with the adoption of this resolution.

BUSINESS MEETING

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
NORTH BELLMORE
DISTRICTWIDE SCHOOL
SAFETY PLAN**

Mrs. Testa congratulated the new Officers and welcomed Mrs. Gunnels as the new District Clerk. She expressed her gratitude and appreciation to Ms. Canavan who served as District Clerk for many years.

The public hearing on the North Bellmore UFSD District-Wide Safety Plan was conducted. Mrs. Testa informed the Board that the Districtwide School Safety Team District meeting was held yesterday with the members of the team. The adopted plan will be posted to the website tomorrow for 30 days for the public commentary period. The Board will meet to approve the adopted plan in August. The Principals are presently working on the building safety plan and those plans will be available also in August. The same protocols will be followed in terms of the State Education Law for adoption of both plans.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Erhard moved that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Business meeting of June 10, 2021, and the special meeting of June 22, 2021. Mrs. Cmar-Grote seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Corless advised that the Board received correspondence and it was discussed in Executive Session.

**TREASURER'S
REPORT**

Mrs. Cmar-Grote moved that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer's report for the month ended May 31, 2021. Mrs. Erhard seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

BOARD COMMITTEE / HIGH SCHOOL REPORTS

Mrs. Lanci reported that Mr. Michael Harrington has now assumed the role as Superintendent of the Bellmore Merrick Central High School District. The Board will meet next week for the Reorganization Meeting.

FINANCE

The Board of Education acknowledged the review of the warrants that have been approved by the Claims Auditor for June 1 – June 28, 2021.

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the Budgetary Transfers dated July 8, 2021. Mrs. Cmar-Grote seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Testa expressed her gratitude and appreciation to the Board for their dedication and support throughout the 2020-2021 school year, and welcomed and congratulated the following in their new positions:

- Mrs. Leyna Malone, Executive Director of Pupil Personnel Services and Special Education
- Mr. James O'Brien, Principal of Martin Avenue School
- Mr. Michael DeBlasio, Principal of Park Avenue School
- Mr. Daniel Madden, Assistant Principal of Saw Mill Road School

Mrs. Testa thanked all the existing Principals for their continued collegiality and leading the way especially by supporting children in these current times.

Mrs. Testa reported that today the NYS Department of Health today released a new mandate regarding masks. Mrs. Malone will speak in more detail to that in her report. Mrs. Testa expressed hope that this could be a positive indicator for September, but the District is waiting for guidance from New York State regarding the 2021-2022 school year.

Mrs. Testa reported that instrumental music, band and orchestra, will be returning in September. She welcome backed Mr. McCullagh, who worked virtually this past year, and Ms. Uckardes and Ms. Ng who will be returning this fall.

Zoom interviews are being conducted and in-person demos are forthcoming for vocal music teachers and probationary leave replacements. Mrs. Testa also reported that the District is interviewing for substitute teachers, monitors, custodial staff, and paraprofessionals. The shortage of subs in many areas is a challenge that is continually being addressed by the District. Mrs. Testa expressed gratitude to the Principals for leading the interview teams.

Mrs. Testa reported the following update on the proposed new Library Media and Computer Science Program. This project has been a year in development and Mrs. Testa thanked the Board for their support, and Mr. Fischetti, Mrs. Rehak, Mrs. Pollitt, and the Principals for all their hard work to bring this project to fruition. Through extensive research the team has been working diligently to revolutionize these programs for the 2021-2022 school year and beyond. K-3 will have Library Media, K-6 book exchange, and 4-6 Computer Science which will include both coding and robotics. The District will invest in state of the art equipment and resources to offer exceptional experiences across the board. With the Board

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT
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approval of this, Mrs. Testa in addition would recommend inviting back two of the District's Library Media Specialists and adding an additional Technology Teacher. The District is very excited about this program and the long term benefits to the North Bellmore students especially in preparation for Middle School and beyond.

Mrs. Testa further reported the Special Education Program is off to a great start and she thanked Ms. Eskew and Dr. Kaminska. The District is looking forward to the return of all our programs and we'll continue to provide updates as we receive more information from NYS Department of Health.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Motion was made by Mrs. Malloy to approve the personnel report dated July 8, 2021. Mrs. Cmar-Grote seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

- A. Appointments
- B. Leave Requests
- C. Resignation
- D. Termination

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Motion was made by Mrs. Cmar-Grote to approve the Staff Development report dated July 8, 2021. Mrs. Malloy seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**BUSINESS DEPARTMENT
REPORT**

Mrs. Rehak reported that the District is currently preparing for the year-end audit. Once the audit is complete and approved by the external auditors, drafting of the financials will begin and a meeting with the District's Audit Committee will be arranged.

Mrs. Rehak provided an update on the federal funding under CRRSA and ARPA. CRRSA has already been applied for in the amount of \$1.9M, and ARPA in the amount of \$1.1M will be submitted once the application process is open. The ARPA grant requires the District to have a written plan. The plan was presented to the NBRT (North Bellmore Reopening Team) and a copy was placed on the North Bellmore website. Mrs. Rehak thanked NBRT for their feedback. Upon approval of these grants implementation of the plan will begin. This is a grant and those positions discussed in the plan are not part of the General Fund budget. While the District unfortunately will be unable at the conclusion of the grant to maintain all the positions formed by the grant, the budget will be reviewed at that time to see if it's possible for one or two of the positions to be feasibly added. The main focus of the plan therefore is to address the impact of the pandemic including learning loss, and social and emotional learning.

Mrs. Rehak reported a change to the 2021-22 Budget. As previously noted by Mrs. Pollitt last month, due to the lack of interest in the virtual learning school, North Bellmore will not continue this program in the 2021-22 school year which in the budget amounted to \$800K. The District looked into other programs to utilize these funds that would benefit the North Bellmore students and the following recommendations were made:

- Computer Science and Library Media Program – the approximate cost including equipment for the learning labs is \$600K.

**BUSINESS DEPARTMENT
REPORT
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- Expansion of ENL services – the approximate cost of \$100K not anticipated in the budget.
- Smart Board replacements and upgrades – This was not included in the original budget due to the virtual school. The remaining \$100K will be utilized now for these upgrades.

Mrs. Rehak provided an update on the internal audit of the District's STAC process. The District received a draft of the Risk Assessment Report and the Internal Audit Report. The audit went extremely well and Mrs. Rehak expressed her gratitude to Ms. Eskew and the entire Special Education Department for their hard work in preparation and participation in this audit. The District will begin working on the recommendations and upon approval they will be submitted to the NYS Education Department as required.

Mrs. Rehak reported on the annual Transparency Reporting which is due by the end of August. Information has been gathered and the report is being compiled in preparation for submission to the NYS Commissioner of Education.

Mrs. Rehak ended with an update on Kindergarten Registration. Kindergarten enrollment is up 8 percent from the last school year. There are currently 282 Kindergarten students fully registered with a potential of 293. In the 2020-21 school year, we had 269 students.

**CURRICULUM &
INSTRUCTION REPORT**

Mrs. Pollitt followed up and opened with a report on UPK Registration. UPK has increased significantly this past year due to the expansion of the grant. Normally there are 66 spots, but this year we have an additional 86. Registration for UPK has more than doubled.

Mrs. Pollitt followed by reflecting on the past year and expressed gratitude for all that was accomplished through the combined efforts of students, parents, teachers, staff, administrators, the Board, and the Community.

Mrs. Pollitt reported on the following updates regarding the summer learning opportunities:

- *The Summer Scholar Program* - 800-850 backpacks have been distributed to families. There has been positive feedback from parents in the form of e-mails or pictures. Those families that are still interested in the program may call the Curriculum Department to make arrangements to pick up the backpack.
- *Virtual Book Clubs* for Grades 1 through 6 will begin the week of July 12th and continue for four weeks. Participating students in Grades 1-2 will meet once a week to hear a store read aloud and engage in a fun activity. Novels were purchased by the District for Grades 3-6 and those participating students will meet twice weekly for one hour sessions to discuss their books.
- The *Summer Learning Website* is available for parents and students to access from home at their leisure.

**CURRICULUM &
INSTRUCTION REPORT
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- *Digital Subscriptions* are available through August for programs such as iReady, Typing Agent, Razz Kids, and Xtra Math.
- *First In Math* is an online program featuring math games designed for students to practice and strengthen fact fluency and problem-solving abilities.
- *Summer Professional Development* for teachers include workshops on literacy, technology, math, and SEL (social and emotional learning).

The Library Media/Technology Program - Mrs. Pollitt addressed the K-3 Library Media Component. Students and teachers will visit the labs, meet with the library media specialist, and participate in book exchanges, interactive read aloud, and digital literacy. Grades 4-6 will participate in the technological stem/coding component. This will be addressed in more detail by Mr. Fischetti in his report. Students in Grades 4-6 will also have the opportunity for book exchange.

TECHNOLOGY REPORT

Mr. Fischetti expanded on the Tech. Labs being developed for the North Bellmore Students. The Computer Science Program will teach students 21st century workplace skills through the use of proven and effective tools in a lab setting. The labs will be equipped with Robotic Kits, touchscreen labtops, 3D Printers... equipment that North Bellmore students will use to meet the next generation of science and computer technology standards.

Mr. Fischetti met with the Middle School to research the program utilized at the Middle School level to assist in developing a curriculum for the North Bellmore students at the elementary level. The curriculum will be designed to progress in difficulty from Grades 4 through 6. This will prepare students to meet the challenges of Middle School.

There are also Beebots available for K-2 level. These bots teach coding at the most basic level to the younger students.

Mr. Fischetti also reported the following updates:

- Interlogic Projects are starting next week including the installation of hallway cameras, districtwide viewing stations, and outdated camera replacement.
- The live stream cabling project was approved. The overall project will take a week to 10 days. Installation date is still pending.
- Excessed laptop, printers, and switches were picked up last week by E-Works. It is a non for profit organization that employs disabled adults to take apart and recycle the equipment. This is a free service for the District.
- Smartboards for Grades 5 through 6 were delivered. These boards are still 75-inches and do not require projectors. Installation date is pending.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
REPORT**

Mrs. Malone reported that the extended school year program is off to a fantastic start and expressed her gratitude to Dr. Kaminska, the Summer School Principal, Ms. Egan, the Behavioral Specialist, Ms. Ferreri, the Nurse, all of the service providers, classroom teachers, paraprofessionals, and office clerical staff.

Mrs. Malone expressed a special thank you to all the custodial staff under the guidance of Mr. Russo for the preparation of the Martin Avenue building in an expedited manner. The building was cleaned, desk shields removed, and classrooms were set up all according to the guidelines. All classrooms being utilized have fully functional and maintained air conditioning units.

The summer program is following all CDC, NYSID, and New York State Department of Health guidelines. As Mrs. Testa reported earlier, new guidance came down with respect to masks. The summer extended program will now follow the mandates for masks utilized by Day Cares and Day Camps. The following rules regarding masks will be implemented starting tomorrow:

- Masks are strongly suggested but not required for students and vaccinated employees. If a parent chooses a child to wear a mask with the exception of mask breaks, eating and/or drinking, the parent can write a letter to the teacher with that intent and that request will be followed.
- Unvaccinated employees are still required to wear masks.
- Masks are required on buses.
- No masks are required outdoors.

Physical education again is a part of the program and yoga is a welcome new addition. PE is following the spacing requirements and cleaning protocols.

Finding certified and available staffing through the Wilson Reading Service providers that we have current contracts with was challenging this summer. With that being said we do have all staffing fulfilled at this time. This diligent search enabled us to find new providers from our RFP list that we do not have current contracts with that can be contracted and utilized in the future.

The Special Education Department is working toward fall preparation. Since the annual review process is complete, an analysis is currently being performed to ensure that we have adequate Agency providers and staffing. Mrs. Malone reported there are currently ILP classes in four out of five buildings and ICT classes in all buildings in various grade levels as per NYS regulations. With the number of ILP classes, the focus this summer is on mainstreaming for the fall. Mrs. Malone will be working closely with the Principals, the Behavioral Specialist, Ms. Egan, the Psychologists, and Teachers. All individualized mainstreaming plans will be made in consultation with the teachers and parents.

Mrs. Malone extended a huge thank you to the Special Education Department clerical staff, Ms. Harnett, Mrs. Cavanagh, and Ms. Danz for all their hard work especially over the last few weeks, and expressed her gratitude to Ms. Eskew for her ongoing support, guidance, and expertise throughout the transition.

CPSE/CSE REPORTS

Mrs. Cmar-Grote moved that the Board of Education approve the CPSE and CSE reports dated June 28, 2021. Mrs. Lanci seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Mrs. Testa provided the following report on Buildings & Grounds:

- Security Vestibules – This has been an ongoing project for three years. Mr. Russo and Mr. Fischetti are working with Intralogic. Once the architectural plans are approved the bids can go out. Thank you to Mrs. Rehak for her continued work on this project.
- Air Conditioners – Air conditioners have been installed at Martin Avenue. We're looking at re-wiring and installing air conditioners at Newbridge, Dinkelmeyer, and Gunther as well. Accommodation requests by teachers will be reviewed and processed through the Medical Director once those are given to us.
- Martin Avenue Library - The Fire Marshall has approved plans to build two small rooms within the library. This will help facilitate the library labs for our students and teachers in this building. Thank you to Mr. O'Brien, Mrs. Malone, and Mr. Russo for their assistance with this project.
- Employment – There are currently positions available for Custodial Staff to replace those that have retired or moved on to other positions. These interview processes are currently ongoing.
- The \$100,000 grant for fencing, cameras, etc. is an ongoing project and must go through the State as well. Updates will be provided.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Mrs. Cmar-Grote, seconded by Mrs. Malloy and carried 5-0 for the following consent agenda items: Nos. 11.1 – 11.10.

**NEW BUSINESS
CONTRACTS**11. New Business

11.1 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following contracts:

- Blue Sea Educational Consulting, Inc. (Academic Tutoring)
- Blue Sea Educational Consulting, Inc. (Related Services)
- Blue Sea Educational Consulting, Inc. (Skilled Nursing)
- Distinctive Educators Institute (Staff Development 2020-21)
- Distinctive Educators Institute (Staff Development 2021-22)
- Family Pediatric Home Care (Related Services)
- Family Pediatric Home Care (Skilled Nursing)
- Lester Laminack (Staff Development)
- Long Island Neuropsychological Consultants
- Erica Perl (Staff Development)
- Rockville Centre UFSD (Tuition)

TRANSPORTATION

11.2 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the results of the 5/14/2021 Nassau BOCES Cooperative Transportation Bid and award the contracts based on BOCES' recommendation. BOCES recommended that, based on the detail information included in the bid (item specifications and unit price), the bid be awarded to the lowest responsible bidders meeting specifications for non-public and special education transportation for the 2021-2022 school year.

**TRANSPORTATION
(continued)**

11.3 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education renew the following transportation contracts at the revised CPI of 3.2% for the 2021-2022 school year with:

- First Student, Inc.
- Guardian Bus Company, Inc.
- Suburban Bus Transportation, Inc.
- We Transport, Inc.

11.4 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve that the North Bellmore School District enter into a piggyback contract with the Bellmore Merrick CHSD and First Student, Inc. for the transport of two students to an out-of-district non-public school. This would result in a cost savings to the North Bellmore School District, as the original contracted cost is substantially lower than new contracts that have bid out to schools of similar distance.

**BUDGET VOTE & ELECTION
RECORDS**

11.5 WHEREAS, on June 16, 2020, the North Bellmore Union Free School District conducted its annual budget vote and election for the 2020-2021 school year; and

WHEREAS, the District Clerk is currently in possession of all cast ballots resulting from such election; and

WHEREAS, the Record and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records LGS-1 provides for the destruction of such ballots after one (1) year from the date of the election; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the North Bellmore Union Free School District orders the destruction of all cast ballots resulting from the June 16, 2020 election.

DONATION

11.6 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accept a donation from Stop and Stop A+ School Rewards Program of a check in the amount of \$714.45 to be used to purchase reading material for Character Education for the students of Martin Avenue School.

**EMPLOYMENT
AGREEMENTS**

11.7 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the North Bellmore Union Free School District approves and authorizes the School District to enter into Amendment No. 7 to the Employment Agreement by and between The Board of Education of the North Bellmore Union Free School District and Marie Testa for the term from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026.

11.8 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the North Bellmore Union Free School District approves and authorizes the School District to enter into a Memorandum-Terms and Conditions of Employment 2021-2023 between the following employees and the School District:

- Janet Pollitt, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
- Jacqueline Rehak, Assistant Superintendent for Business
- Jason Fischetti, Executive Director of Technology, Data and Information Services
- Tillie McNamara, Director of Educational Programs and Staff Development
- Richard Russo, Director of Facilities

**SUMMER CSE MEETING
COMPENSATION**

11.9 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that any employee that participates in a Committee on Special Education meeting during the summer of 2021 shall be compensated at the rate of \$54.59 per hour in accordance with the extra compensation rate contained in the collective bargaining agreement with the North Bellmore Teachers Association.

**WILSON READING
INSTRUCTOR
REIMBURSEMENT**

11.10 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District to reimburse the parents of a child made known to the District for their expenses associated with securing a Wilson Reading Instructor over the summer of 2021 at a rate of \$100 per session for 30 sessions based upon the submission of invoices and proof of payment.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Lanci spoke of the Park Garden at the Park Avenue School. It has been ten years since the project first started and expressed gratitude to both Ms. Skelly and Ms. Obey. Administrators, students, former and present, teachers, parents, girl scouts, boy scouts were all in attendance to celebrate. A presentation of a plaque and shovel was made to Ms. Spiedel.

BOARD QUESTIONS

Mrs. Corless inquired of the school inspections. Mr. Russo who was in the audience reported that three buildings are complete. Mrs. Testa added as soon as all buildings are complete the Board will have a full report.

Summer Scholar Program - Mrs. Lanci inquired further of the backpacks. Mrs. Pollitt reiterated that over 800, nearing 850, have been distributed, and since the initial distribution day, we've received calls every day from parents requesting them. Of the three year grant provided, the program was included for two. Any backpacks remaining will be utilized next summer.

Mrs. Lanci inquired of the other aspects contained within the backpacks. Mrs. Pollitt responded that there is a Completion Certificate in the back of the workbook that the parents complete. The children should return this to their teacher. Participating students will receive a North Bellmore Summer Scholar Certificate, pencil, and have their name included on the Summer Scholar Display.

Mrs. Erhard inquired of the 8 percent increase in enrollment. Mrs. Rehak responded that the 8 percent is in Kindergarten enrollment increasing from 269 this past school year to 293.

Mrs. Lanci inquired of the UPK enrollment. Mrs. Rehak explained that the grant was expanded. Originally we had 66 half day spots for students. The State expanded the grant. North Bellmore was given an additional 86 full time spots. The grant funds increased from about \$178,000 to over \$600,000. Through the assistance of our Community partners we were able to find spots for all our students.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Two questions were presented by Mrs. Holmes (Logue Street):

1) Has the Board considered offering zoom/virtual Board meetings? Mrs. Corless responded that at the present time the decision was made to come back in

PUBLIC COMMENTS
(continued)

person. It is more personable. Certainly over time we can reevaluate and assess any future needs.

2) Can the swings be shortened? Mrs. Corless further inquired if there was a particular school being referred to. Martin and Dinkelmeyer were mentioned specifically. Mrs. Testa responded. Mr. Russo and the custodial staff will evaluate the situation and if necessary will make the appropriate adjustments.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mrs. Lanci, seconded by Mrs. Cmar-Grote, and carried 5-0, the Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m. The next meeting will be held on August 12th, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurice Gunnels
District Clerk