

Board of Education
Minutes
Regular Meeting
January 5, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Vice-president Berliner at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School Cafetorium. Present were Trustees Beyer, Knierim, Pombar, Sharkey and Webb. Trustee Genovesi was absent. Also present was Dr. Melnick, Ms. Buatsi and Mr. Chlebicki.

Executive Session

At 7:30 .pm., on motion of Trustee Beyer seconded by Trustee Pombar and all in favor, the Board went into executive session in the Middle School Faculty Room for discussions regarding discussion regarding proposed, pending or current litigation, matters leading to the employment of a particular person and collective negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law.

At 8:00 p.m., on motion of Trustee Sharkey seconded by Trustee Knierim and all in favor, the Board resumed the regular meeting in the auditorium. There were approximately 50 people in the audience.

Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-president Berliner led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Teacher

Vice-president Berliner and Dr. Melnick recognized teacher Tracy Iacovelli who was selected as the EDA District, American Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, 2012 High School Physical Education Teacher of the Year.

Recognition of Students

Vice-president Berliner and Dr. Melnick recognized National Merit Commended Students Matthew Abramowitz, Cecilia Castellano, Claire Castellano, Angus Mackenzie, Olivia McDonagh and Sean Whalen as well as National Merit Semi-Finalists Lily Fagin and Gregory O'Rourke.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Trustee Beyer and seconded by Trustee Pombar and all in favor, the minutes of December 15, 2011 were approved.

Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Melnick reported that the judge found in favor of the county in regard to tax certiorari. This means the burden of tax refunds will shift to school district. He is unsure at this time what it will mean to North Shore. He encouraged the community to come to the meeting of January 19 when he will present the Board with the preliminary budget for 2012-2013

Report of the SGO Representative

SGO representative, Christopher Sharkey, reported on events and activities at the high school including the First Robotics Club is attending an event at Stony Brook University and the graduate round table will be held on Tuesday.

Regular Business

State of the High School & Recommendations

Principal Albert Cousins gave an overview of what is happening in the high school from Freshman orientation to graduation. He touched on the changes in transitioning the incoming freshman class beginning early in 8th grade. He noted this year was the smoothest transition since he became principal. He explained some of the changes and recommendations he is

suggesting for the senior programs and senior experience to make it a more enriching experience for the students. Finally he thanked Ms. Buatsi for the changes to the cafeteria and menu which has resulted in more students staying on campus for lunch.

Dr. Melnick thanked Mr. Cousins for his thorough report and praised his strong leadership at the high school. He noted the many positive changes that have been implemented under his direction.

The Board had a lengthy discussion. Trustees praised Mr. Cousins for his report, for the many changes that have already taken place and the overall atmosphere at the high school. They noted the improvement in transitioning the freshman class and asked about the possibility of a similar program for transitioning seniors to college. Questions were raised about the difficulty of implementing some of the recommendations due to budget constraints; if the introduction of new courses meant the elimination of others; why the Ninth Grade Experience was not successful; and how the Integrated Co-Teaching changes will affect the students.

Mr. Cousins explained that the Ninth Grade Experience never happened in the way it was envisioned. He went on to say that Tri-States came back to follow up on their previous visit and while they thought the program was a great idea, the way it was implemented compromised the design. Dr. Melnick explained that the original plan was to include the entire ninth grade but was changed to a pilot program. He also noted enrollment in the program was dwindling. Trustee Beyer requested a summary of the meeting with Tri States including an idea of what worked and what did not work in the program. In response to the question of course elimination, it was noted that a course must have a minimum enrollment of 15 for it to run and courses that do not run for 2 years are eliminated. In regard to the changes in the integrated co-taught classes, Mr. Cousins explained only graduation required courses would offer a co-taught section but students who need support in classes that do not offer a co-taught section would be able to utilize the Learning Center for support.

Mid-Year Update on District Goals

Dr. Melnick reviewed the progress of each of the four district goals and tasks for 2011-2012. He explained that the plan for 2020 has been delayed because of the issues with the Tax Cap, LIPA , APPR & CCLS. He also noted the initial review of the Health Program has not begun.

Comments from the Public

Daniel Deeks, Sea Cliff, suggested if more classes were co-taught, class sizes could be increased. He asked that the Board investigate companies who have used this format.

Denise Reiner, Old Brookville, asked if the extra money needed to complete the bathroom/storage facility at the track and field is something they will ask the community to vote on. She went on to say that the perception in the community is that the additional amount needed to complete the bathroom/storage facility was not included in the original project approved last year.

Dr. Melnick explained that the bathroom/storage facility was always part of the track and field project. He explained that \$3.1 million of the funds, which was approved by the voters, was coming from the Capital Reserve Fund; a portion of which would be reimbursed by donations raised by the Viking Foundation. The Board made the decision to use funds from the capital projects line in the budget to complete the project. He explained that the bathroom/storage facility is not a huge building, and the cost is mostly for septic, plumbing and electric. He thanked Dr. Reiner for bringing to his attention to the need to clarify this information for the community.

Liz DeSimone, Old Brookville, asked for further clarification of what was included in the original project and the total cost that was presented and approved by the community.

Dr. Melnick clarified that the community approved the expenditure of \$3.1 million from the Capital Reserve Fund, not the cost of the entire project. Although the bids to complete the bathroom/storage facility came in higher than estimated, the cost of the track and field project came in lower than estimated. The Board had been aware that monies from outside the Capital

Reserve Fund would be needed to complete the project and, therefore, made a decision to use funds included in the capital projects line of the budget.

Raquel Fosset, Sea Cliff, thanked the Board for the track and field. She asked why the district does not offer Chinese as a language elective. She has taken two years of Chinese while living in another State and was not able to continue with it in this district.

Dr. Melnick explained that there was an elective in Mandarin but due to lack of interest it was discontinued. He went on to explain that the Board is looking into whether or not we can continue to offer 4 languages and which languages should be continued. He also explained that he is looking for some on-line learning opportunities one of those being a course in Mandarin.

In response to a question about working cooperatively with other districts to run such courses, the Board had a brief discussion about an on-line virtual academy, AVENTA, being proposed by BOCES .

Legislative Issues

Dr. Melnick explained that the tax certiorari decision is going to the appellate court.

Trustee Webb reported there will be a meeting on January 11th with local school boards, superintendents and assistant superintendents of business to determine cooperative measures that can be taken in regard to the tax cap and to investigate whether high performing districts can seek relief from the mandates meant for lower performing districts.

The Board decided to act simultaneously on action items D-J

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

Regular Substitute (Leave Replacement) Appointment - Certified

Resolved: To approve a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Dana Aboulafia, Elementary, on Step 1 of the MA salary schedule, effective January 1, 2012 through January 11, 2012

Resolved: To approve a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Dana Bathie, Elementary on Step 2 of the BA salary schedule, effective January 6, 2012 through February 1, 2012

Resolved: To approve a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Susan Fallon, Elementary, on Step 1 of the MA salary schedule, effective December 19, 2011 through January 6, 2012

Resolved: To approve a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Amy Ferris, Elementary, on Step 6 of the MA+30 salary schedule December 22, 2011 through February 1, 2012

Resolved: To approve a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Claudia Greenspan, Music, on Step 8 of the MA salary schedule, effective January 6, 2012 through January 31, 2012

Resolved: To approve a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Bryce Larsen, Music, on Step 1 of the BA salary schedule, effective January 6, 2012 through February 1, 2012

Resolved: To approve a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Jessica Moriarty, Elementary, on Step 9 of the MA salary effective January 17, 2012 through January 23, 2012

Resolved: To approve a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Lauren Portnoy, Level I Teacher Assistant, effective January 4, 2012 through June 30, 2012

Resolved: To approve a part-time (.4) regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Kevin Shue, Music, on Step 1 of the MA+30 salary schedule, effective January 9, 2012 through June 30, 2012

Appointments – Non-Certified

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Howard Bloom, Food Service, effective January 3, 2012

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Pam Castiglie, Food Service, effective January 3, 2012

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Lora Grella, Food Service, effective January 3, 2012

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Debbie Groom, Food Service, effective January 3, 2012

Teacher Overage

Resolved: To approve a .16 overage for Samara Weitz, Science, effective January 9, 2012 through June 30, 2012

Appointment of Student Worker

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Richard Hajok, Student Worker, effective January 5, 2012

Approval for Additions to the Per Diem Substitute List

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

Michelle Anzalone	Food Service
Alyssa Biel	Elementary
Brendan Clampet	Part-time Cleaner
Sean Clampet	Part-time Cleaner
Demetrio Morales	Part-time Cleaner

Approval of Agreement with Diane Fish for an Enrichment Program

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Diane Fish to provide a Civil War Era Program for first grade classes in Glenwood Landing at a cost of \$280

Approval of Resolution for Type II Determination for Proposed Kitchen and Dry Storage Area Renovation at the North Shore Middle School

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District is proposing kitchen and dry storage area renovation at the North Shore Middle School (hereinafter the “proposed action”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District has retained VHB Engineering, Surveying and Landscape Architecture, P.C. to review the proposed project, the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617, and to make a recommendation to the Board of Education as to the proper classification of the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action includes renovations to the existing kitchen and serving areas, and pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(1) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, the “*maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility*” is a Type II action; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action includes replacement and/or installation of selected new appliances and kitchen equipment, renovation of and expansion of existing dry storage area

(into space currently used for office purposes) and installation of a walk-in refrigerator, and pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(2) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, the “*replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes...*” is a Type II action; and

WHEREAS, consultations were undertaken with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP); however, no response has yet been received; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District will consider any recommendations offered by OPRHP to the maximum extent practicable;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District, as lead agency, after review of the action proposed at the North Shore Middle School, 6 NYCRR §617.5, and the opinion provided by VHB Engineering, Surveying and Landscape Architecture, P.C., hereby determines that the proposed action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(1) and (2) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and will, therefore, by definition, have no significant adverse impact on the environment.

Approval of Resolution for Type II Determination for Proposed Exterior Masonry Repairs and Restoration at the North Shore High School

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District is proposing exterior masonry repairs and restoration at the North Shore High School (hereinafter the “proposed action”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District has retained VHB Engineering, Surveying and Landscape Architecture, P.C. to review the proposed project, the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617, and to make a recommendation to the Board of Education as to the proper classification of the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action includes repointing and repair of selected masonry mortar joints, and pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(1) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, the “*maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility*” is a Type II action; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action includes the removal and replacement of selected brick and repair, replacement, and/or waterproofing of selected lintels and flashing, and pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(2) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, the “*replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes...*” is a Type II action; and

WHEREAS, consultations were undertaken with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP); however, no response has yet been received; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District will consider any recommendations offered by OPRHP to the maximum extent practicable;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District, as lead agency, after review of the action proposed at the North Shore High School, 6 NYCRR §617.5, and the opinion provided by VHB Engineering, Surveying and Landscape Architecture, P.C., hereby determines that the proposed action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(1) and (2) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and will, therefore, by definition, have no significant adverse impact on the environment.

Approval of Resolution for Type II Determination for Proposed Exterior Masonry Repairs and Restoration at the Sea Cliff Elementary School

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District is proposing exterior masonry repairs and restoration at the Sea Cliff Elementary School (hereinafter the “proposed action”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District has retained VHB Engineering, Surveying and Landscape Architecture, P.C. to review the proposed project, the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617, and to make a recommendation to the Board of Education as to the proper classification of the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action includes repointing and repair of selected masonry mortar joints, and pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(1) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, the “*maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility*” is a Type II action; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action includes the removal and replacement of selected brick and repair, replacement, and/or waterproofing of selected lintels and flashing, and pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(2) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, the “*replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes...*” is a Type II action; and

WHEREAS, consultations were undertaken with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP); however, no response has yet been received; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District will consider any recommendations offered by OPRHP to the maximum extent practicable;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District, as lead agency, after review of the action proposed at the Sea Cliff Elementary School, 6 NYCRR §617.5, and the opinion provided by VHB Engineering, Surveying and Landscape Architecture, P.C., hereby determines that the proposed action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(1) and (2) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and will, therefore, by definition, have no significant adverse impact on the environment.

Approval of Resolution for Type II Determination for Proposed Exterior Masonry Repairs and Restoration at the Glen Head Elementary School

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District is proposing exterior masonry repairs and restoration at the Glen Head Elementary School (hereinafter the “proposed action”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District has retained VHB Engineering, Surveying and Landscape Architecture, P.C. to review the proposed project, the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617, and to make a recommendation to the Board of Education as to the proper classification of the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action includes repointing and repair of selected masonry mortar joints, and pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(1) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, the “*maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility*” is a Type II action; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action includes the removal and replacement of selected brick and repair, replacement, and/or waterproofing of selected lintels and flashing, and pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(2) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, the “*replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes...*” is a Type II action; and

WHEREAS, consultations were undertaken with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP); however, no response has yet been received; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District will consider any recommendations offered by OPRHP to the maximum extent practicable;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District, as lead agency, after review of the action proposed at the Glen Head Elementary School, 6 NYCRR §617.5, and the opinion provided by VHB Engineering, Surveying

and Landscape Architecture, P.C., hereby determines that the proposed action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(1) and (2) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and will, therefore, by definition, have no significant adverse impact on the environment.

Approval of Special Education Services (IEP)

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

Comments from the Public

Denise Reiner, Old Brookville, asked if there is something the community can be doing to lobby for mandate relief. She said the community wants to be involved and the newly formed Legislative Action Committee has not come out with recommendations for the community to follow.

Trustee Beyer responded that the LAC committee is designing a plan and determining which of the mandates makes the most sense to lobby for. She also noted that things have changed since the Board began talking about forming a LAC committee and we need to reassess what we can focus on. Dr. Melnick added most mandates require legal action and our state legislature is not willing to go after mandates that affect teacher unions. He said any community member can take the issues directly to their local legislator. Trustee Webb added it's not clear what issues we can be successful on and it is hard to mobilize a large group without a clear purpose.

Old Business/New Business

There was no old or new business to discuss.

Adjournment

At 10:50 pm, on motion of Trustee Webb and seconded by Trustee Knierim and all in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Ciampi
District Clerk