

Board of Education
Minutes
Town Meeting
March 25, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Webb at 7:00 pm in the High School Alumni Room. Present were Trustees Berliner, Beyer, Genovesi, Kolkhorst, Pombar and Sharkey. Also present were Dr. Melnick, Ms. Buatsi and Mr. Chlebicki.

Executive Session

At 7:00 pm, on motion of Trustee Berliner seconded by Trustee Beyer and all in favor, the Board went into Executive Session in the high school faculty room for discussions regarding matters leading to the appointment or removal of a particular person or persons.

At 7:40 pm, on motion of Trustee Sharkey seconded by Trustee Pombar and all in favor, the Board moved to come out of Executive Session and convened a meeting of the Audit Committee in the high school alumni room.

At 8:00 pm, on motion of Trustee Genovesi and seconded by Trustee Kolkhorst, the Board moved to adjourn the meeting of the Audit Committee and resumed the regular meeting in the alumni room. There were approximately 75 people in the audience.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Webb led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Student Recognition

Dr. Melnick and president Webb recognized the Women's Winter Track Team as well as their coaches Neal Levy and Clifton Shultz for their 8th Nassau County Championship.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Trustee Sharkey and seconded by Trustee Beyer and all in favor, the minutes of March 11, 2010 were approved as amended.

Approval of Treasurer's Reports

On motion of Trustee Beyer and seconded by Trustee Berliner and all in favor, the Treasurer's report of January 1, 2010 through January 31, 2010 was approved.

Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Melnick congratulated Mr. Kleba, Mr. Kerschner & Mr. Soto as well as Julia Brennan, Melinda & Rick Bloom and all of the students who performed in the production of Oklahoma. He reported that 350 students participated in the annual NYSSMA solo festival and 77 of those students were selected to participate in the All County Music Festival. 30 visual arts students exhibited their work at the All County Art Festival and Jackson Payne received an Art Supervisors Association scholarship for advanced study in art. 254 students are participating in spring athletics and four more athletes have signed letters of intent for next year. The guidance department has worked on developing procedures for electronic submission of college applications & recommendations. The ninth grade experience faculty is preparing for the Tri States review and restructuring of the 7th grade program is on-going.

Report of the SGO Representative

Charles Sharkey, SGO representative reported on events and activities at the high school including the opening of the school store and a presentation by the Aids Peer Educators. In response to a question by Trustee Genovesi in regard to a tee shirt campaign, Charles reported that students are campaigning to have a couch returned to the music wing; the couch was removed as recommended by the fire inspector.

Regular Business

Budget Review

On the recommendation of Dr. Melnick, the Board agreed to remove another \$100,000 from the benefits code; \$25,000 from ERS and \$75,000 from TRS. Due to the number of retirements at the end of the year, the amount needed in this code has been reduced. This brings the budget increase to 3.314%.

Adoption of 2010-2011 Budget

Prior to adopting the budget, Trustees stated that they had worked very hard to present a fiscally responsible budget to the community while maintaining a strong program. They noted the difficulty of coming in at just over a 3% increase considering the circumstances of large increases in state mandates and contractual obligations that the district must meet. Trustees will go out into the community to explain the budget and how they arrived at the amount to be voted upon in May. Trustee Webb welcomed questions in this regard.

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

RESOLVED, that the proposed budget in the amount of \$86,445,773 for the 2010-2011 school year be adopted for submission to the qualified voters of the School District at the annual election to be held on May 18, 2010.

Exit Assessments

Mr. Chlebicki reviewed the progress towards the goal of monitoring growth of students through benchmark exit assessments in grades 5, 8 and 12. He explained that 22 administrators and faculty have been volunteering their time one day a month to explore ways for the district to monitor the skills students will need as they move from an education at North Shore to college and/or for work readiness by partnering with the 21st Century Skills Movement. Students will be monitored during the transition years with the goal being progress, not perfection. Mr. Chlebicki will continue to update the board as their work progresses.

Update on Literacy

Dr. Melnick updated the Board on the district's efforts in the area of literacy. He provided the board with examples of the current structure of literacy instruction at the elementary & middle school level, these include literacy blocks; reading workshops and writing workshops. He also reviewed the assessments currently being used for early literacy in grades K-5 and the early intervention plan in place. He reported that ELA scores continue to improve with approximately 92% of students scoring at 3 or 4 in 2009 and the percentage of remedial services in reading and writing declining to 9% in 2009. He then introduced a recent set of standards entitled Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts & Literacy in History/Social Studies & Science which are to ensure that all students are college and career ready in literacy by no later than the end of high school. These standards will be used to help guide the district's efforts. He gave recommendations for the next three years as well as areas for the new Director of ELA to explore.

The Board had a brief discussion and it was noted that a major problem is finding time for children to read as students are already overwhelmed and are reading more for content than for pleasure. It was suggested when looking at programs to model it may be helpful to look at Finland, considered the most literate country. Another suggestion was to have consistent vocabulary from year to year especially in the elementary years. Dr. Melnick commended Linda Klion, lead literacy teacher for her work in this area.

Comments from the Public

Terry Glassman, Old Brookville, expressed that students do not have the freedom to read what they want when forced to read for content. She suggested making summer reading projects simple to afford more time to read for pleasure.

Susan Lynn, said she feels the district has devalued hand writing and would like to see that changed.

Clare DiMaio, Glen Head, explained that cursive writing is taught in 3rd grade and then dropped in 4th grade. She would like to see teachers continue teaching and using cursive writing in the classroom. Ms. DiMaio also asked about the effect on class size for next year if this budget is passed. She explained that parents believe class size will increase even if the budget passes.

Dr. Melnick responded the adopted budget reflects the elimination of 11.5 teaching positions. 7 of these are at the elementary level (5 of the 7 were due to a decrease in enrollment) and will result in slightly larger class sizes in fourth & fifth grade at all three elementary schools. He expects class sizes in Glen Head for Grade 4 to be 19 & 20 and for Grade 5 to be 21 & 22 (with a possibility of 23). In Glenwood Landing it is expected that class sizes in Grade 4 will be 22 and Grade 5 will also be at 22. In Sea Cliff projections are Grade 4 class sizes will be 20 and Grade 5 class size will be 21. Dr. Melnick went on to say he does not anticipate the need for aides in these classes; the integrated co-teaching class will have a half time special education teacher and half time teaching assistant. He explained that according to Board policy, class sizes approaching 25 in grades K-1-2 will have an aide and in grades 3-4-5 class size approaching 30 will have an aide. He also explained that high school elective classes must have a minimum of 15 students enrolled for the course to run unless it is a continuation of a sequence. This year the 15 student minimum will be enforced due to budget constraints. Trustees added our class sizes are still lower than surrounding districts whose elementary classes are at 26, 27 & 28.

Legislative Issues

Trustee Webb reported that tax caps legislation has been passed. He has heard from Assemblyman Lavine that mandate relief will probably not be passed in the assembly, although the senate passed it 52-2. He reported he is still trying to find out if we can hire a lobbyist.

The Board has decided to act simultaneously on action items F-U.

On motion of Trustee Kolkhorst and seconded Trustee Pombar and all in favor it was:

Personnel

Resignation – Certified

Resolved: To accept the resignation of Nicole Sabbatino, Physics, effective April 10, 2010

Regular Substitute (Leave Replacement) Appointment – Certified

Resolved: To approve a part-time (2.5) regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Nora Haagensen, English, on Step 10 of the MA+30 salary schedule effective March 15, 2010 through April 16, 2010, replacing Rachel Donnatin (FMLA)

Resolved: To approve the regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Ruth Haukeland, Latin, on Step 10 of the MA+30 salary schedule effective March 26, 2010 through April 25, 2010

Approval of Teacher Overage

Resolved: To approve a .08 overage for Jennifer Horton, Mathematics, effective February 9, 2010

Approval of Additions to the Per Diem Substitute List

Resolved: To add the following name to the per diem substitute list:

Kristina Alonge	Elementary
Caitlin Brooks	Elementary
Lauren De Meo	Elementary
Lisa Mongelli	Elementary
Elizabeth Petrucci	Secondary
Lauren Portnoy	Elementary
Kristen Silecchia	Elementary

Student Aides

Resolved: To approve the following students as student aides effective March 25, 2010:

Lenny Chang
Jacob Shuster

Approval of Extra Curricular Activity Coaches

Resolved: To add a Geography Club as a Level 1 Club to the list of approved clubs at the Glenwood Landing School

Resolved: To approve the following extra curricular activity coaches for the spring season:

Middle School

Baseball

8th grade	Joseph Melillo
8th grade	Dennis McEvoy
7 th grade	Frank Mauro

Lacrosse

Girls 8th grade	Jean Hodermarsky
Girls 7th grade	Stephanie DeBonis
Boys 8th grade	Jeffrey Butt
Boys 7th grade	John Pace
Boys third team	William Madigan

Softball

8th grade	Jaclyn Muscarella
7th grade	Christine Punch
third team	Keith Freund

Spring Track

John Jackson
Donna Jean Welch
Greg Perles

Gymnastics

Melissa Vassallo
Samara Weitz

Intramurals

Step 1

Berner, Jessica
Galina, Joe
Georges, Lauren
Granieri, Thomas
Hogan, Sarah
Kozlowski, Aaron
Kudlak, Karalyn
LaCayo, Norma
Lever, Michelle
Madigan, William
McQuillan, Kitty
Melillo, Joseph
Moritz, Kellie
Muscarella, Jaclyn
Ortiz, Miguel
Punch, Christine
Rakeman, Kelly
Reichel, Lori
Royel, John
Trenkle, Robert
Tretter, Karl
Wenz, Karen

Step 2

Austin, Sean
Butt, Jeffrey
Corona, Edward
DeNicola, Craig
Emmert, Michael
Freund, Keith
Gatti, Dominic
Girolamo, Paul
Hodermarsky, Jean
Iacovelli, Tracy
Jacobs, Lois
Kline, Brian
Levy, Neal
Mauro, Frank
Meierdiercks, Gary
Mercier, Kevin
O'Connor, Eileen
Orticelle, Laura
Richter, Andrew

Approval of Resolution Between The North Shore Federated Employees Association and The North Shore Central School District

Resolved: To approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education herewith approves a certain Early Retirement Incentive Agreement between the North Shore Central School District and North Shore Federated Employees Association and authorizes the Board of Education President to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education

Approval of Resolution for the Annual School District Meeting & Election

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of this District has determined that the date, time and place of the Annual School District Budget Vote and Election (Annual Meeting) will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2010, from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Gymnasium of the North Shore Senior High School; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a proposition adopted by the qualified voters of this District, this Board has heretofore determined that vacancies upon the Board of Education shall not be considered separate specific offices, and that those candidates receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected to the vacancies upon the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the qualified voters shall elect three (3) members to the Board of Education for three (3) year terms each, commencing on July 1, 2010, and expiring on June 30, 2013, and WHEREAS, the Board of Education has adopted the registration requirements for eligibility to vote contained in Section 2014 of the Education Law and such registration requirements have not been changed; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has previously adopted by resolution the absentee ballot provisions and procedures contained in Section 2018-a of the Education Law for school district elections and said resolution has not been changed.

BE IT RESOLVED that the vote be taken by voting machine, or, if voting machines be unavailable, by paper ballot; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Proposition on the 2010-2011 School Budget shall read as follows:

RESOLVED, that the School District budget for the school year 2010-2011 proposed by the Board of Education in accordance with Section 1716 of the Education Law shall be approved and the necessary taxes be levied therefore on the taxable real property of the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School District Budget for the 2010-2011 school year will be completed and presented at a public hearing to be held on May 6, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. and will be available for inspection at each of the schoolhouses of the District during business hours commencing on the seventh day prior to the said hearing together with the text of any resolution which will be presented to the voters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Registration will meet to register qualified voters on Saturday, May 1, 2010, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Registration will be held at the North Shore High School, Glen Cove Avenue, Glen Head, New York; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk be and hereby is authorized and directed to publish such notice of said Annual Budget Vote and Election in the Record Pilot and Gold Coast Gazette as shall be required by law, which said notice shall be substantially in the form hereto annexed as ADDENDUM "A," which said Addendum is deemed to be part of this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following persons be appointed to serve as Inspectors of Election and Assistant Clerks of the Annual Election

Assistant Clerks

Caroll Banta	Kelly Burns	Barbara D'Alessio
Charles Gilcrest	Yvonne Haff	Dorothy Harrison
Jean McGurn	Joan Morrison	John Murello
Gerald Murray	Carolyn Newkirk	Barbara Shane
Angela Shih	Anita Shih	Beyung Shih
Lisa Tarulli	Kathleen Toombs	Marion Wolston

Inspectors

Margaret Malone	Barbara Shane	Lisa Tarulli
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk be and hereby is empowered to appoint substitute Inspectors and Assistant Clerks should any of the above-named persons fail to serve; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approval of Agreement with Park Gate Fundraising

Resolved: to approve an agreement with Park Gate Fundraising to conduct a campaign feasibility and planning study and for operational costs in the amount of not to exceed \$26,500

Approval of Agreement with Kathleen Joyce

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Kathleen Joyce, for group hypnosis sessions for cessation of smoking at an amount not to exceed \$350.00

Approval of Donation to the West Babylon Schools

Resolved: To approve the donation of a Contivity to the West Babylon Schools. This piece of equipment is no longer used since the switch to fiber optics

Approval of Agreement with Savin Engineers, P.C. for Building Condition Survey Services

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Savin Engineers, P.C. for Building Condition Survey Services in the amount of \$30,503

Approval of Agreement with Savin Engineers, P.C. for Construction Management Services

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Savin Engineers, P.C. for Construction Management Services for the Middle School boiler room/HVAC project in the amount of \$39,900

Approval for Conference Mileage Reimbursement

Resolved: To approve mileage reimbursement for Ellen Shields, Ana Aguiar, Madel Soriano and Christopher Whally for attending a Tri-State Consortium meeting.

Approval of Resolution to Amend the Omni 403b Plan

Resolved: To approve a resolution to amend the Omni 403b Plan as per attached

Approval of Budget Transfers

Resolved: To approve budget transfers in the amount of \$188,092, effective March 25, 2010

Approval of Health Services

Resolved: That the Board of Education enter into a contract for Health Services with Westbury UFSD for 1 student attending Westbury Friends and 10 students attending Westbury Holy Child Academy students residing within the North Shore Schools and attending for the 2009-10 school year at a cost of \$830.08 per student, as provided under the Education Law of the State of New York

Approval of Special Education Tuition Agreement

Resolved: to approve a tuition agreement with Great Neck UFSD for 2 residents students in the amount of \$79,595 (new rate approved by the State)

Approval of Special Education Consultant

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Brookville Center for Children's Services - Fay J. Lindner Center for Autism & Development Disabilities for professional consultative services and evaluations, effective February 9, 2010 through June 25, 2010

Approval of Special Education Services(IEP)

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

Approval of a Revised Agreement with Schoolwide, Inc.

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Schoolwide, Inc. for providing a full day professional development workshop on April 5, 2010, Superintendent's Conference Day, in the amount of not to exceed \$2,500

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Old Business

The Board decided to add a discussion item to a future agenda in regard to committees board members are permitted to serve on. Also the residency policy will be reviewed by the policy sub committee.

Trustee Genovesi explained that students who participate in the exchange program at the high school are having difficulty with some of their teachers in regard to making up missed work when returning to school. The board discussed this issue briefly and agreed that students need the support of their teachers if the program is to be valued and continued. Dr. Melnick will speak to administrators about this issue.

New Business

Trustee Genovesi suggested that Trustees work with their constituency groups to help get the vote out. Shelly Newman was asked to draft an invitation.

Trustee Pombar asked if the refund check withheld from the State last December has been released. Dr. Melnick responded it had originally been withheld due our state aid payment being delayed and it has not yet been released because our second portion of state aid has not come through.

Trustee Sharkey asked what the impact of a contingency budget would be on the after care program. Dr. Melnick explained that the program would have to pick up any additional cost to operate the building after school hours. She then asked if it would be permissible for parents to get that message out.

Trustee Beyer added our message should include that schools can be open after hours if the ancillary costs are part of the fee but that would increase costs considerably.

Trustees agreed there should be a clear message that this is a very responsible budget and the focus should be on what we can keep not what we will lose.

Trustee Webb noted that the Nassau BOCES Meet the Candidates and Annual Meeting will be held on April 8th at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

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

Elizabeth Ciampi
District Clerk