



North Shore Schools

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BOE Meeting Summary

February 26, 2009

Trustees Cut \$794,270 from 2009-10 Budget Proposal



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1. Budget Review: As of February 26th, Trustees continued to vigorously work to provide relief in school property taxes for our district residents by eliminating a total of \$794,270 from the initial budget proposal presented by Superintendent Dr. Edward Melnick on January 15, 2009. **Currently, the budget stands at an increase of 3.397% over last year which represents the most conservative budget increase in over 15 years and is less than the contingency cap of 4%.**

This reduction to the budget is in addition to the \$351,411 previously eliminated by Superintendent Melnick prior to his initial proposal and the 5% reduction versus last year that was asked of all department heads and principals when building the 2009-2010 budget.

2. BOE March Meetings: During the month of March, the Board will continue to remain sensitive to the fiscal concerns of our residents as they seek to make further reductions prior to adopting the 2009-2010 budget on Thursday, March 26th. **At the March 12th meeting, the area of security will be further discussed as a comeback item. Trustees strongly urge you to come to this meeting and voice your feelings and concerns regarding this sensitive subject so that they can make an informed decision based on the input of our community members**

3. Upcoming BOE Meeting Schedule: Additionally, we encourage you to attend all upcoming budget meetings at the High School Alumni Room at 8 p.m. (unless noted otherwise) on the following dates:

- **March 12:** Comeback Items/Budget Refinement

- **March 26:** Budget Adoption
- **April 21:** BOCES Budget Vote/ Meet the Candidates Night
- **April 23:** North Shore Middle School
- **May 7:** Town Meeting/Budget Reading

The budget vote will take place on Tuesday, May 19, 2009. If you have any questions regarding the budget, please contact Superintendent Dr. Edward Melnick at 516-277-7801 or email him at melnicke@northshoreschools.org. If you would like to have a budget coffee, please email Shelly Newman at newmans@northshoreschools.org. Additionally, for the latest budget information, please visit the district website at www.northshoreschools.org.

(For further information regarding this meeting, please see the North Shore Board of Education Minutes from February 26, 2009 at www.northshoreschools.org. Complete BOE Minutes are available in the Central Office.)