



North Shore Schools

Discovering Your Dreams

BOE Meeting Summary

September 24 2009

Discussion/Presentations:

“A Positive Beginning for North Shore’s 2009-10 School Year”

1. Superintendent Dr. Melnick began the September 24th Board of Ed. meeting by stating, “The teachers and students are off to a very positive beginning.”
2. At the September 24th Board of Education Meeting, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Rob Chlebicki gave a presentation on the restructuring of curriculum in each of the grade levels. He highlighted some of the workshops, staff development and curriculum work that occurred over the summer. Mr. Chlebicki summarized areas including: curriculum mapping, literacy K-12, and advances in curriculum exhibited by the North Shore Schools faculty including the inclusion of special education teachers in all facets of curriculum planning. He also mentioned how “podcasting” has allowed our faculty to watch the summer workshops when they were unable to attend.

Board members and Superintendent Dr. Melnick also discussed “literacy” and how to better assist students in achieving success by utilizing different methods. Emphasis was placed on ways to measure whether students are reading because “they want to” versus whether they were reading to stay on task. “Literacy” will continue to be a topic of discussion in upcoming meetings including: how to define the parameters of the subject, measure the quality of work, and encourage reading for pleasure as well as content.

3. Trustees also discussed the value of podcasting future Board of Education meetings. The advantages would allow viewers who couldn’t attend a meeting to watch or listen from their own home computers. Trustees agreed that this would be a beneficial discussion for a future BOE meeting with a presentation from Paul Pelech, the NS Schools Director of Technology.

(For further information regarding this meeting, please see the North Shore Board of Education Minutes for September 24, 2009 at www.northshoreschools.org)