



North Shore Schools

Discovering Your Dreams

BOE Meeting Summary

June 4, 2009

Discussion/Presentations:

1. To begin the meeting, Charles Sharkey was recognized as the recipient of the Town of Oyster Bay Kids of Distinction Award. Additionally, the BOE recognized the high school and middle school students who were medalists in the Long Island Math Fair.



2. Student Achievement Presentation: Dr. Melnick presented his report on student achievement for the 2008-2009 school year. Many students gave presentations which included the Middle School Chamber Choir, high school students Andrea Pardo and Sydney Atkin, Sea Cliff student Stephanie Zelenetz, middle school student Molly Reilly, and high school students Katie Kane, Dan O'Connor and Kohe Brooks Burke.



3. Community Questions/Discussion Regarding A Turf Field at the HS:

Dr. Melnick clarified that the district did not go looking to do a project with the Town of Oyster Bay, the Town came to North Shore to explore the possibility of a field in our district. The Town surveyed the area and found that the only feasible space was the high school football field. Several questions were raised by the construction steering committee. In the meantime, the Town began a project with

Bethpage, separate and unrelated to the project they were investigating at North Shore. Rumors circulated that the district turned down the project and at a budget informational meeting with the Booster Club it was found that there was misinformation in the community about the possibility of having a turf field installed at the high school.

The May 27th meeting was for the Town to clarify to these groups the status of the process to this point and what needed to be done to move forward. The Town of Oyster Bay asked for the meeting with the local athletic youth groups and informed us that they would be happy to meet with any group, but would not meet with both sides together as they are not interested in being an arbitrator between two sides. The Town has asked representatives of the local athletic youth groups to reach out to the other side and find common ground as a community to decide what the need is. At the May 27th meeting the Town made it clear that they would not continue the conversation of the possibility of this project until the community came to consensus about what it wants. Trustee Beyer added that the discussions regarding the turf field are preliminary as there has been no formal proposal made by the Town. She thanked the public for their comments and expressed her hope that the community could come together on the turf field issue.

(For further information regarding this meeting, please see the North Shore Board of Education Minutes for June 4, 2009 at www.northshoreschools.org)