

North Shore Schools
Board of Education
Minutes
Regular Meeting
September 4, 2008

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

Executive Session

At 7:30 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 room to discuss collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law).

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

Pledge of Allegiance

President Beyer led the audience in the pledge of allegiance

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Trustee Glassman and seconded by Trustee Kolkhorst and all in favor, the minutes of August 21, 2008 were approved.

Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Melnick reported on a smooth opening of school as well as Superintendent's Conference Days focusing on key instructional goals. There will be informational meetings for 8th grade parents and students to explain the 9th grade experience in October and November. The ribbon cutting ceremony for the Bus Depot is scheduled for September 13 at noon, following the Board Retreat.

Report of the SGO Representative and Comments from the Public

SGO representative, Charles Sharkey, reported on events and activities in the high school including opening of school, first SGO meeting next week and juvenile diabetes walk-a-thon scheduled for October 26.

There were no comments from the public.

Overview-Rebecca Sitton Spelling Program

Brian Nelson, Director of English and Literacy and Linda Klion, Lead Literacy Teacher, gave a presentation on the Rebecca Sitton Spelling 4-5 program and its alignment to the K-3 Foundations program. They gave a demonstration on how students are introduced to new words and the strategies learned. The Board expressed concern that not all teachers are equally trained in this program; Linda Klion responded the person who trained staff when the program was implemented 11 years ago was recently brought back in for another round of training and she was very impressed with our program. She intends to use the report from her visit as a model. There was also concern that there is no equivalent grammar program. Brian Nelson said he does intend to have a focus on grammar this year.

Two-Year Special Education Plan

Dr. Melnick explained that the district is required by the commissioner to approve a Special Education Plan every two years. The Board reviewed the draft of the plan prepared by Tom Korb, Director of Special Education, he will implement the suggested changes and present

it for approval at the September 25 meeting. There was a discussion about the procedure for distributing IEPs to regular education teachers and concern that these teachers are not given support in understanding and implementing the modifications in the IEP. In regard to the child find piece, Trustee Pombar asked for an accounting of payments and receivables at the end of the year.

Comments from the Public

Robert Sturges, Glen Head, asked if it is possible to fill empty seats on district buses with students who may not meet the criteria for busing.

Dr. Melnick responded that New York State Education Department does not allow the district to fill empty seats with students who are not eligible for transportation.

Board Committees and Subcommittees

Dr. Melnick reviewed each committee and subcommittee of the Board and asked for volunteers for each committee. Results were as follows: Trustees Beyer, Genovesi and Webb will serve on the Construction Steering Committee; Trustees Beyer, Genovesi and Kolkhorst will serve on the Legislative Action Committee; Trustees Genovesi and Pombar will serve on the Health & Safety Committee; Trustees Beyer, Glassman and Kolkhorst will serve on the IEP Review Subcommittee; Trustees Genovesi, Kolkhorst and Sharkey will serve on the Policy Review Subcommittee; Trustee Pombar will be the board representative to the Coordinating Council and Trustees Glassman and Sharkey will continue with the follow up to the Tri-State report on Health and Nutrition. Back-to-school night representatives are as follows: Glenwood Landing, Trustee Sharkey; Glen Head, Trustee Genovesi; Sea Cliff, Trustee Webb; High School, Trustee Beyer; and Middle School, Trustee Kolkhorst.

Request for Transportation

North Shore Boys & Girls Club-Beyond the Bell Program

Dr. Melnick received a request from the Director of the North Shore Boys & Girls Club, Ed Moffett, to contract our buses for transportation to their Beyond the Bell Program. Dr. Melnick checked with legal counsel and received an opinion letter that there is no legal authority to grant this request. Therefore, the request was denied.

Committee and Conference Requests

Trustee Sharkey reported on a meeting of the audit sub-committee with the internal claims auditor. She e-mailed a written report to the Board.

Regular Business

The Board decided to act simultaneously on action items F-Q

On motion of Trustee Kolkhorst and seconded by Trustee Webb and all in favor, it was:

Personnel

Leave of Absence - Certified

Resolved: To approve a leave of absence for Michela Solomita, Elementary, effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

Appointment - Certified

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Jennifer Horton, Mathematics, on Step 5 of the MA salary schedule, effective September 1, 2008 through September 1, 2010, new position

Regular Substitute (Leave Replacement) Appointment - Certified

Resolved: To approve a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Ray Chaputian, Physical Education, on Step 3 of the BA salary schedule, effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

Resolved: To approve a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Pamela McGorry, Elementary, on Step 1 of the BA+15 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, replacing Michela Solomita (leave of absence)

Resolved: To approve a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Ellen Moynahan, ESL, on Step 10 of the MA+30 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2008 through December 1, 2008, replacing Nathalie Silva (FMLA)

Part-Time Appointments - Certified

Resolved: To approve a part-time (.1) appointment for Joe Bonaventura, Physical Education, on Step 3 of the BA salary schedule, effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

Resolved: To approve a part-time (.4) appointment for Krista Hoffman, Biology, on Step 1 of the BA salary schedule, effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

Resolved: To approve a part-time (.6) appointment for Frank Mauro, Physical Education, on Step 2 of the MA salary schedule, effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

Increment for Advanced Study - Certified

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Julie Cardona, Lote (Italian) from Step 5 of the BA+30 salary schedule, to Step 5 of the MA salary schedule, effective September 1, 2008

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Andrew Cross, Social Studies from Step 16 of the MA+30 salary schedule, to Step 16 of the MA+45 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2008

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Jean Hodermarsky, Physical Education from Step 12 of the MA+45 salary schedule, to Step 12 of the MA+60 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2008

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Theresa L'Abbate, Elementary from Step 3 of the MA salary schedule, to Step 3 of the MA+15 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2008

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Katelyn Nichols, English from Step 1 of the BA+15 salary schedule, to Step 1 of the MA salary schedule, effective September 1, 2008

Approval of Teacher Overage

Resolved: To approve a .2 overage for Jessica Donovan, Middle School humanities

Approval of Resolution for Abolishment/Establishment of Position

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, The Board of Education hereby abolishes the position of Automotive Servicer, effective immediately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby creates the new position of Automotive Mechanic effective immediately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the incumbent in the abolished position of Automotive Servicer, Peter Baker, is hereby appointed to the new position of Automotive Mechanic, effective immediately for the 2008-09 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby creates two (2) additional Automotive Mechanic positions at for the 2008-09 school year, which positions shall be filled prospectively

Appointments - Non-Certified

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Gerard Fitzpatrick, Automotive Mechanic, effective September 1, 2008

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Wieslaw Kuczarski, Automotive Mechanic, effective September 1, 2008

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Maria Coronato, part-time School Monitor, Transportation, effective September 1, 2008

Resolved: To approve the appointment of the following School Bus Drivers, holding a Class B License, effective September 1, 2008

Steven Elkind	Edward Haragsim
Brent Glasson	Rita Pantaleo
Michelle Hall	Dawn Parrett

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Marjorie Marshall, School Bus Driver, holding a Class C License, effective September 1, 2008

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Anthony Valazano, School Monitor, High School, effective September 1, 2008, replaces Evelyn Regolini

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Sonia Castro-Milano, Teacher Aide, Glen Head, effective September 1, 2008, replaces Susan Turner-DeMayo (resigned)

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Denise Statile, Teacher Aide, Glen Head, effective September 1, 2008, replaces Karen Mandart (resigned)

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Carrie Preston, Teacher Aide, Glenwood Landing, effective September 1, 2008, new rotating position

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Erika Werbeck, Teacher Aide, Glenwood Landing, effective September 1, 2008, replaces Margie Anderson

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Debra Groom, part-time School Monitor, Glenwood Landing, effective September 1, 2008

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Lawrence Filippone, Part-time cleaner, Middle School, effective September 1, 2008, new position

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Joseph Frye, part-time cleaner, Middle School, replaces Michael Find (accepted full time position)

Approval of Additions to the Per Diem Substitute List

Resolved: To approve the additions of the following names to the per diem substitute list:

DiGiovanni, Bettyjean	Monitor/Teacher Aide
Denise Fury-Cesarski	Nurse
Lenore Kornfeld	Monitor
Patrick Lynch	Secondary
Bridget Mahoney	Food Service
Katelyn Nessham	Elementary
Maureen Pionegro	Teacher Aide/Monitor
Margaryta Uskova	Monitor

Approval of Extra Curricular Activity Club

Resolved: To approve the addition of three Elementary Mock Trial Clubs (1 for each elementary school) to the list of Extra Curricular Activity Clubs, as level 2 clubs

Establishment of the Lawrence John Martone Memorial Scholarship

Resolved: To establish the Lawrence John Martone Memorial Scholarship Fund

Approval of Claims for Reimbursement

Resolved: To approve a claim for reimbursement for Anne Marie Kujawski in the amount of \$69.00

Resolved: To approve a claim for reimbursement for Lynn Johnson in the amount of \$490

Acceptance of Donation from the Sea Cliff PCA to the Sea Cliff Elementary School

Resolved: To accept the donation of a computer monitor with installation from the Sea Cliff PCA to the Sea Cliff School, approximate value \$800

Approval to Increase Amount in the Retirement Contribution Reserve

Resolved: To approve the increase to our Retirement Contribution Reserve by \$581,469.72 as per the recommendation of Olivia Buatsi as outlined in her attached memo

Approval of Budget Transfers

Resolved: To approve budget transfers in the amount of \$199,531, effective September 4, 2008

Approval of Agreements with Freelance Photographers

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Adrienne Daly, to provide freelance photography services at a rate of \$50/first hour, \$35/add'l hour and \$10/digital disc, for the 2008-09 school year

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Robin Appel, to provide freelance photography services at a rate of \$50/first hour, \$35/add'l hour and \$10/digital disc, for the 2008-09 school year

Approval of Change Order

Resolved: To approve change order Plumbing #2, from Ambrosio & Company, for Alterations and Additions at the Middle School, in the amount of \$1,862.25 (additional)

Approval of a Resolution for a Type II Determination for Proposed Improvements at the North Shore High School, North Shore Middle School, Glenwood Landing Elementary and Glen Head Elementary School

Resolved: To approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District is proposing improvements at the North Shore High School, North Shore Middle School, Glenwood Landing Elementary School and Glen Head Elementary School, including the replacement of ceilings and lighting and the abatement of piping incidental to the installation of new ceilings (hereinafter the "proposed project"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District has retained Freudenthal & Elkowitz Consulting Group, Inc. to review the proposed project, the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations at 6NYCRR Part 617, and to make a recommendation to the Board of Education for the North Shore Central School District as to the proper classification of the proposed project;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District, as lead agency, after review of the action proposed at the North Shore High School, North Shore Middle School, Glenwood Landing Elementary School and Glen Head Elementary School, 6NYCRR §617.5, and the opinion provided by Freudenthal & Elkowitz Consulting Group, Inc., hereby determines that the proposed action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6NYCRR §617.5 (c)(1) and (2) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and will, therefore, by definition, have no significant adverse impact on the environment.

Approval of Special Education Consultant/Service Provider

Resolved: To approve an agreement with O'Connell, Selig & Associates, LLP for Physical, Occupational & Speech Therapy, Special Education Services, Psychological Evaluation & Consultations and Social Work

Approval of Special Education Tuition Agreement

Resolved: To approve a tuition agreement with Roslyn Public Schools, for a resident student attending the Roslyn Public Schools during the 2008-09 school year at an annual rate of \$87,362

Approval of Special Education Services

Prior to approving special education services, the following IEPs were pulled and not approved: 363621525, 363622640, 363622930, 363623070, 363623464, 363624170, 363624222, 363624239, 353261031

Resolved: To approve special education services (IEPs) as per the attached tab

Comments from the Public

Letizia Barbetta, Glenwood Landing Co-President, expressed her surprise that peanut butter is on the menu in the cafeteria. Her daughter has severe food allergies and she stated that there are a number of students with similar allergies and she does not understand why it continues to be on the menu.

Ms. Buatsi responded that there is a large list of items that children have allergies to and it is difficult to keep them all off the menu. Dr. Melnick explained there is a special table for students with allergies in each cafeteria. He suggested Ms. Barbetta get in touch with the Nutrition Committee to host an open forum with parents to focus on this issue.

Siobhan Falk asked if there are any plans for a school sponsored event on Halloween night which falls on a Friday this year. Dr. Melnick responded, there are no plans other than an

elementary event sponsored by the SGO.

Amy Schamroth, Glen Head PTO president, asked if it is a district policy not to allow Halloween celebrations in the schools. Dr. Melnick responded, it is not a district policy and the other elementary schools do have Halloween celebrations. He said this was a Glen Head School decision, one that was made many years ago under a different principal, but has been supported by the current principal, Mrs. Nimmo as well as the teachers. He suggested speaking to Mrs. Nimmo, if the parents are interested in making a change.

Old Business

Dr. Melnick asked that the board meeting scheduled for February 12, 2009 be re-scheduled for February 5, 2009. The Board agreed to change the meeting date.

There will be an audit committee meeting on September 25, 2008 at 7:00 pm. with Jamie Pappas, the Internal Auditor. The audit committee meeting scheduled with the external auditor, RS Abrams, has been changed from October 30 to November 13, 2008.

Trustee Genovesi suggested there be representation at the next round of hearings on the tax cap issue scheduled for September 9th. After a brief discussion, it was decided that Dr. Melnick will draft a position paper from North Shore and he asked Trustees to e-mail him any points they would like to include.

New Business

Trustee Genovesi was approached by community members to investigate finding a place for high school students to skate board and bicycle. Currently they gather in the parking lot by the businesses on Glen Head Road. It was suggested to possibly make it a senior project and to work with the Town of Oyster Bay to find a solution. Dr. Melnick said he would follow up with Rob Hert who previously looked into something similar.

Trustee Sharkey asked if the Board will be discussing the resolutions booklet for the annual NYSSBA convention. Trustee Beyer said the legislative action committee will review it. Trustee Genovesi notified Trustees that she is not able to attend the convention this year. Trustee Kolkhorst will try to attend, all other Trustees are unable to attend.

Trustee Beyer noted her intention to attend the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association Annual Resolutions Dinner on September 23, 2008.

Adjournment

At 10:30 pm, on motion of Trustee Genovesi and seconded by Trustee Glassman and all in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Ciampi
District Clerk