

North Shore Schools
Board of Education
Special Meeting
Minutes
December 21, 2023

The meeting was called to order by the District Clerk at 8:15 a.m. in the Central Office Conference Room. Present were Trustees Cashman, Galati, Ludmar, Mosca and Russo. President Macari and Vice-President Colacioppo were absent. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Christopher Zublionis and Assistant Superintendents Dr. Carol Smyth and Mr. James Pappas. There was no public in attendance.

Election of President Pro Tempore

As per Board Policy #2350, due to the absence of both the President and the Vice President, the election of a President pro tempore was held. On motion of Trustee Russo and seconded by Trustee Cashman and all in favor, Trustee David Ludmar was elected as President pro tempore for the duration of the December 21, 2023 special meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

President pro tempore Ludmar led the Trustees in the pledge of allegiance.

Public Hearing

**Real Property Tax Exemptions for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers;
Real Property Tax Law 466-a**

President pro tempore Ludmar explained the purpose of the public hearing.

On March 28, 2023, Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman signed into local law 2-2023 which reduces the number of years required to serve as a Volunteer Firefighter or Volunteer Ambulance Worker from 5 years to 2 years in order to receive the partial exemption on property taxes.

The district had previously adopted resolutions allowing for a partial property tax exemption for both Volunteer Firefighter and Volunteer Ambulance Workers on November 2, 2006 and January 18, 2007. These original resolutions allowed for the following:

- Provided a partial exemption of property taxes to the extent of ten percent of the assessed value of the property for enrolled members and spouses.
- Provided the partial exemption to an enrolled member with at least 20 years of service for the remainder of their life.
- Provided the partial exemption to an enrolled member's unmarried spouse of a deceased volunteer with a minimum of twenty years of service.

These exemptions were available to enrolled members, following a minimum requirement of five years of service and the purpose of today's public hearing is to reduce the minimum requirement to two years of service.

With no comments on the hearing, President pro tempore Ludmar closed the hearing.

On motion of Trustee Russo and seconded by Trustee Galati and all in favor, it was:

Approval of Resolution Regarding Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers

WHEREAS, New York Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a was enacted to provide eligible volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers with a partial real property tax exemption from school

taxes on real property owned by the eligible volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker so long as the school district in which the real property is located, after public hearing, adopts a resolution authorizing the exemption subject to the requirements of New York Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a; and

WHEAEAS, New York Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a also allows the School District to provide certain additional benefits applicable to this partial exemption from school taxes so long as the School District, which has authorized the exemption under Section 466-a, adopts a resolution authorizing such additional benefits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby authorizes the application of the Volunteer Firefighter and Ambulance Worker Real Property Tax Exemption as contained in New York Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a and establishes a minimum service requirement for each applicant to be two (2) years.

Personnel

Prior to approval, Dr. Zublionis explained that they still need to hire the following coaches: JV Baseball, Asst. Varsity Baseball, Asst. Softball, and 8th grade Basketball. He noted they do have good candidates. On motion of Trustee Russo and seconded by Trustee Cashman, with Trustees Cashman, Galati, Ludmar and Russo for and Trustee Mosca abstaining, it was:

Per Diem Substitute

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District, hereby approves the addition of the following name to the per diem substitute list:

Name	Category
Alexa Ramonetti	Teacher Substitute

Extra-Curricular Activity Coaches

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the following extra-curricular activity coaches:

Sport	Coach	Step
Varsity Baseball	Rob Gates	2
Varsity Boys Lacrosse	John Savage	1

Adjournment

At 8:20 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.