

North Shore Schools  
Board of Education  
Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
June 19, 2008

The meeting was called to order by president Beyer at 7:15 pm in the high school alumni room. Present were Trustees Genovesi, Glassman, Pombar, Sharkey, and Webb. Trustee Vollmer arrived at 8:30 pm. Also present were Dr. Melnick, Mr. Chlebicki and Ms. Buatsi.

**Executive Session**

At 7:15 pm on motion of president Beyer and seconded by Trustee Glassman and all in favor, the Board moved to go into Executive Session in the high school faculty lounge for discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation, matters leading to the appointment of a particular person, and collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law).

At 8:00 pm on motion of Trustee Webb and seconded by Trustee Sharkey and all in favor, the Board moved to come out of Executive Session and resumed the regular meeting in the Alumni Room. There were approximately 125 people in attendance.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

President Beyer led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

**Report of the SGO Representative**

SGO Representative, Alex Romano, gave his final report. He thanked the Board and Mr. Rozakis for their support and guidance throughout his three years as student representative to the Board of Education. He expressed his appreciation for all he has learned in those three years to those who helped him understand the educational system. He commended North Shore as a wonderful place to learn and grow as an individual. In his report, Alex stressed the importance of involving students and teachers in the decision making process. He then reported on the great success of Relay for Life which raised over \$120,000 making them the second largest event in the County.

At the end of his report, Dr. Melnick and Trustee Beyer recognized Alex and his service to the students of North Shore.

**Recognition of PTA Members**

Trustee Beyer and Dr. Melnick recognized out-going parent organization president's Barbara Erickson, Coordinating Council; Robin Appel, High School PTSA; Eileen Goettleman, Middle School PTA; Nathalie Woods, Glen Head PTO; Kathleen Valentine, Sea Cliff PCA; and Bill Cameron, Glenwood Landing SCA for their service to their school communities.

**Student Statement**

Kyle Erickson, North Shore High School senior, read a statement to the Board of Education thanking them for giving him the opportunities afforded at North Shore. He spoke of his favorite subjects and the things he has learned over his years here. He expressed his gratitude to those who always saw his "ability and not his disability". He then presented Dr. Melnick and Mr. Chlebicki each with a piece of his own art-work.

### **Tenure Recognition**

Dr. Melnick introduced each school principal who in turn introduced, and recommended for tenure, teachers in their respective schools. Also recognized were teachers who received tenure during the year including Kelly Ater, Aimee Canzoniero, Meryl Fox, Kelly Gorman and Sarah Phelan.

On motion of Trustee Genovesi and seconded by Trustee Sharkey and all in favor the following teachers were granted tenure effective September 1, 2008:

Kim-Marie Cortez, Jessica Donovan, Kelly Gorman, Jessica Hoffman, Patricia Kelton, Kristie Lieberman, Jaclyn Kepke, Elyse Kushel, Dennis McEvoy, Eric Mordhorst, Maria Perdios, Jim Perez, Nathalie Perodin-Silva, Christine (Hickey) Punch, Lori Reichel, Darlene Skaee, Elissa Theiss and Rob Willgoos

### **Recognition of Outgoing Board Member**

Dr. Melnick recognized outgoing Board Member Peter Vollmer whose term will end June 30, 2008. He thanked Trustee Vollmer for his six years of service to the North Shore Schools and community. On behalf of the Board of Education, Trustee Webb presented Trustee Vollmer with a gift of appreciation for his years of dedication to the District.

### **Comments from the Public**

Alan Geller, Sea Cliff, filed a petition of 90 signatures with the District Clerk requesting the Board of Education support the BOCES Long Island High School of the Arts.

Judy Mazzola, Glen Head, read a statement asking the Board to reconsider their decision to not subscribe to the Long Island High School of the Arts.

### **Tri State Visitation Report**

Rob Chlebicki, Assistant Superintendent, gave a brief history of the process that led up to the Tri-State Visit. A committee consisting of faculty representatives from health, physical education, nurses, psychologists and food service as well as parents, administrators and Board members met for a year and a half prior to the visit to review the Health and Wellness program in the district. The official visit consisted of 11 members of the Tri State Consortium. Mr. Chlebicki highlighted the visit which culminated in a written report that has been shared with the Board. Laura Orticelle gave an overview of the Consortium's commendations and recommendations and noted that this was the first time the Consortium had evaluated a Health and Wellness Program. She also noted that it was a very positive report. Mr. Chlebicki concluded the report by explaining the next steps which are to review the report with the full committee and to review the Board of Education Wellness Policy; presently the focus of the policy is on nutrition alone and the recommendation is to expand beyond nutrition to focus on overall wellness. The Tri-State Consortium will re-visit in two years (2010) as a follow up to see what recommendations have been implemented. Mr. Chlebicki finished by explaining that the Tri-State Review keeps us accredited with colleges and universities and takes the place of the Middle States review. Ms. Orticelle added thanks to Trustees Glassman and Sharkey, the Board members who participated in the committee, as well as Mr. Chlebicki for his support.

Trustee Glassman commended Ms. Orticelle for her hard work and Mr. Chlebicki for his leadership.

### **Summary of Goals**

Dr. Melnick reviewed the goals from 2007-08 and recommended the Board continue with the instructional goal and discuss adding specifics to that goal. The Board discussed adding Supervision, Evaluation and Tenure Recommendations as a goal and Dr. Melnick also recommended adding a task for professional development.

### **Proposed Board Meeting Dates for 2008-09**

The Board had a brief discussion about a date for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new Transportation Depot. It was decided to hold the ribbon cutting on Saturday, September 13 at 12:00 noon after the Board retreat. The meeting list will be approved at the next Board meeting on July 1.

### **Repair Reserve Funding**

Dr. Melnick explained which projects have been identified from the five year plan as needing to be done as soon as possible. He is recommending that the projects outlined in a report to the Board and approved by the State, be funded from the repair reserve fund in the amount of \$207,605. The Board must hold a hearing, which is scheduled for July 1, for residents to petition for a referendum if they so desire. The petition must be signed by 2% of the voters from the May 20 election. If no referendum is requested by the community, the Board may approve the expenditure of funds from the Repair Reserve Fund.

### **Comments from the Public**

There were no comments from the public.

The Board decided to act on action items E-P simultaneously.

On motion of Trustee Vollmer and seconded by Trustee Sharkey and all in favor, it was:

#### **Personnel**

##### **Leave of Absence for Child Rearing Purposes - Administration**

Resolved: To approve a leave of absence for child rearing purposes for Lisa Minicozzi, Principal, Sea Cliff School, effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

##### **Leave of Absence/Appointment – Administration**

Resolved: To approve a leave of absence for Gil Torossian, Assistant Principal, High School to assume the position of Interim Principal, Sea Cliff School, effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

##### **Regular Substitute (Leave Replacement) Appointment - Certified**

Resolved: To approve a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Van Grasso, Elementary, on Step 4 of the MA salary schedule, effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, replacing Debbie Minicozzi (child rearing leave)

Resolved: To approve a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Denise Misiti, Elementary, on Step 5 of the MA salary schedule effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, replacing Milena Scalzo (child rearing leave)

Resolved: To approve a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Elizabeth Murphy, Elementary, on Step 6 of the MA salary schedule effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, replacing Mia Ramirez (child rearing leave)

##### **Part-time Appointment - Certified**

Resolved: To approve a part-time (.2) appointment for Christina Guo, Chinese, on Step 1 of the MA salary schedule effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

Increment for Advanced Study

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Norma DeLara, General Science, from step 6 of the BA+30 salary schedule to Step 6 of the MA salary schedule, effective January 28, 2008

Approval of Additions to the Per Diem Substitute List

Resolved: To approve the addition of the following name to the per diem substitute list:

Serik Slobodskoy      Elementary

Approval of Extra Curricular Activity Club Advisors

Resolved: To approve the following extra curricular activity club advisors for the 2007-08 school year:

Middle School

Italian                      Julie Cardona  
Newspaper                 Jackie Kepke  
                                      Natalie Silva  
Drama Club                 Rob Willgoos\*

\*Sole Advisor (previously approved as co-advisor)

High School

Melissa Frank              Knitting Club  
Patrick Cassino             Science Olympiad  
Rachael Brown\*\*          Yearbook

\*\*Replaced Brian Rodahan

Summer Evening Recreation

Kellie Moritz  
Dan Agovino  
Craig DeNicola  
Keith Freund  
Dominic Gatti

Approval of Exhibit to Policy #0310

Resolved: To approve exhibit #0310-E to policy #0310 (Board of Education Self Evaluation), effective October 22, 2007

Acceptance of Donation from the Glenwood SCA to the Glenwood Landing School

Resolved: To accept a donation from the Glenwood Landing SCA to the Glenwood Landing School of a plaque commemorating retiring teacher Lynn Leslie at an approximate value of \$100 and a piano bench commemorating retiring teacher Donna Reihing at an approximate value of \$300

Acceptance of Donation from the Middle School PTA to the Middle School

Resolved: To accept the donation from the Middle School PTA to the Middle School for the purchase of technology equipment for an elective program at a value of \$1,955

Approval of a Consultant Agreement with Nancy Letts

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Nancy Letts, Consultant, effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 for a total fee not to exceed \$127,600

Award of Contracts for Pupil Transportation for School Year 2008-2009

Resolved: To award contracts for pupil transportation for school year 2008-09 to the low bidders as per attached list

Approval to Dispose of Obsolete Equipment

Resolved: To declare as obsolete and approve of the disposal of bus/van related parts and supplies

Approval of Change Orders

Resolved: To approve change order Fuel #3 from American Environmental Assessment Corp for the Transportation Facility in the amount of \$1,305 (addition)

Resolved: To approve change order Plumb #1 from Rocon Plumbing & Heating at the High School, in the amount of \$5,000 (deduction)

Approval of Health Services

Resolved: That the Board of Education enter into a contract for Health Services with Port Washington Union Free School District for 12 students residing within the North Shore Schools and attending St. Peter of Alcantara for the 2007-08 school year at a cost of \$685.72 per student, as provided under the Education Law of the State of New York

Resolved: That the Board of Education enter into a contract for Health Services with Uniondale Union Free School District for 9 students residing within the North Shore Schools and attending Kellenberg Memorial High School for the 2007-08 school year at a cost of \$579.90 per student, as provided under the Education Law of the State of New York

Resolved: That the Board of Education enter into a contract for Health Services with Westbury Union Free School District for 14 students residing within the North Shore Schools and attending Holy Child, Westbury Friends and Whispering Pines Schools for the 2007-08 school year at a cost of \$668.69 per student, as provided under the Education Law of the State of New York

Approval of Budget Transfers

Resolved: To approve budget transfers in the amount of \$17,000 effective June 19, 2008

Approval of Special Education Consultants/Service Providers

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Kelly Andrews, ABA Therapist for ABA Therapy services for the 2008-09 school year

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Sheila Bilko, Speech Language Pathologist for speech language therapy @The Green Vale School for the 2008-09 school year

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Toni Ann Christie, Autism & Behavioral Consultant for ABA Consultation and activities associated with provision of student aides for the 2008-09 school year

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Susan Epstein, Psychologist for Neuropsychological Evaluations for the 2008-09 school year

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Anita Friede & Associates, Inc., Professional Development Consultant (SIM), for the 2008-09 school year

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Adrienne Hellman, Speech Language Pathologist for Speech-Language Therapy for the 2008-09 school year

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Mark Kovalski, Psychologist, for Psychological services for the 2008-09 school year

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Janet Mueller, Psychologist, for psychology services the 2008-09 school year

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Bolajoko Oshikanlu, Occupational Therapist for Occupational Therapy for the 2008-09 school year

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Susan Rooney, Speech Language Pathologist for speech language therapy services for the 2008-09 school year

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Laurie Rothlein-Goodman, Speech Language Pathologist for speech language therapy services for the 2008-09 school year

#### Approval of Special Education Services

Resolved: To approve special education services (IEP) per attached tab

#### Old Business

Trustee Webb handed out copies of the Board self-evaluation. He noted the one area of focus was the same for last year and suggested this be a discussion at their retreat.

#### New Business

Dr. Melnick reported that he was approached by two teachers, Kevin Mercier and Peter Segal who found a New York State Grant for a solar energy program. They are interested in establishing a committee to write a grant proposal for developing a course for alternative sources of energy. Dr. Melnick suggested Trustee Vollmer be a member of this committee. Trustee Vollmer will contact the teachers and share the information he has already found on the subject.

Trustee Glassman asked for a future discussion about the criteria for receiving a "diploma with distinction" from North Shore.

Trustee Genovesi commended Shelly Newman on the coverage North Shore received in the NYSSBA publication *On Board*.

#### Adjournment

Prior to adjournment, Trustee Beyer again thanked Trustee Vollmer for his years of service to the Board and the community.

At 9:50 pm on motion of Trustee Vollmer and seconded by Trustee Genovesi and all in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Ciampi  
District Clerk