



North Shore Schools

Discovering Your Dreams

BOE Meeting Summary

November 5, 2009

Discussion/Presentations:



1. To begin the November 5th Meeting, the Madrigals performed for the Board of Education and members of the audience under the direction of Michael Kerschner.
2. The Board of Education was graciously recognized by the Coordinating Council led by Myla Borucke (President) as part of the New York State Board Recognition Program.
3. Trustees engaged in a discussion regarding the Open Meetings Law and how it pertains to subcommittees of the board.
4. Facilities and Operations Manager John Hall and Director of Athletics Don Lang presented a Track and Field Proposal which summarized a number of options ranging from minimal repairs to the track and field to totally replacing both at North Shore High School. No lighting options were presented in this proposal.



Superintendent Melnick suggested that it was best to focus on a three year plan to repair the track and field. The Board agreed that it was not advisable to utilize a bond to raise money for this purpose due to the economic climate. Assistant Superintendent for Business Olivia Buatsi discussed that we might be able to utilize monies remaining in the Capital Reserve if all of the designated projects for our schools were completed (including replacement of ceilings in the older portions of the HS, MS, GH and GWL and replacement of the original boilers in the MS.) To utilize existing monies in the Capital Reserve Fund, a referendum would have to be brought to the North Shore community and meet with their approval. Dr. Melnick communicated that further funding for the track and field would need to come from a capital campaign and grants.

BOE President Dr. Igor Webb asked whether we can use the “undesignated” Fund Balance for funding this project. Ms. Buatsi was going to look into this option and report back to the Board.

5. Superintendent Melnick communicated the need for additional parking at the Middle School and High School. Trustees asked John Hall to investigate supplementary parking opportunities at both schools.
6. Trustees agreed to begin having certain discussions held at the the bi-monthly BOE meetings videotaped and available to parents and residents via the internet at no additional cost to the community.

(For further information regarding this meeting, please see the North Shore Board of Education Minutes for November 5, 2009 at www.northshoreschools.org)