

North Shore Schools
Board of Education
Minutes
Regular Meeting
May 5, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Genovesi at 6:30 pm in the High School Alumni Room. Present were Trustees, Beyer, Genovesi, Kolkhorst, and Sharkey. Also present were Dr. Melnick and Ms. Buatsi. Trustees Berliner and Pombar were absent. President Webb was absent at the start of executive session.

Executive Session

At 6:30 pm, on motion of Trustee Kolkhorst and seconded by Trustee Sharkey and all in favor, the Board went into Executive Session in the high school faculty room for matters leading to the employment of a particular person or persons and collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law). President Webb arrived at 7:15 pm.

At 7:40 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 convened a meeting of the Audit Committee in the High School Alumni Room.

At 8:00 pm, on motion of Trustee Beyer seconded by Trustee Kolkhorst and all in favor, the Board came out of executive session and resumed the regular meeting in the alumni room. There were approximately 75 people in the audience.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Webb led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Student Recognition

President Webb and Dr. Melnick along with William Kitay, School Psychologist, recognized Rupam Lashkari for receiving the Nassau BOCES 2011 George Farber Outstanding Student Award. Jose Henriquez was also recognized for receiving this award. North Shore High School student Samantha Nadel was recognized by President Webb & Dr. Melnick for being named the New York State Class "B" Winter Track & Field *Performer of the Year* by New York State Coordinators as well as Newsday's Long Island Winter Track & Field *Athlete of the Year*. Girls' Winter Track Team was also recognized for their Nassau County Championship. Coach Neal Levy, Director of Athletics Don Lang as well as Trustee Genovesi were present to congratulate the team.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Trustee Beyer and seconded by Trustee Genovesi and all in favor, the minutes of April 28, 2011 were approved as amended.

Budget Reading

Dr. Melnick read the following statement in regard to the 2011-2012 proposed budget: The proposed budget for the 2011-12 school year is \$88,861,064 a total increase of 2.78% over the 2010-11 budget. We anticipate revenue of \$7,213,410. This will result in a tax levy of \$81,647,654. The proposed contingent budget is set at \$87,827,371 a 1.59% increase over last year. The District Clerk will include a copy of the budget proposal as a record of the minutes of this meeting. Copies of the adopted budget proposal are available on the back table

at this evening's meeting and at the Central Office, 112 Franklin Avenue, Sea Cliff. The election of Trustees and vote on the budget will take place on Tuesday, May 17 from 7:00 am – 10:00 pm in the North Shore High School gymnasium.

Town Meeting – Open Forum

President Webb welcomed the public to the town meeting and opened the floor for comments or questions.

Terry Glassman, Old Brookville asked for clarification about changes to the ACE program at the Middle School.

Dr. Melnick responded the only change will be instead of one teacher doing enrichment in all 4 academic areas, there will be 2 half-time teachers one assigned to math/science enrichment half the day and the other assigned to humanities enrichment half the day; these teachers will spend the other half of their day as AIS teachers.

Ms. Glassman asked if students will continue to be clustered together and Dr. Melnick responded there will be opportunities for students to come together as a group.

Allison Loring, Glen Head, commented that the school property gate on the Plymouth Dr. South side is never open and looks like a prison gate. She asked that someone check into why the gate is always locked and commented that whenever it is opened it is only for 1 hour a day in the morning and she and the residents would like this extended.

Dr. Melnick responded that he would make sure the fence is open during the hours that are posted. He explained that the reason a bar was welded to the fence is because people used wire cutters to get through and left jagged edges on the top of the fence.

Ms. Loring then commented that she does not understand why residents are not allowed access to the field or track and said it is the taxpayers who will be paying for renovations of the field and track that the district is proposing.

At 8:30 pm with no additional questions from the audience, President Webb concluded the town meeting portion of the meeting. He encouraged the public to get in touch with Trustees or Dr. Melnick whenever they have a question or concern.

Repair Reserve Fund Hearing

Dr. Melnick read a statement in regard to utilizing funds in the repair reserve fund and explained to the audience that if they had any comments or concerns they could be voiced at this time. With no questions from the audience, the board moved to act on the following resolution:

The board decided to act simultaneously on action items A, and C-G

On motion of Trustee Sharkey and seconded by Trustee Genovesi and all in favor:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Repair Reserve Fund in the amount of \$422,700, for district wide auditorium stage rigging repairs to be allocated as follows:

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| Glen Head School | \$ 12,700 |
| Glenwood Landing School | \$ 35,000 |
| Sea Cliff School | \$ 45,000 |
| Middle School | \$ 25,000 |
| High School | \$305,000 |

Personnel

Regular Substitute (Leave Replacement) Appointments – Certified

Resolved: To approve a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Timothy Bridgwood, Physical Education, on Step 1 of the MA salary schedule, effective May 2, 2011 through June 30, 2011

Recommend: To approve a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Suzan Carola, Art, on Step 7 of the MA salary schedule, effective May 5, 2011 through June 30, 2011

Resolved: To approve a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Megan Doyle, Elementary, on Step 1 of the MA salary schedule, effective May 7, 2011 through June 3, 2011

Resolved: To approve a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Ravi Imrith, Teacher Assistant, as a Level I Teacher Assistant, effective May 2, 2011 through June 30, 2011

Resolved: To approve the regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment of Jennifer Kinsella, Math, on Step 1 of the BA salary schedule, effective May 14, 2011 through June 3, 2011

Resolved: To approve a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Heather Makowski, Elementary, on Step 4 of the MA salary schedule, effective May 11, 2011 through June 3, 2011

Resolved: To approve a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Erika Werbeck, Elementary, on Step 1 of the BA+15 salary schedule, effective May 2, 2011 through June 30, 2011

Appointment – Non-Certified

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Kimberly Barbour, Teacher Aide, 2/3 ILC Glenwood Landing, effective April 29, 2011

Resignation for Retirement Purposes – Non-Certified

Resolved: To accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Camille Martino, Clerk Typist, effective June 30, 2011

Approval of Additions to the Per Diem Substitute List

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

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| Peter Caesar-Quaye | P/T Cleaner |
| Dora Robles | Food Service |

Approval of Extra-Curricular Activity Coach

Resolved: To approve the following as an extra-curricular activity coach:

Middle School

Gymnastics Cassandra McNamara

Approval of Agreement with Victor Jaccarino, ELA Consultant-Tab

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Victor Jaccarino to review the ELA Common Core Learning Standards with Administration on May 24, 2011 at a cost of \$350

Acceptance of a Donation from a Glenwood Landing Parent to The Glenwood Landing School

Resolved: To accept the donation of two air circulator fans to the Glenwood Landing School at an approximate value of \$600

Approval of an Agreement with Anthony Kadleck to Provide a Jazz Artist-In-Residency Program

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Anthony Kadleck to provide a Jazz Artist-In-Residency Program for middle and high school jazz band students including a performance at a fee of \$750

Approval of a Claim for Reimbursement

Resolved: To approve a claim for reimbursement in the amount of \$363.87 for Thomas Kraft to replace an iPod which was confiscated by a North Shore Teacher and stolen while in her possession

Guidance Services

Toni MacDonald, Director of Guidance Services, shared with the Board the steps in place for preparing students for transition from fifth to sixth grade, eighth to ninth grade as well as from high school graduation to college. She also reviewed the many services available to students and the ways guidance counselors support their students throughout their years at North Shore.

Trustees had a brief discussion. They all commended Ms. MacDonald for how well the department services and supports every child. They praised the college planning guide and the new college guide for incoming 9th graders. They also commended her for the web site and the wealth of resources that are found on it. Dr. Melnick added his praise of the guidance department and Ms. MacDonald's many years of leadership.

Adjournment

At 9:20 pm on motion of Trustee Kolkhorst and seconded by Trustee Sharkey and all in favor the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Ciampi
District Clerk