

North Shore Schools
Board of Education
Minutes
Regular Meeting
January 17, 2008

The meeting was called to order by president Beyer at 7:45 pm in the High School Alumni Room. Present were Trustees Genovesi, Glassman, Pombar, Sharkey, Vollmer and Webb. Also present were Dr. Melnick, Mr. Chlebicki and Ms. Buatsi.

Executive Session

At 7:45 pm on motion of president Beyer and seconded by Trustee Sharkey and all in favor, the Board moved to go into Executive Session in the high school faculty room to discuss 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 8:00 pm on motion of Trustee Genovesi 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 Alumni Room. There were approximately 50 people in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Beyer led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Teacher Recognition

Dr. Melnick and President Beyer recognized Lori Reichel for being named the 2007 Health Education Teacher of the Year by the New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance, Inc.

Recognition of Students

President Beyer and Dr. Melnick recognized three students who participated in the All State Concert, Olivia Breen for Chorus, Max Sorrett for Orchestra and Alexander Appel for Band.

Town Meeting

President Beyer welcomed the audience and explained that Dr. Melnick would be making the preliminary budget presentation after the Town meeting portion. She then opened the floor for questions or comments.

Adrienne Daly of Glen Head, presented each Board Member with a packet from the Long Island High School for the Arts and requested that the Board visit the school and consider subscribing to this program for our students. The open house is scheduled for April 12, 2008.

George Betzios of Sea Cliff, expressed his support and that of his wife, for the proposed swim team which appears in the budget. He would like to see the program start in the middle school and feels there will be a lot of interest in the community.

Clare DeMeo, Old Brookville asked if the Honors Program is being eliminated at the high school level.

Dr. Melnick responded that there will be a meeting on February 26 to go over the plan and to give out information for the changes that will occur for the current seventh graders who will be taking the new algebra course in eighth grade as well as Living Environment instead of earth science; earth science will be moved to the tenth grade. The Ninth grade experience is being planned by 33 faculty members and administrators and will also be presented at that meeting. Dr. Melnick went on to explain that the idea of heterogeneously grouping students in ninth grade came, in part, from listening to the graduates who praise the senior programs as the

program that most prepared them for college. The District feels if this is the best preparation for college, it would be a good way to start high school. He again invited all to attend the meeting on the 26th and explained that the presentation would be video taped for those who can not make it, but expressed his feeling that attending would be of greater benefit so specific questions could be raised.

Trustee Genovesi added that there were 4-5 meetings on this subject last year and if there is misinformation in the community, she asked that those present encourage parents to come to the meeting on the 26th to receive the correct information.

Alex Romano, SGO representative, announced the kick off for the Relay for Life event on January 22, 2008 and asked all who are interested in participating to attend this meeting.

Beth Greenberg, Sea Cliff, has 2 children in the district grades 10 and 7. She commented that parents found what Tom Korb and Dr. Melnick said at the last SEPTA meeting confusing. She went on to say that although the FIL Program has been helpful it is only a modified self contained program and there is no transition program to move out of FIL. She also expressed her view that there is a lack of services in a least restrictive environment. She explained that in the 5th grade there are inclusion and self contained programs, but there are no inclusion or blended programs in the middle school. She feels this is not working and said that 45% of special education students require inclusion programs. She is concerned about these students taking the Biology and Math Regents next year. She asked if there would be a discussion by the Board about allocating money for an inclusion program in the middle school.

Trustee Beyer responded that she was present at the SEPTA meeting and had shared with the Board concerns that were raised. She said that the special education portion of the budget will be discussed on February 28 and recommendations for next year will be made to the Board at that time.

With no further questions from the audience, the town meeting portion was concluded.

Regular Meeting

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Trustee Pombar and seconded by Trustee Sharkey and all in favor, the minutes of December 13, 2007 were approved.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

On motion of Trustee Sharkey and seconded by Trustee Glassman, with 6 Trustees in favor and Trustee Genovesi abstaining, the Treasurer's Report of September 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007 was approved.

The Board decided to act simultaneously on action items A-N

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

Personnel

Tenure Appointment - Certified

Resolved: To grant tenure to Aimee Canzoniero, Guidance, effective January 24, 2008

Regular Substitute (Leave Replacement) - Certified

Resolved: To approve the regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment of Jennifer Ruestow, Elementary, on Step 1 of the MA salary schedule, effective January 14, 2008 through March 12, 2008, replacing Susan Burmeister (sick leave)

Resolved: To approve a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Kimberly Mulligan, Special Education, on Step 4 of the BA+15 salary, effective January 2, 2008 through February 2, 2008 replacing Michelle Stiffler (sick leave)

Increment for Advanced Study - Certified

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Karen Devlin, English, from Step 9 of the MA salary schedule, to Step 9 of the MA+15 salary schedule, effective January 28, 2008

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Jennifer Fischer, Special Education, from Step 7 of the MA+30 salary schedule, to Step 7 of the MA+45 salary schedule, effective January 28, 2008

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Elaine Goldman, Social Worker, from Step 21 of the MA+45 salary schedule, to Step 21 of the MA+60 salary schedule, effective January 28, 2008

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Jaclyn Grillo, Physical Education, from Step 2 of the MA salary schedule, to Step 2 of the MA+15 salary schedule, effective January 28, 2008

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for George Gyarmathy, Guidance, from Step 6 of the MA+30 salary schedule to Step 6 of the MA+60 salary schedule, effective January 28, 2008

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Jean Hodermarsky, Physical Education, from Step 11 of the MA+30 salary schedule, to Step 11 of the MA+45 salary schedule, effective January 28, 2008

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Patricia Kelton, Social Worker, from Step 16 of the MA+30 salary schedule, to Step 16 of the MA+45 salary schedule, effective January 28, 2008

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Jaclyn Kepke, English, from Step 3 of the MA salary schedule, to Step 3 of the MA+15 salary schedule, effective January 28, 2008

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Joshua Knight, English, from Step 7 of the BA+30 salary schedule, to Step 7 of the MA salary schedule, effective January 28, 2008

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Andrew Richter, Health from Step 5 of the BA+15 salary schedule, to Step 5 of the MA salary schedule, effective January 28, 2008

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Michelle Stiffler, Special Education, from Step 8 of the MA+15 salary schedule, to Step 8 of the MA+45 salary schedule, effective January 28, 2008

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Elissa Theiss, Art, from Step 4 of the MA salary schedule, to Step 4 of the MA+15 salary schedule, effective January 28, 2008

Appointment - Non Certified

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Joseph Alario, Teacher Aide, Middle School, effective January 2, 2008, replacing Justin Scott

Resolved: To approve the part-time appointment of Debra Bailey, Part-time Teacher Aide, Glenwood Landing, effective January 14, 2008 (new position)

Resolved: To approve the part-time appointment of Joseph Bellucci, Part-time Cleaner, Glen Head, effective January 14, 2008, replaces Rishen Balwant (transferred to full-time)

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Teresa Gregorio, School Monitor/Bus Attendant, Transportation, effective January 10, 2008 (new position)

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Domenica Langone, Teacher Aide, Sea Cliff, effective January 8, 2008, replaces Jaime Langone (resigned)

Resolved: To approve the transfer of Joyce Keehner, Stenographer, High School, on Step 15 of the Stenographer salary schedule, effective January 2, 2008, replaces Elaine Greco (retired)

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Nunzio Morra, Bus Driver, effective January 10, 2008, replaces Michael Lally (resigned)

Resolved: to approve the appointment of Heather Ostipwko, Teacher Aide, Glenwood Landing, effective January 10, 2008, replaces Jennifer Ruestow (moved to leave replacement)

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Patricia Valeo, Monitor, High School, effective January 7, 2008, replaces William Madigan (moved to aide position)

Stipend - High School Master Schedule

Resolved: To approve a stipend for Jennifer Imperiale for the creation of the high school master schedule for 2008-09

Adjustment of Part-time Appointment - Certified

Resolved: To approve a reduction in the part-time appointment of Kitty McQuillan, Physical Education from a part-time (.7) appointment to a part-time (.6) appointment, effective January 28, 2008 through June 30, 2008

Approval of Teacher Overage

Resolved: To approve a .1 overage for Robert Sather, effective January 28, 2008 through June 30, 2008

Approval of Additions to the Per Diem Substitute List

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

Alyssa Biel	Teacher Aide
Katharine Degen	Elementary
Elisabeth Donovan	Special Education
Dawn Parrett	Food Service
Alexandra Torres	Teacher Aide

Approval of Extra Curricular Activity Club, Advisor & Coaches

Resolved: To approve the addition of a Community Service Club at Glen Head School as a Level 1 Club

Resolved: To approve the addition of an Interact Club (Rotary International Service Club) at the High School as a Level 3 Club

Resolved: To approve the following advisors and coaches:

High School

Interact Club Lisa Minicozzi
(Rotary International Service Club)

Middle School

Ski Club Miguel Ortiz
T.H.E. Club Aimee Canzoniero

Girls Basketball

Grade 7 Jean Hodermarsky
Grade 8 Jaclyn Grillo

Boys Volleyball

Grade 7 Kitty McQuillan
Grade 8 Frank Mauro

Wrestling

Grade 7 John Jackson
Grade 8 Jeffrey Butt
Third Coach Alex Hojnowski

Bowling

Grades 7&8 Maria Perdios

Intramurals

Christine Punch Step 1

Supervision

Megan McCormack

Approval of Additional Support Personnel for the School Lunch Office

Resolved: To approve the addition of a clerical position in the school lunch office, effective January 17, 2008

Approval of Resolution to Extend District Boundaries

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby authorizes and directs district administration to take any and all steps as may be necessary to extend district boundaries to adjacent underwater areas so as to render taxable, property not presently subject to taxation for school purposes, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education consents to the making and entry of appropriate order by the Superintendent of the Nassau Board of Cooperative Educational Services as Superintendent of the Supervisory District of Nassau County to effectuate the said extension of District boundaries

Acceptance of a Donation from a Local Resident to the North Shore High School Photography Program

Resolved: To accept the donation of photographic supplies and equipment from Andy Berlin, a local resident, to the high school photography program at an estimated value of \$40,000

Acceptance of Donations 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:

CD player with speakers (art room)	valued at \$100
Playground equipment	valued at \$425
Reading Table	valued at \$189.95
Magnetic Marker Board	valued at \$149.95
Listening Center	valued at \$150
CD Player	valued at \$75

Acceptance of the Donation of a SmartBoard from an anonymous family

Resolved: To accept the donation of a SmartBoard from an anonymous family at a value of \$5,562

Approval of Change Orders

Resolved: To approve change order Elec #4 from Madhue Contracting, Inc. for Alterations & Additions at the Middle School in the amount of \$3,592.52 (additional)

Resolved: To approve change order GC #1 from Pioneer Construction, Co., for Science Lab Reconstruction at the High School, in the amount of \$180.00 (deduction)

Approval of Budget Transfers

Resolved: To approve budget transfers in the amount of \$169,483.39 effective January 17, 2008

Approval of Contract for Pupil Transportation

Resolved: To approve a contract with Hendrickson Bus Co. pupil transportation for summer 2006

Prior to approving policies, Dr. Melnick noted that although the Board had decided to include an allergy policy for approval, that has been delayed as it will be drafted by the Commissioner of Education and counsel advised to wait until that is forwarded in June.

Approval of Policies

Resolved: To approve amended policies #5100 Attendance and #5300 Code of Conduct, effective January 17, 2008

Approval of Health Services

Resolved: That the Board of Education enter into a contract for Health Services with Seaford Union Free School District for 2 students residing within the North Shore Schools and attending St. William the Abbot School for the 2007-08 school year at a cost of \$553.59 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 Syosset Central School District for 12 students residing within the North Shore Schools and attending Our Lady of Mercy Academy and 1 student residing within the North Shore Schools and attending St. Edward the Confessor School for the 2007-08 school year at a cost of \$704.43 per student, as provided under the Education Law of the State of New York

Approval of Settlement Agreement

Resolved: To approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the President of the Board of Education is authorized to enter into an Agreement resolving a request for an impartial hearing filed on behalf of student #363623601

Approval of Special Education Consultants/Service Providers

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Jane Collins, Social Worker, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Lawrence Pick, PhD, Clinical Neuropsychologist, to provide neuropsychological evaluations effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

Resolved: To approve an amended agreement with Toni Ann Christie (Kids Included) Autism & Behavioral Consultant to provide ABA Consultation & Activities Associated w/Provision of Student Aides, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

Approval of Special Education Services

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

Preliminary Budget Presentation

Dr. Melnick presented the preliminary budget on a SmartBoard to demonstrate how this technology works. The budget contains a large item to install SmartBoards in every classroom; this would bring our technology up-to-date. Dr. Melnick gave an overview of the budget process and explained that over \$2.7 million was removed prior to this draft presented to the Board. He explained that this budget maintains program and highlighted the addition of a swim team and constraints such as the increase in health insurance and teacher's retirement contribution. He also explained that we do not expect an increase in state aid as the state budget is at a deficit. He went on to stress that this is an initial draft, the first that the Board is seeing and that the Board will probably lower it. The initial budget stands at \$83,826,021 an 8.7% increase over last year's budget. Capital projects represents 3.3% of the increase and if removed would lower the increase to 5.4%. He went on to state that contingency will be capped at 4% but reminded the public that the Board does not have the flexibility of choosing where to cut under contingency. Dr. Melnick also explained that although Nassau County sends the most revenue up to Albany, it gets the lowest amount back in State Aid.

Dr. Melnick went through each component of the budget and stopped to explain items as questions arose from the audience. A question was raised in regard to an elevator being budgeted at the middle school to bring students to the gym level; this is currently done by use of an outdoor ramp. Dr. Melnick explained that he is not recommending this be done, although the State is mandating that we do so due to new construction at the middle school. He went on to explain that the State's recommendation of the elevator came from reviewing our construction plans alone; they did not make a site visit.

Residents expressed their support of the schools and trust in the superintendent. They stressed how important it is to focus on the good things happening throughout the district, and publicize our student's accomplishments as well as the savings being realized through the bus depot and energy management contract.

Trustee Beyer asked for community members to volunteer to host a budget information coffee to keep the community informed during the budget process. Dr. Melnick went on to state that updates will be sent to the community, but if anyone hears misinformation being shared he would appreciate a call so he can clarify. He also anticipates a question and answer segment on our website.

Dr. Melnick concluded by reminding the public that the budget will be adopted in March. Mailings will be sent to the community outlining when each part of the budget will be discussed and he expressed his desire that the public come and share their thoughts while decisions are being made.

Old Business

Trustee Webb asked if there was a way to determine a cost by program to help in making decisions on the budget.

The Board had a brief discussion about the benefits of such a study and the difficulty in determining a program's cost.

Dr. Melnick and Trustee Webb will look for models to see if there is a way of analyzing cost by program.

Dr. Melnick explained that North Shore does not subscribe to the BOCES Cultural Arts Program; the tuition is approximately \$50,000. At the present, our students attend a half day at the School of Ballet in New York City, this is more cost effective.

Dr. Melnick reported that tabletop drills have been completed at the high school, Glen Head and Glenwood Landing. John Hall will provide a written report. He also updated the Board that an agreement for the \$700,000 grant from LIPA has been received; this would off-set some of the borrowing for our energy management. The agreement will be presented to the LIPA Board on January 24. Once the State comptroller approves it, we should receive the check within two weeks.

Trustee Genovesi will not be able to go to the Nassau Suffolk School Boards meeting in regard to the State budget. She requested that someone else go and bring up lifting of the energy restriction. Trustees Beyer and Vollmer will try and attend.

Trustee Sharkey handed out a summary of meeting she attended from the Nassau BOCES Budget Advisory Meeting.

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

At 10:10 pm on motion of Trustee Sharkey and seconded by Trustee Genovesi the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Ciampi
District Clerk