

North Shore Schools
Board of Education
Minutes
March 29, 2007

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

Executive Session

At 7:00 pm, on motion of Trustee Beyer seconded by Trustee Glassman and all in favor, the Board went into Executive Session in the high school faculty room to consider matters leading to the appointment of a particular person and collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law).

At 7:30 pm, on motion of Trustee Glassman and seconded by Trustee Murphy and all in favor, the Board moved to come out of Executive Session and convened a meeting of the Audit Committee in the alumni room.

The regular meeting was resumed at 8:00 pm in the High School Alumni Room. There were approximately 30 people in the audience.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Beyer led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Recognition of Students

Dr. Melnick and President Beyer recognized students Elias Berger and Kenneth Bongort for the achievement as National Merit Scholarship Finalists as well as students David Freiman, Darell Handler, Willie Schefer, Jake Tobol and Brianna Welch who achieved Individual County Champions in Winter Track. Coaches Ed Corona and Neal Levy were also recognized and Dr. Melnick noted that Coach Ed Corona had recently received the Outstanding Achievement in Coaching Award by the Nassau County Track and Field Coaches Association.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

On motion of Trustee Pombar and seconded by Trustee Glassman and all in favor, the treasurer's report of January 1, 2007 through January 31, 2007 was approved.

Report of the SGO Representative and Comments from the Public

SGO representative, Alex Romano reported on events and activities at the high school.

Ruth Goldman, Glen Head, congratulated the Board on the wonderful things that are happening in the District. She feels the Board is doing a marvelous job in creating young leaders and couldn't be more pleased with what she sees going on throughout the District. She would like to see Arabic languages offered. She also commended the high school principal.

Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Melnick reported that Dunn Engineering will begin the traffic study, the data will be collected in April with a report to the Board in June. He then reported that over 90% of the students who participated in the LI Math Fair have been invited back for the second round. He reported that the plans for the Transportation Depot have been sent to the State and should be approved in 2-4 weeks, and he expects to be in the facility by next spring. Finally, he reported that he was informed by the department of legal counsel for the State Comptroller that the PILOT agreement has been received and is in the process of review. It will be approximately 2-4 weeks before the process is complete and the agreement is signed. Once it is signed, LIPA must make payment to the County within 2 weeks and we can expect the retroactive funds sometime after that.

Regular Business

Nassau BOCES Budget Presentation

Representatives from Nassau BOCES were present to address the Board on their 2007-08 proposed budget. Present were Superintendent Dr. James Mapes, as well as Nassau BOCES Board Members Gale Ross-Srulevich (North Shore CSD), Eric Schultz (Plainview-Old Bethpage CSD), Michael Weinick (Bellmore-Merrick). The presentation included all the components that make up the budget shared by the 56 districts in Nassau County.

The Board thanked Dr. Mapes and the Board members for their clear and comprehensive report. Questions raised were on facilities rentals and the average cost per student.

Budget Adoption

Prior to adopting the budget, Dr. Melnick explained that the proposed budget is a 5.4% increase over last year's budget with a 4.4% tax levy, the lowest in the last five years. He also noted that if the resident initiated transportation petition is passed, the budget to budget increase would be 8.4%.

On motion of Trustee Glassman and seconded by Trustee Genovesi and all in favor, it was:

Resolved: That the proposed budget in the amount of \$77,117,037 for the 2007-08 school year be adopted for submission to the qualified voters of the School District at the annual election to be held on May 15, 2007.

English Language Arts

Dr. Anthony Scimone gave a presentation on the K-5 Literacy Program which he reported is aligned with the State standards, but not driven by the assessments. He also gave an overview of the writing program at the secondary level and explained all of the components used for the Essential Writing Experience. He shared some student work to emphasize the type of work each component utilizes.

The Board thanked Dr. Scimone for his presentation and commended the work being done in the English Department.

The Board decided to move up action item G (Personnel) to this part of the meeting.

Prior to acting on the personnel items, Dr. Melnick acknowledged the retirement of Jay Emmer, a Science teacher at North Shore since 1968 as well as president of the teacher's union. Dr. Melnick then acknowledged Dr. Anthony Scimone, who is also retiring in June and commended him for his wisdom, guidance and support throughout the years. Finally, he acknowledged Bridget Hicks who will be assuming the role of Glenwood Landing Principal on July 1 and commended her for serving as the Interim Principal at Sea Cliff School during the absence of Lisa Mlnicozzi.

On motion of Trustee Webb and seconded by Trustee Murphy and all in favor, it was:

Personnel

Appointment – Administration

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Bridget Hicks, Elementary Principal, Glenwood Landing, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010, replacing Kathy Razzetti (retired)

Approval of Stipend - Administration

Resolved: To approve a stipend for Bridget Hicks for serving as Interim Elementary Principal at Sea Cliff, effective January 1, 2007 through June 30, 2007, replacing Lisa Mlnicozzi (FMLA)

Resignation for Retirement Purposes – Certified

Resolved: To accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Jay Emmer, Science, effective July 1, 2007

Resolved: To accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Jill Hyer, Foreign Language, effective June 30, 2007

Resignation – Certified

Resolved: To accept the resignation of Elizabeth O'Neill-Vola, Elementary, effective June 30, 2007

Resignation – Non Certified

Resolved: To accept the resignation of Veronica Ossi Lalo, Treasurer, effective April 13, 2007

Appointments – Certified

Resolved: To approve a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Jennifer Cottone, Elementary, on Step 1 of the MA salary schedule, effective March 13, 2007 through April 12, 2007, replacing Debbie Minicozzi (FMLA)

Resolved: To approve a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Lisamarie Nugent, Art, on Step 1 of the BA salary schedule, effective March 17, 2007 through April 20, 2007, replacing Joanne Gray (sick leave)

Approval to Extend a Probationary Period – Certified

Resolved: To extend the probationary period of Dennis McEvoy, English, from December 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008

Increments for Advanced Study

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Eric Lepetit, Foreign Language, from Step 8 of the MA+45 salary schedule, to Step 8 of the MA +60 salary schedule, effective January 26, 2007

Change of Status - Certified

Resolved: To approve a change of status for Dominic Gatti, Physical Education, from a part-time (.4) to a (.2) leave of absence and from a part-time (.6) to a (.8) appointment on Step 10 of the MA salary schedule effective March 19, 2007, through June 30, 2007

Approval of Teacher Overages

Resolved: To approve a 2/30 overage for Robert Gerver, Math, effective September 1, 2006

Approval of Additions to the Per Diem Substitute List

Rod Hissong	Secondary
Nancy Hochman	Home Tutor/Elementary & English 7-12
Laura Naddell	Clerical/Teacher Aide

Approval of Extra Curricular Activity Sponsors/Coaches

Resolved: To approve the addition of the following extra curricular activity sponsors and coaches:

Accompanist-High School	Donald Jones
Accompanist-Middle School	Donald Jones

High School

Softball

Junior Varsity *replacing Christina Vitale	Thomas Granieri*
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Women's Lacrosse

Junior Varsity	Megan McCormack
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Middle School

MS Intramurals (Running Club)	Nicole Larkin
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Spring Track

Middle School	Jaime Langone
Middle School	Karalyn Kudlak

Baseball

8 th Grade *replacing Thomas Granieri	Joseph Bonaventura*
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Softball

4 th Team	Diane Molesky
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Approval of Spring Community Education Instructors

Resolved: To approve the following list of Spring community education Instructors:

STEPHEN GOLDSTEIN	STEVE MUSMANNO
BRUCE FICHTMAN	MELISSA FRANK
JANE IRVINE	RITA ANZELONE
JERRY VIVONA	EUGENE ARTEMYEFF
JENNIFER MILLER	MAYER WEISEN
SUSAN GILL	LUCY VAN HORN
ANNETTE SPRONZ	JOHN DEIGNAN
JOHN CARBONARA	DENNIS KELLY
ALEX DIMARTINI JR.	RICHARD BARTLETT
JANICE CHEN	JON MANZONE
PATRICIA MITCHELL	LAURA ORTICELLE
JANICE NUNZIATA	CHRISTINE WORDS DALE
SCOTT CAIRNS	MARIA WHISENAND
CHARLES BRODY	

Comments from the Public

Alex Romano, Sea Cliff, commented on his positive experience as an English student at North Shore High School and asked that more emphasis be placed on the teaching of grammar.

Dr. Scimone responded that he agrees but it is difficult to compete with everything in the curriculum. He also stated that in grades 6-9 there is a grammar workbook that is being used.

North Shore Professional Learning Communities

Dr. Mlenick gave an overview of the Professional Learning Communities and provided sample minutes from the monthly meetings. He reported that this has been a very successful venture and has raised many questions. He also said he is looking forward to the evolution of these meetings next year.

ADA Accessibility for North Shore Athletic Fields

John Hall, Facilities Manager, gave three options for making the football field at the high school handicapped accessible. He explained that no matter what option was chosen, all three require paved access to the site. His recommendation was for option #2, an elevated self contained bleacher. After a brief discussion, there was consensus on the Board to move forward with the elevated self contained bleachers with paving access. This will be placed on the agenda for the meeting of April 19, 2007.

Committee and Conference Reports

Trustee Genovesi reported on the Construction Steering Committee. She said everything is on time, and there was nothing important to note. She did request fencing at the transportation facility site.

John Hall reported on the District-Wide Health and Safety Committee. They had discussions on the traffic study; the emergency preparedness drill which is off the table; and a preliminary discussion took place about the start time for schools, this will continue, but it was found that most schools begin between 7:50 and 8:00 am.

Trustee Webb reported on the North Shore Roundtable, a group of districts who are investigating cooperative ventures. They are exploring ways to cooperatively share the cost of services as well as academic ventures, such as new language offers.

Trustee Murphy reported on a meeting of the Nassau County group started by Tom Suozzi last year and recently reconvened. They continued the discussion of continuing efforts to share goods and services where possible and collaborating with town governments. He reported that County representative, Arda Nazarian will also be meeting with the Nassau County Council of School Superintendents.

Rob Chlebicki noted there was nothing to report from the Alternative Physical Education Committee, but did suggest that there be a member who serves on both this committee and the Health and Safety Committee. Dr. Melnick suggested asking Gil Torossian, Bridget Hicks or Elizabeth Guercin to serve on both committees.

The Board decided to simultaneously act on items H-P with the exception of I

On motion of Trustee Pombar and seconded by Trustee Genovesi and all in favor, it was:

Approval of Alternative Program for Physical Education

Resolved: That the Board of Education approve the Alternative Program for Physical Education submitted by Bob Goldberg, MLC Staff Development, Inc. at a cost not less than \$8,000 and not to exceed \$10,000.

Approval of Budget Transfers

Resolved: To approve budget transfers in the amount of \$51,619.00

Prior to accepting the donation of chairs for the music room, Trustee Beyer noted that these chairs are special chairs, not the basic chairs usually covered under the budget.

Acceptance of Donation from the Glen Head PTO to the Glen Head School

Resolved: To accept the donation from the Glen Head PTO of 20 student chairs for the Glen Head School Music Room at a value of \$1,420

Acceptance of Donations from the Glenwood Landing SCA to the Glenwood Landing School

Resolved: To accept the donation from the Glenwood Landing SCA of CD players and lights over the sound board equipment for the auditorium at a value of \$500

Resolved: To accept the donation of mounting and framing a student made quilt for the ROAR theme at a value of \$417

Acceptance of Donation from the Middle School PTA to the Middle School

Resolved: To accept the donation from the Middle School PTA for Middle School Guidance Counselor to attend The Language of Leadership Conference at a value of \$300

Approval of Addendum #1 to both BBS Architects and Savin Engineers' Contractual Agreements

Resolved: To approve Addendum #1 to both BBS Architects and Savin Engineers for additional capital work district wide. The original contracts previously approved on June 15, 2006.

Approval of Special Education Consultants/Service Providers

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Annette Hebel, Reading Specialist, for services provided at Friends Academy for a special education student for the 2006-07 school year

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Rova Nonick, Behavioral Consultation, for services for a special education student from 2/1/07 to 8/31/07 (services previously provided by Long Island Jewish Medical Center)

Approval of Special Education Services

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

Dr. Melnick explained that, as requested by the Board, he spoke to the parent organization presidents to inquire as to their interest in splitting the cost with the district of a parent program to be provided by the Center for Parents and Children. For a number of reasons, the parent organizations said they were not interested in investing in this type of program. The Board discussed options for the program without support from the parent organizations. It was suggested that Dr. Melnick speak to Dean Miller, the Adult Education Director, to see if the program would work in that way. Dr. Melnick will also get in touch with Myla Bourcke, from the Center for Parents and Children to suggest this as well. There was consensus on the Board not to move forward with approving the program.

President Beyer asked if there was a motion to move the approval of a contract with the Center for Parents and Children. As there was no such motion, the contract was not approved.

Comments from the Public

At this point of the meeting, there was no one in the audience.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Trustee Glassman noted, in reference to the parenting programs, that the survey taken by the district indicated more interest by parents of older students and suggested following up with the representatives from Family-Go-Round.

Dr. Melnick responded that he did suggest that the parent organizations look at both programs to see if there would be interest and he did share the survey with them. He will follow up with Dean Miller on the Adult Education suggestion.

Adjournment

At 10:45 pm on motion of Trustee Glassman and seconded by Trustee Pombar and all in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Ciampi
District Clerk