



North Shore Schools

Discovering Your Dreams

BOE Meeting Summary

April 29, 2010

Presentations/Discussions:

1. Legislative Issues:

Trustee Amy Beyer reported that the legislature is considering a proposal to change the Contingency Formula to 120% of the CPI or 2 1/2 % whichever is lower. This would not affect the formula for contingency during this budget year but can change future years. She reiterated that this would not give the district any relief.

Dr. Melnick communicated that the New York State Council of School Superintendents and the New York State School Boards Association has sued the state for withholding state aide. He said so many Long Island districts needed to borrow money due to the short fall of state aide but North Shore is still on strong financial footing. Dr. Melnick added that the Lieutenant Governor has said next year's deficit will be larger and state aide even lower.

It was noted that Assemblywoman Amy Paulin was not accepting meetings and the Mandate Relief Bill that she sponsored was not expected to clear the assembly.

District counsel did inform us that it was legal for the district to hire a lobbyist. The Board will explore whether to continue individually or with our sister districts on this matter.

The Budget Vote:

Everyone in the audience was reminded that the NS Schools Budget Vote was Tuesday, May 18th in the High School Gym from 7am – 10 pm. Additionally, The Celebration of Student Work and Student Vote was taking place on the same day in the High School Cafeteria.

(For further information regarding this meeting, please see the North Shore Board of Education Minutes for April 29, 2010 at www.northshoreschools.org)