

North Shore Schools
Board of Education
Special Meeting
Minutes
July 25, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Andrea Macari at 8:00 a.m. in the Central Office Conference Room. Present were Trustees Cashman, Colacioppo, Dillon, and Hanley. Trustees Mosca and Svendsen were absent. Also present were Superintendent Christopher Zublionis and Assistant Superintendent Mr. James Pappas. Assistant Superintendent Dr. Carol Smyth was absent.

At 8:00 a.m. on motion of Trustee Colacioppo and seconded by Trustee Dillon and all in favor, the Board convened an executive session in the conference room to consider matters regarding proposed, pending or current litigation and matters leading to the appointment or employment of a particular person or persons.

At 11:08 a.m. on motion of Trustee Cashman and seconded by Trustee Hanley and all in favor, the Board came out of executive session and resumed the regular meeting in the conference room. There was no public present.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Macari led the Trustees in the pledge of allegiance.

Policy Review

The Board reviewed draft policy #5695, Students and Personal Electronic Devices. Chris thanked the policy sub committees for meeting virtually to discuss this policy. The Board discussed the draft policy. Trustees expressed concerns that the policy may be too restrictive for secondary school students, specifically for students in high school, and suggested the possibility of loosening the restrictions as students move up through the buildings. It was noted that enforcing the policy will be difficult and falls to the teachers. Trustees felt inclined to listen to the building leaders and support their decision in this area. Trustees agreed that they are not interested in utilizing “Yondr” pouches. They agreed that storing devices in the locker seems like the best way to be compliant with the law and to avoid teachers from becoming enforcers of the policy. Concern was raised regarding the “BYOD” piece. Dr. Zublionis will look further into that and will revise the policy to address that issue. The Board will meet again to discuss the revisions to the draft policy and to approve it prior to the August 1 deadline to be compliant with the law. It was decided the policy will be revised, as needed, once its effectiveness is determined.

On motion of Trustee Dillon and seconded by Trustee Colacioppo and all in favor, it was:

Personnel

Per Diem Appointment

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District, hereby approves the per diem appointment of Matthew Backes, to provide transition services in the Director of Facilities Office for a maximum of twenty (20) days beginning July 28, 2025 through August 27, 2025 at a per diem rate of \$653.85

Interim Appointment - Administration

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the appointment of Joseph Kisting, Interim Director of Special Education, at a base salary of \$210,000 (pro-rated), effective July 25, 2025 through August 27, 2025

Regular Substitute (Leave Replacement) Appointment - Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves a Regular Substitute (Leave Replacement) Appointment of Brooke Vitulli, School Psychologist, on Ste 2 of the MA salary schedule, effective September 1, 2025 through February 1, 2026

On motion of Trustee Cashman and seconded by Trustee Dillon and all in favor, it was:

District Appointment

Asbestos Designee

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby appoints Matthew Backes as Asbestos Designee for the School District effective August 8, 2025 through June 30, 2026

Adjournment

At 11:53 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Ciampi
District Clerk