



**NORTH BELLMORE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES – JULY 2, 2025**

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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 Wednesday evening, July 2, 2025, in the All Purpose Room of the Martin Avenue School at 2616 Martin Avenue, North Bellmore, New York.

The following members of the Board of Education were present:

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

Also present:

Marie Testa, Superintendent of Schools  
Janet Pollitt, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction  
Amy Joyce, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
Steven A. Goodstadt, District Counsel  
Laurice Gunnels, District Clerk

<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. A motion was made by Mrs. Cmar-Grote, seconded by Mrs. Corless to move into an executive session. Motion was carried 5-0. The meeting reconvened at 7:51 p.m.
<b>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</b>	Mrs. Gunnels led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
<b>MISSION STATEMENT</b>	Mrs. Lanci read the District's Mission Statement.
<b>OATH OF OFFICE</b>	Mr. Goodstadt administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Gunnels as the District Clerk, and Mrs. Gunnels administered the oath of office to Mrs. Testa, Superintendent of Schools, and the newly re-elected members of the Board of Education, Mr. Christopher Nardo and Mrs. Rosemarie Corless.
<b>ELECTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESIDENT</b>	Mrs. Gunnels called for nominations for the position of President of the Board of Education. Mrs. Lanci moved to nominate Mrs. 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 Vice President of the Board of Education. Mrs. Lanci nominated Mr. Nardo, and Mrs. Malloy seconded. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed, and the MOTION was carried 5-0. Mrs. Gunnels administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Nardo.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
APPOINTMENTS****7. Board Officers / Board Committees / Bellmore Merrick CHSD Board**

ON A MOTION by Mrs. Malloy, seconded by Mrs. Lanci, and carried 5-0 the North Bellmore Board of Education approves the following Board Committee appointments for the 2025/26 school year:

7.1 Audit Committee: Mrs. Lanci and Mr. Nardo.

7.2 Policy Committee: Mrs. Lanci and Mrs. Malloy.

7.3 Districtwide School Safety Committee: Mrs. Cmar-Grote and Mrs. Corless.

7.4 District Shared Decision Making Team: Mrs. Cmar-Grote and Mr. Nardo.

7.5 District Mental Health and Wellness Committee: Mrs. Cmar-Grote and Mrs. Corless.

7.6 Official Voting Delegate to NYS School Boards Association Annual Meeting: Mrs. Malloy.

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

Mrs. Corless.

7.8 NYS School Board Association Advocacy Liaison: Mrs. Cmar-Grote.

7.9 Bellmore Merrick CHSD Board of Education: Mrs. Lanci and Mrs. Lanci.

**NORTH BELLMORE BOARD  
OF EDUCATION MEETINGS****8. North Bellmore BOE Meetings**

ON A MOTION by Mrs. Malloy, seconded by Mrs. Lanci, and carried 5-0, the North Bellmore Board of Education approves the following schedule of Board Meetings for the 2025/26 school year: July 2, 2025, August 14, 2025, September 11, 2025, October 9, 2025, November 13, 2025, December 9, 2025, January 8, 2026, February 5, 2026, March 12, 2026, April 16, 2026, May 5, 2026, June 11, 2026.

**CONSENT AGENDA  
(Item Nos. 9.1 to 9.32)**

ON A MOTION made by Mrs. Lanci, seconded by Mrs. Cmar-Grote, and carried 5.0, the Board of Education approves Item Nos. 9.1 through 9.32.

**APPOINTMENTS****9. Appointments:**

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Bellmore Board of Education approves the appointment of the following for the 2025/26 school year.

9.1 District Attorney – Ingerman Smith LLP

9.2 External Auditor – Nawrocki and Smith

9.3 Internal Auditor – Cerini & Associates

9.4 Claims Auditor – RS Abrams

9.5 School Architect – John Grillo

9.6 Board Secretary – Jeanne Canavan

9.7 District Treasurer – Jack Newman

9.8 Records Access Officer – Amy Joyce

**APPOINTMENTS**  
**(continued)**

- 9.9 Asbestos Related Activities & AHERA Compliance Designee –Richard Russo
- 9.10 Purchasing Agent – Jacqueline Rehak
- 9.11 School Physician – Dr. Susanne Kowal-Connelly
- 9.12 Medical Director – Dr. Ronald Marino
- 9.13 Title IX Coordinator – Dr. Lydia Williams
- 9.14 Title IX Investigator – Rose Scammell
- 9.15 Title IX Facilitator – Janet Pollitt
- 9.16 Title IX Decision Maker – Amy Joyce
- 9.17 District Mental Health and Wellness Coordinator – Rose Scammell
- 9.18 Homeless Liaison – Rose Scammell
- 9.19 Dignity Act Coordinator – Rose Scammell, Director of Special Education and Student Support Services.
- John G. Dinkelmeyer School: Danica Brugge, Principal  
Judith Stuert, Psychologist
- Martin Avenue School: Dr. Michael Yannucci, Principal  
Keri Dejak, Psychologist
- Newbridge Road School: Amanda Licci, Principal  
Brittany Powell, Psychologist
- Park Avenue School: Dr. Lynn Coyle, Principal  
Jillian Sears, Social Worker
- Saw Mill Road School: Jeffrey Rosof, Principal  
Daniel Madden, Assistant Principal  
Jo Ann Signorelli, Social Worker
- 9.20 Bond Council – Hawkins, Delafield and Wood LLP
- 9.21 Fiscal Advisors – Capital Market Advisors
- 9.22 District Clerk – Laurice Gunnels
- 9.23 School District Chief Emergency Officer – Marie Testa
- 9.24 Data Privacy Officer – Jason Fischetti
- 9.25 Data Protection Officer – Jason Fischetti
- 9.26 Districtwide School Safety Team –
- Marie Testa, Superintendent of Schools
- Janet Pollitt, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
- Amy Joyce, Assistant Superintendent for Business
- Jason Fischetti, Executive Director of Technology, Data and Information Services
- Rose Scammell, Director of Special Education & Student Support Services
- Dr. Lydia Williams, Director of Human Resources
- Richard Russo, Director of Facilities
- Danica Brugge, John G. Dinkelmeyer Principal
- Dr. Michael Yannucci, Martin Avenue Principal
- Amanda Licci, Newbridge Road Principal
- Dr. Lynn Coyle, Park Avenue Principal
- Jeffrey Rosof, Saw Mill Road Principal
- Daniel Madden, Saw Mill Road Assistant Principal
- Jo Ann Signorelli, Social Worker
- Keara McNamara, School Counselor
- Holly Sugarman, School Counselor
- Amanda DiMonda, Teacher

**APPOINTMENTS**  
**(continued)**

James O'Brien, Teacher  
June Smith, Director of Bellmore-Merrick Child Care Program  
Dave Marschall, CSEA Custodial Unit President, North Bellmore Fire Dept.  
Mike O'Shea, NCPD Officer,  
Homeland Security, NCPD Officer (TBD)  
John Bilello, NCPD Officer  
Dom Padolecchia, NCPD Officer  
Vincent Conlon, NCPD Officer  
Susan Boyle, Wright Insurance Company  
PTA Coordinating Council Representative (TBD)  
Stephanie Catalfomo, Parent Member  
Rocco Famiglietti, Parent Member  
Sergio LaBoy, Parent Member  
Michelle Murphy, Parent Member  
Jessica Ryan, Parent Member  
Nicole Miller, Parent Member  
Nicole Sano, Parent Member  
Terry-Ann Emmanuel, Nassau BOCES, Health and Safety Specialist  
Don Simpson, CSEA, Custodial Unit  
Lisa Babsin, Paraprofessionals Unit, President  
Nancy Kaufman, Paraprofessionals Unit, Co-President  
Melissa Cmar-Grote, Board of Education Trustee  
Rosemarie Corless, Board of Education Trustee

**CSE APPOINTMENTS****9.27 Committee on Special Education**

Mrs. Rose Scammell, Director of Special Education and Student Support Services, and 504 Chairperson

Dr. Allison Azus, Psychologist, Chairperson  
Ms. Keri Dejak, Psychologist, Chairperson  
Dr. Chelsea Huttner, Psychologist, Chairperson  
Ms. Margaret Jaffa, Psychologist, Chairperson  
Ms. Cheryl Lange, Psychologist, Chairperson  
Ms. Kristen Marino, Psychologist, Chairperson  
Ms. Brittany Powell, Psychologist, Chairperson  
Dr. Lindsay Rich, Psychologist, Chairperson  
Ms. Judy Stuertzt, Psychologist, Chairperson  
Ms. Danica Brugge, Principal, Chairperson  
Dr. Lynn Coyle, Principal, Chairperson  
Ms. Amanda Licci, Principal, Chairperson  
Mr. Jeff Rosof, Principal, Chairperson  
Dr. Michael Yannucci, Principal, Chairperson  
Mr. Daniel Madden, Assistant Principal, Chairperson  
Ms. Jo Ann Signorelli, LCSW, Chairperson  
Ms. Jillian Sears, LMSW, Chairperson  
Ms. Danielle DiMartino, LMSW, Chairperson  
Ms. Olivia Gentilucci, LMSW, Chairperson  
Ms. Jeannette Cigliano, Speech/Language Pathologist, Chairperson  
Ms. Laura Dust, Speech/Language Pathologist, Chairperson

**CSE APPOINTMENTS**  
**(continued)**

Ms. Erin Glynn, Speech/Language Pathologist, Chairperson  
Ms. Janice Jackson, Speech/Language Pathologist, Chairperson  
Ms. Pauline Lanzillo, Speech/Language Pathologist, Chairperson  
Ms. Janet Lum-Jacoby, Speech/Language Pathologist, Chairperson  
Ms. Lauren Mastrianni, Speech/Language Pathologist, Chairperson  
Ms. Daniela McGee, Speech/Language Pathologist, Chairperson  
Ms. Alyssa Schwartz, Speech/Language Pathologist, Chairperson  
Ms. Amy Stabile, Speech/Language Pathologist, Chairperson  
Ms. Patty Tansey, Speech/Language Pathologist, Chairperson  
Ms. Victoria Van Wie, Speech/Language Pathologist, Chairperson  
Ms. Wendy Yegidis, Speech/Language Pathologist, Chairperson  
The Child's regular education teacher  
The Child's special education teacher or special education provider, as appropriate  
Parent or persons in parental relationship of the student

**CPSE APPOINTMENTS****9.28 Committee on Pre-School Education**

Mrs. Rose Scammell, Director of Special Education and Student Support Services, and CPSE Chairperson  
Dr. Allison Azus, Psychologist, Chairperson  
Ms. Keri Dejak, Psychologist, Chairperson  
Dr. Chelsea Huttner, Psychologist, Chairperson  
Ms. Margaret Jaffa, Psychologist, Chairperson  
Ms. Cheryl Lange, Psychologist, Chairperson  
Ms. Kristen Marino, Psychologist, Chairperson  
Ms. Brittany Powell, Psychologist, Chairperson  
Dr. Lindsay Rich, Psychologist, Chairperson  
Ms. Judy Stuert, 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 Department of Mental Health  
Representative of Department of Health-Early Intervention Coordinator

**Note:** The parent or person in a parental relationship of the student may request that a parent member participate in the CPSE meeting

**SECTION 504 COMMITTEE****9.29 Section 504 Committee**

Mrs. Rose Scammell, Director of Special Education and Student Support Services, and 504 Chairperson  
Dr. Allison Azus, Psychologist, Chairperson  
Ms. Keri Dejak, Psychologist, Chairperson  
Dr. Chelsea Huttner, Psychologist, Chairperson  
Ms. Margaret Jaffa, Psychologist, Chairperson  
Ms. Cheryl Lange, Psychologist, Chairperson  
Ms. Kristen Marino, Psychologist, Chairperson  
Ms. Brittany Powell, Psychologist, Chairperson  
Dr. Lindsay Rich, Psychologist, Chairperson

**Section 504 Committee  
(continued)**

Ms. Judy Stuert, Psychologist, Chairperson  
 Ms. Danica Brugge, Principal, Chairperson  
 Dr. Lynn Coyle, Principal, Chairperson  
 Ms. Amanda Licci, Principal, Chairperson  
 Mr. Jeff Rosof, Principal, Chairperson  
 Dr. Michael Yannucci, Principal, Chairperson  
 Mr. Daniel Madden, Assistant Principal, Chairperson  
 Ms. Jo Ann Signorelli, LCSW, Chairperson  
 Ms. Jillian Sears, LMSW, Chairperson  
 Ms. Danielle DiMartino, LMSW, Chairperson  
 Ms. Olivia Gentilucci, LMSW, Chairperson  
 Ms. Jeannette Cigliano, Speech/Language Pathologist, Chairperson  
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 Ms. Pauline Lanzillo, Speech/Language Pathologist, Chairperson  
 Ms. Janet Lum-Jacoby, Speech/Language Pathologist, Chairperson  
 Ms. Lauren Mastrianni, Speech/Language Pathologist, Chairperson  
 Ms. Daniela McGee, Speech/Language Pathologist, Chairperson  
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**REGISTRARS – 2025/26  
ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE  
AND ELECTION**

9.30 Registrars for the 2025/26 Annual Budget Vote and Election  
 Lisa Fogarty, Jack Newman, and Michael Bevilacqua.

**PETTY CASH FUND  
CUSTODIANS**

9.31 Petty Cash Fund Custodians

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>CUSTODIAN</u>
John G. Dinkelmeyer School	\$100.00/mo.	Danica Brugge
Martin Avenue School	\$100.00/mo.	Dr. Michael Yannucci
Newbridge Road School	\$100.00/mo.	Amanda Licci
Park Avenue School	\$100.00/mo.	Dr. Lynn Coyle
Saw Mill Road School	\$100.00/mo.	Jeffrey Rosof

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION  
COOPERATIVE**

9.32 Workers' Compensation Cooperative

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Education appoints the Assistant Superintendent for Business as Trustee of the Nassau County Schools Cooperative Self-Insurance Plan for Workers' Compensation for the 2025/26 school year.

**DEPOSITORIES FOR SCHOOL FUNDS****10. Depositories for School Funds**

ON A MOTION made by Mrs. Lanci, seconded by Mrs. Cmar-Grote, and carried 5-0, the North Bellmore Board of Education approves the following banks as depositories for school funds.

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

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**  
**(Item Nos. 11.1 to 25)**

ON A MOTION made by Mr. Nardo, seconded by Mrs. Lanci, and carried 5.0, the Board of Education approved Item Nos. 11.1 through 25.

**AUTHORIZATIONS****11. 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 moved 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 moved that 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, and Capital Reserve funds.

**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>
John G. 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 Laurice Gunnels 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 2025/26 school year.

**OFFICIAL DISTRICT  
NEWSPAPER**

16. Official District Newspaper

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 2025/26 school year.

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Begins</u>
Feast of the Assumption	August 15, 2025	
Feast of Elevation of the Cross	September 14	
Rosh Hashanah	September 23-24	(sundown 9/22)
Feast of Elevation of the Cross*	September 27	
Yom Kippur	October 2	(sundown 10/1)
First 2 Days of Sukkot	October 7	(sundown 10/6)
Last 2 Days of Sukkot	October 12, 13	
Shemini Atzeret	October 14	(sundown 10/13)
Simchat Torah	October 15	(sundown 10/14)

**DAYS OF RELIGIOUS  
OBSERVANCE  
(continued)**

Diwali	October 20	
Feast Day of St. Demetrios*	October 26	
Feast of All Saints	November 1	
Feast of the Immaculate Conception	December 8	
Hanukkah	December 15 -22	(sundown 12/14)
Christmas	December 25	
Feast of the Solemnity of Mary	January 1, 2026	
Feast of the Epiphany	January 6	
Al-Isra'wal-Mi'raj	January 16	(sundown 1/15)
Epiphany Orthodox	January 19	
Lunar New Year	February 17	
Ramadan begins	February 18	(sundown 2/17)
Ash Wednesday	February 18	
Purim	March 3	(sundown 3/2)
Eid al-Fitr	March 20	(sundown 3/19)
First 2 Days of Passover	April 2-3	(sundown 4/1)
Holy Thursday	April 2	
Good Friday	April 3	
Easter	April 5	
Last 2 Days of Passover	April 8-9	
Eastern Orthodox Good Friday	April 10	
Eastern Orthodox Easter	April 12	
Ascension Day	May 14	
Orthodox Ascension Day*	May 21	
Shavuot	May 22	(sundown 5/21)
Pentecost	May 24	
Eid al-Adha	May 27	(sundown 5/26)
Pentecost* (Eastern)	May 31	

\*Old Calendar Eastern Orthodox Churches

**READOPTION OF EXISTING  
POLICIES**

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 2024/25 school year for the 2025/26 school year.

**READOPTION OF DISTRICT  
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 2025/26 school year (on file at the District Office).

**READOPTION OF  
PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

20. Readoption of Professional Development Plan

BE IT RESOLVED that the Professional Development Plan be readopted for the 2025/26 school year (on file at the District Office).

**READOPTION OF  
COMPREHENSIVE  
DEVELOPMENTAL SCHOOL  
COUNSELING PLAN**

21. Readoption of Comprehensive Developmental School Counseling Plan

BE IT RESOLVED that the Comprehensive Developmental School Counseling Plan be readopted for the 2025/26 school year (on file at the District Office).

**READoption OF CODE OF CONDUCT****22. Readoption of Code of Conduct**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Code of Conduct be readopted for the 2025/26 school year. A copy of the Code of Conduct will be on file in the office of the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction (see policy 5300 on the NB website in addition to the attached quick guides).

**READoption OF MULTI-TIERED SYSTEM OF SUPPORT PLAN****23. Readoption of Multi-Tiered System of Support Plan**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Multi-Tiered System of Support Plan be readopted for the 2025/26 school year. A copy of the Multi-Tiered System of Support Plan will be on file in the office of the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction (on file at District Office).

**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 2025/26 school year, as set forth by the New York State Education Department.

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 \$250 per hour for pre-hearing, hearing and post-hearing activities, as well as reimbursement for reasonable expenses.

**REAFFIRMATION OF SCHOOL EMPLOYEES AND OFFICES 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.

**ITEM NOS. 26 THROUGH 29: REMOVED FROM AGENDA**

*Item Nos. 26 through 29 with respect to the Public Hearing on the 2025/26 District-Wide School Safety Plan were removed from Agenda without objection.*

Mrs. Testa indicated the Districtwide School Safety Plan will be posted to the website tomorrow for the 30-day review and commentary period prior to adoption.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

ON A MOTION by Mrs. Lanci, seconded by Mrs. Malloy, and carried 5-0, the Board of Education approved the minutes of the Business meeting of June 12, 2025.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*(Agenda Items only)*

Any person wishing to make comments or raise questions shall complete an information card. Questions are to be addressed to the Board President, not to individual board members. Personal attacks on individual board members, administrators and staff will not be tolerated and may be cause to adjourn the meeting. There will be no back and forth dialogue. Out of courtesy and fairness to the rest of the audience, it would be appreciated if each visitor would limit his/her remarks to not more than three minutes or ask only one question. Public discussion on matters relating to staff and students, at which their reputation, privacy, or rights to due process, or those of others could be in some way violated, is prohibited.

There were no public comments related to agenda items only.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mrs. Corless advised that the Board received no correspondence.

**TREASURER'S  
REPORT**

ON A MOTION by Mrs. Lanci, seconded by Mr. Nardo, and carried 5-0, the Board of Education approved the Treasurer's report for the month ended May 31, 2025.

**BOARD COMMITTEE / HIGH  
SCHOOL REPORTS**

There was no BMCHSD report this evening as the BOE has not met yet. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 8, 2025.

**CONSENT AGENDA  
*(Item Nos. 35 to 38.12)***

ON A MOTION made by Mrs. Lanci, seconded by Mrs. Malloy, and carried 5-0, the Board of Education approved Item Nos. 35 through 38.12.

**FINANCE**

35. The Board of Education acknowledges review of the warrants that have been approved by the Claims Auditor for the month of June 2025.

**PERSONNEL REPORT**

36.1 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Report dated July 2, 2025 (on file at District Office).

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

36.2 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the Staff Development Report dated July 2, 2025 (on file at District Office).

**CPSE/CSE REPORTS**

37.1 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the CPSE and CSE reports dated June 26, 2025 (on file at District Office).

**NEW CONTRACTS**

38.1 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following contracts for the 2025/26 school year:

- Cerini & Associates, LLP
- The Limitless Leader
- Variety Child Learning Center

**DONATIONS**

38.2 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following donations for Martin Avenue sixth grade graduation gifts:

<b><u>Name of Donor</u></b>	<b><u>Description of Gifts</u></b>	<b><u>Approx. Value</u></b>
Bellmore Knights of Columbus	1 VISA gift card (\$50)	\$50
Kiwanis Club of the Bellmores	2 Amazon gift cards (\$25 each)	\$50
North Bellmore American Legion Post 1749	4 Amazon gift cards (\$50 each)	\$200
Bellmore Lions Club	3 Amazon gift cards (\$25 each)	\$75
North Bellmore Teachers' Association	1 Amazon gift card (\$25)	\$25
Veterans of Foreign Wars Vigilant Post #2770	1 medal	\$10
Patti Cernuto Award	2 - \$250 checks	\$500
North Bellmore Republican Club	Book on the Constitution	\$20
Mrs. Agnes Schoepfer, North Bellmore Retired Teachers Association	Framed certificate (Academic), medal & Barnes & Noble gift card (\$25)	\$25
Chamber of Commerce of the Bellmores	Plaque & Carvel gift card (\$10)	\$10
North Bellmore SEPTA	3 plaques	\$25
Coordinating Council Cares	1 - \$50 check	\$50
Martin Avenue PTA	2 Amazon gift cards (\$25 each)	\$50
Martin Avenue Faculty	2 Amazon gift cards (\$25 each)	\$50
Letitia James, NY Attorney General, Triple C Award	2 Triple C certificates	N/A
Thomas P. DiNapoli, NYS Comptroller	4 certificates	N/A
David G. McDonough Certificates	Paper certificates	N/A

**DONATIONS**  
**(continued)**

38.3 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following donations for Saw Mill Road sixth grade graduation gifts:

<b><u>Name of Donor</u></b>	<b><u>Description of Gift</u></b>	<b><u>Approx. Value</u></b>
Bellmore Knights of Columbus	1-Gift Card	\$50
Steven Rhoads Certificates	Certificates	N/A
Kiwanis Club of the Bellmores	2-Gift Cards	\$50
North Bellmore American Legion Post 1749	4-Gift Cards	\$200
North Bellmore Fire Dept. No. 1 Smithville South	1-Plaque	\$25
Bellmore Lions Club	5-Gift Cards	\$125
North Bellmore Teacher's Association	1-Gift Card	\$25
Saw Mill Faculty Fund	1-Gift Card	\$25
Veterans of Foreign Wars Vigilant Post #2770	Medal	\$20
Patti Cernuto	2-Checks	\$500
North Bellmore Republican Club Mr. David Weiss	Book/Letter	\$20
David G. McDonough Certificates	Certificates	N/A
Mrs. Agnes Schoepfer, North Bellmore Retired Teachers Association	Plaque, Medal, Gift Card	\$25
Letitia James Triple C Forms (5)	Certificates	N/A
North Bellmore Principals' Association	1-Gift Cards	\$25
North Bellmore SEPTA	2-Plaques	\$50
Chamber of Commerce of the Bellmores	1-plaque, Gift Card	unknown
Thomas P. DiNapoli Certificates	Certificates	N/A
Coordinating Council Cares	Check or G/C (sealed env)	unknown
Saw Mill Road School PTA	4-Gift Cards	\$100

**DONATIONS**  
*(continued)*

38.4 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the following donations for John G. Dinkelmeyer sixth grade graduation gifts:

<b><u>Name of Donor</u></b>	<b><u>Description of Gifts</u></b>	<b><u>Approx. Value</u></b>
PATTI CERNUTO ART AWARD	(2) CHECKS	\$250 each
FAITH SKELOS ART APPRECIATION	(1) engraved plate on perpetual plaque	\$10
NB AMERICAN LEGION	4 - AMAZON - \$50 EACH	\$200
NB KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	1 - \$50 VISA GIFT CARD	\$50
BELLMORE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	1 - PLAQUE & 2 - RALPH'S ICE GC(\$10)	\$10
JGD FACULTY	2 - PLAQUES (\$20 EACH)	\$40
KIWANIS CLUB OF BELLMORE	2 - AMAZON GIFT CARDS (\$25 EACH)	\$50
NB COORD. COUNCIL	1 CHECK - \$50	\$50
NB RETIRED TEACHERS	1 MEDAL; 1 GIFT CARD \$25	\$25
NBTA	1 GIFT CARD \$25	\$25
JGD PTA	2 PLAQUES; 4 CHECKS \$50 EACH	\$200
NB SEPTA	2 PLAQUES	NA
NBFD CO 2	2 \$50 GIFT CARDS	\$100
BELLMORE LIONS CLUB	5 AMAZON - \$25 EACH	\$125
NB REPUBLICAN CLUB	1 BOOK	N/A
VETS OF FOREIGN WAR 2770	1 MEDAL	N/A
NB PRINCIPALS ASSOC	Plaque	\$20
GINA DITUSA MEMORIAL	3 CHECKS - \$200 EACH	\$600
HEANEY/ZAGLIN AWARD	1 AMAZON GIFT CARD \$50	\$50
NYS COMPTROLLER	CERTIFICATE	N/A
NYS ATTORNEY GENERAL TRIPLE C & CIVIC AMBASSADORS	CERTIFICATE	N/A
Rita Braver Math Award	plate on perpetual plaque	\$10

**DONATIONS  
(continued)**

Gary Pardo	plate on perpetual plaque	\$10
Principals' Award	Plaque	\$20
Kelly Gerrato	Plaque & gift card	\$20+\$50

38.5 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept a donation from the Park Avenue PTA of a Book Nook Vending Machine that will promote literacy and encourage a love for reading in a fun, engaging and meaningful way for the Park Avenue students. Approx. Value: \$15,099.00.

38.6 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept a donation from the Park Avenue sixth grade class of 2025 of a lobby bench for Dr. Coyle and the staff at Park Avenue Elementary School. Approx. Value: \$1,000.00.

**ADOPTION OF BUILDING  
LEVEL EMERGENCY  
RESPONDENT PLAN**

38.7 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adopt the Building-Level Emergency Response Plan for the following schools for the 2025-26 school year:

- John G. Dinkelmeyer Elementary School
- Martin Avenue Elementary School
- Newbridge Road Elementary School
- Park Avenue Elementary School
- Saw Mill Road Elementary School

**TRANSPORTATION**

38.8 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the new 2025 summer transportation contract for private school transportation to Harold D Fayette School effective as of July 1, 2025 with Suburban Bus Transportation, Inc.

38.9 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the renewal of the following transportation contracts at the revised CPI of 3.4% for the 2025/2026 school year private school transportation with:

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

38.10 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the new transportation contracts awarded to the lowest bidder from the BMCHSD Transportation Consortium Bid of 5/7/25 and 6/4/25 for the 2025/2026 school year with First Student Bus for Private School Transportation to Yeshiva SouthShore.

38.11 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the renewal of the Guardian Bus Company transportation contract at the revised CPI of 3.4% for the 2025/2026 school year.



**NBTA AGREEMENT**

38.12 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve a collective bargaining agreement between the Board of Education of the North Bellmore Union Free School District and the North Bellmore Teachers' Association for the term July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027 (on file at District Office).

**ITEM NO. 38.13:  
REMOVED FROM AGENDA**

Item No. 38.13 was removed from the agenda without objection as the agreement was not ready for BOE approval.

*(38.13 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve a collective bargaining agreement by and between the Board of Education of the North Bellmore Union Free School District and CSEA, Local 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, CSEA North Bellmore UFSD Custodial Bus Driver Unity, Nassau County Educational Local 865 for the term of July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026.)*

**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT**

Mrs. Testa addressed the importance of the Reorganizational Meeting wherein motions are made regarding the administration of the school district for the new school year. She congratulated Mrs. Corless and Mr. Nardo on their appointments as President and Vice President of the Board of Education, and formally welcomed Mrs. Amy Joyce, the new Assistant Superintendent For Business.

In preparation for the new school year, Mrs. Testa offered gratitude and appreciation to the whole administrative team who partook in the rigorous personnel process utilized in search of staffing who meet the standards put forth by this district's mission. Peering into the audience, Mrs. Testa on behalf of the BOE and the administrative team proudly congratulated and welcomed the newly hired faculty present and appointed this evening.

- Sarah Enderle
- Alexa Ferrara
- Madelyn Pascarella
- Danielle Recco
- Danielle Scalcione

In furtherance, Mrs. Testa happily shared the status of the capital reserve and budgetary projects districtwide, extending gratitude to Mr. Russo, Mr. Fischetti, and the entire Facility and Technological teams for their continued support.

- Pavement, ceilings, and lighting were completed at JGD and Martin in the summer of 2023, and this summer Saw Mill and Park Avenue are currently underway. Newbridge Road and Gunther were approved with an anti-cipated completion date August 2026.
- Exterior brick pointing was completed at JGD and Martin in August of 2022, and Newbridge Road and Gunther are out to bid with a projected completion date August 2026.
- Electrical upgrades at Martin, Newbridge and Saw Mill have an anticipated completion date August 2025, and JGD, Park, and Gunther are projected for August 2026.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT**

- Installation of ADA bathrooms in all buildings is pending SED approval with a potential start date summer of 2026.
- Installation of air conditioning units has begun at Saw Mill.

In conclusion, Mrs. Testa reported the ESY Program will commence on Monday, July 7, and extended her gratitude to Mrs. Scammell for overseeing the coordination of this program with the respective teams.

Mrs. Corless shared the BOE received photographs and expressed excitement over the work being performed districtwide and welcomed the newly hired faculty and staff to North Bellmore.

**BUSINESS DEPARTMENT  
REPORT**

Mrs. Joyce extended gratitude to the BOE, Mrs. Testa, and her colleagues for welcoming her and shared how thrilled she is to be here in North Bellmore.

Mrs. Joyce, speaking of capital projects, reiterated Mrs. Testa's comments, expressing gratitude to Mr. Russo and his team. She spoke to discussing the status of the projects with both Mrs. Testa and Mr. Russo, reviewing the work already performed, currently underway, and those in the planning stage.

In closing, Mrs. Joyce shared discussions with Mrs. Testa and the finance team regarding banking and comparable rates of interest to what other districts or institutions like North Bellmore are earning and stressed the importance of not only protecting the property but also to ensure the district is earning what it should be in the current market.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business discussed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any person wishing to make comments or raise questions shall complete an information card. Questions are to be addressed to the Board President, not to individual board members. Personal attacks on individual board members, administrators and staff will not be tolerated and may be cause to adjourn the meeting. There will be no back and forth dialogue. Out of courtesy and fairness to the rest of the audience, it would be appreciated if each visitor would limit his/her remarks to not more than three minutes or ask only one question. Public discussion on matters relating to staff and students, at which their reputation, privacy, or rights to due process, or those of others could be in some way violated, is prohibited.

There were no public comments.

**POTENTIAL EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

The BOE did not adjourn into Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Corless, in reiteration of Mrs. Testa's sentiments to Mrs. Lanci at last month's meeting, extended gratitude again to her for her role as the former BOE President, and her continued dedication, hard work, and support of this community.

**ADJOURNMENT**  
***(continued)***

ON A MOTION by Mrs. Malloy, seconded by Mr. Nardo, and carried 5-0, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m. The next business meeting will be held on Thursday, August 14, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurice Gunnels  
District Clerk