



North Shore Schools

Discovering Your Dreams

BOE Meeting Summary

January 31, 2008

Discussion/Presentations:

1. BOE eliminates \$86,200 from the 2008-09 Budget Proposal while still maintaining the quality of our current academic programs.

Trustees eliminated expenses that did *not* cover growth in enrollment or mandated costs; provide for the educational needs of our students; protect the health and safety of our students and staff; or maintain class sizes and the condition of our buildings and grounds.



This recent reduction to the budget is in addition to the \$2.7 million previously eliminated by Superintendent Melnick prior to his budget



presentation to the Board on January 17th. The Board will continue their rigorous line-by-line review of the budget at meetings scheduled during the remainder of February and March, seeking to make further reductions where possible. On March 27th, Trustees will officially adopt the final 2008-09 budget proposal, to be voted on by district residents on May 20, 2008 from

7am -10pm in the Gym at North Shore High School.

Over the course of the next few months, Trustees will examine the draft of the proposed budget line-by-line before adopting a final budget proposal on March 27th. Residents will be able to vote on the NS Schools budget on May 20th, 2008 in the HS Gym from

7am-10pm. Voter registration will take place in the HS on May 3rd and 5th, for those not already registered.

We welcome you to attend meetings and informational Coffees or call/email Dr. Melnick at melnicke@northshoreschools.org (new email address) and the BOE with any questions.

2. In addition to the budget review, Maureen Curis, Director of English & Literacy, reported on her goal for promoting a love of reading and writing within the North Shore Community.



3. Additionally, Regina Newman, Curriculum Associate for Mathematics,



presented the advantages of the new interactive calculators that will be utilized at the High School and demonstrated the effectiveness of colorful mathematic tiles used in instruction at the elementary and middle schools.

(For further information regarding this meeting, please see the North Shore Board of Education Minutes for January 31, 2008 at www.northshoreschools.org)