

Board of Education  
Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
April 29, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Webb at 7:00 pm in the Middle School Cafeteria. 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 Kolkhorst and all in favor, the Board went into Executive Session in the middle school faculty room for discussions regarding current litigation and collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law).

At 8:00 pm, on motion of Trustee Beyer and seconded by Trustee Pombar, the Board moved to come out of Executive Session and resumed the regular meeting in the Cafeteria. There were approximately 10 people in the audience.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

President Webb led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes**

On motion of Trustee Kolkhorst and seconded by Trustee Beyer and all in favor, the minutes of April 29, 2010 were approved as amended.

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Melnick reported that grades 3-8 ELA State assessments were completed and math assessments will be administered next week.

**Report of the SGO Representative**

SGO Representative, Charles Sharkey, reported that 30 students will be competing in the Long Island Math Fair. SGO elections were held and he will continue as the representative to the board next year.

**Policy Review**

The policy sub committee met and reviewed policies #1222 (Relations with Booster Organizations), #5100 (Student Attendance) #5152 (Non Resident Students) and #7500 (Naming of School Facilities). The sub committee highlighted the proposed changes, the board discussed the changes and made recommendations for some additional language. It was agreed to place these policy revisions on the agenda of May 6 for approval.

**Comments from the Public**

There were no comments.

**Legislative Issues**

Trustee Beyer reported the legislature is considering a proposal to change contingency formula to 120% of the CPI or 2 ½ % which ever is lower. This would not affect the formula for contingency this year but will change future years and would not give us any relief.

Dr. Melnick reported that the New York State Council of School Superintendents and the New York State School Boards Assn. has sued the state for withholding state aide. He noted

many Long Island districts needed to borrow money due to the short fall of state aid but North Shore is still on strong financial footing. The Lieutenant Governor has said next year's deficit will be larger and state aid will be even lower.

It was noted that Assemblywoman Amy Paulin is not accepting meetings and the mandate relief bill she sponsored is not expected to clear the assembly.

District counsel has informed us that it is legal for the district to hire a lobbyist. The Board will explore whether to proceed individually or with our sister districts.

The board decided to act simultaneously on action items C-L.

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

Personnel

Resignation – Certified

Resolved: To accept the resignation of Julie Cardona, Italian, effective June 30, 2010

Resolved: To accept the resignation of Ellen Renaldo, English, effective June 30, 2010

Resolved: To accept the involuntary resignation of Marissa Sondo, Art, effective June 30, 2010

Resignation for Retirement Purposes - Certified

Resolved: To accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Martha Abbondandolo, Elementary, effective June 30, 2010

Resolved: To accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Diane Z. Christie, Elementary, effective June 30, 2010

Resolved: To accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Judith Hall, Elementary, effective July 1, 2010

Resolved: To accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Kathleen Hilpl, Reading, effective June 30, 2010

Resolved: To accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Deirdre Humphrey, Elementary, effective June 30, 2010

Resolved: to accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Lois Jacobs, Physical Education, effective June 30, 2010

Resolved: To accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Eileen Jordan, Elementary, effective June 30, 2010

Resolved: To accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Ann Kenna, Teacher Assistant, effective June 30, 2010

Resolved: To accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Linda Lohrius, English, effective June 30, 2010

Resolved: To accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Nancy Long, Elementary, effective July 1, 2010

Resolved: To accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Ken Mady, Science, effective June 30, 2010

Resolved: To accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Anita Rabin-Havt, Social Studies, effective June 30, 2010

Resolved: To accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Liliane Rubin, Foreign Language, effective June 30, 2010]

Resolved: To accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Donna Slanina-Ruiz, Speech, effective June 30, 2010

Resolved: To accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Elsie VanVorst, Foreign Language, effective June 30, 2010

Resolved: To accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Peter Wass, Science, effective June 30, 2010

Leave of Absence for Child Rearing Purposes – Certified

Resolved: To approve a leave of absence for child rearing purposes for Rachel Donnatin, English, effective April 26, 2010 through June 30, 2010

Resolved: To approve a leave of absence for child rearing purposes for Kimberly Cunneen, Elementary effective September 1, 2010 through January 28, 2011

Resolved: To approve a leave of absence for child rearing purposes for Jennifer Fischer, Special Education, effective September 1, 2010 through January 28, 2011

Resolved: To approve a leave of absence for child rearing purposes for Kerri Giorgianni, Elementary, effective September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011

Resolved: To approve a leave of absence for child rearing purposes for Kelly Gorman, Elementary, effective September 1, 2010 through January 28, 2011

Resolved: To approve a leave of absence for child rearing purposes for Kristen Ollendike, Elementary, effective September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011

Resolved: To approve a .5 leave of absence for child rearing purposes for Mia Ramirez, Elementary, effective September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011

Resolved: To approve a leave of absence for child rearing purposes for Joanne Rossiter, Math, effective September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011

Resolved: To approve a leave of absence for child rearing purposes for Milena Scalzo, Elementary, effective September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011

Resolved: To approve a leave of absence for child rearing purposes for Jill Schwartz, Elementary, effective September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011

Resolved: To approve a leave of absence for Michela Solomita, Elementary, effective September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011

Regular Substitute (Leave Replacement) Appointment – Certified

Resolved: To approve a part-time (.5) regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Deirdre Faughey Davison, English, on Step 3 of the MA salary schedule, effective April 26, 2010 through June 30, 2010

Resolved: To approve a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Sal Giurlanda, Elementary, on Step 1 of the MA salary schedule, effective April 26, 2010 through May 28, 2010

Resolved: To approve a part-time (.5) regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Nora Haagensen, English, on Step 10 of the MA+30 salary schedule effective May 17, 2010 through June 30, 2010

Resolved: To approve a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Candace Huling, English, on Step 1 of the MA salary schedule effective May 10, 2010 through May 20, 2010

Approval Of Additions To The Per Diem Substitute List

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

Phil Essex	Secondary
Steven Hurley	School Nurse
Kristie Lynch	Physical Education

Approval of Extra Curricular Activity Coach

Resolved: To approve the following extra curricular activity coach

Middle School Baseball (fourth team)	Karl Budkevics
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Approval of Agreement with Textbook Central

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Textbook Central (dba Tel/Logic or Central Ed) for Centralized Textbook Distribution Services for non-public schools for the 2010-2011 school year

Approval of Change Orders

Resolved: To approve change order Electric #2 from Palace Electrical Contractors, Inc. for Ceiling and Lighting Replacement at the Glen Head Elementary School in the amount of \$1,000 (deduction)

Resolved: To approve change order Electric #2 from Palace Electrical Contractors, Inc. for Ceiling and Lighting Replacement at the Glenwood Landing Elementary School in the amount of \$1,000 (deduction)

Resolved: To approve change order Electric #2 from Palace Electrical Contractors, Inc. for Ceiling and Lighting Replacement at the North Shore Middle School in the amount of \$1,000 (deduction)

Prior to approving the agreement with Fanning Investigate Services, Trustee Pombar noted that this is one way the district is proactive in identifying families who are attending our schools but not residents or taxpayers in the community.

Approval of Agreement with Fanning Investigative Services

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Fanning Investigative Services to provide services related to residency issues, at a rate of \$70 per hour, effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

Approval of Health Services

Resolved: That the Board of Education enter into a contract for Health Services with Manhasset Public Schools for 13 students residing within the North Shore Schools and attending non-public schools within the Manhasset Public School District for the 2009-10 school year at a cost of \$789.66 per student, as provided under the Education Law of the State of New York

Prior to approving the property tax report card, the tax levy was explained to the public which is the difference between the budget and the amount received as revenue. It is projected at 3.9% next year.

Approval of Property Tax Report Card

Resolved: To approve the Property Tax Report Card as projected for the 2010-2011 school year

Approval of Budget Transfers

Resolved: To approve budget transfers in the amount of \$10,000, effective April 29, 2010

Approval of Technology Plan 2010-2013

Resolved: To approve the Technology Plan for 2010-2013 as reviewed by the Board at the meeting of April 15, 2010

Acceptance of Donation from the Rotary Club to the North Shore High School Music Program

Resolved: To accept the donation from the Rotary Club of \$1,000 in support of the annual High School Musicians Appreciation Dinner

Acceptance of Donation from the Arts Angels to the Department of Fine & Performing Arts

Resolved: To accept a donation from the Arts Angels of \$1,400 in support of a visiting artist program for the high school Photography IV class and \$250 in support of a Figure Drawing Workshop for Visual Art faculty K-12, conducted by a visiting artist.

**Old Business/New Business**

Dr. Melnick gave an update on the Board of Regents decision to do away with Regents Exams in August and January; the state is claiming they do not have the funds to support two additional testing times. Dr. Melnick is drafting a letter opposing this decision; many sister districts in Nassau County are also sending letters opposing the decision. He said this would be detrimental to students as they would have to wait an entire year before being able to retake a Regents exam if they fail the first time.

Trustee Beyer asked about the state audit being conducted at North Shore. Trustee Webb explained that the entrance conference was held and the audit has begun. Dr. Melnick explained that there will be two auditors from the state in district for approximately 2 months. They will be reviewing our expenditures to determine if there are ways the district can save

more money. They will begin with assessing risks and will review reports from the three layers of auditing the district currently has.

#### **Comments from the Public**

In response to a question in regard to is being done to bring the community in to vote on May 18<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Melnick reviewed the many events planned for that day including a Celebration of Student Work, a Story Session for children who will enter kindergarten in the fall and an election for middle school students on issues identified by them as important.

#### **Adjournment**

At 9:00 pm on motion of Trustee Kolkhorst and seconded by Trustee Sharkey and all in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Ciampi  
District Clerk