



North Shore Schools

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BOE Meeting Summary

February 28, 2008

Discussion/Presentations:

1. As of 2/28, Trustees continued to diligently work to provide tax relief in school property taxes for our residents by eliminating \$2,819,975 from the initial 2008-09 Budget Proposal while still maintaining the quality of our current academic programs.



This recent reduction to the budget is in addition to the \$2.7 million previously eliminated by Superintendent Melnick prior to his initial budget presentation to the Board on January 17th. 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.



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

2. In addition to the budget review, Bob Wihnyk, Director of Technology, reported on the the area of computer instruction and technology. This included updates on North Shore's SMART Board™ Interactive whiteboard and videoconferencing capabilities. Mr. Wihnyk, said *"SMART Boards are certainly the most impressive introduction of instructional technology into our schools in some time. I hope to have a SMART Board in every classroom by the beginning of the next school year."*



3. Additionally, Middle School Principal Marc Ferris, Tom Korb, Director of Special Education, and Barbara Cooper, Administrator for Special Education Instructional Programs, presented on the Middle School Foundations in Learning (FIL) Program. This report is available in the Central Office at 115 Franklin Avenue, Sea Cliff, NY 11579.



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

(For further information regarding this meeting, please see the North Shore Board of Education Minutes for February 28, 2008 at www.northshoreschools.org)