

REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2005

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

Executive Session

At 7:30 pm, on motion of Trustee Beyer, seconded by Trustee Vollmer and all in favor, the Board went into Executive Session in the principal's office to discuss the collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law).

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 auditorium. There were approximately 35 people in the audience.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Murphy led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Student Recognition

Dr. Melnick congratulated the Field Hockey Team and their coaches, Kellie Moritz and Christine Hickey, for becoming the Nassau County Class B Champions. He presented them with certificates on behalf of the Board and President Murphy presented each member of the team with a North Shore pen.

Dr. Melnick and President Murphy then congratulated Brianna Welch, who was a Bronze Medalist at the State Class B Cross Country Championship. Brianna was also presented with a certificate and pen.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Trustee Beyer and seconded by Trustee Pombar, and all in favor, the minutes of November 10, 2005 were approved with the changes in New Business requested by Trustees Genovesi and Webb.

Report of the SGO Representative/Comments From The Public

Alex Romano, SGO representative, reported on the high school toy drive, eighth grade orientation, mock trial and upcoming winter concerts.

There were no comments from the public.

Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Melnick reported on the traditional Key Club Thanksgiving food drive as well as the food drive by Sea Cliff School. He reported that 78 high school students received AP Scholar honors and that Sea Cliff Principal Lisa Minicozzi had received the Annual Golden Apple Award. Finally he gave the dates for the upcoming winter concerts.

Report of the Internal Auditor

James Pappas, of Pappas and Company reported to the Board on the function of the Internal Auditor and the role of the Internal Claims Auditor. He gave each member a written audit report for the month of November and explained the new format. He also congratulated the Board on the positive report received from the State Comptroller and informed the members

that other districts he audits are still talking about North Shore's favorable report. The Board asked a few questions in regard to the recommendations from the Fiscal Training they attended and the roles of the Internal Auditor and Internal Claims Auditor. Mr. Pappas explained that due to the overlap of services, it makes sense to have one person serve in both roles as long as the Internal Auditor has a financial background. There was also a question about the recommendations he had made on extra curricular accounts at the middle school and whether he has checked to see these recommendations are in place. Mr. Pappas explained that he plans on checking that these changes have occurred and also plans to audit the high school's extra curricular accounts as well.

Funding Options for Major Facility and Operation Needs 2006-07

Dr. Melnick gave an overview of the major facility and operation needs for 2006-07, specifically the transportation facility, high school roof and middle school space needs. The estimated cost of the transportation facility is 7.1 million dollars; 2 million has already been put in a reserve account so there would be an additional 5.1 million needed to fund the facility. Ms. Buatsi explained a 25 year study she had completed to estimate savings of over 30 million dollars if we build this facility in comparison to contracting out all of our transportation needs; contracted costs are going up approximately 30% per year.

There was a lengthy discussion on the study of savings and the issue of keeping our fleet of buses in house versus contracting our transportation needs. The Board acknowledges that it would benefit the district and the taxpayer to build this facility in order to keep our fleet in district, however, there is concern about the initial outlay of funds and how to best fund this large expense. Dr. Melnick explained that at the present time our debt service is only 1.136 % of the full market value of the district. If the Board was to decide on an additional bond to fund these projects, the debt service would be 1.8%; the State cap is 10%. There was an initial discussion about what an appropriate level of debt service should be. Trustee Brennan would like to receive more information on what the savings would be if the transportation facility was included in the budget. She also asked if it was possible to use part of the fund balance, set aside to offset the tax levy, for the high school roof. She is concerned about the perception that the district is not in a position to take care of emergency items such as the roof. Dr. Melnick responded he would check with our auditors to see if it is possible to use part of the fund balance.

Ms. Buatsi then gave an overview of the savings which can be realized by the Honeywell Energy Performance Contract. She reported that the savings over 18 years would be approximately 7.4 million dollars. This savings would offset large costs such as boiler replacements. There was a brief discussion by the Board about proceeding with this contract in light of all of the other big ticket items needing immediate attention. Trustee Pombar asked about the LIPA situation and the possibility of receiving payments from them to offset some of these expenses. It was explained that if LIPA's new generators are put on the tax rolls, there will be no direct payment to the district, but they will pay an increased share of the tax levy. There was consensus on the Board to investigate all possible ways of funding these projects and to wait until all the information is presented before proceeding.

The Board decided to vote simultaneously on action items D-H
On motion of Trustee Pombar and seconded by Trustee Beyer and all in favor it was:

Personnel

Leave of Absence for Child Rearing Purposes

Resolved: To approve a leave of absence for child rearing purposes, for Elanit Rabbani, Special Education, High School, effective September 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007

Appointment - Certified

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Michele Harding VanArsdale, Elementary, Glen Head, on Step 1 of the MA salary schedule, effective November 21, 2005 through December 16, 2005 replacing Sarah Phelan (FMLA)

Approval of Teacher Aide

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Elizabeth Maro, Teacher Aide, Glen Head School, effective December 5, 2005

Approval of Additions to the Per Diem Substitute List

Resolved: To add the following names to the per diem substitute list

Ennid Berger	Elementary
Tracy Chiarello	Elementary
Christie DeCicco	Elementary
Harvey Goldstein	Secondary
Melissa Havern	Elementary
Stacey Lacomba	Teacher Aide
Kathleen McCarthy	Elementary
Christine McGinley	Elementary

Conditional Approval of Additions to the Per Diem Substitute List

Resolved: To add the following names to the per diem substitute list pending fingerprint approval

Kevin Gordon	Elementary
Josh Schimsky	Art (District Wide)
Julia Soare	Teacher Aide

Approval of Extra Curricular Activity Club

Resolved: To change the Ski Club at the High School from a Level I Club to a Level II Club

Resolved: To approve the following extra curricular coach:
Winter Track Amy Byrne

Approval of Pilot Program to install Security Cameras

Resolved: To approve a pilot program to install two security cameras one at the front entrance of Sea Cliff School and one in the back of the Central Office property at a cost of \$12,797

Addition of Parent Members to the Committee on Special Education

Resolved: To add the following names as Parent Members to the Committee on Special Education:

Elizabeth Godsell
Ellen Klein
Susan Reilly

Approval of Special Education Consultants/Service Providers

Resolved: To approve a contract with Juliana Gillespie, Resource Room Teacher at the Greenvale School, for the 2005-06 school year

Resolved: To approve a contract with Lawrence Sheff, for psychiatric evaluations effective November, 2005 through August, 2006

Resolved: To approve a rate increase for Lorraine Badami, Hearing Teacher, from \$75/hr to \$80/hr, effective September 1, 2005 through August 30, 2006

Resolved: To approve a rate increase for Mariana Frazer, ABA, from \$65/hr to \$70/hr, effective September 12, 2005 through August 30, 2006

Approval of Special Education Services

Resolved: To approve special education services, per attached tab

Comments from the Public

Paul Echausse, Glen Head, commented on the proposed cost of the transportation facility. He feels the cost of the building is very high in comparison to the recent costs of renovating all the buildings in the district. He also had questions about the Honeywell lease and the way the district is planning on financing all of the projects needing attention.

Board Policies

Trustee Brennan gave a brief report from the policy committee. She gave each Board member copies of the revisions the committee has made. She explained that the committee did minor editing and that many of the regulations have now become policies. She asked the Board to email one of the committee members with any additional changes they would like to implement. Dr. Melnick added that once all of the changes have been made, they will be forwarded to our attorney for their approval and then to NYSSBA who will forward a complete policy manual in the form of a hard copy, an electronic copy and in CD format.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Old Business

Trustee Pombar asked for an update on the Cherry Street residents. Dr. Melnick reported we had received signed agreements from all of the properties. Trustee Pombar also mentioned that other school districts have already received payments from LIPA as a result of their accepting the PILOT payments and he feels we are at a deficit by not yet receiving our share in what they owe in taxes. He wants to be sure that the local taxpayer realizes the benefits from LIPA paying their share of taxes.

President Murphy explained that LIPA has been put on the tax rolls for 2006-07 which is when we should begin to see them paying their share of the taxes but that legal action could prolong that date. It was also noted that the taxpayer would benefit from LIPA sharing in the total amount of taxes paid to the district.

Trustee Vollmer asked about the status of the Victorian House. Ms. Buatsi explained that a traffic study was finished by the end of November. Dr. Melnick added that we should receive a written report by the next Board meeting.

Trustee Brennan expressed her concern with the doors at the high school not being locked. She asked if there was a way to close in the area by the door closest to Glen Cove Avenue where the most serious problem seems to be.

Trustee Murphy asked the Board to send him any information they would like him to bring to the December 7th meeting with County Executive Thomas Suozzi.

There was no new business.

Adjournment

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

Elizabeth Ciampi
District Clerk