

North Shore Schools
Board of Education
Minutes
April 19, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Beyer at 7:15 pm in the High School Library. Present were Trustees Genovesi, Glassman, Murphy and Pombar and Webb. Trustee Vollmer arrived at 8:15 pm. Also present were Dr. Melnick, Mr. Chlebicki and Ms. Buatsi.

Executive Session

At 7:15 pm, on motion of Trustee Glassman seconded by Trustee Genovesi and all in favor, the Board went into Executive Session in the high school faculty room to consider matters leading to the employment of a particular person and suspension of a particular person.

At 8:00 pm, on motion of Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Pombar and all in favor, the Board moved to come out of Executive Session and resumed the regular meeting in the High School Library. There were approximately 15 people in the audience.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Beyer led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Trustee Webb and seconded by Trustee Pombar, with Trustee Murphy abstaining due to his absence at the March 15th meeting and Trustees Beyer, Genovesi, Glassman, Pombar and Webb in favor, the minutes of March 15, 2007 were approved.

On motion of Trustee Murphy and seconded by Trustee Glassman and all in favor, the minutes of March 29, 2007 were approved.

Report of the SGO Representative and Comments from the Public

SGO representative, Alex Romano reported on events and activities at the high school including the upcoming high school production of *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, Relay for Life, Senior Fashion Show (April 27th) and Lacrosse Day (April 28th).

There were no comments from the public. Trustee Vollmer asked to make a comment and publicly thanked the Board, the School District and the community for their kind sentiments on the passing of his mother.

Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Melnick passed on his report due to the update on the long range plan that he would be giving later in the evening.

Update: LOTE, ESL & FLES

Ellen Shields, Curriculum Associate for Foreign Language gave a curriculum overview of LOTE (Languages Other than English). She then invited Trustees and the public to a demonstration of the Global Learning Center. High school teachers Elizabeth Griffin and Evelyne Pommateau demonstrated the experiences students receive in this state of the art language lab. The group then proceeded to a classroom for a demonstration on the use of Smart Boards in the teaching of languages. Middle school teacher Julie Curran demonstrated how she uses the Smart Board in her LOTE classes and how that impacts student learning.

Elsie VanVorst who teaches FLES (Foreign Language in the Elementary Schools) gave a demonstration on the use of Smart Boards with the teaching of Latin and the link in the areas of literacy, social studies, mathematics and science.

Evaluation/Review of Another Way Program

Gil Torossian, high school assistant principal gave a review on the Another Way Program, an alternative program for high school students who have a history of academic failure, is considered “at risk” because of personal issues, and/or has problems with attendance. A committee consisting of Mr. Torossian, Pat Kelton, high school Social Worker, Kathy McNally, high school Guidance Counselor and Caitlin Kirmser, high school Dean/English teacher assessed the perceptions of current Another Way students and teachers as well as those of alumni and former staff regarding the program. The committee’s suggestions included team planning time, the addition of a lead teacher, a change in location where the students meet, alternatives to the physical education and art requirements and increased hours for the social worker.

Questions raised were on the number of students that the program caps out at – currently 13. It was brought up that there are currently 2 students on a “waiting list” and the Board was concerned that the needs of these students are not being met. Mr. Torossian assured the Board that the students who are on the waiting list have other choices such as programs through BOCES. The Board also expressed the importance for these students to feel that they are a part of the school and suggested acknowledging the students and publicizing the program. Dr. Melnick explained that the next step is for the committee to meet with the high school principal as it is in his purview to decide how and when recommendations will be implemented. He did state that the district is committed to additional hours for the Social Worker.

Update: North Shore Schools Strategic Plan

Dr. Melnick outlined the progress made in the areas identified in the Long Range Strategic Plan. He highlighted the goals and progress in each area including Curriculum & Instruction, Recruitment, Hiring and Staff Development, Technology, School as Community, Demographics & Enrollment, Facilities & Operations and Finance & Resources.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Proposed Three Year Plan – Grades 8 & 9

Dr. Melnick spoke briefly of the proposed secondary curriculum changes and the restructuring of the ninth grade experience as discussed during the Board’s work session on April 11. He presented the Board with the questions that were posed during that meeting for review and refinement. He explained that he had shared the material with the presidents of the parent groups and that faculty in six departments have met so far and he is pleased with the reaction. The Board had a brief discussion about the proposed program and reviewed some of the questions.

Committee and Conference Reports

Trustee Webb reported on the recent meeting of the group of Board representatives held at North Shore recently. Four schools were represented and the discussion was again about expanding or initiating cooperation of common purchases or services. In response to a question in regard to interest in the group of renting or sharing our bus depot, Trustee Webb said the Glen Cove School District is very interested.

The Board decided to act simultaneously on Action Items F-S

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

Personnel

Resignation for Retirement Purposes - Certified

Resolved: To accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Nora Haagenson, English, effective June 30, 2007

Resolved: To accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Eileen Walk, Art, effective June 30, 2007

Resignation for Retirement Purposes – Non Certified

Resolved: To accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Paul Perone, Custodian, effective August 2, 2007

Increment for Advanced Study – Certified

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Linda Lohrius, English, from Step 23 of the MA+45 salary schedule, to Step 23 of the MA+60 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2006

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Michele Harding Van Arsdale, Elementary from Step 2 of the MA+15 salary schedule, to Step 2 of the MA+30 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2006

Approval of Stipend

Resolved: To approve a stipend for Lori Reichel to provide a Sex Education Program for Glenwood Landing and Sea Cliff School

Appointments – Certified

Resolved: To approve the probationary appointment of Michael Bishop, English, on Step 5 of the MA salary schedule effective September 1, 2007 through September 1, 2010 replacing Nora Haagenson (retired)

Resolved: To approve the probationary appointment of Ryan O'Hara, English, on Step 4 of the MA salary schedule, effective September 1, 2007 through September 1, 2009, new position

Resolved: To approve the regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment of Linda Pascucci, Elementary, on Step 1 of the BA salary schedule, effective April 17, 2007 through May 14, 2007, replacing Melissa Levy-Weiner (FMLA)

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Nicole Sabbatino, Science, on Step 1 of the MA salary schedule effective September 1, 2007 through September 1, 2010, replacing Jay Emmer (retired)

Appointment – Non Certified

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Aris Antonopoulos, High School Monitor, effective March 26, 2007, replacing Sean Austin (resigned)

Approval of Additions to the Per Diem Substitute List

Resolved: To approve the following additions to the per diem substitute list:

Julianne Imperiale, Clerical
Joyce Lanzilotta, Teacher Aide
Shannon Lee, Nurse
Robert Lipson, Security Aide

Approval of Extra Curricular Activity Coach

Resolved: To approve the following extra curricular middle school coach for Spring 2007

Baseball Frank Mauro

Acceptance of Donation from the Sea Cliff PCA to the Sea Cliff School

Resolved: To accept the donation of a Walker Art Display from the Sea Cliff PCA to the Sea Cliff School at a value of \$1,118

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

Resolved: To accept the donation of a Smart Board and Projector from the Middle School PTA to the Middle School at a value of \$5,000

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

Resolved: To accept the following donations from the Glen Head PTO to the Glen Head School:

- 7 – Magnetic Dura-Rite Marker boards, value \$2,498
- 2 – Magnetic Whiteboards, value \$264
- 1 – Dolly for use to transport the digital piano, value \$260

Acceptance of Donation from the Arts Angels to the North Shore Schools Arts Department

Resolved: To accept the donation of \$1,168.41 for the following sound equipment from the Arts Angels to the North Shore Schools Arts Department:

3-Omnidirectional Shure Mini-Cardioid Condenser Overhead Microphones, 30' Cable, in line pre-amp w/XLR Including shipping & insurance	\$576.49
3-Conquesst Optima XLR Mic Cable, Male/Female x 75' including shipping & insurance	\$154.42
3-Shure SM 58-LC Handheld Cardioid Dynamic Vocal Microphone including shipping & insurance	\$4.50

Acceptance of Donation from the North Shore Schools Federated Employees Secretarial Unit to the North Shore High School

Resolved: To accept the donation from the North Shore Schools Federated Employees Secretarial Unit of a Bench and Tree to be planted at the North Shore High School in memory of Judy Pascucci, at a value of \$550

Approval of Change Order #HVAC-8 from HVAC, Inc. for Mechanical Reconstruction at Glen Head School

Resolved: To approve change order #HVAC-8 from HVAC, Inc. for Mechanical Reconstruction at Glen Head School in the amount of \$2,693 (deduction)

Approval of a Resolution for a SEQRA Type II Determination for Renovation of an Existing Chemistry Lab and the Installation of an Acid Waste Storage Tank at the High School

Resolved: To approve the resolution for a SEQRA Type II Determination for Renovation of an existing Chemistry Lab and the Installation of an Acid Waste Storage Tank at the High School as per attached tab

Approval of a Resolution for a SEQRA Type II Determination for a Proposed Roof Replacement at the Glen Head School

Resolved: To approve the resolution for a SEQRA Type II Determination for a Proposed Roof Replacement at the Glen Head School as per attached tab

Approval of a Resolution to Participate in a Cooperative Transportation Bid for the 2007-08 School Year

Resolved: To approve the resolution to participate in a Cooperative Transportation Bid for the 2007-008 school year as per attached tab

Approval of Health Services Contract

Resolved: That the Board of Education enter into a contract for Health Services with the South Huntington UFSD for 14 students residing within the North Shore Schools and attending Long Island Lutheran for the 2006-07 school year at a cost of \$651.98 per student, as provided under the Education Law of the State of New York

Approval of Proposal from Marshall & Sterling for Actuarial and Consulting Services

Resolved: To accept the proposal from Marshall & Sterling for Actuarial and Consulting Services for reviewing the District's self-funded Workers' Compensation Plan at a cost of \$12,000

Approval of Special Education Consultant/Service Provider

Resolved: To approve an agreement with A+ Therapy, LLC, for Occupational Therapy Services, effective the 2006-07 school year

Approval Of Special Education Services

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

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Old Business

Dr. Melnick explained that Trustee Genovesi requested an update on the plans for a emergency preparedness tabletop drill. The Board had a brief discussion about proceeding with the tabletop drill especially in light of the Virginia Tech Massacre. It will be discussed again at the Health and Safety Committee Meeting on April 24th. Dr. Melnick and Trustee Beyer will speak to local police and Nassau County Office of Emergency Services to see if they would participate in a tabletop drill.

New Business

Trustee Glassman informed the Board that she is investigating why there is a time requirement for completing tests. She is doing this on her own, not as a Trustee and was just letting the rest of the Board know what she is doing.

Adjournment

At 10:40 pm on motion of Trustee Glassman and seconded by Trustee Murphy and all in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Ciampi
District Clerk