



**NORTH BELLMORE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES – OCTOBER 13, 2022**

Business Meeting

Park Avenue School
1599 Park Avenue, North Merrick, NY 11566

7:30 PM

The Business meeting of the North Bellmore Union Free School District Board of Education was held on Thursday evening, October 13, 2022, in the All Purpose Room of the Park Avenue School at 1599 Park Avenue, North Merrick, New York, and via Zoom Video Conference.

The following members of the Board of Education were present:

Melissa Cmar-Grote, President
Christine Malloy, Vice President
Rosemarie Corless
Nina Linci
Christopher Nardo

Also present:

Marie Testa, Superintendent of Schools
Janet Pollitt, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
Jacqueline Rehak, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Christopher Powers, District Counsel
Laurice Gunnels, District Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:41 p.m. Motion was made by Mrs. Corless seconded by Mrs. Linci to move into an executive session. Motion was carried 5-0. The meeting reconvened at 7:46 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Cmar-Grote led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. She called for a moment of silence in remembrance of Danielle Paruolo.

Mrs. Malloy read the District's Mission Statement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Linci moved that the Board of Education approve the revised minutes of the Business meeting dated August 11, 2022, and the Business meeting minutes of October 13, 2022. Mrs. Corless seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Testa extended her gratitude and appreciation to Mr. DeBlasio, Mrs. Fisher, Mr. Fischetti, Mr. Russo and the custodial staff for the coordination and set up in preparation of hosting the board meeting this month at the Park Avenue School, and welcomed all those in attendance for the presentations this evening.

**Community Service
Recognition: Abigail Ptacek**

Mrs. Testa began this evening's presentations in recognition of Abigail Ptacek. She explained that Abigail, at the age of eight, with the assistance of her family, approached her with the desire to denote backpacks to North Bellmore children in need. Mrs. Testa inquired of Abigail, a student from another district, why North Bellmore, and she was told that her grandmother was a teacher in the area and that the district mission statement of North Bellmore emulated their desire for children. Since that day, Abigail, now sixteen, with the support of her grandmother and family, has denoted hundreds of backpacks to the community of North Bellmore labeled and replete with grade appropriate supplies. Mrs. Testa proudly on behalf of the North Bellmore BOE and administrative team presented Abigail with the North Bellmore Board of Education Humanitarian Award.

**Student Ambassador
Program**

Mrs. Testa was happy to share the return of the 6th Grade Student Ambassador program, an opportunity for students to grow as leaders, and offered her gratitude to Mrs. Pollitt for orchestrating the program.

Mrs. Pollitt was proud to welcome the student ambassadors this evening and their families. This program she shared was developed to inspire students to be leaders and indicated who better to be the face of the district but the students, the pride of North Bellmore. Mrs. Pollitt explained the honoree student ambassadors in attendance this evening began their role as ambassadors in the spring of fifth grade at the Kindergarten Showcase in May, and in June during the Summer Scholar Program. Under the supervision of faculty and staff, she indicated, they greeted families, prepared and handed out documents, backpacks, etc., and were observed to be making on the spot decisions, all with a friendly positive attitude illustrating the development of true leader qualities.

Mrs. Testa named and congratulated each of the students, and Mrs. Pollitt awarded those students present with certificates.

JOHN G. DINKELMAYER

Camille Cuadrado
Alexander DiStefano
Isabella Forman
Dylan Frasca
Sean Radoncic
Emma Schowerer

MARTIN AVENUE

Madison Badillo
Thomas d'Alessandro
Dylan Hanovic
Ellie Jakubowski
Peyton Paul
Worley Pellegrino

NEWBRIDGE ROAD

Charlotte Belliveau
Amelia Espinal
Shabtai Franco
Avery Messina
Andrew Mouradian
Ishaan Ranga

PARK AVENUE

Macey Cataldo
Rachel Farabow
Isabella Fisher
Daniel Fu
Luke Kaplun
Julianna Nardo

SAW MILL ROAD

James Canner
Samuel Caplin
Fizah Khan
Gabriella Leibowitz
Kyrk Peponakis
Abbey Rose Rothchild

Bellmore Lions Club

Mrs. Testa, continuing with the honorees present this evening, introduced the Bellmore Lions Club, a steadfast partner of the North Bellmore community for decades. She described the roles of the “Lions” as leading by example, building relationships, and improving the world with kindness, an organization that consists of 60 volunteer members in Bellmore and, internationally, 1.4 million caring members.

Mrs. Testa recognized the Bellmore Lions Club for their never-ending dedication to the district and the community of North Bellmore. She spoke to their timeless boundaries, whether called upon in the daytime or in the middle of the night, their response is always “what do you need, where, and when”. In the past twenty years the Bellmore Lions Club has donated school supplies, eyeglasses, clothing, food, gift cards, etc., in excess of \$100,000 to those family’s requiring assistance in this community. Mrs. Testa most graciously said we rise by lifting others and on behalf of the North Bellmore community thanked the Lions Club for lifting us.

Camille Raia, President
Gene Judd, Vice President
Sal Briganti, Vice President
Gabriella Linci, Vice President
Nina Linci, Treasurer
Paige Raia, Secretary
Melissa Cmar-Grote
Jack Skelly
Josephine Parlagreco

Mrs. Testa called those in attendance this evening to the stage. Mrs. Linci in appreciation proudly spoke of the worldwide organization and the purpose of their work here as a Bellmore Lion is to give back to our community, our families, and our children.

**Park Avenue School:
6th Grade Representatives**

Mrs. Testa happily welcomed the sixth-grade representatives from the Park Avenue School this evening:

Julia Mordoff	Azan Rehman
Mikaeel Kassim	Sauliman Virapen

Julia, Mikaeel, Azan, and Sauliman spoke individually but their words unilaterally described how awesome it is to be a student of the Park Avenue School. They shared their overall excitement on initially entering Park, whether it was in kindergarten on day one or entering into pre-established grade levels, like second grade, speaking to the welcoming environment by both classmates and teachers, and making new friends. And now as sixth graders, their overall excitement emanated as they spoke of switching classes for science and social studies, special trips such as Project Adventure, building rockets, and most important graduation.

Park Avenue School: 6th Grade Representatives (continued)	They offered their gratitude and appreciation to the Board of Education, Mrs. Testa, the Administrators, Mr. DeBlasio, and their teachers, Ms. DiMonda and Ms. Giusto, for allowing them to speak this evening. Mrs. Testa presented the students with certificates.
Nawrocki Smith: Audit Presentation	Mr. Michael Nawrocki expressed his appreciation to the BOE and Administrators for continuing to retain Nawrocki Smith as North Bellmore School District's external auditors. He presented the June 30, 2022, year-end Audit Presentation to the Board of Education, and respectfully complimented the district on an excellent job, providing good information year-round, clean and unmodified as substantiated by the annual audit. No material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control were cited. Mr. Nawrocki complimented Mrs. Rehak, Mr. Newman, and extended his gratitude to the Business Department and Superintendent Testa on their excellent cooperation. Mr. Nawrocki noted that North Bellmore has a perfect record for timely filing. No questions were posed by the Board.
PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)	None.
CORRESPONDENCE	Mrs. Cmar-Grote advised that the Board received correspondence and it was discussed in Executive Session.
TREASURER'S REPORT	Mrs. Linci moved that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer's report for the month ended August 31, 2022. Mrs. Corless seconded and motion carried 5-0.
BOARD COMMITTEE / HIGH SCHOOL REPORTS	Mrs. Linci indicated the BMCHSD met last night. Presentations included honoring those students this past summer who participated in the Maccabiah Games in Israel, i.e., Brianna Frier, Mepham-basketball, William Siegel, Calhoun-swimming, and Isabelle Sivin, Kennedy-soccer, and for those students from all three high schools who were chosen by New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) All State and Alternates to perform this winter. She proudly reported based on the Niche Survey the BMCHSD ranked 66 out of 11,000 districts countrywide, and in New York State, ranked 15 out of 700 districts, with the middle schools ranking in the top 40 percent and the high schools in the top 60 percent. Mrs. Linci was happy to share that the Board accepted a generous donation of a golf cart from the Calhoun Sports Boosters for the Calhoun High School Athletic program. She was excited to share Mepham's Homecoming celebration will be this weekend. The next Board meeting will be held on November 2.
FINANCE	<p>10.1 The Board of Education acknowledged the review of the warrants that have been approved by the Claims Auditor for the month of September 2022.</p> <p>10.2 Mrs. Corless moved that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accept the Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, as presented by Nawrocki Smith, LLP, Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Nardo seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.</p>

**FINANCE
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10.3 Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education hereby accepts the 2021-22 Internal Audit Risk Assessment Corrective Action Plan. Mr. Nardo seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

10.4 Mrs. Malloy moved that the Board of Education hereby accepts the 2021-22 Healthcare Benefit Internal Audit Corrective Action Plan. Mrs. Corless seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT/BUSINESS REPORT**

Mrs. Testa again thanked all in attendance this evening, students and adults, for their contributions to the North Bellmore School District and the entire community. In response to the Audit Presentation this evening, she echoed the sentiments of Mr. Nawrocki and expressed extreme gratitude to Mrs. Rehak for her outstanding work, professionalism, and knowledge in the area of business and finance, the entire Business Office staff under her leadership, and the members of the Audit Committee, Jacqueline Erickson, Teresa McCarthy, Nina Lanci, and Chris Nardo.

Before moving onto the Bond Presentation this evening, Mrs. Testa addressed the following highlights district wide:

- With respect to new personnel this evening, she welcomed Ms. Holly Sugarman, School Counselor, to the North Bellmore School District.
- Fencing has been installed at Saw Mill Road and Martin Avenue Schools. This project, which is grant funded, will continue to move forward with installation at Newbridge, Park, and John G. Dinkelmeyer schools.
- The district is continually monitoring and modifying a schedule to permit access to the playgrounds as an ongoing commitment to the North Bellmore community. On weekdays, the gates are closed at dusk by the security staff and the custodial staff reopen them in the morning. On weekends, the security staff will open limited gates for access. Mrs. Testa expressed gratitude to Mr. Russo, the entire custodial team, and Allied Security for their cooperation, assistance, and flexibility in this regard.
- Mrs. Testa recognized the Nassau County Police Department and Homeland Security for their ongoing monitorization of the buildings, implementation and testing of security systems, etc., for preparation in the event of an emergency type situation.

BOND PRESENTATION

Mrs. Testa and Mrs. Rehak presented 2022 Bond Overview video illustrating the upcoming projects with respect to the proposed Bond. The video is viewable on the North Bellmore UFSD website along with a copy of tonight's presentation.

Mrs. Testa and Mrs. Rehak reiterated the scope of work to be performed under the proposed 2022 Bond, and delved into the importance set forth by the Building Condition Survey (BCS) prepared by the district architect and engineer. Highlights included:

**BOND PRESENTATION
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- HVAC – The district currently maintains the old equipment. Overhaul was advised in 2008 but that bond failed and replacement is still needed based on BCS. HVAC overhaul in the 2022 Bond proposal includes piping, electrical upgrades, air conditioning, and heating.
- Elevators – In compliance with American Disabilities Act currently the only building that has an elevator is the Martin Avenue School. Elevators provides building accessibility to those with temporary and/or permanent disabilities. Elevator installation at JGD and Saw Mill Road schools are included in the 2022 Bond proposal.
- Building Playgrounds – Installation of one new playground structure at each building. The community of North Bellmore does not have a public park. Therefore, school playgrounds are utilized as a mode of outdoor play which enhances social and physical health for the community.
- A review of the tax impact of the proposed bond utilizing average assess values district wide. A Tax Impact Calculator is available on the website under Capital Project/Bond 2022 for homeowners to calculate the estimated impact of the tax levy.
- An *estimated* timeline of the bond projects discussed ranged between 2023 through 2025. Key factors that could potentially impact this projection include the overall bid process, the number of contractors, the scope of work able to be performed year-round versus in the summer when the buildings are unoccupied, etc.

Mrs. Rehak reminded all of upcoming bond presentation dates including November 16 and 17, at North Bellmore Public Library, and the Bond Fair at Saw Mill Road School on November 30, and the bond vote scheduled to be held on December 8 at the Newbridge Road School.

Questions were presented by the BOE as follows:

Mrs. Lanci had a question regarding the procedure for obtaining an absentee ballot and the timeline for same. Mrs. Rehak indicated instructions on obtaining an absentee ballot will be made available under the Bond section on the website, through connect ed, and in the presentations.

Mrs. Malloy asked with respect to projects performed indoors and outdoors simultaneously as a requirement to receive state aid, was the state aid factored into the tax impact. Mrs. Rehak responded that the tax impact does factor into state aid, that projects such as these are aidable, and the financial advisors did factor in that consideration.

**BOND PRESENTATION
(continued)**

Mrs. Lanci inquired with respect to the tax calculator and assessed values, the tax impact on a homeowner can fluctuate, i.e., if one year the assess value is \$800,000 and the following year the assess value drops to \$750,000, it may go down. Mrs. Rehak responded there can be variations since some homes currently are affected by the 5-year protection plan causing fluctuations. An increase in assess value may potentially impact the tax levy and vice versa in the event of a decrease.

Mr. Nardo inquired if the bond was not passed this year, was a study performed on the projected cost to do the same work in the future versus today. Mrs. Rehak responded that currently we have not done a study, but indicated we are currently in a volatile market especially with respect to interest rates and inflation at a near 10 percent. In retrospect of the market today, you would expect much higher increases based on the rate of inflation in comparison to two years ago. Mrs. Testa thanked Mr. Nardo with respect to his inquiry and added that while a formal study was not performed, the financial advisors recommended not to delay the projects too long especially with the rising cost of materials compounded by the volatile market.

Mrs. Cmar-Grote asked if you were to modify the bond would it affect the tax impact. In response, Mrs. Rehak indicated she calculated a rough estimate with respect to the scope of work performed. For example, she explained, if the district withdraws the playgrounds the range would be \$10 to \$25, and if you were to remove the elevators as well, the impact would be \$20 to \$50 depending on the assess value of the home. In furtherance, Mr. Nardo inquired if that would be \$20 to \$50 on an annual basis. Mrs. Rehak indicated it would be annually, not per month.

PERSONNEL REPORT

11.1 Mrs. Lanci moved to approve the Personnel report dated October 13, 2022. Mrs. Malloy seconded and motion carried 5-0.

CPSE/CSE REPORTS

12.1 Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve the CPSE and CSE reports dated October 6, 2022. Mrs. Corless seconded and motion carried 5-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA:
13.1 – 13.4**

Mrs. Lanci moved that the Board of Education approve Items 13.1 through 13.4. Mrs. Malloy seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**NBTA MEMORANDUM
AGREEMENT**

13.1 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the North Bellmore Union Free School District and the North Bellmore Teachers' Association dated September 21, 2022.

**NEW BUSINESS
CONTRACTS**

13.2 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the following contracts for the 2022/23 school year:

- ACDS, Inc.
- All About Kids
- Center for Developmental Disabilities, Inc.
- The Hagedorn Little Village School
- Herricks UFSD

**NEW BUSINESS
CONTRACTS
(continued)**

- Kidz Educational Services SLP, OT, PT, LMSW
- Kidz Therapy Services, PLLC
- Literacy Nassau, Inc.
- Locust Valley Central School District
- Merrick Woods Country Day School
- Mind Prep Tutoring, LLC (Skilled Nurse Staffing)
- Mind Prep Tutoring, LLC (Academic Tutoring)
- Mind Prep Tutoring, LLC
- Valley Stream UFSD 24
- Variety Child Learning Center
- Henry Viscardi School
- White Glove Community Care, Inc. (Skilled Nurse Staffing)
- White Glove Community Care, Inc. (Services)

TRANSPORTATION

13.3 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the renewal of the piggyback contract entered into with the Bellmore Merrick Central High School District for the transportation of two students to an out of district nonpublic school by First Student Inc. for the 2022-2023 school year.

QUESTAR III AGREEMENT

13.4 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Questar III for internal auditing services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 for a total all-inclusive fee not to exceed \$19,500; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the execution of an inter-municipal agreement in accordance with the terms of the District's Request for Proposals opened on 5/17/18 and awarded to Questar III on 6/7/18 for the rendering of the aforementioned services and authorizes the Board President to execute the Agreement on the Board's behalf.

**CONSENT AGENDA:
13.5 – 13.10**

Mrs. Corless moved that the Board of Education approve Items 13.5 through 13.10. Mrs. Malloy seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**2022 BOND PROJECT
SEQRA RESOLUTION:
Martin Avenue School**

13.5 TYPE II 2022 BOND PROJECTS SEQRA RESOLUTION
Proposed Improvement Projects at **Martin Avenue Elementary School**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the North Bellmore Union Free School District (Board of Education) is considering the following improvement projects at Martin Avenue Elementary School: replacement of original unit ventilators (UV's) and cooling of cafeteria and gymnasium spaces via the installation of new rooftop units (RTU's); interior classroom and office door hardware security upgrades; replacement of steam piping with hot water piping as well as the removal of any asbestos containing building material (ACBM) on existing piping; replacement of existing pneumatic temperature control system with new Direct Digital Control (DDC) system; upgrades to the existing electrical service; repointing of the chimney; replacement of existing skylights installation of fall protection; replacement of the door and frame to the boiler room; installation of panic hardware and door hold open magnets to interior stair tower doors; replacement in-kind of existing walkway to play areas; and installation of a new playground

2022 BOND PROJECT**SEQRA RESOLUTION:****Martin Avenue School****(continued)**

area to be placed atop existing grass area and installation of a new asphalt walkway; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(a), "Actions or classes of actions identified in subdivision (c) of this section are not subject to review under this Part, except as otherwise provided in this section. These actions have been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment or are otherwise precluded from environmental review under Environmental Conservation Law, article 8. The actions identified in subdivision (c) of this section apply to all agencies."; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §§617.5(c)(1), (2) and (9), the "maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility;" the "replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building, energy or fire codes . . .;" and/or the "construction or expansion of a primary or accessory/appurtenant, nonresidential structure or facility involving less than 4,000 square feet of gross floor area and not involving a change in zoning or a use variance and consistent with local land use controls, but not radio communication or microwave transmission facilities" are Type II actions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, after review of the proposed action and 6 NYCRR §617.5, hereby determines that the proposed projects are Type II Actions pursuant to 6 NYCRR §§617.5 (c)(1), (2) and (9) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and will, therefore, by definition, have no significant adverse impact on the environment.

2022 BOND PROJECT**SEQRA RESOLUTION:****Newbridge Road School****13.6 TYPE II 2022 BOND PROJECTS SEQRA RESOLUTION**

Proposed Improvement Projects at **Newbridge Road Elementary School**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the North Bellmore Union Free School District (Board of Education) is considering the following improvement projects at Newbridge Road Elementary School: the installation of ductless split ventilation systems and cooling of cafeteria and gymnasium spaces; interior classroom and office door hardware security upgrades; upgrades to the existing electrical service; water proofing and repointing of exterior walls as well as scraping and painting of lintels; repointing of mortar joint and masonry; replacement of concrete chimney cap; replacement of underground fuel oil tank slab; replacement of exterior doors and frames at gym lobby; renovations to two (2) existing fire escapes including wire brushing, scraping, painting and inspections of all welds; repairs of plaster cracks to interior walls, balcony and upper storage room at stage; removal of vinyl asbestos tile (VAT) in library storage room; installation of hardware and magnetic hold opens on stair tower doors; and installation of a new playground area which would require the removal of an approximate 1,080 square foot (SF) existing asphalt area to establish the playground entirely on pervious ground; and

**2022 BOND PROJECT
SEQRA RESOLUTION:
Newbridge Road School
(continued)**

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(a), "Actions or classes of actions identified in subdivision (c) of this section are not subject to review under this Part, except as otherwise provided in this section. These actions have been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment or are otherwise precluded from environmental review under Environmental Conservation Law, article 8. The actions identified in subdivision (c) of this section apply to all agencies."; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §§617.5(c)(1), (2) and (9), the "maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility;" the "replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building, energy or fire codes . . .," and/or the "construction or expansion of a primary or accessory/appurtenant, nonresidential structure or facility involving less than 4,000 square feet of gross floor area and not involving a change in zoning or a use variance and consistent with local land use controls, but not radio communication or microwave transmission facilities" are Type II actions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, after review of the proposed action and 6 NYCRR §617.5, hereby determines that the proposed projects are Type II Actions pursuant to 6 NYCRR §§617.5 (c)(1), (2) and (9) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and will, therefore, by definition, have no significant adverse impact on the environment.

**2022 BOND PROJECT
SEQRA RESOLUTION:
Park Avenue School**

**13.7 TYPE II 2022 BOND PROJECTS SEQRA RESOLUTION
Proposed Improvement Projects at Park Avenue Elementary School**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the North Bellmore Union Free School District (Board of Education) is considering the following improvement projects at Park Avenue Elementary School: replacement of original unit ventilators (UV's) and cooling of assembly spaces via the installation of new rooftop units (RTU's); interior classroom and office door hardware security upgrades; replacement of steam piping with hot water piping as well as the removal of any asbestos containing building material (ACBM) on existing piping; replacement of existing pneumatic temperature control system with new Direct Digital Control (DDC) system; upgrades to the existing electrical service; repointing of mortar joints on chimney; repointing of masonry on exterior columns and walls as well as scraping and painting of weathered mortar joints; installation of a new playground area to be placed atop existing grass area and installation of a new asphalt walkway; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(a), "Actions or classes of actions identified in subdivision (c) of this section are not subject to review under this Part, except as otherwise provided in this section. These actions have been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment or are otherwise precluded from environmental review under Environmental Conservation Law, article 8. The actions identified in subdivision (c) of this section apply to all agencies."; and

**2022 BOND PROJECT
SEQRA RESOLUTION:
Park Avenue School
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WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §§617.5(c)(1), (2) and (9), the “maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility;” the “replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building, energy or fire codes . . .;” and/or the “construction or expansion of a primary or accessory/appurtenant, nonresidential structure or facility involving less than 4,000 square feet of gross floor area and not involving a change in zoning or a use variance and consistent with local land use controls, but not radio communication or microwave transmission facilities” are Type II actions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, after review of the proposed action and 6 NYCRR §617.5, hereby determines that the proposed projects are Type II Actions pursuant to 6 NYCRR §§617.5 (c)(1), (2) and (9) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and will, therefore, by definition, have no significant adverse impact on the environment.

**2022 BOND PROJECTS
SEQRA RESOLUTION:
Saw Mill Road School**

13.8 TYPE II 2022 BOND PROJECTS SEQRA RESOLUTION

Proposed Improvement Projects at **Saw Mill Road Elementary School**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the North Bellmore Union Free School District (Board of Education) is considering the following improvement projects at Saw Mill Road Elementary School: the replacement of original unit ventilators (UV's) and cooling of assembly spaces via the installation of new rooftop units (RTU's); interior classroom and office door hardware security upgrades; replacement of steam piping with hot water piping as well as the removal of any asbestos containing building material (ACBM) on existing piping; replacement of existing pneumatic temperature control system with new Direct Digital Control (DDC) system; upgrades to the existing electrical service; repointing of mortar joints on existing chimney and replacement in-kind of bricks on existing chimney; replacement of exterior service door and frame adjacent to the boiler room; repointing of exterior mortar joints as well as scraping and painting of lintels on walls and columns; installation of a new playground area to be placed atop existing grass area and installation of a new walkway; and the expansion of the school building by approximately 150 square feet (SF) to install an ADA compliant two-stop elevator which would be attached to the outside of the school building; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(a), “Actions or classes of actions identified in subdivision (c) of this section are not subject to review under this Part, except as otherwise provided in this section. These actions have been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment or are otherwise precluded from environmental review under Environmental Conservation Law, article 8. The actions identified in subdivision (c) of this section apply to all agencies.”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §§617.5(c)(1), (2), (9) and (10), the “maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility;” the “replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on

**2022 BOND PROJECTS
SEQRA RESOLUTION:
Saw Mill Road School
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the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building, energy or fire codes...;” the “construction or expansion of a primary or accessory/appurtenant, nonresidential structure or facility involving less than 4,000 square feet of gross floor area and not involving a change in zoning or a use variance and consistent with local land use controls, but not radio communication or microwave transmission facilities;” and/or “routine activities of educational institutions, including expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area and school closings, but not changes in use related to such closings” are Type II actions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, after review of the proposed action and 6 NYCRR §617.5, hereby determines that the proposed projects are Type II Actions pursuant to 6 NYCRR §§617.5 (c)(1), (2), (9) and (10) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and will, therefore, by definition, have no significant adverse impact on the environment.

**2022 BOND PROJECTS
SEQRA RESOLUTION:
John G. Dinkelmeyer School****13.9 TYPE II 2022 BOND PROJECTS SEQRA RESOLUTION
Proposed Improvement Projects at John G. Dinkelmeyer Elementary School**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the North Bellmore Union Free School District (Board of Education) is considering the following improvement projects at John G. Dinkelmeyer Elementary School: replacement of original unit ventilators (UV's) and cooling of cafeteria and gymnasium spaces via the installation of new rooftop units (RTU's); interior classroom and office door hardware security upgrades; replacement of steam piping with hot water piping as well as the removal of any asbestos containing building material (ACBM) on existing piping; replacement of existing pneumatic temperature control system with new Direct Digital Control (DDC) system; upgrades to the existing electrical service; replacement of existing skylights and installation of fall protection; expansion of the school building by approximately 150 square feet (SF) to install an ADA compliant two-stop elevator which would be attached to the outside of the school building; and the installation of a new playground area to be placed atop existing grass area and installation of a new asphalt walkway; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(a), “Actions or classes of actions identified in subdivision (c) of this section are not subject to review under this Part, except as otherwise provided in this section. These actions have been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment or are otherwise precluded from environmental review under Environmental Conservation Law, article 8. The actions identified in subdivision (c) of this section apply to all agencies.”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §§617.5(c)(1), (2), (9) and (10), the “maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility;” the “replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building, energy or fire codes...;” the “construction or expansion of a primary or accessory/appurtenant,

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**John G. Dinkelmeyer School
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nonresidential structure or facility involving less than 4,000 square feet of gross floor area and not involving a change in zoning or a use variance and consistent with local land use controls, but not radio communication or microwave transmission facilities;" and/or "routine activities of educational institutions, including expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area and school closings, but not changes in use related to such closings" are Type II actions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, after review of the proposed action and 6 NYCRR §617.5, hereby determines that the proposed projects are Type II Actions pursuant to 6 NYCRR §§617.5 (c)(1), (2), (9) and (10) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and will, therefore, by definition, have no significant adverse impact on the environment.

2022 BOND PROJECTS**SEQRA RESOLUTION:**

Jacob Gunther School

13.10 TYPE II 2022 BOND PROJECTS SEQRA RESOLUTION

Proposed Improvement Projects at **Jacob Gunther Elementary School**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the North Bellmore Union Free School District (Board of Education) is considering the following improvement projects at Jacob Gunther Elementary School: replacement of original unit ventilators (UV's) and cooling of cafeteria and gymnasium spaces via the installation of new rooftop units (RTU's); interior classroom and office door hardware security upgrades; replacement of steam piping with hot water piping as well as the removal of any asbestos containing building material (ACBM) on existing piping; replacement of existing pneumatic temperature control system with new Direct Digital Control (DDC) system; upgrades to the existing electrical service; replacement of exterior overhead door and door at boiler room; repair of block tiles and repointing of concrete masonry unit (CMU) cracks in gymnasium; and the installation of a new playground area to be placed atop existing asphalt area; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(a), "Actions or classes of actions identified in subdivision (c) of this section are not subject to review under this Part, except as otherwise provided in this section. These actions have been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment or are otherwise precluded from environmental review under Environmental Conservation Law, article 8. The actions identified in subdivision (c) of this section apply to all agencies."; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §§617.5(c)(1), (2) and (9), the "maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility;" the "replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building, energy or fire codes . . .;" and/or the "construction or expansion of a primary or accessory/appurtenant, nonresidential structure or facility involving less than 4,000 square feet of gross floor area and not involving a change in zoning or a use variance and consistent with local land use controls, but not radio communication or microwave transmission facilities" are Type II actions;

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, after review of the proposed action and 6 NYCRR §617.5, hereby determines that the proposed projects are Type II Actions pursuant to 6 NYCRR §§617.5 (c)(1), (2) and (9) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and will, therefore, by definition, have no significant adverse impact on the environment.

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Mrs. Malloy moved that the Board of Education approve Item 13.11. Mrs. Corless seconded and the motion was carried 5-0.

**13.11 RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH BELLMORE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT,
NEW YORK, ADOPTED OCTOBER 13, 2022, CALLING A SPECIAL DISTRICT
MEETING TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEYS FOR SCHOOL
PURPOSES AND THE LEVY OF A TAX THEREFOR.**

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE NORTH BELLMORE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of the North Bellmore Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York (the "District"), shall be held within the District, on **Thursday, December 8, 2022**, at 6:00 o'clock A.M. (Prevailing Time) in the gymnasium of the Newbridge Road School, 1601 Newbridge Road, Bellmore, New York, as provided in the Notice calling said Special District Meeting hereinafter substantially prescribed. The voting at such Special District Meeting shall be by voting machine or paper ballot, as provided by the Education Law, and the polls shall remain open from 6:00 o'clock A.M. to 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on said day and as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters, then present, to cast their votes.

Section 2. The business to be acted upon at said Special District Meeting shall be as stated in the Notice thereof, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause the Notice of said Special District Meeting to be published in "The Bellmore Herald Life" and the "Long Island Tribune," two newspapers having a general circulation within the District, such publications to be made four (4) times within the seven (7) weeks next preceding such Special District Meeting, the first publications to be at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of said Special District Meeting.

Section 3. Said Notice of Special District Meeting shall be in substantially the following form:

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING
NORTH BELLMORE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT,
IN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, NEW YORK**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the North Bellmore Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York, has adopted a resolution on October 13, 2022, authorizing a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of said School District to be held on:

Thursday, December 8, 2022

from 6:00 o'clock A.M. to 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) at:

NEWBRIDGE ROAD SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
1601 Newbridge Road, Bellmore, New York

for the purpose of voting upon the following Proposition:

BOND PROPOSITION

RESOLVED:

(a) That the Board of Education of the North Bellmore Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to undertake a school facilities improvement project (the "Project"), substantially as referred to and described in a plan prepared by John A. Grillo, Architect, P.C., Port Jefferson, New York (the "Plan"), on file and available for public inspection at the office of the District Clerk, said Project consisting of the installation of new air ventilation units with air conditioning capabilities, including all necessary and related plumbing and electrical upgrades, in all District buildings; playground upgrades; exterior masonry, ADA and building envelope improvements; and skylight and door replacements; and the foregoing to include the original equipment, machinery, apparatus and all necessary sitework, alterations and ancillary work required in connection therewith; and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$39,018,234; provided that the costs of the components of the Project as set forth in detail in the Plan may be reallocated among the components of such Project if the Board of Education shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interests of the District;

(b) that a tax is hereby voted in the amount of not to exceed \$39,018,234 to finance such cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and

(c) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$39,018,234 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

Such Proposition shall appear on the ballot used for voting at said Special District Meeting in substantially the following abbreviated form:

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YES

NO

RESOLVED:

(a) That the Board of Education of the North Bellmore Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to install new air ventilation units with air conditioning capabilities, including all necessary and related plumbing and electrical upgrades, in all District buildings; upgrade playgrounds; construct exterior masonry, ADA and building envelope improvements; and replace skylights and doors, all in accordance with a plan prepared for the District by John A. Grillo Architect, P.C., Port Jefferson, New York, and to expend therefor not to exceed \$39,018,234; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the amount of not to exceed \$39,018,234 to finance such cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and (c) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$39,018,234 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

The voting will be conducted by ballot on voting machines or paper ballots as provided in the Education Law and the polls will remain open from 6:00 o'clock A.M. to 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) and as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters then present to cast their ballots.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to Education Law §2014 personal registration of voters is required, and no person shall be entitled to vote at the Special District Meeting whose name does not appear on the register of the District. Voter registration for the District will be ongoing through and including Saturday, December 3, 2022, from 9:00 o'clock A.M. until 3:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time), on all school days of the school year, at the District Office, J. G. Dinkelmeyer Elementary School, Newbridge Road Elementary School, Park Avenue Elementary School and Saw Mill Road Elementary School, for the purpose of preparing a register of the qualified voters of the District for said Special District Meeting, at which time any person shall be entitled to have his/her name placed upon such register, provided that he/she is known or proven to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at said Special District Meeting for which such register is prepared. Immediately upon its completion, the register will be filed in the office of the District Clerk, 2616 Martin Avenue, Bellmore, New York, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A.M. and 3:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on each of the five (5) days prior to the Special District Meeting for which it was prepared, except Sunday, and on Saturday, December 3, 2022 between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A.M. and 11:00 o'clock A.M.

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to Education Law 2018-a applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Applications for absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no earlier than thirty (30) days before the election. Furthermore, such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the Special District Meeting if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the Special District Meeting if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter or his/her designated agent. Upon receiving a timely request for a mailed absentee ballot, the District Clerk will mail the ballot to the address set forth in the application by no later than six (6) days before the date of the Special District Meeting. No absentee voter's ballot will be canvassed unless it has been received in the office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on the day of the Special District Meeting.

A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the District Clerk, 2616 Martin Avenue, North Bellmore, New York, commencing with the issuance of the first absentee ballot and during regular business hours on each of the five (5) days prior to the day of the Special District Meeting between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. (Prevailing Time), except Sunday and on Saturday, December 3, 2022 between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A.M. and 11:00 o'clock A.M. (Prevailing Time). Such list will also be available at the polling place on the date of the Special District Meeting. No absentee voter's ballot shall be canvassed unless it shall have been received in the office of the District Clerk of the District not later than 5:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on the day of Special District Meeting.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a person shall be entitled to vote at the Special District Meeting who is a citizen of the United States, eighteen years of age, a resident of the District for a period of thirty days next preceding the election or Special District Meeting he/she offers to vote and registered to vote for said election or Special District Meeting. A person shall be registered to vote if he or she shall have permanently registered with the Nassau County Board of Elections or with the Board of Registration of the school district. Only persons who shall be registered shall be entitled to vote.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that military voters who are not currently registered may apply to register as a qualified voter of the school district. Military voters who are qualified voters of the school district may submit an application for a military ballot. Military voters may designate a preference to receive a military voter registration, military ballot application or military ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail in their request for such registration, ballot application or ballot. Military voter registration forms and military ballot application forms must be received in the office of the District Clerk of the school district no later than 5:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on November 14, 2022. No military ballot will be canvassed unless it is (1) received in the office of the District Clerk before the close of the polls on the day of the Special District Meeting and showing a cancellation mark of the United States postal service or a foreign country's postal service, or showing a dated endorsement of receipt by

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another agency of the United States government; or (2) received by the office of the District Clerk by no later 5:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on day of the Special District Meeting and signed and dated by the military voter and one witness thereto, with a date which is associated to be not later than the day before the Special District Meeting.

BY THE ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dated: October 13, 2022

LAURICE GUNNELS
District Clerk

Section 4. The vote upon the Proposition to be submitted to the qualified voters shall be by voting machines or by paper ballot, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to have the necessary ballot printed in form corresponding as nearly as may be with the requirements of the Education Law.

Section 5. The proceeds of the bonds authorized pursuant to each of the Propositions set forth in Section 3 hereof, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, may be applied to reimburse the District for expenditures made for the purpose or purposes for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Board Member

_____ and duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

AYES:

NOES:

The resolution was declared adopted.

**TRANSPORTATION
ADDENDUM**

13.12 Mrs. Linci moved that the Board of Education approve that the North Bellmore School District enter into a piggyback contract with the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District and First Student Inc. for the transport of three students to an out-of-district non-public school. This would result in a cost savings to the North Bellmore School District as the contracted cost is substantially lower than new contracts that have bid out to schools of similar distance. Mrs. Malloy seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Cmar-Grote inquired regarding the school calendar with respect to adding EID as a formal holiday. Mrs. Testa indicated the district is looking to the future and is gathering information for BOE consideration including contractually the days required for students and staff, and recommended a work session for review and discussion of holidays.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Goedel (Martin Avenue) – *What happens if the bond is voted down? Why not wait until May?* Mrs. Testa responded if the bond is voted down the district would inquire of the BOE regarding whether to hold a revote, and if so, potential modifications to the original proposed bond. If a revote is not an option to be visited, a contingency plan for maintenance would be discussed. With respect to holding the bond vote at the same time as the budget, Mrs. Testa indicated it is not a recommended practice due to the amount of financial information being presented.

Ms. Goedel further inquired *if you have to go out for a revote, so two votes for the bond and then the budget vote in May, how much does it cost the district each time to run a vote?* Mrs. Testa responded approximately \$9,000 to \$10,000, and indicated this was the scenario in 2018 when the budget was voted down.

Ms. Goedel (Martin Avenue) - *Why is it \$300,000 for each school for new playgrounds? Some buildings like Saw Mill have new playgrounds. Martin Avenue is in good shape too.* Mrs. Cmar-Grote responded that while some of the playgrounds are in better condition than others, it creates equitability among the schools and does not show partiality of one building against another.

Ms. Holmes (Logue Street) – *Do we still have Title 1 schools in our district? If so, which schools and how does it qualify?* Mrs. Pollitt responded that Title 1 schools are those schools in the district that have the lowest socio-economic status and this is derived from analysis of the free and reduced lunch. She indicated the two schools identified this year are John G. Dinkelmeyer and Newbridge Road.

POTENTIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mrs. Lanci, seconded by Mrs. Malloy, and carried 5-0, the Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurice Gunnels
District Clerk