



# North Shore Schools

*Discovering Your Dreams*

## BOE Meeting Summary

March 12, 2009

1. Many students, parents and community members were in attendance for the March 12<sup>th</sup> BOE Meeting. During the meeting, the floor was open for comments and many spoke on behalf of high school teacher, Rachael Brown.



To start off the meeting, Dr. Melnick thanked all of the students who conducted themselves in a mature and respectful manner in their pursuit of asking questions and letting their voices be heard. He explained that while he has to protect the confidentiality of employed personnel, the Superintendent is responsible (by law) for making recommendations regarding the employment of individuals within North Shore Schools. These decisions are made after a comprehensive and rigorous evaluation process that involves the principal(s), directors, and the Assistant Superintendent for Instruction.



2. Representatives of the Sea Cliff faculty read a statement thanking Interim Principal Gil Torossian who will be leaving his position at Sea Cliff Elementary School to assume an Assistant Principal position at North Shore Middle School.



3. At the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, the issue of security was further discussed. Trustees attentively listened to the parents and community members in attendance. **At this time, provided the budget is approved by voters, the BOE decided that there will be no planned cut in the current level of security.** Currently, security personnel are on duty from approximately thirty minutes prior to the beginning of the school day, through 15 minutes after the school day. In addition, security is provided for evening and weekend events such as plays, concerts and contests. **Should the budget**



**not be approved, approximately \$50,000 of what we spend on security would have to be eliminated. (This would be required by NYS law).** Should this occur, the Board would need to look at reducing security for all hours outside of the school day. This would include: the thirty minutes prior to the beginning of the day, as well as the fifteen minutes at the end of the day. Additionally, we would not be able to provide security for afterschool, weekend or evening events.

4. **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 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](mailto:melnicke@northshoreschools.org). If you would like to have a budget coffee, please email Shelly Newman at [newmans@northshoreschools.org](mailto:newmans@northshoreschools.org). Additionally, for the latest budget information, please visit the district website at [www.northshoreschools.org](http://www.northshoreschools.org).

(For further information regarding this meeting, please see the North Shore Board of Education Minutes from March 12, 2009 at [www.northshoreschools.org](http://www.northshoreschools.org). Complete BOE Minutes are available in the Central Office.)