

North Shore Schools
Board of Education
Minutes
May 31, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Beyer at 7:15 pm in the High School Alumni Room. Present were Trustees Genovesi, Glassman, Murphy and Pombar, Vollmer and Webb. Also present were Dr. Melnick, Mr. Chlebicki and Ms. Buatsi.

Executive Session

At 7:15 pm, on motion of Trustee Beyer seconded by Trustee Webb and all in favor, the Board went into Executive Session in the high school faculty room to consider collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law).

At 8:00 pm, on motion of Trustee Glassman and seconded by Trustee Vollmer and all in favor, the Board moved to come out of Executive Session and resumed the regular meeting in the High School Alumni Room. There were approximately 100 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 along with their teachers Robert Gerver, John Pace and Curriculum Associate for Math, Regina Newman, recognized 47 students who received medals in the Long Island Math Fair.

Recognition of Outgoing Members of Parent Organizations

On behalf of the Board of Education, Dr. Melnick and President Beyer recognized outgoing members of the various parent organizations for their service to the students of North Shore Schools.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Trustee Pombar and seconded by Trustee Murphy, and all in favor, the minutes of May 3, 2007 were approved.

Report of the SGO Representative

Alex Romano, SGO representative, reported that he will be serving a third term as representative to the Board. He reported on the events and activities in the high school including Awards Night, Moving Up Day, Concerts, and the American Cancer Society fundraising event, Relay for Life which has already raised over \$100,000 exceeding the goal of \$96,000.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Superintendent's Report on Student Achievement

Dr. Melnick gave an overview of the New York State Report Card. He reported that enrollment has increased by 7.3% over the last 3 years. He then highlighted the many parts of the curriculum that are not addressed in the report such as participation in Fine and Performing Arts and Athletics, Community Service and AP Exams.

Following Dr. Melnick's presentation, high school students Ryan Ciampi, Rob Coville, Cliff Welden and Kenny Zukas gave demonstrations on work they have done in Laura Green's

Design and Drawing for Production Course that introduces students to engineering. Ms. Green then showed a short film by Kenny Bongort, a senior at the high school, using stop video technology.

The Board thanked Ms. Green for the presentations and expressed how impressed they are with the program.

The Board then discussed the data on the report card and asked questions about how useful the data is. Dr. Melnick explained that it is not useful class by class but is on a student by student basis. Also, if there is an area of the curriculum that seems very strong or weak, those areas are studied. The group discussed the negative impact of so much testing and the affect on the students. Dr. Melnick responded the Superintendent's group which he is a member of, is looking into receiving a 2 year waiver from testing for those schools who are considered high performing districts.

Hot Weather Policy

Dr. Melnick explained that this was brought up due to the ventilation problems at Sea Cliff School last year. There are no standards or guidelines as to when a classroom is too hot, however, if a classroom goes below 60 degrees it must be emptied. The Board requested that Dr. Melnick draft a policy that would give the Superintendent the authority to close school due to excessive heat similar to that for closing due to snow.

Handicapped Accessibility to High School Field

John Hall presented the board with 5 options for making the high school field handicapped accessible. The Board discussed all of the options and there was consensus on the Board to proceed with Option A which would give the most seating of wheelchairs as well as additional spectator seats. This will be added as an action item to the June 14 agenda.

Placement of Conex Boxes on High School Campus for Red Cross

Dr. Melnick explained that the Red Cross had contacted the district about the possibility of housing a CONEX box on the high school property to store emergency supplies. He further explained that although we were originally asked to house 2 boxes, it was determined that only 1 would be needed. This would be at no cost to the district. John Hall explained where it would be located and there was consensus on the Board to proceed.

Comments from the Public

Liz Kilderry Glen Head, thanked the Board for pursuing the handicapped access at the high school and asked that they look into the Glen Head and Glenwood Landing fields as well. She asked for paving and to have the gates opened for the lacrosse field. John Hall said there is a plan for some paving and he would see that the gates were opened for games.

Lisa Breen, Coordinating Council member thanked the Board for the wonderful job they are doing and reminded the Board that several people will be honored at their end of year dinner on June 7th.

Board Meeting Calendar

The Board decided to table the approval of the Board Meeting Calendar and had a discussion about the calendar for the 2007-2008 Board of Education Meetings. It was suggested that an additional business meeting be added for approving staffing prior to the start of school as well as dates for work sessions during the year. Approval of the calendar will be placed on the agenda of June 14.

Committee and Conference Reports

Trustee Glassman gave a written report to the Board on the Tri State committee

Trustee Genovesi gave a report on the construction steering committee. Bids were opened for the transportation building. The energy performance contract will be presented at the June 12 steering committee meeting, all Trustees are invited to attend. The contract will be an action item on the June 14 meeting. The high school labs should be approved by the State next week and Ira Bernson has bids ready. According to Dr. Melnick, if the labs are not ready by the start of school there are other options. We are waiting for mechanical drawings on The Victorian House, Shelly Newman is working up a tri-fold publication seeking community members to help with the project by volunteering services. The Middle School building is all on track. The Glen Head roof was over bid by \$30,000 from the estimate which was from 2 years ago. We received 3 bids and all were over, if it is re-bid the work cannot be done this summer. Permission will be needed by the Board to use the funds from fund balance to offset this expense. John Hall explained that this is in line with other roofing jobs.

Trustee Beyer reported on the County group meetings, she explained that they are trying to narrow down areas for consolidation. Some areas suggested are energy, technology, waste Jim Mapes is going to speak to the group about the BOCES services. They also discussed bomb scares, there is a big push for security legislation to better protect kids. The Office of Emergency Management will come and speak to the group as well.

Regular Business

The board decided to act simultaneously on items G-S

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

Personnel

Appointment – Administration

Resolved: To approve the probationary appointment of Maureen Curis, Director of English & Literacy Studies, effective July 1, 2007 through July 1, 2010, replacing Anthony Scimone (retired)

Leave of Absence for Child Rearing Purposes – Administration

Resolved: To approve a leave of absence for child rearing purposes for Lisa Minicozzi, Principal, Sea Cliff, effective May 23, 2007 through June 30, 2007

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Leave of Absence/Appointment – Administration

Resolved: To approve a leave of absence for Gil Torossian, Assistant Principal, High School to assume the position of Interim Principal, Sea Cliff School, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

Resignation for Retirement Purposes – Certified

Resolved: To accept the resignation for retirement purposes for Lydia Horowitz, Science, effective July 1, 2007

Resignation – Certified

Resolved: To accept the resignation of Andrea Campbell, Health and Physical Education, effective June 30, 2007

Resolved: To accept the resignation of Jennifer Davis, Elementary, effective June 30, 2007

Resolved: To accept the resignation of Wendy Fein, Elementary, effective May 29, 2007

Resolved: To accept the resignation of Diane Molesky, Special Education, effective June 22, 2007

Leave of Absence for Child Rearing Purposes - Certified

Resolved: To approve a leave of absence for child rearing purposes for Melissa Weiner, Elementary, effective May 29, 2007 through June 30, 2007

Leave of Absence – Certified

Resolved: To approve a leave of absence for Christina VanVorst, Occupational Therapist, effective September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

Regular Substitute Appointment – Certified

Resolved: To approve a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Jennifer Cottone, Elementary, on Step 1 of the MA salary schedule, effective May 15, 2007 through June 6, 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 April 21, 2007 through May 31, 2007 replaces Joanne Gray (sick leave)

Resolved: To approve a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Linda Pascucci, Elementary, on Step 1 of the BA salary schedule, effective May 14, 2007 through June 30, 2007, replacing Melissa Levy-Weiner (child rearing leave)

Conditional Appointment – Certified

Resolved: To approve a conditional probationary appointment for Suzanne DiGregorio, LOTE, on Step 1 of the MA salary schedule, effective September 1, 2007 through September 1, 2010, pending receipt of certification (new position)

Resolved: To approve a conditional probationary appointment for Rebecca Telese, LOTE, on Step 2 of the MA salary schedule, effective September 1, 2007 through September 1, 2010, pending receipt of certification, (new position)

Approval of Stipend

Resolved: To approve a stipend for Robert Wihnyk, Data Coordinator, to administer, complete and fulfill all requirements associated with LEAP, STEP and BEDS, effective September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

Resignation – Non-Certified

Resolved: To accept the resignation of Elizabeth Lincks, Monitor, Middle School, effective April 30, 2007

Part-time Appointment – Non Certified

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Jivan Balwant, part-time cleaner, middle school, effective May 21, 2007, replacing Carlos Tasayco (resigned)

Additions to the Per Diem Substitute List

Alexandra Alonge	Physical Education
Andrea Bonosoro	Secondary
Lisa Cannizzaro	Elementary
Brian Dussel	Teacher Aide
Erin Horan	Elementary
Samantha Lucas	Elementary
Kerilyn Rossini	Elementary
Danielle Wolf	Elementary
Elizabeth Zangari	School Monitor

Approval of Extra Curricular Activities Personnel

Resolved: To approve the following extra curricular activity personnel:

Ellen Renaldo	Drama Club
Robert Willgoos	Drama Club

Supervisor

Sarah Hogan

Acceptance of Donation From The Glenwood Landing School SCA to the Glenwood Landing School

Resolved: To accept donations totaling \$18,573 from the Glenwood Landing School SCA for programs at the Glenwood Landing School as follows:

Cultural Arts Performances -	\$1,700
Bowling Trips	\$ 700
Two Interactive Musical Presentations	\$ 500
Field Trip to Clark Gardens	\$ 600
Field Trip to Stony Brook Museum	\$1,200
Interactive Poetry Program	\$1,600
Field Trip to Hoyt Farms	\$ 800
Field Trip to Cradle of Aviation	\$ 800
Six Pear Trees, including planting	\$3,000
Bins to Organize & Store Math Manipulatives	\$ 150
Cost to frame the Ray Lesch Quilt	\$ 400
Cost to frame the School Composite Photo	\$ 250
Equip each classroom with literacy bins and Accessories	\$1,000
Subscription to Home and School Connection Newsletter	\$ 198
Implementation of Landscape Design by The Beautification Committee	\$5,675

Approval of Budget Transfers

Resolved: To approve budget transfers in the amount of \$145,129.86, effective May 31, 2007

Approval of Health Services

Resolved: That the Board of Education enter into a contract for Health Services with the Hicksville UFSD for 11.5 students residing within the North Shore Schools and attending Holy Trinity, Trinity Lutheran and Our Lady of Mercy for the 2006-07 school year at a cost of \$442.71 per student, as provided under the Education Law of the State of New York

Resolved: That the Board of Education enter into a contract for Health Services with the Manhasset Public Schools for 24 students residing within the North Shore Schools and attending St. Mary's Elementary, St. Mary's High School and Our Lady of Grace Montessori for the 2006-07 school year at a cost of \$649.56 per student, as provided under the

Resolved: That the Board of Education enter into a contract for Health Services with Westbury UFSD for 12 students residing within the North Shore Schools and attending Holy Child Academy and Westbury Friends for the 2006-07 school year at a cost of \$677.61 per student, as provided under the Education Law of the State of New York

Approval of Resolution for Tax Anticipation Notes

Resolved: To approve a resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$7,000,000 tax anticipation notes in anticipation of the receipt of taxes to be levied for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008

Approval of Agreement with the North Shore Boys and Girls Club

Resolved: To approve the license and operating agreement between the North Shore Central School District and the North Shore Boys and Girls Club to provide a summer program

Award of District Wide Paint Bid

Resolved: To award a district wide paint bid to the low bidder, D&G Painting & Decorating, Inc. at a base bid of \$76,250

Award of District Wide Floor Abatement & Tile Installation

Resolved: To award a district wide floor abatement & tile installation bid to the low bidder, Milburn Flooring Mills at a base bid of \$74,011.13

Award of Purchase Contracts for Art and General Supplies for 2007-08 - TAB

Resolved: To award purchase contracts for Art and General Supplies for 2007-08 to the low bidder, School Specialty Education, Inc., in the amount of \$33,168.86

Approval of Volunteer Parent Members to the Committee on Special Education

Resolved: To approve the addition of the following names to the Committee on Special Education:

Dorothy Bennet
Victoria Minowitz
Michelle Purcell
Tina Vaccaro

Approval of Special Education Tuition Agreement

Resolved: To approve a tuition agreement with Levittown UFSD to cover special education services for a student residing within the North Shore Central School District and attending the Levittown UFSD during the 2006-07 school year in the amount of \$35,612

Approval of Special Education Consultants/ Service Providers

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Access 7, for CSE Related Services, effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2008

Resolved: To approve an agreement with All About Kids, for ABA, SEIT, OT, PT, Speech and Evaluations, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Patricia A. Gallo, P.T., for Physical Therapy Services, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Kids First for CSE Related Services, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Ladge Speech for Speech Services, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Thera-Care for Related Services, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

Approval of Special Education Services

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

Comment from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Old Business

Dr. Melnick reported on the status of the LIPA PILOT agreement. He received a message from Carl Laske who had a conversation with the new attorney for LIPA and explained why an indemnification is not necessary. LIPA will get in touch with the Comptroller's office and Carl Laske will get back to us. Dr. Melnick expressed concern that the tax rate needs to be set and if the PILOT is not approved by the setting of tax rate the tax levy may need to be raised, there needs to be an answer by the June 14 meeting. Trustee Genovesi reported that Comptroller DiNapoli is not handling the file directly and she is expecting a call from Tom DiNapoli tomorrow to let her know who is handling the file so she can get in touch with them. President Beyer will have the LIPA attorney get in touch with whomever is handling the file in the Comptroller's Office. She also said that Carl Lasky is not aware of any problem. Dr. Melnick asked Ms. Buatsi to put a scenario in writing for the Board should the district not receive these funds in time for setting the tax rate.

New Business

Trustee Vollmer asked about the cost for recycling and would like to know what the practice is district wide. John Hall responded that we do already recycle at the high school and Jamaica Ash carts it away but will look into the policy district wide. President Beyer will suggest this at the County meetings.

President Beyer discussed the Board's Self Evaluation and asked Trustees to have their completed copy to Trustee Webb by June 8. The Board will meet on Monday, June 11 at 7:30 pm in Central Office for the Superintendent's Evaluation. Dr. Melnick will include his self evaluation in the Board packet of June 8.

Trustee Glassman attended the PTA president's meeting and asked if any Board members go to meetings throughout the district and if this is a practice that can be started. President Beyer felt this would require a lengthier discussion. Trustee elect Anna Sharkey has been asked to remain on the site based committee at the middle school and wondered if she is able to. President Beyer responded that would not be possible once she is sworn in as a Trustee. Trustee Murphy suggested contacting our attorneys to see if there is some type of statute about this. It was decided to place on the July 5 agenda a discussion item about the roles of Board members in district committees and organizations.

Adjournment

At 11:10 pm, on motion of Trustee Pombar and seconded by Trustee Glassman and all in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth A. Ciampi
District Clerk