



# North Shore Schools

*Discovering Your Dreams*

## BOE/TOWN Meeting Summary

May 7, 2009

1. **BOE/Town Meeting:** At the BOE/Town Meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup>, Trustees reminded those in attendance that the Board operates in a “transparent” manner and encourages all members of the North Shore Community to call or email them regarding any questions or issues of concern. They stressed the importance of clear and accurate communication on all topics.

Two residents asked questions about the recent discussions with the Town of Oyster Bay regarding a turf field for North Shore. The Board communicated that representatives from the Town of Oyster Bay met with members of the North Shore Schools’ District Construction Steering Committee on April 21st to discuss the Town’s continued interest in developing a field with an artificial surface within the North Shore Community.

**Next Steps:** It was decided that the group would meet on May 27th, along with invited representatives from the local youth sports organizations and the District booster club to further explore some of the questions surrounding the Town of Oyster Bay’s interest in completing this project on the High School campus (i.e., maintenance, security, lighting, usage, etc.) Following the May 27th meeting, *provided that the Town wishes to proceed*, a meeting will be held with neighbors living in the vicinity of the High School to further discuss the Town’s proposal.

2. **Budget Reading:** Superintendent Dr. Ed Melnick read a summary of the adopted 2009-10 Budget Proposal. He reiterated that the Proposed 2009-10 Budget (**Proposition 1**) is \$83,682,596, a 3.39% increase over last year. If the budget fails, the 2009-10 Contingency Budget is \$83,335,018, a 2.97% increase over last year. This represents a difference of less than 1% or a difference of approximately \$2 per month for the average North Shore homeowner.

Additionally, on the ballot is **Proposition 2**, approval to use existing funds in the Capital Reserve at no additional cost to North Shore residents. If approved, it will allow the district to use existing funds for the following projects:

- Replacement of the internal ceilings in the older portions of the High School, Middle School Glen Head and Glenwood Landing Schools
- Replacement of the original boilers in the Middle School
- Replacement of the Middle School Library and Cafeteria Atrium Roofs

Trustees continue to proactively plan, not only for the school year ahead, but for the generations of children and families that will utilize the North Shore Schools.

2. **Wellness Policy Update:** Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, Rob Chlebicki, discussed possible revisions to the overall Wellness Policy based on the Tri-State visit. Currently, the policy primarily focuses on physical and nutritional wellness. It was recommended to additional areas including health, educational, emotional and social wellness.

**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 May 7, 2009 at [www.northshoreschools.org](http://www.northshoreschools.org). Complete BOE Minutes are available in the Central Office.)