

North Shore Schools  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes  
June 15, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Antoinette Labbate at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Theatre. Present were Trustees Berliner, Commander, Gonzalez, Jones, Ludmar and Russo. Also present Superintendent Dr. Edward Melnick, and Assistant Superintendents Olivia Buatsi & Rob Chlebicki.

At 6:00 p.m. on motion of Trustee Commander and seconded by Trustee Gonzalez and all in favor, the Board moved to convene an executive session in the faculty lounge in the high school to discuss matters leading to the employment, appointment, or promotion, of a particular person or persons.

At 7:30 p.m. on motion of Trustee Jones and seconded by Trustee Gonzalez and all in favor, the Board moved to come out of executive session and resumed the regular meeting in the theatre. There were approximately 100 members in the audience.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

President Labbate led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Melnick recognized Principal Albert Cousins for the High School being named a Reward School.

Dr. Melnick recognized 8<sup>th</sup> grader, Greg Cantwell, who received 2nd Place in the National History Day Junior Division for his Documentary on John Lewis. The video was played for the audience after which Dr. Melnick also recognized Greg's parents, teachers and administrators for their support of Greg's project.

**Tenure Recognition**

Principals recommended each of the teachers eligible for tenure to the Superintendent who in turn recommended them to the Board of Education.

On motion of Trustee Commander and seconded by Trustee Gonzalez and all in favor, it was: RESOLVED, that the following teachers and administrators shall be granted tenure effective September 1, 2017:

Victoria Bader, ESL, Lilah Dima, Nurse, Amy DiMeola(6-8 STEAM Teacher Leader), Jason Domingo, (Music), Wei Huang (TESOL), Nicole Masiello (High School Teacher Leader for Mathematics), Steven Menchel (High School Teacher Leader for Science), Molly Mordechai (Science Research) Demetrios (Jim) Mendonis (High School Teacher Leader for Social Studies), Paula Pourakis (Teaching Assistant), Julie Ritter (High School Teacher Leader for English), Allison Roth (Teaching Assistant), Marie Zilinski (TESOL)

Also recognized those who received tenure during the year: Donna Nelson (Guidance), Brooke Rogala (Mathematics), Stephanie Smith (Library Media Specialist)

**Retirement Recognition**

Dr. Melnick recognized the following employees who are retiring from the district:

Jerry Blackburn, Kevin Cocks, Pat Kelton, Diane Pasi Knox, Tom Korb, Susan Krugman, Marcy Laredo, Toni MacDonald, and Mary Ann Soare. He also recognized Principal Marc Ferris who is leaving the district.

**Recognition Of Outgoing Board Member**

On behalf of the Board, Trustee Commander recognized out-going Trustee Lara Gonzalez

**Recognition of Outgoing SGO Representatives**

The Board recognized SGO co-presidents Frankie Conklin & Megan Tornatore

**Recognition of Retiring Superintendent Dr. Edward K. Melnick**

On behalf of the Board, Trustee Berliner recognized retiring Superintendent Dr. Edward K. Melnick

At 8:45 p.m. the board adjourned for a brief Tenure/Retirement Celebration in the high school cafeteria.

At 9:00 p.m. the board reconvened in the high school theatre.

**Approval of Minutes**

On motion of Trustee Russo and seconded by Trustee Commander and all in favor, the minutes of June 1, 2017 were approved.

**Comments from the Public**

There were no comments from the public.

**Regular Business**

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

**Personnel**

**Resignation – Certified**

Recommend: To accept the resignation of Ashley Bartner, School Psychologist, effective June 30, 2017

Recommend: To accept the resignation of Taylor D’Ambrosio, Teaching Assistant, effective June 30, 2017

**Leave of Absence**

Recommend: To approve a leave of absence for Michael Kleba, English, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018

**Increment for Advanced Study**

Recommend: To approve an increment for advanced study for, Kelly Bierwiler, Elementary from Step 21 of the MA+30 salary schedule to Step 21 of the MA+45 salary schedule, effective February 1, 2017

**Appointment - Certified**

Recommend: To approve the probationary appointment of Elisabeth Raeihle, Special Education, on Step 6 of the MA salary schedule, effective September 1, 2017 through January 3, 2021

Recommend: To approve the probationary appointment of Shahla Momtahan, Technology Education, on Step 4 of the MA+15 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2017 through September 1, 2020 (appointed to a three-year term due to prior tenure from another district)

Resignation for Retirement Purposes – Non-Certified

Recommend: To accept the resignation for retirement purposes from Diane Pasi Knox, Typist Clerk, effective June 30, 2017

Appointment – Non Certified

Recommend: To approve the probationary appointment of Gerard Pascucci, Senior Maintainer, on Step 19 of the custodial salary schedule, effective July 1, 2017 with a 26 week probationary period

Approval of Extra Curricular Activity Advisor

Recommend: To approve the following extra-curricular activity advisor:

Peer Mediators-GWL	Audra Marcantonio	Step 2
	Christine Volk	Step 1
HS GSA	Sara Millman	Step 2
	Rob Wilgoos	Step 1
Elementary Dramatics	Mojdeh Hassani	
	Audra Rizzo	

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

Approval of Budget Transfers

Recommend: To approve budget transfers in the amount of \$59,990.90, for non-affiliated and Assistant Superintendents' salary adjustments and substitute teachers

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

Approval of Agreement with Deborah Singer

Recommend: To approve an agreement with Deborah Singer to provide an Employee Assistance program (EAP) for the 2017-2018 school year at a total cost of \$20,475

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

Approval of Agreement With TEQ

Recommend: to approve an agreement with TEQ to provide two (2) days of professional development on SMART Notebook Updates and Microsoft 365 for a total cost of \$3,300

Prior to approval, Trustee Russo asked to look at a strategic plan that ties into the SVOs and what has been invested in LCI. She suggests a living document, something the whole district can refer to and look back at. She requests this be a discussion for the fall.

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

Approval of Agreements with Learner-Centered Initiatives (LCI)

Recommend: To approve an agreement with Learner-Centered Initiatives (LCI) to increase the district's capacity to institutionalize the SVOs on three onsite dates over the summer and one onsite date in September

Recommend: To approve an agreement with Learner-Center Initiatives (LCI) to provide a professional development program for the district's PADI program to include one onsite date and offsite written feedback

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

Approval of Health Services Contracts

Recommend: That the Board of Education enter into a contract for Health Services with the Jericho UFSD for 22 students residing within the North Shore School District and attending non-public schools within the Jericho UFSD for the 2016-2017 school year at a cost of \$1,245.44 per student as provided under the Education Law of the State of New York

Recommend: That the Board of Education enter into a contract for Health Services with the Manhasset Public Schools for 15 students residing within the North Shore School District and attending non-public schools within the Manhasset Public Schools for the 2016-2017 school year at a cost of \$995.68 per student as provided under the Education Law of the State of New York

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

Approval of Agreement With Logicwing, Inc.

Recommend: To approve an agreement with LogicWing, Inc. to provide one day of professional development in the use of technology in the classroom over the summer at a cost of \$1,500

Absent the actual contract for the agreement with The Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Sainte-Justine & Patricia Conrod, Ph.D, the board decided to table the agreement.

On motion of Trustee Jones and seconded by Trustee Berliner and all in favor, the Approval of Resolution With The Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Sainte-Justine & Patricia Conrod, Ph.D. was tabled

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

Approval of Special Education Consultant Agreements

Recommend: To approve the following consultant agreements for the 2016-2017 school year:

Tricia Allen	Occupational Therapist
Melissa Ash-Bernstein	Speech/Language Pathologist
Karin Burkhard, MD	Psychiatrist
Patricia Castillo	Special Education Teacher
Elaine Chilesky	Occupational Therapist
Rozi Cooper	Occupational Therapist
Patricia Delio	Speech-Language Pathologist
Carmela DiChiara-Raguso	Speech-Language Pathologist
East Norwich Therapeutic Ser. (Rosalie Menduni)	Occupational Therapist
Karl Friedman, MD	Medical Consultation
Kathleen Gareau	Special Education Teacher
Nina Gurevich, MD	Psychiatric Evaluation
E. Francine Guastello, Ed.D	Reading Instruction
Julia Gordon-Hert	Special Education Teacher
Insight Therapeutic Services (Jennifer Martin)	Behavioral Consultation
Gabrielle DeMatteis Keller	Learning Specialist
Jeffrey Kent, MD	Psychiatrist
Kids Included (Toni Ann Christie)	Autism & Behavior Consultant
Michelle Lefcourt	Physical Therapist
Judy Leibowitz	Special Education Teacher

Karen Leonard	Physical Therapist
Marie Mazza	Educational Evaluator
Racheal Gardega McInnes	Speech Language Pathologist
Marilyn Mucciolo	Special Education Teacher
Nicholas Center for Autism	Transitional Services
Erin O’Bryne	Speech Therapist
Jill Ottosen	Behavior Consultant
Caryl Oris	Psychiatrist
Urmila Pai, MD	Psychiatrist
Carol Rausch	Resource Room Teacher
Susan Rooney	Speech Language Pathologist
Kimya Sakhai-Kreinik	Psychologist
Marlene Simon	Special Education Teacher
Gia Terranova	Teacher of Deaf
Elizabeth Tinagero	Speech-Language Pathologist
Barry Tussman	Special Education Teacher
Tri, Inc. (Patrica Baker)	Special Education Teacher
Rona Weiss	Psychologist

**Comments From The Public**

There were no comments from the public

**Old Business**

President Labbate commented on a mandatory parent meeting she attended at Glenwood Landing regarding workshops with a focus on setting limits. She reported that everyone who attended were happy they did, it was well received and parents were seeking further information. Dr. Melnick agreed the attendance rate was very good and the feedback was positive.

Trustee Jones asked if there is anything that can be done to get contracts in a more timely basis. Ms. Buatsi explained many contracts need to be reviewed by counsel which often takes weeks for us to get back and be able to present to the Board.

Trustee Jones asked what the status is with using Open.Gov or any other forum for posting checks. Dr. Melnick explained we have run some of our check reports through our attorneys to assess what additional costs would be incurred for reviewing and redacting as they have indicated this would be necessary before anything is posted. We are waiting to hear back from them. Dr. Melnick suggests getting an opinion from counsel on what the liability may be to the district. President Labbate suggested waiting until the new superintendent arrives to have a further discussion.

Trustee Commander asked that the board go forward with approving the appointment of a liaison to the NSCASA. Dr. Melnick added he attended the meeting of the Board of Directors. They have chosen a great president and vice-president and will be meeting in the GH Community Center from now on. Although not a school district or board committee there is a budget line item of \$15,000 and so he suggests, to keep the board informed as to how those funds are spent, a liaison is a good idea. Trustee Berliner agreed. Trustee Russo said she feels the coalition should act independently from the school district. She does not want them to feel we are approving or disapproving of their actions. She suggests getting reports and monitoring the investment without a having a board member as an appointed position. Trustee Commander added the North Shore CASA was modeled after Manhasset – one of the components is school based to provide guidance. President Labbate asked for some backup for the July 5 meeting. Trustee Commander will provide a draft of the by-laws and the 501c3 non-profit status. President Labbate will get an opinion from counsel regarding the appointment of a liaison.

**New Business**

Trustee Jones suggested writing another letter to Commissioner Elia expressing appreciation for the reduction in testing days and recommended asking LAC to handle this. Trustee Ludmar noted there was no response from the recent SUPERLAC letter so he wasn't sure if the effort was worth it.

**Adjournment**

At 9:40 pm on motion of Trustee Commander and seconded by Trustee Berliner and all in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Ciampi  
District Clerk