

NORTH MERRICK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Monthly School Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 9, 2018

8:00 – Open Meeting - General Purpose Room (GPR)

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE: “So much in life depends on our attitude. The way we choose to see things and respond to others makes all the difference.” - President Thomas S. Monson
4. BULLETIN BOARD RECOGNITION: Mrs. Alyson Acevedo’s class.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Board Meeting September 12, 2018; Special Board Meeting September 17, 2018; and Special Board Meeting September 25, 2018.
6. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS, BUDGET TRANSFERS and WIRE TRANSFERS, as detailed in the mailing.
7. APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT
8. PUBLIC COMMENTS (For agenda items only)

Any person wishing to make comments or raise questions shall come forward to the microphone and state their name and address. 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, each visitor will limit his/her remarks to one item, not to exceed a thirty minute session, or ask only one question. Public discussion on matters relating to staff and students, by which their reputation, privacy, or rights to due process, or those of others could be in some way violated, is prohibited.

PRESENTATION - Curriculum Presentation

9. SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS

10. BUSINESS

- a) The Board of Education approves the following conference request: New York State School law requires newly-elected school board members to take mandatory training. Megan Ryan will take the 2018 New School Board Member on-line training. The cost for on-line training is \$240 per person.
- b) The Board of Education approves the following conference request: New York State School Boards Association will be hosting the 99th Annual Convention and Education Expo on October 25-27, 2018 in New York. This convention will have many exhibits with countless ways to save money, improve efficiencies and enhance district programs. The cost of the event is \$465 until Aug 17th, thereafter \$515 per person, cancellation fee \$100. (Plus overnight accommodations, meals and mileage). Megan Ryan has requested permission to attend.
- c) The Board of Education approves the following: During NYSSBA 99th Annual Convention and Education Expo on October 25, 2018 they will be hosting a Pre-Convention Communication Workshop from 1:00 to 4:30 PM in New York. This workshop will discuss how to handle social media during a crisis and manage a contentious public meeting. The cost of the event is \$140 per person, cancellation fee \$35. The following individuals have requested permission to attend: Dr. Seniuk, Ms. Hyland, Ms. Miller, Ms. Gordon and Ms. Ryan.

- d) The Board of Education approves the contract with Skyline Cruise Lines, Inc. in connection with the Old Mill Road School cruise of NYC departing from the World's Fair Marina, Flushing Queens on June 3, 2019 in the amount of \$7,910.
- e) The Board of Education accepts the donation of \$500 from the Old Mill Road 6th Grade Committee to be used towards the deposit of the 6th grade boat trip on June 3, 2019.
- f) The Board of Education approves the contract with Skyline Cruise Lines, Inc. in connection with the Camp Avenue School cruise of NYC departing from the World's Fair Marina, Flushing Queens on May 29, 2019, in the amount of \$7,910.
- g) The Board of Education accepts the donation of \$500 from the Camp Avenue 6th Grade Committee to be used towards the deposit of the 6th grade boat trip on May 29, 2018.
- h) The Board of Education approves the audited financial statements for the 2017-18 school year supplied by R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP.
- i) The Board of Education approves the submission of the attached Corrective Action Plan to findings in the district's overall Independent Auditor Report for the 2017-18 school year.
- j) The Board of Education approves the extension of school bus transportation contract services to be extended at full C.P.I. of *2.2% with Baumann Bus Company for the 2018-19 school year and, as been done for prior extensions waiver of the performance bond be continued for the period of the contract extension. The extension includes large buses, vans, matron service and field and athletic trips. (*revised)
- k) The Board of Education approves the extension of school bus transportation contract services to be extended at full C.P.I. of *2.2% with Suburban Bus Company for the 2018-19 school year and, as been done for prior extensions waiver of the performance bond be continued for the period of the contract extension. The extension includes large buses, vans, matron service and field and athletic trips. (*revised)
- l) The Board of Education approves the extension of school bus transportation contract services to be extended at full C.P.I. of *2.2% with First Student Bus Company for the 2018-19 school year and, as been done for prior extensions waiver of the performance bond be continued for the period of the contract extension. The extension includes large buses, vans, matron service and field and athletic trips. (*revised)
- m) The Board of Education approves the extension of school bus transportation contract services to be extended at full C.P.I. of *2.2% with We Transport, Inc. for the 2018-19 school year and, as been done for prior extensions waiver of the performance bond be continued for the period of the contract extension. The extension includes large buses, vans, matron service and field and athletic trips. (*revised)
- n) The Board of Education approves the following resolution: The North Merrick UFSD hereby establishes six (6) hours as the standard workday for Technology Monitors and Aides. The District will report days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the School District's time keeping system.
- o) The Board of Education approves the following resolution: The North Merrick UFSD hereby establishes six (6) hours as the standard workday for Paraprofessionals. The District will report days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the School District's time keeping system.
- p) The Board of Education approves the following resolution: The North Merrick UFSD hereby establishes six (6) hours as the standard workday for Centralized Substitute Service. The District will report days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the School District's time keeping system.

- q) The Board of Education approves the following transfers: To Account A2630.490.04.5320- BOCES Learning Tech Proj., \$13,000; From Account A1981.490.04.0090 - BOCES Rental, \$13,000.
- r) The Board of Education approves the agreement between the North Merrick Teacher Center and Elizabeth Read to teach Three Act Math during the 2018-2019 school year. She will be paid at a rate of \$150 per hour for up to 7.5 hours, not to exceed \$1,125. (Grant funded by Teacher Center)
- s) The Board of Education approves entering into an agreement for the use of equipment with NY Islanders Hockey Club for the 2018-2019 New York Islanders School Floorball Program at Old Mill Road.
- t) The Board of Education approves the (60) Sixty month agreement with BOCES to provide the North Merrick UFSD with five (5) Smart Board and associated licensees. Total combine cost over the 60 month agreement is \$21,824.64.
- u) The Board of Education approves the disposal of equipment that is no longer in use by the district: nine computer tables (OMR); 4 hexagonal computer table (OMR) and one wood and stainless steel kitchen prep table (Camp).
- v) The Board of Education approves the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Employment Agreement for Thomas McDaid, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations and authorizes the Board President to sign said Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education, as detailed in the mailing.
- w) The Board of Education approves the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Employment Agreement for Edward Murphy, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and authorizes the Board President to sign said Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education, as detailed in the mailing.
- x) The Board of Education approves the following resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves Employment Agreement Amendment #4 for Cynthia Seniuk, Superintendent of Schools, and authorizes the Board President to sign said Amendment on behalf of the Board of Education, as detailed in the mailing.

11. BOARD OF EDUCATION:

- Introduction of new board member, Megan Ryan, and ceremonial oath of office.
- Work sessions

12. POLICIES

First Reading Policy Reading (no action):

- Policy #5151 – Homeless Children, which has been updated and revised for the Board of Education’s further review and comment.

Second and Final Reading:

- a) The Board of Education approves the second reading and adoption of the following Policy# 5015 Child Abuse which has been created for the Board of Education.
- b) The Board of Education approves the second reading and adoption of the following Policy: Policy #4010 Equivalence in Instruction which has been created for the Board of Education.
- c) The Board of Education approves the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the North Merrick Union Free School District Policy No. 9310 – Adoption of Policies contains the Board of Education procedures for the adoption, change and repeal of District policies; and
WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that it is necessary to change Board of Education Policy No. 9010.2, Sexual Harassment and Regulation, at this time;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education waives Policy No. 9310 with respect to the requirements related to the first reading of policies and the sequence of adoption of policies in relation to the change of Policy No. 9010.2 and 9010.2 Regulation;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education changes Policy No. 9010.2 and 9010.2-R at this time in order to be in compliance with recent Department of Labor regulations and guidance.

13. PERSONNEL ACTIONS REPORT

The Board of Education approves the Personnel Actions Report as detailed in the mailing.

15. SPECIAL SERVICES

- a) The Board of Education approves Maureen Goldberg to be appointed CPSE/CSE chairperson for the 2018-2019 school year.
- b) The Board of Education approves the tuition contract between the Farmingdale School District and the North Merrick School District for tuition for one non-resident student for the 2018-2019 school year.
- c) The Board of Education approves the one (1) Individualized Education Plan which was developed by the Committee on Preschool Special Education, as detailed in the mailing.
- d) The Board of Education approves the eight (8) Individualized Education Plan which were developed by the Committee on Special Education, as detailed in the mailing.

16. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

High School – Mr. Corona
PTA Council – Ms. Gordon
Buildings & Grounds – Mr. Carder
Teacher Center Committee – Ms. Gordon

17. COMMUNICATIONS

18. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- School break closing
- Live streaming/recording
- Chain of communication
- Focus groups and survey
- Board retreat
- Policy schedule
- Board officer's training schedule

19. NEW BUSINESS

- Programs
- Student and Teacher presentations at Board meetings
- Coffee with the Board of Education
- Public session

20. PUBLIC (same procedure applies)

21. ADJOURNMENT

Next monthly Board Meeting – November 13, 2018