

Board of Education  
Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
November 5, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Webb at 7:15 pm in the Glen Head Gathering Room. Present were Trustees Beyer, Genovesi, Kolkhorst, Pombar and Sharkey. Trustee Berliner was absent. Also present was Dr. Melnick, Ms. Buatsi and Mr. Chlebicki.

**Executive Session**

At 7:15 pm, on motion of Trustee Beyer seconded by Trustee Kolkhorst and all in favor, the Board went into Executive Session in the Glen Head faculty room for discussions regarding matters leading to the appointment or promotion of a particular person or persons.

At 8:00 pm, on motion of Trustee Pombar seconded by Trustee Sharkey and all in favor, the Board moved to come out of Executive Session and resumed the regular meeting in the gathering room. There were approximately 20 people in the audience.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

President Webb led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Board Recognition**

In honor of Board recognition, the Madrigals performed and Coordinating Council president, Myla Borucke presented Trustees with gifts on behalf of all the parent organizations.

**Approval of Minutes**

On motion of Trustee Kolkhorst and seconded by Trustee Beyer and all in favor, the minutes of October 22, 2009 were approved.

**Report of the Superintendent**

Dr. Melnick reported on a smoke condition in the High School theater; there was little damage and the investigation into the cause is on-going. He reported that the evacuation of the building and the handling of the situation went very smoothly. Dr. Melnick also reported on the second meeting of the Superintendent's Leadership Council. The group, consisting of students, parents, faculty, staff, administrators and trustees, is working towards identifying key perceptions about the district, and creating one specific value statement. A meeting of the Coalition for a Drug Free North Shore is scheduled for November 18th at 12:30 PM in the Sea Cliff School Library. The meeting will include key school personnel, parent association presidents, and representatives from the local clergy, business associations, local civics and Nassau County. The goal is to develop a steering committee to drive the coalition and plan for a community meeting.

**Report of the SGO Representative and Comments from the Public**

SGO Representative, Charles Sharkey, reported on events and activities at the high school, including the success of the Halloween carnival, a blood drive to be held at the high school and the end of the first quarter on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Open Meetings Law & Board Sub Committees**

Susan Gibson, representative from Ingerman Smith, was present at the meeting to discuss the Open Meetings Law and how it pertains to sub committees of the Board. Ms. Gibson explained that each committee must be looked at individually, however, as a rule if a

committee is made up solely of Board members then the committee would be subject to the open meetings law. If a committee is primarily made up of Trustees, again this would be subject to the open meetings law. However, if a committee does not make resolutions and is for advisement only, it would not come under the open meetings law. The Board asked for advice on specific committees they currently have and Ms. Gibson clarified where the open meetings law would and would not apply.

### **Track & Field Proposal**

Dr. Melnick explained the options available for repair or replacement of the track and field at the high school. John Hall provided a comprehensive report prior to the meeting. Dr. Melnick's recommendation was to select the option for repairing the current field at a cost of \$20,000 per year for the next 3 - 5 years. Trustee Webb suggested Trustees look at the track and field as separate issues and that a discussion include ways of funding the projects. The Board had a lengthy discussion and many issues were raised including the cost of each option, how to fund these projects, the lack of usage during construction, the benefit of addressing both the track and the field together or as separate projects, the length of time it would take for completion. Mr. Hall discussed the specifics of repairing, or replacing both the track and the field and asked the Board to keep in mind if the track were to be replaced first and the field at a future date, construction trucks could damage the new track when driving over it. He went on to explain that the recent air boring done to the field seems to have improved the condition of the field, however, he is not sure how long it will last. In response to a question about replacing the current field with an artificial turf field, Mr. Hall explained an artificial turf field would need to be replaced every 8-10 years and would be very expensive. Trustee Beyer asked that the Board keep in mind the community's use of the track and the recent results of the PRIDE survey during discussions. The Board discussed in length the options for funding these projects which could cost as much as \$3 million dollars. The option of funding through a bond referendum was discussed but there was consensus that it would not be prudent at this time. Ms. Buatsi discussed the possibility of using funds in the capital reserve. She explained that the community would need to approve the funding of these specific projects and once the funds were placed in the reserve the community would again need to approve the expense of the funds. Ms. Buatsi further explained that the undesignated fund balance is fully funded, therefore, there is the possibility of allocating any additional fund balance to the capital reserve fund to be used for these projects. However, she stressed it is difficult at this time to predict how much will be left in fund balance with the significant amount of funds that may be needed to offset the shortfall in the state pension plan. Trustees also discussed the possibility of a community campaign for raising funds as well as investigating grant opportunities. There was consensus on the Board to have a further discussion at the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting once a variety of options and strategies are available. It was also suggested to invite interested parties so they may participate at the meeting.

### **Traffic & Safety Update**

Dr. Melnick updated the Board on the current traffic and parking conditions at the high school and middle school. He reported that student parking may need to be eliminated due to the overcrowding in both parking lots. A few years back the Board decided to postpone the changes identified in the traffic & safety report due to the considerable cost. With the prospect of a bond referendum for the track & field projects, Dr. Melnick thought it a prudent time to reopen the discussions about moving ahead with one or more of the projects identified in the traffic & safety report. However, the Board decided not to pursue a bond referendum at this time, therefore, Dr. Melnick asked Mr. Hall to investigate some inexpensive options for solving the parking problem. A brief discussion took place in regard to traffic in and around the middle school. Trustee Webb reported that traffic and parking around the Sea Cliff Elementary School

has improved.

### **Comments from the Public**

Myla Borucke, Glen Head, is very concerned about the traffic on Kissam Lane and said it is a dangerous situation.

Dr. Melnick responded the Sixth Precinct has been contacted and he has requested a car be on premises during arrival and dismissal times. He urged parents to call or write letters requesting the same.

Ms. Borucke also commented on the track and field discussion; she has seen students who practice on cement surfaces end up with injuries.

### **Tutoring Survey**

Dr. Melnick provided a draft of a survey for parents in regard to tutoring. He had the parent organization presidents review it and would like it to go to parents within the next couple of weeks. Elementary parents will receive a paper version and an electronic version will go to middle school and high school parents. The Board had a brief discussion; Trustees will e-mail Dr. Melnick with any suggestions they have within the next week.

### **Options for Broadcast of Board Meetings**

Dr. Melnick provided the Board with three options in regard to broadcasting Board meetings; Video broadcasting which would incur no cost; Live Video Broadcast via the Internet estimated to cost \$15,000; or Webinar at a cost of \$1,000. The Board had a brief discussion and there was consensus that video broadcasting of meetings would work best for their purposes. This will begin with the next meeting of November 19.

### **Legislative Issues**

Trustee Webb reported on a meeting at North Shore with Regent Roger Tilles and members of local school boards. During the meeting, Regent Tilles reported there will be a completely different testing system coming forward within a year. He will be at a meeting on November 9 with Commissioner Steiner and local school representatives to speak further on this and other issues. After the meeting, the local school board representatives met to discuss moving forward on a joint lobby on Tier V and agreed to invite David Little to meet with them.

Trustee Webb also reported that the Board has agreed to have Tom Levin of Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, PC represent the district in relation to possible future development of the North Shore Country Club.

The board decided to act simultaneously on action items G-Q.

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

### **Personnel Changes**

#### **Increment for Advanced Study - Certified**

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Linda Burgos, Elementary, from Step 3 of the BA+15 salary schedule to Step 3 of the MA salary schedule, effective September 1, 2009

#### **Regular Substitute (Leave Replacement) Appointment - Certified**

Resolved: To approve a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Van Grasso, Elementary, on Step 5 of the MA salary schedule effective February 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010

Approval of Teacher Overages

Resolved: To approve a .2 overage for Susan Krugman, ESL, effective September 1, 2009

Resignation - Non Certified

Resolved: To accept the resignation of Ledis Garcia-Mendez, School Bus Driver, effective November 25, 2009

Appointment - Non Certified

Resolved: To approve a probationary appointment for Elise Chait, Occupational Therapist, effective November 5, 2009 with a 26 week probationary period expiring May 6, 2010

Resolved: To approve a probationary appointment for Donna Segal, Occupational Therapist, effective November 5, 2009 with a 26 week probationary period expiring May 6, 2010

Approval of Additions to the Per Diem Substitute List:

Resolved: To approve the addition of the following names to the per diem substitute:

Missy Brodrick	Elementary
Kristen Byrne	Elementary
Rocco Condoleo	Elementary
Marianne Corona	Elementary
Jeannine Galizia	Elementary
Carolyn Naldi	Elementary
Anthony Pomponio	Music
Danielle Schneider	Elementary
Matthew Spinks	Music
Eric Vivelò	Music

Approval of Extra Curricular Activity Coaches

Resolved: To approve the following extra curricular activity coaches for the Winter Season:

High School

Men's Basketball

Varsity	Paul Girolamo
Junior Varsity	William Melillo, Jr.

Women's Basketball

Varsity	Keith Freund
Junior Varsity	Megan Mc Cormack

Bowling

Men's Varsity	Andrew Richter
Women's Varsity	Thomas Granieri

Winter Track

Men's Varsity	Edward Corona
Men's Assistant	Sean Austin
Women's Varsity	Neal Levy
Women's Assistant	Clifton Schultz

Wrestling

Varsity	Michael Emmert
Junior Varsity	Craig De Nicola
Assistant	Alex Hojnowski

Gymnastics

Varsity	Melissa Vassallo
Junior Varsity	Samara Weitz

Cheerleading

Varsity (Winter Season)	Charlee Cook
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Middle School

Girls Volleyball

8th Grade	Frank Mauro
7th Grade	Thomas Granieri

Boys Basketball

8th Grade	Joseph Melillo
7th Grade	Aaron Kozlowski

Winter Track

Boys Team	John Jackson
Girls Team	Donna Jean Welch

Adoption of Allergy Policy & Regulations

Resolved: To adopt an allergy policy #5406, and regulations #5406-R, effective November 5, 2009

Approval of Agreement with Not-For-Profit Grant Writers

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Not-For-Profit Grant Writers, to assist in developing and conducting research to target donors to support the school district at a fee of \$12,000

Approval of Agreement with Dr. Carol Fineberg

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Dr. Carol Fineberg, Arts & Education Consultant, for services in regard to the review of the Fine and Performing Arts programs for a total amount of not to exceed \$40,000, effective November 5, 2009

Approval of Change Order

Resolved: To approve change order #1 from WB Contracting Corp., for partial roof replacement at the Middle School, in the amount of \$14,815 (additional)

Approval of Agreement with Chris & Matt Marshak

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Chris & Matt Marshak for two 45 minutes music program assemblies for the three elementary schools at a cost of not to exceed \$4,098

Award of Contracts - 2009-2010 Pupil Transportation

Resolved: To award contracts for 2009-2010 pupil transportation as per attached

Approval of Special Education Tuition Agreements

(a) Resolved: To approve an agreement with Great Neck Public Schools for tuition and related services for two resident students in the amount of \$77, 278.84 per student effective September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

(b) Resolved: To approve an agreement with Rockville Centre Union Free School District for tuition and related services for two resident students in the amount of \$46,301 per student effective September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

Approval of Agreements with Special Education Service Providers

(a) Resolved: To approve an agreement with Harmony Heights effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

(b) Resolved: To approve an agreement with Metro Therapy, Inc., effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

(c) Resolved: To approve an agreement with Nassau Suffolk Services for Autism, effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

(d) Resolved: To approve an agreement with The Summit School, effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

(e) Resolved: To approve an agreement with Theracare, effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

(f) Resolved: To approve an agreement with Variety Child Learning Center, effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

Approval of Special Education Services Contracts

Resolved: To approve agreements with the following school districts for parentally-placed students with disabilities attending the Greenvale School located within the North Shore School District, and residing within said districts below effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010:

Cold Spring Harbor School District  
Glen Cove School District  
Locust Valley School District  
Manhasset Public Schools  
Oyster Bay-East Norwich  
Port Washington UFSD  
South Huntington Schools

Approval of Special Education Services (IEP)

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

**Comments from the Public**

There were no comments from the public.

**Old Business**

Dr. Melnick reported there was a recent Newsday article in which LIPA has reportedly asked the County to consider looking into getting State forgiveness for their PILOT agreements. Dr. Melnick will continue to monitor this issue.

Trustee Pombar asked to have a discussion on a future agenda in regard to sending board materials electronically.

**New Business**

There was no new business reported.

**Adjournment**

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

Elizabeth Ciampi  
District Clerk