

North Shore Schools
Board of Education
Minutes
Regular Meeting
July 26, 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, Sharkey and Vollmer. Trustees Pombar and Webb were 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 the employment history of a particular person and matters leading to the employment of a particular person or persons.

At 7:30 pm, on motion of Trustee Glassman 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 alumni room.

The regular meeting was resumed at 8:00 pm in the High School Alumni Room. There was no public in the audience.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Beyer led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Trustee Genovesi and seconded by Trustee Vollmer and all in favor, the minutes of July 5, 2007 were approved.

Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Melnick reported on the status of the master schedule, he reported that hiring should be completed within the next 2 weeks, and that construction is on schedule for opening of school in September.

District Goals

Dr. Melnick reviewed the Board's suggestions of Goals for 2007-08. Goal One addresses Assessments Review and how we can authentically assess the students. Goal Two the continuation of the District's review and evaluation of Food Services, Health and Physical Education Programs culminating in a Tri-State review during the spring of the 2007-08 school year. Goal Three will evaluate the following programs: Foundations in Learning, Community Service and Senior Interdisciplinary Humanities Courses. The Board also discussed 4 tasks for the year which included Review of the Honor Code of the National Honor Society, Development of a Board sanctioned Legislative Action Committee, Survey the faculty and staff as to their perceptions of the level of collaboration and support provided within the district and Review/revise the District Code of Conduct and Attendance Policies. Questions raised were the possibility of adding a task to review the Before & After School Program and a satisfaction survey of the North Shore Boys & Girls Club. It was suggested to do a satisfaction survey of the Before & After School Program this year and one for the North Shore Boys & Girls Club next year. There was a discussion about a continued focus on "What Makes North Shore Unique" and there was consensus on the Board to have a discussion about this at the next meeting,

August 23.

Establishment of Tax Levy

Prior to establishing the tax levy, the Board discussed the PILOT payments received from LIPA as well as the proposed reallocation of \$224,168.82 from 2006-07 fund balance and how these amounts are reflected in the 2007-08 revenue page and the tax levy, which is estimated to be set at 4.598%. PILOT payments received from LIPA must be used to offset the tax levy in the year it is received, however, the Board has the option to designate the retroactive portion of the PILOT payment. Prior to acting on the establishment of the tax levy, the Board discussed action item P, Reallocation of Fund Balance and decided to move for its approval.

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

Reallocation of Fund Balance

Resolved: To authorize the reallocation of \$224,168.82 from fund balance, previously designated to increase the Employee Retirement Contribution Reserve, and re-designate this amount to offset the 2007-08 tax levy

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

Resolved: That the following budget of the necessary claims and expenditures in the North Shore Central School District for the school year 2007-08 amounting to \$77,117,037.71 is hereby accepted, and

Be It Further Resolved: That the sum of \$68,141,683.89 being the remainder of the budget adopted as above and, the amount which must be raised by taxation (net amount) for the North Shore Central School District for the 2007-08 school year, be levied upon the taxable property of the school district as said property has been certified to by the Board of Assessors for the school year 2007-08

Policy Review

Dr. Melnick reviewed the suggested changes to policy #2160E – Board Member Code of Ethics Exhibit. The Board discussed the verbiage and decided to change the wording and add an item that Board Members would reclude themselves from any vote to accept or reject funds from an outside organization in which they hold office. This revised exhibit will be included on the August 23 agenda for approval.

The Board decided to act simultaneously on action items E-0

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

Personnel

Approval of Salary Changes - Administration

Resolved: To approve a 5% increase in salary for Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Robert Chlebicki and for Assistant Superintendent for Business, Olivia Buatsi, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

Approval to Rescind a Leave of Absence for Child Care Purposes

Resolved: To rescind a leave of absence for child care purposes for Christine DeAlbuquerque, Elementary, effective September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

Appointment – Certified

Resolved: To approve a probationary appointment for Kathleen Capogrosso, Music, on Step 2 of the BA salary schedule, effective September 1, 2007 through September 1, 2010

Regular Substitute (Leave Replacement) Appointments – Certified

Resolved: To approve a part-time (.4) regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment and a part-time (.2) appointment for Rachael Brown, Social Studies/Psychology, on Step 3 of the MA salary schedule, effective September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, replacing Robert LaBlanc (.4 child rearing leave)

Resolved: To approve the regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment of Donna Segal, Elementary Occupational Therapist, on Step 2 of the MA salary, effective September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, replacing Christina VanVorst (leave of absence)

Part-time Appointments – Certified

Resolved: To approve a part-time appointment (.8) for Gary Meierdiercks, Physical Education, on Step 11 of the MA salary schedule, effective September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

Part-time Staff Developer

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Nancy Letts as a district-wide staff developer for integrated elementary science project, effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2008

Approval of Stipend – Elementary Lead Literacy Teacher

Resolved: To approve a stipend for Linda Klion, Elementary Lead Literacy Teacher, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

Change of Position – Non Certified

Resolved: To approve a change of position for Diane Bunce, Typist Clerk, Middle School, from a 10 month Typist Clerk position to a 12 month Typist Clerk position, effective July 1, 2007

Appointment – Non Certified

Resolved: To approve the probationary appointment of Frances Christ, Administrative Assistant II, Technology, System Data Reporting, effective August 27, 2007 with a six month probationary period ending February 26, 2008

Resolved: To approve a probationary appointment for Steven Bellucci, Custodian I, Sea Cliff School, on Step 7 of the Custodian salary schedule, effective August 6, 2007 with a probationary period ending February 1, 2008, replaces Peter Hill (terminated)

Resolved: To approve a probationary appointment of Robert Considine, Custodian I, Glenwood Landing, on Step 8 of the Custodial salary schedule, effective August 6, 2007 with a probationary period ending February 1, 2008, replaces Paul Perone (retired)

Approval of Extra Curricular Activity Clubs and Advisors

Resolved: To approve the addition of the following Middle School Extra Curricular Activity Clubs:
Spanish Club – Level 1 Home & Careers Club – Level 3
Authors Club – Level 1 Poetry/Shakespeare Drama Club – Level 3

Resolved: To approve the following Extra Curricular Club Advisors for the 2007-08 school year

Glen Head

School Spirit Club
Jogging Club/
Physical Fitness
Chess Club

Lauren Chiappa
Kerri Giorgianni

William Kitay

Glenwood Landing

Jogging Club
Chamber Choir
Chess Club
Math Olympiads
Student Council
Intramurals/
Physical Fitness Club

Lois Jacobs
Li Ju Cheung
Harriet Arnold
Robert Giannuzzi
Robert Giannuzzi
Aaron Kozlowski

Sea Cliff

Math Olympiads
Sea Cliff Singers

Michelle Capobianco
Melanie Fishman

Elementary

Community Service

Tracy Mayo
Kim Cortez
Jennifer Oleksiak

Middle School**Class Advisors**

Grade 6

Tracy Chiarello
Damien Chillemi
Ellen Renaldo
Ellen Renaldo
Robert Willgoos

Grade 8

Drama Club

Mathletes

Art

Builders Club

Computer Club

International Club

Endurs Club

Peer Mediators

Ski Club

SADD

Student Council

Student Store

Cathy Weber
Sara Black
Julia Salat
Roselle Barbour
Lillian Rubin
John Maus
Flavia Finning
Jethro Cardona
Flavia Finning
Louise Arneson
Jethro Cardona

Chamber Orchestra

Grade Six

Grade Seven & Eight

Jessica Hoffman
Steven Uh

Treble Choir

Jazz Band

Jason Hill
Kathleen Capogrosso
Eric Mordhurst

Marching Band Eric Mordhurst

Publications

Newspaper Nathalie Silva
Yearbook Damien Chillemi

Theater

Director, Musical Kathleen Capogrosso
Ellen Renaldo
Music Director Melanie Fishman

High School

Class Sponsors

Senior Class Kristen Lincks
Junior Class Joshua Knight
Brian Rodahan
Sophomore Class Chris Halloran
AIDS Peer Educators Julia Salat
Youth Decide Julia Salat
Key Club Julia Salat
Mathletes Rob Gerver
Peer Leaders Jen Imperiale
C. Kirmser
SADD Julia Salat
Technology Laura Green
Amnesty Intern'l L. Lohrius
Art Elissa Theiss
Dance Cathy Adames
GSA Joshua Knight
Sara Millman
FHA Laurie Brown
Speech and Debate Frank Galati
Mu Alpha Theta Charles Wankel
Photography Lynn Johnson
Tri-M Michael Kerschner
Ski Club Ed Corona
DDR Lori Reichel
French Club Evelyn Pometeau
Italian Club Ann Koch
Latin Club Chris Whalley
Elizabeth Griffin
National Science Bowl Rich Galati
Sailing Lori Reichel
Science Nat'l Honor Society Rich Galati
Spanish Club Anne Wheeler
Woodworking Bruce Fichtman
Yoga Janice Nunziata

Organizations

Auditor, Sr. HS Ron Schwartz
National Honor Society Susan Soltis

North Shore Challenge	Susan Soltis
Book Manager	Sara Millman
SGO	Rich Galati
Chamber Orchestra	Lisa Polito
Men's Choir	Michael Kerschner
Jazz Band	David Soto
Madrigals	Michael Kerschner
Pep Band	David Soto
Drum Line	David Soto
Business Advisor	Barbara Coppola
Literary Magazine	Len Schiff
Newspaper	Sara Millman
Yearbook	Brian Rodahan
Coordinator/Student Activities	Rich Galati

Coaches

Football:

Varsity	Daniel Agovino
Varsity Assistant	Frank Rossi
Varsity Assistant	Craig De Nicola
Junior Varsity	Sean Austin
Junior Varsity	William Madigan
Middle School	William Melillo
Middle School	Jeffrey Butt
Middle School	Keith Freund
Middle School	Joseph Mascaretti

Field Hockey:

Varsity	Kellie Moritz
Junior Varsity	Christine Hickey
Middle School (8th grade)	John Pace

Men's Soccer:

Varsity	Bernard Hintz
Junior Varsity	Aaron Kozlowski
Middle School (8th grade)	John Jackson

Women's Soccer:

Varsity	Clifton Schultz
Junior Varsity	Jaclyn Grillo
Middle School (8th grade)	Jean Hodermarsky
Middle School (7th grade)	Michele O'Brien
Middle School (third team)	Kelly Ater

Women's Tennis:

Varsity	Brian Kline
Junior Varsity	Jennifer Oleksiak

Volleyball:

Junior Varsity	Frank Mauro
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Men's Cross Country:

Varsity Edward Corona

Women's Cross Country:

Varsity Neal Levy

Cross Country:

Middle School Thomas Granieri

Cheerleading:

Varsity Charlee Peters
(Fall Season)

Athletic Directors:

High School Gary Craner
Middle School Michele Cochrane

Supervision

(Salary as per teachers' contract – July 2007 to June 2008)

Agovino, Daniel	Gillespie, Michael	McEvoy, Dennis
Armen, Mary	Girolamo, Paul	Meierdiercks, Gary
Ater, Kelly	Granieri, Thomas	Melillo, Joseph
Butt, Jeffrey	Grillo, Jaclyn	Melillo, William
Cardona, Jethro	Gulde, Dolores	Moritz, Kellie
Cavallaro, Michael	Hickey, Christine	O'Brien, Michele
Cipriano, Angela	Hintz, Bernard	Oleksiak, Jennifer
Cochrane, Michele	Hodermarsky, Jean	Pace, John
Commander, Joanna	Hogan, Sarah	Perdios, Maria
Como, Philip	Kudlak, Karalyn	Perles, Gregory
Corona, Edward	Iacovelli, Tracy	Peters, Charlee
Cowley, Eileen	Jackson, John	Reichel, Lori
Craner, Gary	Kline, Brian	Rickel, Colleen
DeNicola, Craig	Kozlowski, Aaron	Satin, Lenie
Dowling, David	Langone, Jaime	Schachter, Saul
Emmert, Michael	Levy, Neal	Schultz, Clifton
Freund, Keith	Madigan, William	Trenkle, Robert
Gallina, Joseph	Mascaretti, Joseph	Vassallo, Melissa
Gatti, Dominic	Mauro, Frank	Wass, Peter
Gillespie, Matthew		

INTRAMURALS

Glen Head

Thomas Granieri Step 1
Kellie Moritz Step 2

Middle School

Kelly Ater Step 1
Jessica Berner Step 1
Jeffrey Butt Step 2

Glenwood Landing

Lois Jacobs Step 2
Aaron Kozlowski Step 1

Jaclyn Grillo Step 1
Christine Hickey Step 1
Jean Hodermarsky Step 2

Dominic Gatti	Step 2	Norma La Cayo	Step 1
		Andrew Richter	Step 2
<u>Sea Cliff</u>		Karl Tretter	Step 1
Craig DeNicola	Step 2		
Eileen O'Connor	Step 2	<u>High School</u>	
		Tracy Iacovelli	Step 2
		Neal Levy	Step 2
		Gary Meierdiercks	Step 2
		Kevin Mercier	Step 2
		Lori Reichel	Step 1

Approval of Resolution for an Amendment to the Agreement with the Superintendent

Resolved, that the Board of Education herewith authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute, on behalf of the Board of Education, a certain First Amendment to the January 18, 2007 agreement between the Board of Education and Dr. Edward Melnick, effective July 1, 2007, the Board having reviewed and approved said First Amendment

Approval of Revised Policies

Resolved: To approve the following revised policies as per the Board's discussion of July 5, 2007:

New Board Member Orientation Exhibit (#2510-E)
 Field Experiences (Policy #4531), Field Experiences Regulation (#4531-R),
 Field Experiences Exhibit (#4531-E), Inventories (Policy #6640),
 Purchasing (Policy #6700), Purchasing Regulation (#6700-R),
 Purchasing Exhibit (#6700-E.1)

Approval of Resolution to appoint a Special Compliance Officer

Resolved: To approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept the Superintendent's Recommendation to appoint Dr. Kathy Weiss as Special Compliance Officer, at a rate of \$250/hour to investigate an allegation reported by an employee. The Compliance Officer will be defended and indemnified in the event of a litigation arising out of the investigation of the matter

Acceptance of Donation for Drum Line Equipment from the Arts Angels, North Shore Athletic Booster Club and Viking Foundation

Resolved: To accept the donation of drum line equipment from the Arts Angels, Athletic Booster Club and Viking Foundation, valued at \$2,474

Acceptance of Donation for the Purchase of Gymnastic Equipment from the North Shore Athletic Booster Club

Resolved: To accept the donation of \$1,450 from the North Shore Athletic Booster Club for the purchase of gymnastic equipment for the high school and middle school

Approval of Change Orders

Resolved: To approve change order GC-#1, NRI Construction, Corp. for Alterations and Additions at the Middle School in the amount of \$12,508 (additional)

Resolved: To approve change order GC-#2, NRI Construction Corp., for Alterations and Additions at the Middle School in the amount of \$20,882 (additional)

Approval of Lunch Program Prices for 2007-08

Resolved: To approve the lunch program prices for the 2007-08 school year as follows:

<u>Lunch</u>		<u>Breakfast</u>	
Elementary	\$1.75	Secondary	\$1.65
Secondary	\$2.00		
Pizza	\$2.25		
Deli	\$2.25		

Approval of Increase in Fees for Rental of Musical Instruments

Resolved: To approve the increase in fees for rental of musical instruments to \$75 per school year and \$40 per summer

Approval of Contract with Networked Educational Technologies

Resolved: To approve the renewal of contracts with Networked Educational Technologies, LTD, for Server Technician Support in the amount of \$117,895 and Junior Data Network Support in the amount of \$92,000 for the 2007-08 school year

Approval of Special Education Services

Prior to approving Special Education Services, the Board had a discussion about the responsibility of the Board to review each IEP, and whether the Board should be auditing the Special Education Department. Dr. Melnick responded that the Board is only responsible for approving the expense for these services and has no role in the decision of what services are agreed upon. After a discussion, it was decided to continue the practice of reviewing each IEP.

Resolved: To approve special education services (IEP) per attached tab, with the exception of the following IEP numbers: #363621669, 363623978, 363619658, 363620851, 363621378, 363621400, 363622446, 363622585, 363622968, 363623145, 363623646, 363623655, 363623943

Committee and Conference Reports

Trustee Beyer reported on the County meetings and discussions on consolidation of services. County Executive Suozzi hired a consultant to do a feasibility study on consolidating Business Offices. The study will begin sometime in August and a report will be ready by January, 2008. There was much discussion in the group about BOCES not being utilized as efficiently as it should be and the feasibility study will also explore the use of BOCES services.

Comments from the Public

There was no public present at this part of the meeting.

Old Business

Trustee Glassman noted that according to our policy, the Audit Committee must collectively possess knowledge in accounting, auditing, financial reporting and school district finances and she wondered if the committee was in compliance. Dr. Melnick responded that the fiscal training Board members must complete, covers this requirement.

Dr. Melnick reported that Dunn Engineering has completed a comprehensive traffic safety study and they will present a report to the Board at the September 6, 2007 meeting. He asked that Trustees get the word out to PTA groups so those parents interested in hearing the results of the study can attend the meeting. Trustee Genovesi asked that John Hall email the safety committee members to inform them of the meeting.

New Business

Trustee Genovesi attended the assessors meeting and wanted the Board to know that there was a misunderstanding in the community about the homeowners improvement exemption that the Board did not approve. She explained to the attendees at the meeting that the rationale for not approving this exemption was because their exemption would shift the burden to other taxpayers.

Trustee Genovesi attended the NYSSBA School Law Conference where it was reported that Board Trustees are required TO participate in mandatory child abuse training. She asked Dr. Melnick to check with our attorneys to see whether or not this was true. She also asked Ms. Buatsi about the legislation affecting pending Medicaid claims and if this would affect revenue. She also spoke about the possible financial impact that the Whistle Blower Legislation might have on the District.

Trustee Beyer explained that Nassau BOCES will have a special vote to replace the District Clerk. If the Board wishes to vote, they need to hold a special meeting on September 4. There was consensus on the Board not to hold a special meeting.

Adjournment

At 10:15 pm on motion of Trustee Genovesi and seconded by Trustee Glassman and all in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Ciampi
District Clerk