

North Shore Schools
Board of Education
Minutes
Regular Meeting
October 8, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Webb at 7:00 pm in the High School Alumni Room. Present were Trustees Berliner, Beyer, Genovesi, Pombar and Sharkey. Trustee Kolkhorst was present for executive session but not for the public session. Also present was Dr. Melnick. Ms. Buatsi and Mr. Chlebicki were absent.

Executive Session

At 7:00 pm, on motion of Trustee Sharkey seconded by Trustee Beyer and all in favor, the Board went into Executive Session in the high school faculty room for discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation and matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

At 8:00 pm, on motion of Trustee Pombar seconded by Trustee Genovesi and all in favor, the Board moved to come out of Executive Session and resumed the regular meeting in the alumni room. There were approximately 30 people in the audience.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Webb led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Student Recognition

Dr. Melnick and president Webb recognized students Cosette Carolmusto, Nicholas Corda, Joshua Epstein and Kathryn Mattner for being invited to participate in the All State Music Conference which will be held in Rochester in December.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Trustee Beyer seconded by Trustee Berliner and all in favor, the minutes of September 24, 2009 were approved.

Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Melnick reported that Homecoming is scheduled for Saturday, October 17th; parade will begin at 2PM at Glenwood Landing followed by the Varsity football game at 3:30 PM. October 9th is E3 day in the Middle School; an entire day spent with students engaged in activities further developing the concept of everyone matters, everyone cares and everyone learns. The Middle School PTA and High School PTSA will be sponsoring a joint meeting on October 13th in the middle school cafeteria at 8:00 PM for a presentation of the PRIDE report as well as the steps we are taking to support and help our students, parents and community in making healthy choices. They are utilizing Webinar in order to promote participation from home for parents who are unable to make the meeting. A parent education seminar was held for our Kindergarten parents to familiarize them with the Every Day Math Program. A similar evening is scheduled for 4th grade parents for the evening of October 14.

Report of the SGO Representative and Comments from the Public

SGO Representative Charles Sharkey reported on events and activities at the high school including Spirit Week; the opening of a student store; students participating in a 5K walk "Making Strides against Breast Cancer" at Jones Beach on October 18th and a Juvenile

Diabetes walk at North Shore High School on October 25th. The JDRF walk is the senior project of Justin Wang and Colin Henneberger. Finally, there is a Halloween party scheduled for all children in the community for October 29th from 4:00-7:00 pm.

There were no public comments.

Regular Business

PRIDE Report

Laura Orticelle, Director of Physical Education & Health, gave an overview of the results from the YDS/PRIDE report and focused on a plan of action and next steps the district can take. Scott Hoefling, Administrative Intern, discussed the conclusions of the report and explained that in most areas North Shore meets the Nassau County and New York State averages. In the area of binge drinking high school students exceed the County and State average while in the area of marijuana use middle school students are well under the County and State averages. The Youth Development Survey (YDS) was developed to measure substance use, gambling and other problem behaviors and was administered to Grades 7-12. The PRIDE survey was administered to grades 4-6 as the YDS was not appropriate at the elementary level. Ms. Orticelle thanked the health education staff, teachers Neal Levy and Lori Reichel, the wellness committee and Scott Hoefling. She recommends a follow up survey in two years to compare results of students who are currently in 10th grade and will be seniors at the time of the next survey. She also recommends community involvement and parental education. The Board discussed the report and expressed concern with the action plan as most felt it was similar to the actions taken after the last survey was done 5 years ago and the results of this survey indicate it was not successful. Trustees would like a plan that has a measured goal. It was suggested to look at schools similar to North Shore who had a plan that resulted in their numbers going down. It was also suggested to look for professional help to educate both students and community members. The Board asked that Ms. Orticelle come back with a plan on how to achieve this.

Podcasts at Board Meetings

Paul Pelech, Director of Technology, was present at the meeting to discuss the logistics of broadcasting Board meetings, including system requirements and cost. His suggestion was a webinar which has an interactive piece, and can track how many residences are utilizing it. However, the residents who wish to participate would not be able to view the meeting. The system would allow residents to listen in to the meeting and view presentations utilizing the SmartBoard or computer. Trustees were concerned that this would not allow for the interaction they are interested in. Webinar will be used at the PTA/PTSA meeting on October 13 and Trustees agreed to participate in order to give them an opportunity to see it in operation. They asked Mr. Pelech to give them a series of choices and cost options for other types of broadcasting. Dr. Melnick agreed to come back to the Board with three options.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Seventh Grade Field Trip to Boston

The seventh grade teachers are requesting permission to plan a field trip to the city of Boston at the end of May as a culmination of learning that will take place throughout the year. Dr. Melnick assured the Board there will be funds available for those students who cannot afford the cost of the trip. There was consensus on the Board to give permission for the trip.

Allocation of Fund Balance

Ms. Buatsi sent a written report to the Board prior to the meeting which explained that after completing the financial report for fiscal year 2008-09 it was determined that the undesignated fund balance is approximately \$800,000 higher than the initial estimate. Ms. Buatsi's report explained how this amount was realized and recommended areas where it could be used; to offset the cost of a review of the Fine & Performing Arts Programs and the balance to be placed in the district's Capital Reserve. Trustee Beyer asked for more information on the large amount left over from the budget portion designated for expenses pertaining to special education services to students with disabilities who are enrolled in non public schools. Dr. Melnick explained that the district needed to budget for the cost of providing these related services for North Shore residents, but actual bills related to these expenses totaled significantly less. Per the advice of our internal auditor if we are not billed after one year this amount can be written off. The Board discussed the recommendations and there was consensus to place the fund balance allocation on the agenda of October 22 for approval. If there are further questions, Trustees will be able to ask questions of Ms. Buatsi prior to the approval.

Committee and Conference Reports

Dr. Melnick submitted a written report on the Annual Fall Conference of School Superintendent's he attended from October 3-5. Dr. Webb submitted a written report on the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association Annual Resolutions Dinner Meeting he attended on September 30.

Dr. Webb reported on a meeting with Bruce Kennedy, Mayor of Sea Cliff and Village Trustee Tom Murphy. The meeting was to discuss parking and traffic issues at Sea Cliff School. The Village will send a letter to residents reminding them of the traffic/parking rules. Also discussed was the possible development of the North Shore Country Club property and lobbying together on Tier V.

Dr. Melnick reported on the first meeting of the Superintendent's Leadership Council. The council consists of parents, students, administrators, faculty, and staff. Discussions related to where we are and are not meeting our mission statement. The group has decided there needs to be a wider constituency as well as additional students to round out those represented. It was agreed the focus should remain on how we can best serve our students. Ultimately, the council will make recommendations to the Board related to future direction and district goals.

Trustees Genovesi and Pombar reported on a meeting of local civics. It was reported that the Town of Oyster Bay intends to buy the current Sunoco property and there does not seem to be plans for a 7-11 at the site. Trustee Pombar reported that the civics group was officially told by Supervisor Venditto that the piece would be purchased by the Town and they have asked the group for ideas for usage of the property. It was also reported that there is an agreement by all local clubs involved, to place a turf field without lights at the community center and this request is being forwarded to the Town of Oyster Bay for review.

Trustee Beyer reported on a meeting of the Nassau BOCES audit committee she is serving on. The goal is to show savings in the 2010-2011 budget cycle. They are creating an RFP to solicit internal auditors for any districts who wish to participate; North Shore would not be able to get aid for this expense. The next meeting will be next week and a member of Tom DiNapoli's office will be in attendance.

The Board decided to act simultaneously on action items F-Q.

On motion of Trustee Berliner and seconded by Trustee Sharkey and all in favor, it was:

Personnel

Increments for Advanced Study - Tab

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Elizabeth Caruso, Music, from Step 2 of the MA salary schedule, to Step 2 of the MA+15 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2009

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Jill Cano, Elementary, From Step 5 of the MA salary schedule, to Step 5 of the MA+15 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2009

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Jaclyn Etter, Social Studies, from Step 6 of the MA salary schedule, to Step 6 of the MA+15 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2009

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Audra Marcantonio, Elementary, From Step 13 of the MA salary schedule, to Step 13 of the MA+15 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2009

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Maria Perdios, Elementary, From Step 8 of the MA+30 salary schedule, to Step 8 of the MA+45 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2009

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Kerry Robertson, Elementary, from Step 4 of the MA salary schedule, to Step 4 of the MA+15 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2009

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Karl Tretter, LOTE, from Step 10 of the MA+15 salary schedule, to Step 10 of the MA+30 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2009

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Charles Wankel, Math, from Step 14 of the MA+15 salary schedule, to Step 14 of the MA+30 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2009

Approval of Additions to the Per Diem Substitute List

Resolved: To add the following names to the per diem substitute list:

Andrea Caserta	Secondary
Ann Hussey	Secondary
Lenore Kornfeld	Monitor
Marisa Marks	Secondary
Megan Plassmann	Secondary
Jennifer Verasco	Secondary
Joan Vigliotti Coccia	Teacher Aide

Approval of Piano Accompanist

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Steven Goldstein to serve as a piano accompanist for a variety of school music functions.

Approval of Addition to Extra Curricular Clubs & Athletic Supervisor

Resolved: To approve the addition of a Portfolio Club to the list of clubs at the high school as a Level 3 Club

Resolved: To approve the addition of a Model United Nations Club at the High School as a Level 3 Club

Supervisor:

Resolved: To approve the addition of John Mahoney to the list of athletic supervisors.

Approval of a Resolution for Ratification of a Memorandum of Agreement Between the North Shore Central School District and the North Shore Schools Federated Employees

Resolved: To approve and ratify the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby ratifies and approves a certain Memorandum of Agreement dated September 1, 2009 between the School District and the North Shore Federated Employees as the exclusive bargaining representative of teaching assistants employed by the School District and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the new collective bargaining agreement incorporating the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement

Approval of Budget Transfers

Resolved: To approve budget transfers in the amount of \$148,950.24, effective October 8, 2009

Approval of Agreement with Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes

Resolved: To approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes an agreement between Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes and the North Shore Central School District for the provision of services, subject to negotiation of a formal written agreement between the parties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said agreement on its behalf

Approval of Change Orders

(a) Resolved: To approve change order Electric #2 from Eldor Contracting, Corp. for Ceiling & Lighting Replacement at the North Shore High School in the amount of \$774.36 (addition)

(b) Resolved: To approve change order Electric #1 from LEB Electric, Ltd., for Main Electric Cable Replacement at the Glen Head Elementary School in the amount of \$981.88 (addition)

Approval of Consultant Agreement with Toni Ann Christie

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Toni Ann Christie, Autism & Behavioral Specialist, for Curriculum work during the 2009-2010 school year at a rate of \$57.12/hr.

Approval of Consultant Agreement with Wilderness Traveling Museum

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Wilderness Traveling Museum to provide Native Lifestyle Village at each of the elementary schools at a cost of \$1,100 per elementary school for a total of \$3,300

Approval of Consultant Agreement with Magic Touch Entertainment

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Magic Touch Entertainment to provide two 60 minute assemblies of "The Brain Show" per elementary school at a cost of \$1,650 per elementary school for a total of \$4,950

Approval of Consultant Agreement with Toni Caracci

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Toni Caracci to provide a presentation of an introduction to theatre arts for grades K-2 in each of the elementary schools at a cost not to exceed \$3,000

Approval of Special Education Consultant Agreements

(a) Resolved: To approve an agreement with Meaghan Lang, Teacher of the Deaf/Speech Therapist, for services as a Teacher of the Deaf and Speech-Language Therapy, effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

(b) Resolved: To approve an agreement with Rebecca Kooper, Audiologist, for Educational Audiological Services, effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

(c) Resolved: To approve an agreement with Eileen Rose, Speech-Language Pathologist, for Speech-Language Therapy services, effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

(d) Resolved: To approve an agreement with Robert Katz, FAACAP, for Psychiatric Evaluations, effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

Approval of Agreement for Special Education Services

(a) Resolved: To approve an agreement with the Manhasset UFSD for Special Education Services for 1 parentally-placed student with disabilities attending St. Mary's High School located within the Manhasset UFSD and residing within the North Shore School District during the 2007-2008 school year

(b) Resolved: To approve an agreement with the Manhasset UFSD for Special Education Services for 4 parentally-placed student with disabilities 2 attending St. Mary's High School, 1 attending St. Mary's Elementary School and 1 attending Our Lady of Grace, located within the Manhasset UFSD and residing within the North Shore School District during the 2008-2009 school year

Approval of Special Education Services (IEP)

Resolved: To approve special education services (IEP) as per the attached tab:

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Old Business

The Board reviewed the old business log. Trustee Sharkey will update it.

It was noted that the Board received back-up information on Capital Market Advisors who were re-hired as our advisory firm which specializes in assisting with the planning and issuance of notes, bonds and lease financing to fund capital projects and provide for short term cash flow needs.

The Board received the Special Education survey. In answer to a question about training for parent members, Dr. Melnick explained that all parent members are trained and certified by

Nassau BOCES.

A new public relations plan was received by the Board.

The Board received information on Medicaid Compliance from counsel.

It was noted that there will not be representation at the NYSSBA convention.

Trustee Beyer requested that the PRIDE report be posted on the web site.

New Business

The current issue of American School Board Journal, a national magazine, includes articles on how schools can procure grants for underperforming schools, energy savings and funding reserves. Trustee Genovesi noted that these are things our district is already doing.

Trustee Beyer explained that she recently came across a letter from the NYS Committee on Open Government where it states that all meetings of sub committees of the Board must be posted and minutes must be taken. Dr. Melnick will have this reviewed by district counsel.

Dr. Melnick suggested inviting Commissioner David Steiner and Chancellor Merryl Tisch to a meeting with other local Boards. Trustee Berliner recommended inviting Regent Roger Tilles as well. Trustee Beyer will work on getting local Boards together when there is a date for this meeting.

Trustee Webb reported there is business association meeting on October 21.

Trustee Sharkey requested a discussion item be added to the Town Meeting on October 22 to discuss the proposed allergy policy so it may be acted on at the subsequent meeting of November 5.

Adjournment

At 10:35 pm on motion of Trustee Pombar and seconded by Trustee Genovesi and all in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Ciampi
District Clerk