

North Shore Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Minutes
October 8, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Herman Berliner at 7:00 P.M. in the High School Library. Present were Trustees Commander, Jones, Labbate, Nightingale, and Russo. Trustee Gonzalez did not attend executive session. Also present Superintendent Dr. Edward Melnick and Assistant Superintendents Olivia Buatsi and Robert Chlebicki. Trustee Gonzalez arrived at 7:35 pm.

Executive Session

At 7:00 pm on motion of Trustee Russo and seconded by Trustee Commander and all in favor, the Board moved to convene an executive session in the high school family & consumer science room to discuss proposed pending or current litigation.

At 7:30 pm on motion of Trustee Labbate and seconded by Trustee Jones and all in favor, the Board moved to come out of executive session and resumed the regular meeting in the library. There were 10 people in the audience.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Berliner led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Trustee Labbate seconded by Trustee Nightingale and all in favor, the minutes of October 1, 2015 were approved.

Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Melnick reported that senior Angelo Antinori was selected to perform at the 2015 All-National Honor Ensembles as a percussionist in the Symphony Orchestra. Dr. Melnick congratulated the North Shore High School Girls Cross Country Team who won their 100th consecutive league competition without a loss finishing 11 and 0 for the season. He reported on a recently published article in *Newsday* on the safety of football helmets and noted the inventories cited in the article were from the 2013-2014 school year and did not include the 82 new Schutt Vengeance VTD II Helmets purchased last spring; Don Lang will be reporting to the Board in regard to mouth guards, protective shirts, and safety upgrades to our program. Finally he reminded the audience of important events coming up: Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 PM is the LAC Legislative Night in the High School Theater. Senators Marcellino and Martins and Assemblymen Lavine, Ra and Montesano, as well as Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, will be present to discuss pertinent issues and answer audience questions. Thursday October 15, Detective Michael Zotto will be hosting a substance awareness and prevention forum for the community at 7:30 PM in the High School Theater. Saturday, October 17 is Homecoming; parade will kick off at the Glenwood Landing School at 11:00 am. Dr. Melnick allotted the remainder of his report to Trustee Russo.

Trustee Russo explained that students from our music department will be engaging in a tour to Cuba during their winter break. To raise funds to help defray the additional expenses associated with touring, they will be hosting a "Cuban Social Dance Club" on Saturday, October 24 at the American Legion Hall; cost is \$25/adults and \$15/students. The evening will include Cuban music and dancing, dance lessons, as well as samples of Cuban cuisine and a cash bar. Other ways to support this effort is

through the purchase of an ad in the commemorative tour program that will be shared with concertgoers at all Cuban performance venues. She asked that the community please come out and support this important event.

Report from the SGO

Jessica Hannon, SGO president, reported on events and activities at the high school. She explained that students are working with Mr. Cousins to develop new ways for fundraising now that they are no longer allowed to hold bake sales during the school day; bake sales were the largest part of fundraising efforts for the majority of clubs. Dr. Melnick explained that due to new federal nutritional guidelines, students are no longer permitted to hold bake sales when school is in session but can after a certain number of minutes once the school day ends. Jessica also reported that American flags have now been hung in the hallways of the high school so students who do not make it to their commons when the pledge is said will be able to stop and say the pledge wherever they are.

Math K-12

Mr. Chlebicki briefly reviewed the implementation of common core math. Carol Smyth, Elementary STEM Director, gave an overview of the elementary math program *Math in Focus*; Amy Dimeola, 6-8 Lead Teacher reviewed the Middle School Math Program “A Story of Ratios”, and Director of Secondary Math, Nicole Masiello, reviewed the high school math program “A Story of Functions” from Algebra I through Honors Math Research. Each director, in addition to reviewing the program, gave a plan for support and enrichment. Mr. Chlebicki explained that those students who need acceleration are able to take university courses at local colleges as well as AP Calculus AB or BC at the high school.

Trustee Russo asked what the plan is for eleventh graders who are having a problem with the IB math courses now that there is not the option of a pre-calculus honors section. Ms. Masiello explained there was work done over the summer to bridge any gaps in the curriculum due to common core curriculum students may have missed. Mr. Chlebicki added it did require us to look at the curriculum and transition those students who may not have had some of the curriculum. Trustee Russo pointed out the difference between the common core curriculum and IB is we chose IB for our students and many students are struggling with IB, especially those who are not readers. She feels we should be offering a more stringent calculus course to prepare them and she would like to see more AP offerings. Trustee Jones asked about courses beyond calculus. Mr. Chlebicki has spoken to Mr. Cousins in this regard; the only option would be double acceleration which we don't currently do. Mr. Chlebicki will get information on schools that currently offer double acceleration and will look at how we might possibly do it here.

District Demographics

Dr. Melnick gave an overview of how the district has changed over the last 10-15 years in regard to enrollment of minority students, special education students, English language learners, and students on the poverty level. He reported this is a pretty homogeneous district with 60% students being male and 40% being female. SAT scores indicate girls outscore on reading and writing and boys outscore on math and science. He will give a separate presentation on equity and access.

Security-Intralogic Solutions

John Hall introduced Lee Mandel from Intralogic Solutions who reviewed security upgrades district wide. He reported when his company came on board the district was already in very good shape with policy and procedures and they improved what was already in place. Security upgrades include video intercoms in all schools, video surveillance, access control, burglar alarm upgrades, Knox box

system, panic alarm system, lockdown strobes, lockdown PA tie in, and lockdown buttons. The district is tied into Nassau BOCES incident awareness which includes 24 hour camera monitoring. Mr. Mandel also reviewed future upgrades that are available with the infrastructure in place should the district want to add additional security measures.

In response to a question by president Berliner Mr. Mandel explained the district is following best practices especially in regard to policy and procedures. Dr. Melnick gave an overview of tabletop and real-time drills. He explained that every year there are tabletop drills at each building; these are attended by a building safety team as well as local law enforcement and first responders. There is also a physical drill which parents are informed about. A district safety plan is filed with Central Office each year.

Comments from the Public

Larry Ruisi, Glen Head, asked if PowerPoint presentations and meeting videos can be available online after board meetings. Dr. Melnick said both are available on our website after each meeting. In regard to the math presentation, Mr. Ruisi expressed concern that students may be missing something in the transition from algebra II and trig to the modified algebra 2 course. Dr. Melnick will look into it.

Dominic Fortuno, Glen Head, asked if there is a math lab at the elementary level. Dr. Melnick responded, there are not math labs but there is an AIS teacher and school-wide enrichment teachers in the elementary schools. Mr. Chlebicki added both the AIS and enrichment teachers will push into or pull out of the classroom to work with students. Mr. Fortuno also asked if the security cameras discussed during the meeting are limited to school properties. Dr. Melnick explained cameras are only on school properties and are not located in instructional spaces, only outside the building and in hallways.

Pooja Vera, Glen Head, expressed concern that there is not enough enrichment in math on the elementary level. She said it seems our SWES teachers are stretched thin and if we want to challenge higher performing students we may want to start at the elementary level instead of double accelerating at the secondary level.

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

PERSONNEL

Increments for Advanced Study

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Keryn Edwards, Special Education, from Step 4 of the MA+30 salary schedule, to Step 4 of the MA+45 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2015

To approve an increment for advanced study for, Stephanie DeBonis, Physical Education, from Step 5 of the MA+30 salary schedule, to Step 5 of the MA+45 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2015

Leave of Absence for Child Rearing Purposes - Certified

Resolved: To approve a leave of absence for child rearing purposes for Kelly Indelicato, Teaching Assistant, effective November 23, 2015 through June 30, 2016

Appointment - Certified

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Alana Nobile, Speech/Language, on Step 1 of the MA salary schedule, effective October 19, 2015 through October 19, 2019

Approval of Stipend – Non-Certified

Resolved: To approve a stipend increase according to the teacher's contract for Angela Carillo-Boffill for additional duties at the high school level to support a teacher with disabilities, effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

Approval of Additions to the Per Diem Substitute List

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

Sandra Jozefowski Physical Education

Approval of Extra Curricular Activity Club Advisors

High School

<u>Club</u>	<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Step</u>
Senior Class	Michelle Miranda	2
Junior Class	Stacy Binder	1
	Chris Gish	1
Sophomore Class	Dana Francis	1
	Tina Passanante	1
Freshman Class	Lisa de la Bastide	1
	Rob Wilgoos	1
Interact (Rotary)	Seth Klein	2
Key	Julia Salat	2
Mathletes	Robert Gerver	2
Mock Trial	Donna Rice	2
Peer Leaders	Caitlin Kirmser	2
	Rachel McAree	2
Portfolio	Sara Cano	2
	Elissa Theiss	2
Spanish	Amparo Wheeler	2
Viking Masquers	Michael Kleba	2
Debate Club	Maram Mabrouk	1
	Carolyn Chemieri	1
Anime	Emmanuel Blanchard	1
Entrepreneurial-School Store	MaryLou Iuvara	1
Environmental	Laura DiLalo	2
F.H.A. Fam/Cons Science	Theresa Schiavo	1
Fashion	Theresa Schiavo	1
GSA	Josh Knight	1
	Michael Kerschner	1
Gender Equality	Greg Perles	1
Mu Alpha Theta	Charles Wankel	2
Pulse (Dance)	Gabriella Palmieri	1
Science Olympiad	Patrick Cassino	2
Ski Club	Edward Corona	2
Tri-M Club	Jodie Larson	1
Business Club (FBLA)	Lisa Kornberg	2
F.L. Honor Society	Stephen Burgos	1
Italian	Bridget Gorman	1
French	Evelyne Pometeau	1
Science National Honor Society	Richard Galati	2
National Science Bowl	Richard Galati	2
Woodworking	C.J. Gober	1
Director, Play-Fall	Michael Kleba	2
Director, Play-Spring	Michael Kleba	2

<u>Club</u>	<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Step</u>
Vocal Music Director-Play	Michael Kerschner	2
Light & Sound Advisor	Jason Domingo	1
Senior Play	Michael Kleba	2
Tech Director-Fall Musical	Robert Weissman	1
Pit Conductor	David Soto	2
ACT Coordinator	Tim Shea	2
SAT Coordinator	Tim Shea	2
Auditor, Sr. H.S.	Richard Galati	2
National Honor Society	Caitlin Kirmser	2
North Shore Challenge	Susan Soltis	2
Student Book Manager	Greg Perles	2
Student Government Org.	Richard Galati	2
First Robotics	Stephen Peroni	2
	Sara LeMar	1
Chamber Orchestra	Jason Domingo	1
Elektra	Michael Kerschner	2
Men's Choir	Michael Kerschner	2
Women's Choir	Michael Kerschner	2
Jazz Band	David Soto	2
Madrigals	Michael Kerschner	2
Drum Line	David Soto	2
Pep Band	David Soto	2
Literary Magazine	Elliot Touretz	2
Newspaper	Sara Millman	2
Coord. Extracurricular Act.	Richard Galati	2
<u>Middle School</u>		
Art	Pam Parsons	2
6th Grade Morning Chorus	Brian Messemer	2
Treble Chorus	Brian Messemer	2
7/8 Gr Morning Chorus	Brian Messemer	2
Select Ensemble	Brian Messemer	2
Jam Club	Bryce Larsen	1
Jazz Band	Eric Mordhorst	1
Marching Band	Eric Mordhorst	2
Chamber Orchestra	Rachel Resnick	1
Play Director	Pam Parsons	1
Play Director	Damien Chillemi	1
Play Director	Brian Messemer	2
Play Director	Brian Lang	1
Grade 6 Class	Michelle Abel	1
Grade 7 Class	Francis Tloczkowski	1
Grade 8 Class	Pam Shea	1
Student Council	Pam Shea	1
	Michelle Abel	1
Organic Garden Club	Maria Perdios	1
FACS	Michelle Miranda	2

<u>Club</u>	<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Step</u>
7th & 8th grade Mathletes	Kristen Frayler	1
8th grade Math Fair	Kristen Frayler	1
7th grade Math Fair	Tiffany Falcone	1
The Reel Math Challenge	Kristen Frayler	1
Builders Club	Julia Salat	2
School Store	Dana Baron	N/A
Robotics	Keith Slack	2
Technology	Keith Slack	2
Gay/Straight Alliance	Lauren Mistretta	1
	Brian Lang	1
Ski Club	Dan Chemnitz	2
Animal	Maria Perdios	2
6 th Grade Math Olympiads	Rob Hert	2
Rocketry	Anthony Facchini	1
Spanish Club	Madel Soriano	2
Italian	Fabiana LoBrutto	2
French	Evelynne Pommateau	2
Mandarin	Jin Wang	1
Newspaper-Viking Voice	Jessica Donovan	1
<u>Glenwood Landing</u>		
Art Club	Lauren Moran	2
Community Service	Tracy Mayo	2
	Erika Werbeck	2
Mock Trial	Audra Marcantonio	2
Peer Mediator	Audra Marcantonio	1
Scrabble Club	Darlene Skaee	2
Math Olympiad	Bob Giannuzzi	2
After School Sports	Stephanie DeBonis	2
	Kevin Carpenter	2
Jogging	Stephanie DeBonis	2
	Kevin Carpenter	2
Fitness	Stephanie DeBonis	2
	Kevin Carpenter	2
Student Council	Bob Giannuzzi	2
Chamber Chorus	Liju Cheung	2
Band	Dean Miller	2
Orchestra	Pat Falco	2
<u>Glen Head</u>		
Art Club	Tara Pillich	1
Band	Jodie Larson	2
Orchestra	Pat Falco	1
GH Singers	Rachel Axelrod	1
<u>Sea Cliff</u>		
Art Club	Lisa Giurlanda	2
Band	Jodie Larson	2

<u>Club</u>	<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Step</u>
Orchestra	Kevin Haas	2
SC Singers	Ashley Hassett	2
Mock Trial	Diane Krupin	2
Newspaper	Diane Krupin	1
Kiwanis Kids	Mark Mihopoulos	1
Math Olympiad	Diane Krupin	2
Student Congress	Elizabeth Pipala	1
	Shannon Shields	1

Supervision

Grace DeCurtis

On motion of Trustee Labbate and seconded by Trustee Jones and all in favor, it was:

APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFERS-2014-2015

Resolved: To approve budget transfers in the amount of \$367,540.58 to cover professional services & materials relating to the high school track, co-curricular clubs & chaperones and Apple lease payment, effective June 30, 2015

APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFERS 2015-2016

Resolved: To approve budget transfers in the amount of \$129,808.07 to cover non-affiliated salary increases and staffing changes at Glenwood Landing, effective October 8, 2015

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

APPROVAL OF GUEST SPEAKERS FOR COLLEGE PLANNING NIGHTS

Resolved: To approve the following guest speakers for parent and student college planning nights:

Phyllis Greco, Financial Aid Night, November 4, 2015 at a cost of \$500

Robert Pertusati, Junior Parent College Night, January 12, 2016 at a cost of \$500

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

APPROVAL OF REVISED WILSON LANGUAGE TRAINING AGREEMENT

Resolved: To approve the revised Wilson Language Training Agreement to reduce the original training by one coaching day and increase it by one workshop for a net increase of \$500

On motion of Trustee Jones and seconded by Trustee Nightingale and all in favor, it was:

APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER

Resolved: To approve change order #1 from Web Construction Corp. for Bond Referendum Project Phase 2 Masonry Abatement at Sea Cliff Elementary School at a cost of \$19,543.89 (additional)

On motion of Trustee Labbate and seconded by Trustee Gonzalez and all in favor, it was:

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH STRATEGIC PROTECTION GROUP, INC.

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Strategic Protection Group, Inc. to provide a Drug Awareness & Prevention Program on October 15, 2015 at a cost of \$750

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

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION APPROVING A THE SUBMISSTION OF THE APPR HARDSHIP WAIVER APPLICATION TO THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the North Shore Central School District has met the criteria set forth in the application for an APPR Hardship Waiver promulgated by the State Education Department;

WHEREAS, for the reasons set forth in the APPR Hardship Waiver application, the District is unable to meet the statutory deadline requiring implementation of an APPR Plan compliant with Education Law §3012-d;

NOW, therefore, be it resolved, that the Board of Education hereby approves the submission of the APPR Hardship Waiver application to the State Education Department;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools and the Board President to execute such application

Comments from the Public

Rob Mazzella, Glen head, asked if the bulk of the budget transfers were for the apple lease payment or for the track and which grade the extra section for Glenwood Landing was for. Dr. Melnick responded, the bulk of the transfer was for the track and the extra section was for Glen Head School not for Glenwood Landing.

Old Business

Trustee Russo expressed concern that the transition to IB has been difficult especially for the current eleventh graders who she feels were not prepared enough for the high level of writing associated with IB courses. She suggests running some AP courses simultaneously; possibly AP US History and AP Psychology to afford more advanced credit options outside of the IB curriculum especially for the next couple of classes coming up. Dr. Melnick said he hears her concerns and there are always some bumps during the first year a new program is introduced. He went on to say there are AP classes that are still running. He asked that Trustee Russo email her concerns so when Mr. Cousins comes to report to the Board on the transition to IB he can address those concerns.

Trustee Labbate added she would like to hear about students who are succeeding in the program. She sees in her own 9th grader that middle school prepared him very well in writing for his first year of high school.

New Business

There was no new business discussed.

Adjournment

At 9:30 PM on motion of Trustee Labbate and seconded by Trustee Jones and all in favor, the meeting was adjourned

Elizabeth Ciampi
District Clerk