



North Shore Schools

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BOE Meeting Summary
March 17 & 19, 2011
2 BOE Budget Work Sessions

Trustees Cut \$1.4 Million from 2011-12 Initial Budget Proposal

Trustees will Adopt the 2011-12 Budget on March 24th, MS Café, 8 PM

Budget Recap:

The North Shore Board of Education cut a total of \$1.4 million from the proposed 2011-12 after a line-by-line review which began January 21st after Superintendent Dr. Melnick presented the initial budget and included most recently two budget work sessions. In prudently reviewing the budget, Trustees removed those items that were not essential to maintaining the existing scope and quality of programs currently offered at the North Shore School District.

The Board will adopt the final 2011-12 budget representing an increase from last year of 2.78% on Thursday, March 24th, in the MS Cafeteria, at 8 pm. The budget vote will take place on Tuesday, May 17th, in the HS Gym from 7 am to 10 pm.

Board of Education Continues to Seek Mandate Relief from Albany:

Trustees continue to lead other districts to seek significant mandate relief from the NYS Legislature in response to the Governor's Tax Cap Proposal. Currently, Governor Cuomo has proposed a 2% property tax increase cap from one levy to the next (not budget to budget) without capping costs for required mandated expenses (those that the state forces schools to pay). This proposal has been passed in the Senate and will likely go into effect in 2012-13. With instructional salary and benefits accounting for 70 percent of the average school budget, some analysts project that this will immediately create a major deficit in all New York School Districts resulting in increases in class sizes, staff layoffs, and the reductions in electives and extracurricular activities.

Upcoming BOE Meetings:

Trustees strongly urge you to come to the upcoming meetings. Further BOE meetings will take place April 27 (BOCES Budget Vote/ Meet the Candidates Night), April 28, and May 5 (Town Meeting/Budget Reading). Voter Registration will take place on Saturday, May 7, High School Lobby from 10 AM- 3 PM.

The budget vote will take place on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 in the HS Gym from 7 am to 10 pm. If you have any questions regarding the budget, please contact Superintendent Dr. Edward Melnick at 516-277-7801 or email him at melnicke@northshoreschools.org.

For the latest budget information, please visit the district website at www.northshoreschools.org. For further information regarding BOE meetings, please see the North Shore Board of Education Minutes at www.northshoreschools.org.