

**NORTH SHORE SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 2, 2006**

The meeting was called to order by President Murphy at 7:30 pm in the High School Alumni Room. Present were Trustees Beyer, Brennan, Genovesi, Pombar, and Webb. Trustee Vollmer was absent. Also present were Dr. Melnick, Mr. Chlebicki and Ms. Buatsi.

**Executive Session**

At 7:30 pm, on motion of Trustee Beyer seconded by Trustee Webb and all in favor, the Board went into Executive Session in the faculty lounge to discuss the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property.

At 8:00 pm, on motion of President Murphy, seconded by Trustee Beyer, and all in favor, the Board moved to come out of Executive Session and resumed the meeting at 8:00 pm in the alumni room. There were 6 people in the audience.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

President Murphy led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Board Resolution**

President Murphy read the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the President of the Board of Education be and is hereby authorized to execute Purchase and Sale Agreement with Landing Realty LLC, regarding premises known as Nassau County Tax Map Section 21 Block M Lot 133, which Agreement shall, upon execution by both parties, be on file with the District Clerk.

On motion of Trustee Beyer and seconded by Trustee Pombar and all in favor, the resolution was approved.

**Approval of Minutes**

On motion of Trustee Webb and seconded by Trustee Beyer, and all in favor, the minutes of February 9, 2006 were approved.

**Regular Business**

On motion of Trustee Beyer and seconded by Trustee Genovesi and all in favor, it was decided to move up items D-I on the agenda and vote on them simultaneously.

**PERSONNEL**

*Resignation for Retirement Purposes - Administration*

Resolved: To accept the resignation for retirement purposes for Myrna Klotzkin, Curriculum Associate, Science, effective June 30, 2006

Increment for Advanced Study

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Harriet Arnold, Special Education, Glenwood Landing from Step 16 of the MA salary schedule, to Step 16 of the MA+15 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2005

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Kelly Gorman, Elementary, Glen Head on Step 4 of the BA+30 salary schedule, to Step 4 of the MA salary schedule, effective January 27, 2006

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Norma LaCayo, Science, Middle School, from Step 4 of the BA salary schedule Step 4 of the BA+15 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2005

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Virginia Mishkin, Elementary, Sea Cliff, from Step 14 of the MA+15 salary schedule, to Step 14 of the MA+30 salary schedule, effective January 27, 2006

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Leah Sclair, Math, High School, from Step 4 of the BA+30 salary schedule, to Step 4 of the MA salary schedule, effective September 1, 2005

Appointments – Non Certified

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Deborah Basile, School Monitor, Middle School, effective January 27, 2006

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Donald Gordon, Part-Time Cleaner, Sea Cliff Elementary, effective March 3, 2006, replacing Jason Craft (resigned)

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Jennifer Ruestow, Teacher Aide, Glenwood Landing, effective March 9, 2006, replacing Marissa Sondo

Approval of Extra Curricular Activity Coaches

Resolved: To approve the following extra curricular Spring coach:

	<u>High School</u>
JV Baseball	Jeff Frankel

Authorization of Petty Cash Account and Supervisor

Resolved: That petty cash funds for the school year 2005-06, in the amount of \$100 be established in the Performing Arts Department at the High School under supervision of Jean Hall

Approval of Budget Transfers 2005-06

Resolved: To approve budget transfers in the amount of \$21,951.80 effective March 2, 2006 as per attached tab

Approval of Change Order Plumbing #1 from FJC Plumbing & Heating for the Science Lab Reconstruction at the North Shore Middle School

Resolved: To approve Change Order Plumbing #1 from FJC Plumbing & Heating for the Science Lab Reconstruction at the North Shore Middle School in the amount of \$5,000

#### Approval of Pre-Referendum Services for BBS Architecture & Engineering

Resolved: To approve Pre-Referendum Services with BBS Architecture & Engineering in reference to the New Transportation Facility and Middle School Additions and Alterations in the amount of \$27,900

#### Approval of Health Services Contracts

Resolved: That the Board of Education enter into a contract for Health Services with the Garden City Public Schools for 9 students residing within the North Shore Schools and attending the Waldorf School for the 2005-06 school year at a cost of \$466.94 per student, as provided under the Education Law of the State of New York

Resolved: That the Board of Education enter into a contract for Health Services with the Great Neck Public Schools for 2 students residing within the North Shore Schools and attending the North Shore Hebrew Academy for the 2005-06 school year at a cost of \$742.39 per student, as provided under the Education Law of the State of New York

Resolved: That the Board of Education enter into a contract for Health Services with the Syosset Central School District for 22 students residing within the North Shore Schools and attending the Our Lady of Mercy Academy for the 2005-06 school year at a cost of \$646.34 per student, as provided under the Education Law of the State of New York

#### **Report of the SGO Representative/Comments from The Public**

Alex Romano, SGO representative, reported on the activities and events at the high school. He also reported that Sports Night has been rescheduled to March 8, 2006 due to inclement weather.

There were no comments from the public.

#### **Report of the Superintendent**

Dr. Melnick reported on review courses being offered through the College Board for preparation for the PSAT, SAT and SAT II exams. He also reported on 2 new features on our web page, links to policy and reports and internet safety tips for parents. He reported that 112 teachers now have web pages linked to our web site. Finally he announced that a high school principal candidate will meet the Board on March 9 and that Senator Marcellino will attend the March 9 meeting.

#### **Progress on the Long Range Plan**

Dr. Melnick gave a brief update on the progress made in implementing the long range action plan. He explained that the principals will be giving reports at the next several Board meetings to update the progress in their schools, and reports by the Assistant Superintendent on staff development and the Assistant Superintendent for Business on facilities and plant operations will be given as well.

#### **Budget Review**

The Board reviewed the budget in the areas of Supervision of Instruction, Special Education, Occupational Education, Community Education and Community Services. Questions were raised about the percent of increase in psychiatric evaluations, how grants offset other areas of the budget, and the maintenance fees that districts are mandated to pay for residential students. The discussion turned to the area of Supervision of Instruction. Questions were raised about the large increase for staff development and the Board is interested in seeing where in the budget this increase is offset by a decrease. The Board decided to comeback to

\$20,000 for Resources for Early Literacy and \$75,000 for ASCD in code 2010-400-99. It was also decided to comeback to a new Desk in the Physical Education Office in the amount of \$1,800, code 2020-200-91 and \$400 for Principal Office Efficiency Organization from each elementary principal's supply codes (2020-450-10,20,30). In total \$98,000 was identified as comeback items at this meeting a new grand total of \$484,507 in comeback items since the review of the budget has begun.

### **Bond Configuration**

The Board decided to table the discussion on the Bond Configuration until the meeting scheduled for Saturday, March 4, 2006.

### **Old Business/New Business**

Dr. Melnick asked the Board for approval to purchase breathalyzers and mouthpieces to be used at school events when there is suspicion of alcohol use by students. It would be added to the District's policy under the Code of Conduct. Students would be notified of the new policy at super commons and an email will be sent home to parents clearly outlining the consequences if a student is found to be using alcohol while on school grounds. There was consensus of the Board to proceed with the purchase and use of the breathalyzers.

The visit scheduled for Senator Marcellino was discussed and it was decided to send out a powerschool email to parents as well as a notice on the website to invite community members to the Board of Education meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Board discussed the letter they are drafting to Governor Pataki in response to his budget proposal. The finalized letter will be sent to Governor Pataki as well as our State and Local representatives.

Trustee Beyer updated the Board on the County meetings and their recommendation of a letter writing campaign. President Murphy shared material from these meetings and explained the groups would like School Boards to endorse a letter to be sent by each school district as well as letters for residents to send to Albany. President Murphy asked that the Board send him any comments or suggestions for these letters and he will bring them to the next meeting. Finally President Murphy announced that following the group meeting of March 7<sup>th</sup>, County Executive Suozzi will hold a press conference on March 9<sup>th</sup> for anyone who would like to attend.

Dr. Melnick reminded the Board that there would need to be a decision made on the Bond Configuration at the March 4, 2006 meeting.

### **Adjournment**

At 10:05 pm, on motion of Trustee Genovesi and seconded by Trustee Webb and all in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Ciampi  
District Clerk