

Board of Education
Minutes
Regular Meeting
December 1, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Genovesi at 7:30 p.m. in the Glenwood Landing Auditorium. Present were Trustees Berliner, Beyer, Pombar, Sharkey and Webb. Trustee Knierim 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 Glenwood Landing Principal's Office for discussions regarding the employment history 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 Webb and all in favor, the Board resumed the regular meeting in the auditorium. There were approximately 30 people in the audience.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Genovesi led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Trustee Pombar and seconded by Trustee Beyer and all in favor, the minutes of November 17, 2011 were approved.

Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Melnick reported on the Viking Foundation kick-off event for the Campaign for our Schools, students participated in the Long Island String Festival, 57 new members were inducted into the honor society; he reported on the changing of state testing dates and noted he would like to further discuss this during New Business.

Report of the SGO Representative

SGO representative, Christopher Sharkey, reported on events and activities at the high school including the Arts Angels upcoming event at Barnes & Noble and the ongoing toy collection.

Regular Business

Update on Implementation of iPads

Elliot Kaye, Director of Technology, gave a PowerPoint presentation in regard to the implementation of iPads as a Pilot Program currently in use by 6th grade, 10th grade and Ninth Grade Experience students. He explained the infrastructure, summarized the security measures used, and explained about parental training that was available. Mr. Kaye also expressed how the student curriculum is enriched by the iPads; student/teacher workflow has increased and students' files are available at all times through Apps. He also noted the availability and advantage of free apps and e-books.

The Board had a brief discussion. Concerns expressed were; the benefit of iPads vs. the expense; adequate training of teachers & staff; assessment of educational effectiveness.

Issues such as internet safety and parental monitoring challenges will be addressed going forward.

Dr. Melnick said assessments are taking place but it is too early for results. He went on to say the cost savings is realized in the use of e-books and he is hoping to receive additional support from grants and donations from the Viking Foundation. He thanked Elliot and his staff for their efforts in regard to the roll-out.

Review of Board Policies 0000-3000

Dr. Melnick reviewed the recommendations of the policy sub-committee in regard to policies #0110, 0110-R, 0100, 0150, 0310-E, 0320-R, 1000, 1050, 1100, 1120, 1222, 1400, 1500, 1511, 2020, 4321.4, 6155, 6710. The board discussed the recommendations and there was consensus to approve these revised policies at the next meeting.

Comments from the Public

Daniel Deeks, Sea Cliff, asked whether the school day will be expanded; whether communications via the iPad are monitored; whether students can share iPad Apps; and he expressed concern in regard to sexting among students. He also asked if the district can keep up with the advancing technology and questioned the lifespan for textbooks vs. iPads.

Dr. Melnick responded we are not permitted to expand the student day due to New York State regulations; cameras in the students' iPads were disabled; there are filters in place to avoid the possibility of sexting or inappropriate internet use; and the district has a buy-back clause with Apple for i-Pads which will keep us up-to-date with advancing technology.

Jerry Romano, Sea Cliff, asked if regular mailings to residents would be sent to keep them informed on the LIPA decommissioning and contract negotiations, as well as the impact on tax bills.

Trustee Genovesi responded the Board is not permitted to discuss details of collective bargaining in public as per the Taylor Law. Dr. Melnick suggested that Mr. Romano FOIL his request which will be forwarded to our attorneys for response. He also added a community mailing was sent to residents and at a public meeting he discussed the shift in property taxes as well as the county guarantee and the tax cap implications. Trustee Webb added the public meeting where LIPA concerns were discussed was attended by approximately 400 people.

Jeanine Feuerborn, Glen Head, expressed concern that the community is being shut-out from the track & field as a result of the two side gates being closed. She requested that access to the track and field be open on both sides.

Dr. Melnick explained the gates are closed for security reasons. It was also noted that the front entrance is always open. Trustee Pombar added residents whose property is adjacent to the high school have requested that the gates be closed.

Jason Goodstone, Glen Head, commended the iPad initiative but said he is concerned that students have inappropriate e-mail access and access to internet sites.

Dr. Melnick responded there is protection against inappropriate internet access and certain Apps are blocked from being downloaded. Trustee Beyer requested additional training sessions for parents on how to monitor devices. She also suggested that parents have contact information for questions or concerns on iPads.

Barbara DeMartini, Sea Cliff, said there is a difference between the 6th and 10th grade regulations in regard to iPads. Dr. Melnick responded Apple's inability to monitor as originally promised changed the rationale for the 6th grade distribution.

Legislative Issues

There were no legislative issues to discuss.

Budget Philosophy Statement

The Board discussed the statement drafted by Dr. Melnick in regard to their budget philosophy and how it will guide their 2012-2013 budget discussions. Trustees decided a further discussion is required before finalizing a statement.

MOU with Hofstra University for Student Teachers

Trustee Berliner recused himself from the discussion of the proposed MOU from Hofstra University in regard to a partnership for student teaching and substitute teaching. Dr. Melnick outlined the benefits of entering into this partnership which include a cost savings on substitute teachers; professional development advantages; regular subs in the classroom; and in-house training of subs. There was consensus to add this agreement as an action item at the December 15, 2011 meeting.

The Board decided to act simultaneously on action items F-P

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

Personnel

Leave of Absence for Child Rearing Purposes - Certified

Resolved: To approve a leave of absence for child rearing purposes for Maria Giordano, Special Education, effective December 12, 2011 through January 27, 2012

Regular Substitute (Leave Replacement) Appointments - Certified

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

Resolved: To approve a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Dana Bathie, Elementary on Step 2 of the BA salary schedule effective December 6, 2011 through January 5, 2012

Resolved: To approve a part-time (.4) regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for John Graziano, Special Education, on Step 1 of the MA salary schedule effective December 10, 2011 through January 27, 2012

Resolved: To approve a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Bryce Larsen, Music, on Step 1 of the BA salary schedule effective December 6, 2011 through January 5, 2012

Resolved: To approve a part-time (.4) regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Brian Suhovsky, Special Education, on Step 4 of the MA+15 salary schedule, effective December 10, 2011 through January 27, 2012

Resolved: To approve a part-time (.5) regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Mary Shannon, Teacher Assistant, on Level I of the Teacher Assistant salary schedule, effective November 28, 2011 through January 27, 2012

Teacher Overage

Resolved: To approve a .122 overage for Robert Gerver, Mathematics, effective September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012

Approval of Additions to the Per Diem Substitute List

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

Angelo Galante	Clerical
Hinda Goldman	Clerical
Edna Peralta	Food Service

Approval of Extra Curricular Activity Coaches & Supervisors

Resolved: To approve the following coaches & supervisors:

Winter Track

Assistant Coach	Jason Millard
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Athletic Supervision

Tara Fabilli
Matthew Kapuscinski
Heather Martin
Jason Millard

Intramural Coaches

Step 1

Kevin Carpenter	Michelle MacLellan
Patrick Cassino	Andrew Richter
Daniel Chemnitz	Keith Slack
Andrew Cross	Jesse Uanino
Stephanie DeBonis	Christopher Vitucci
Lauren Gotta	Michelle Waters
Mojdeh Hassani	Karen Wenz

Step 2

Craig DeNicola
Thomas Granieri
Eileen O'Connor
Julia Towey

Acceptance of Donations from the Arts Angels to the North Shore Middle & High School

Resolved: To accept the donation of a digital stage piano from the Arts Angels to the Middle School at a value of \$2,160

Resolved: To accept the donation of the cost of seat numbering in the high school theatre from the Arts Angels at a value of approximately \$900

Acceptance of Donation from a Resident to the Glenwood Landing Elementary School

Resolved: To accept the donation of an HP Laserjet 3600 printer from a local resident to the Computer Lab of the Glenwood Landing Elementary School at an approximate value of \$445

Approval of an Agreement with Construction Program Solutions

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Construction Program Solutions to provide cost estimation services for buildings and grounds projects for the 2011-2012 school year

Adjournment

At 11:05 P.M. on motion of Trustee Pombar and seconded by Trustee Berliner and all in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

By: Lois Straber
Substitute District Clerk