

North Shore Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Minutes
September 22, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Antoinette Labbate at 6:30 P.M. in the High School Library. Present were Trustees Commander, Gonzalez, Jones, Ludmar and Russo. Trustee Berliner was absent. Also present Superintendent Dr. Edward Melnick, and Assistant Superintendent Olivia Buatsi. Assistant Superintendent Rob Chlebicki was absent.

At 6:30 pm on motion of Trustee Commander and seconded by Trustee Ludmar and all in favor, the Board moved to convene an executive session in the high school Family & Consumer Science Room (H-3) to discuss matters leading to the appointment, of a particular person or persons and collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law).

At 7:30 pm 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 library. There were 5 people in the audience.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Labbate led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Trustee Gonzalez and seconded by Trustee Commander and all in favor, the minutes of September 1, 2016 were approved.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Melnick reported on a smooth opening of schools with an enrollment of 2675 students in attendance. Enrollment is up especially on the elementary level. In regard to the incident at the high school, Dr. Melnick commended students, who were well behaved and cooperated with administration and law enforcement. The incident confirmed that our emergency plans & communication worked exactly as they should. Dr. Melnick sent a letter of thanks to the Acting Nassau County Police Commissioner Thomas Krumpter and Glenwood Landing Fire Company Chief Paul Ditrano for their outstanding efforts. Finally Dr. Melnick acknowledged Principal Cousins for his handling of the situation. Mr. Cousins gave a reassuring message to the students over the PA system and visited classrooms to ensure students felt safe; students expressed their gratitude to him for putting their safety first. Dr. Melnick was pleased to report that the day ended on a positive note.

President Labbate added her thanks to Dr. Melnick, the faculty and staff. She expressed her pride in the school and commended everyone involved for handling the situation so well.

Report from the SGO

SGO co-presidents, Frankie Lynne Conklin and Megan Tornatore, reported on events and activities at the high school, including a plan to revamp the Halloween carnival; elections for freshman class officers are underway; several fundraisers are being planned; Red Ribbon Week is being added to Spirit Week. Red Ribbon Week is to promote drug and alcohol awareness with the idea to start awareness at a young age. Plan to go into the health classes in Elementary, Middle and 9th grade. Also

sophomores, juniors and seniors will take money they raise at back-to-school night fundraisers and donate it the Riff Valley Home, a foster home & school in Africa for marginalized children.

Regular Business

Plan to Explore Equity

Dr. Melnick explained that the Board has included as one of its goals for the year a “*review of all aspects of the school program in grades K-12 to make sure that equitable opportunities and outcomes are available to all students. Explore equity in opportunities and outcomes based upon socio-economic standing, ethnicity/race, disability, gender and sexual orientation*”. He reported that non-English as the native language spoken at home will be added as an additional group to the study. Carol Smyth will work with Dr. Melnick on this study. He feels it is important to limit the group to just the two of them to keep it confidential because much of the information includes student names. The board discussed Guiding Questions for the Review, Indicators for Consideration, and the formulation of a questionnaire for students and parents. In addition, there will be a questionnaire for faculty.

Transportation Distance Limits

The board discussed the current distance limits for eligibility for transportation; currently $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile for elementary students K-5, 1 mile for students in grades 6, and 1.5 miles for students in grades 7-12. The key point of concern expressed by various parents has been the discrepancy of the 1 mile limit for grade 6 and the 1.5 mile limit for grades 7 and 8. The board discussed the impact on reducing the mileage for grades 7 and 8 to 1 mile in terms of the number of students who would become eligible (this would result in a uniform eligibility distance for all middle school students). The board also discussed the impact on the number of students eligible for transportation should the distance eligibility be reduced to $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile resulting in a uniform eligibility distance for all students in K-8. Dr. Melnick reminded the Board they must get voter approval for any change to the limits, whether or not there is a budget impact. He also cautioned that if there is a budgetary impact due to a change in the legal limits, and that amount causes the budget to exceed the tax cap, there must be a 60% supermajority approval for the budget to pass. President Labbate noted the tax levy cap this year is likely to be set at 0%. Dr. Melnick has asked Michelle Hall, Transportation Supervisor, to do a transportation audit to determine what the cost impact would be in regard to additional buses and/or drivers for each scenario the board may be considering to change (i.e. 1 mile distance limits for grades 6-8, .75 for K-8). There was some discussion about students who are eligible but do not utilize the bus and whether or not seats need to be left open for those students. Ms. Buatsi responded seats are based on ridership. The board asked for cost comparisons on three options 1. Distance limits of .75 for grades K-12/2. Distance limits of .75 grades K-8/3. Distance limits of 1 mile 6-8.

Superintendent Search Update

Trustee Jones updated the public on the superintendent search. On Monday, September 19 Leadership Advantage spent the entire day in-district meeting with 13 different parent and community groups, and held the first of two community forums to begin to determine what residents are looking for in the next superintendent to assist them in developing the profile. The feedback was very positive and Leadership Advantage was described as professional and sincere by many of the individuals they met with. Trustee Jones extended a tremendous thank you to everyone who gave their time. The board values the input of the entire community. There will be a second open community forum next Thursday, September 29th in the High School Theatre @7:30 P.M and the Board encourages everyone to attend. In addition, beginning tomorrow, there will be an online survey on the district website and paper copies will be available at the Central Administration Office and at the main office of each school.

Comments from the Public

Omari Carney, 2 Jagger Drive, Old Brookville, said he does not meet the requirements for his son to qualify for transportation to Glen Head School. His son is a kindergarten student and must walk to school along Glen Cove Road. He went on to say what a dangerous route to school his son must take, he himself witnessed a fatal accident on the road outside of his street. He further explained that the school bus comes into his street to pick up other children who do qualify for transportation because they live just a few feet further than his house. He asked that his son be permitted transportation. President Labbate responded that the board does not discuss individual students in public. She also explained that the board does not have the authority to make changes to the law, but they are discussing some possible changes that would need voter approval. She suggested Mr. Carney call Dr. Melnick to have a personal conversation about his specific problem.

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

Personnel

Resignation for Retirement Purposes – Administration

Resolved: To accept the resignation for retirement purposes from Edward K. Melnick, Superintendent of School, effective June 30, 2017

Granting of Tenure - Certified

Resolved: To grant tenure to Donna Nelson, School Counselor, effective September 24, 2016

Resolved: To grant tenure to Stephanie Smith, Library Media Specialist, effective September 30, 2016

Increment for Advanced Study – Certified

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Victoria Bader, ESL, from Step 6 of the MA+45 salary schedule, to Step 6 of the MA+60 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2016

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Steven Burgos, Spanish, from Step 3 of the BA+30 salary schedule to Step 3 of the MA salary schedule, effective September 1, 2016

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Stephanie Donnelly, Physical Education, from Step 7 of the MA+45 salary schedule to Step 7 of the MA+60 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2016

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Julie Glickman, Social Worker, from Step 6 of the MA salary schedule to Step 6 of the MA+15 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2016

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for, Melanie Grimshaw, Social Studies, from Step 15 of the MA+45 salary schedule, to Step 15 of the MA+60 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2016

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Pamela Halpin, Math, from Step 12 of the MA+45 salary schedule, to Step 12 of the MA+60 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2016

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Kathryn Joseph, Special Education, from Step 11 of the MA+30 salary schedule to Step 11 of the MA+45 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2016

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Maram Mabrouk, Social Studies, from Step 9 of the MA+60 salary schedule to Step 9 of the MA+75 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2016

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Megan McCormack, Physical Education, from Step 4 of the MA+30 salary schedule to Step 4 of the MA+45 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2016

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Erin Morley, Elementary, from Step 24 of the MA+60 salary schedule to Step 24 of the MA+75 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2016

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Elizabeth Pipala, Special Education, from Step 5 of the MA+30 salary schedule to Step 5 of the MA+45 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2016

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Mallory Schroder, Mathematics, from Step 5 of the MA salary schedule to Step 5 of the MA+15 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2016

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for, Keith Slack, Technology Education, from Step 7 of the MA+30 salary schedule to Step 7 of the MA+45 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2016

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for, Marie Zilinski, ESL, from Step 8 of the MA+15 salary schedule to Step 8 of the MA+30 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2016

Approval of Teacher Overages

Resolved: To approve the following teacher overages:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Overage</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Kevin Dahill(MS)	Social Studies	.08	9/6/16 – 6/23/17
Francis Tloczkowski(MS)	Social Studies	.08	9/6/16 – 6/23/17
Laura Wilson(MS)	Algebra	.2	9/6/16 – 6/23/17
John Pace(MS)	Algebra	.2	9/6/16 – 6/23/17
Melissa Verdone(MS)	Living Environment	.2	9/6/16 – 6/23/17
David Keenan(MS)	Algebra	.2	9/6/16 – 6/23/17
Anna DeNatale(MS)	Living Environment	.2	9/6/16 – 6/23/17
Josh Timlin(HS)	Science	.2	9/6/16 – 6/23/17
Kristin Frayler(MS)	Math Research	.285	9/6/16 - 4/30/17
Tiffany Falcone(MS)	Math Research	.285	9/6/16 - 4/30/17
Jason Millard(HS)	Social Studies	.08	9/6/16 - 9/28/16
Melanie Grimshaw(HS)	Social Studies	.08	9/6/16 - 9/28/16
Emily Whelan(HS)	Social Studies	.4	9/6/16 - 9/28/16

Appointments – Non-Certified

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Lisa Gershburg, Teacher Aide, Glenwood Landing, effective September 1, 2016

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Lisa Capobianco, Teacher Aide, Glen Head, effective September 22, 2016

Resolved: To approve the appointment of William Hussey, part-time Bus Driver, effective September 22, 2016

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Marjorie Schachter, part-time Bus Driver, effective September 22, 2016

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Casey Makowski, School Monitor, Glenwood Landing, effective September 22, 2016

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Bonnie Watkins, School Monitor, Sea Cliff, effective September 22, 2016

Approval of Addition to the Per Diem Substitute List

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

<u>Part-time Cleaner Substitutes</u>	<u>Student Worker</u>
Jeffrey Brown	Lauren DeMayo
Thomas Krupka	
Justin Robilotti	

Teacher Substitutes

Ruthaba Ahmed	Lauren Forsberg	Elizabeth Lazar	Laurie Rup
Gabrielle Albanese	Daniel Goldsmith	Nicole LoPinto	Haley Sabella
Kate Binder	Caitlin Hiltz	Marisa Macnow	Anna Schidlovsky
Lindsay Collins	Stephanie Hoffman	Kara McLaughlin	David Weaver
Ryan DiPaola	Susan Jacoby	John O'Dowd	Jillian Yoo
Mark Fay	Tracy Kelly	Elisabeth Raeihle	Madeline Zember

Approval of Extra-Curricular Activity Club & Advisors

Resolved: To approve a Fourth Grade Recorder Club as a Level Two Club at the Glen Head Elementary School

Resolved: To add the following clubs to the list of approved clubs at the high school:

Level I

Animal Advocacy (replaces Chess Club)
Rho Kappa {Social Studies Honor Society} (replaces Youth Court)
Book Club (replaces Knitting Club)

Level II

National Visual Arts Honor Society (replaces Hoop Club)

Resolved: To approve the following extra-curricular activity advisors for 2016-2017:

HIGH SCHOOL

<u>Club/Organization</u>	<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Step</u>
Senior Class	Chris Gish	2
Junior Class	Dana Francis	1
	Tina Passanante	1
Sophomore Class	Lisa de la Bastide	1
	Rob Wilgoos	1
Freshman Class	Ashley Schenck	1

Clubs – Level 3

Interact Rotary	Chris Halloran	1
Key	Julia Salat	2
Mathletes	Christina Olson	1
Mock Trial	Lisa Golden	1
Peer Leaders	Caitlin Kirmser	2
	Rachel McAree	2
PULSE 1 (Dance)	Gabriella Palmieri	2
Portfolio	Sara Cano	2
	Elissa Theiss	2
Viking Masquers	Michael Kleba	2
Business Club (FBLA)	Lauren Sandback	1
FIRST Robotics (asst.)	Michael Barr	1
Spanish	Madel Soriano	1
	Donna Levites	1
Debate Club	Maram Mabrouk	1
	Carolyn Chemieri	1

Clubs – Level 2

Anime	Patrick Cassino	1
Environmental	Laura DiLalo	2
FHA Fam/Cons Science	Teresa Paolilli-Schiano	1
Fashion	Teresa Paolilli-Schiano	1
Gender Equality	Greg Perles	1
Mu Alpha Theta	Charles Wankel	2
Pulse II (Dance)	Gabriella Palmieri	2
Science Olympiad	Patrick Cassino	2
Ski Club	Edward Corona	2
Tri-M Club	Jodie Larson	1

Clubs – Level 1

Acoustic Café	Rob Gerver	1
	Charles Wankel	1
Foreign Lang. Honor Society	Stephen Burgos	1
Italian	Bridget Gorman	1
French	Evelyn Pometeau	1
Science Natl Honor Society	Seth Klein	1
National Science Bowl	Patrick Cassino	1
Woodworking	CJ Gober	1

DRAMATICS

Director, Play	Michael Kleba	2
Vocal Music Director-Play	Jared Berry	1
Lights and Sound Advisor	Jason Domingo	1
Senior Play	Michael Kleba	2
Choreographer	Audra Rizzo	1
Pit Conductor	David Soto	2

ORGANIZATIONS

ACT Coordinator	Tim Shea	2
SAT Coordinator	Tim Shea	2
National Honor Society	Caitlin Kirmser	2

North Shore Challenge	Susan Soltis	2
Student Book Manager	Greg Perles	2
Student Government Org.	Michelle Miranda	1
FIRST Robotics	Stephen Peroni	2
<u>ORGANIZATIONS (Music)</u>		
Chamber Orchestra	Jason Domingo	1
Jazz Band	David Soto	2
Drum Line	David Soto	2
Pep Band	David Soto	2
Madrigals	Jared Berry	1
Men's Choir	Jared Berry	1
Elektra	Jared Berry	1
<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>		
Business Advisor	Jean McNamara	2
Literary Magazine	Elliot Touretz	2
Newspaper	Sara Millman	2
Yearbook	Howard Bloom	1
<u>MIDDLE SCHOOL</u>		
<u>Club/Organization</u>	<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Step</u>
6th Grade Class Board	Michelle Abel	1
7th Grade Class Board	Francis Tloczkowski	1
8th Grade Class Board	Pam Parsons Shea	1
<u>Clubs – Level 3</u>		
FACS	Stacy Miranda	2
7th Grade Math Fair	Tiffany Falcone	1
8th Grade Math Fair	Kristin Frayler	1
Mathletes	Kristin Frayler	1
Robotics Club	Keith Slack	2
<u>Clubs – Level 2</u>		
Art Club	Pam Parsons Shea	2
Builders Club	Julia Salat	2
Technology Club	Keith Slack	2
Gay Straight Alliance	Lauren Misstreta	1
	Brian Lang	1
Rocketry Club	Anthony Facchini	1
Ski Club	Daniel Chemnitz	2
The Reel Math Challenge	Kristin Frayler	2
<u>Clubs – Level 1</u>		
6th Grade Math Olympiads	Rob Hert	2
French Club	Eric LePetit	2
Italian Club	Fabiana LoBrutto	2
Mandarin Club	Cynthia Li	1
Organic Gardening Club	Maria Perdios	1
Spanish	Lauren Craig	1
<u>Publications, Student Government</u>		
Student Council	Michele Abel	1
	Frances Tloczkowski	1
	Pam Parsons Shea	1

Newspaper	Jessica Donovan	1
<u>Organizations (Music)</u>		
Chamber Orchestra	Rachel Resnick	1
Select Ensemble (Vocal)	Brian Messemer	2
Jazz Band	Eric Mordhorst	2
Marching Band	Eric Mordhorst	2
6th Grade Chorus	Brian Messemer	2
7th and 8th Grade Chorus	Brian Messemer	2
Treble Choir	Brian Messemer	2
World Drumming Club	Bryce Larson	1
Jam Club	Bryce Larson	2
StagE3 Club	Damien Chillemi	1
	Brian Lang	1
	Brian Messemer	1
	Pam Parsons Shea	1

Elementary Schools

Club/Organization Advisor Step

Clubs – Level 3

Art Club (GWL)	Lauren Moran	2
Miles Ahead Running Club(SC)	Meredith Cherry	1
	Victoria Bader	1

Clubs – Level 2

GWL Community Service	Tracy Mayo	2
	Ericka Werbeck	2
Art (SC)	Lisa Giurlanda	2
Intramurals (GH) Kickball	Brian Kline	2
Mock Trial (GWL)	Audra Marcantonio	2
Mock Trial (SC)	Diane Krupin	2
Peer Mediator (GWL)	Audra Marcantonio	2
Scrabble Club (GWL)	Darlene Skaee	2
Newspaper (SC)	Beth Lawatsch	1

Clubs – Level 1

Kiwanis Kids Club (SC)	Mark Mihopulos	2
3rd Grade Math Club (GH)	Mia Ramirez	2
Math Olympiad (SC)	Diane Krupin	2
Math Olympiad (GWL)	Allison Troyanos-Roth	1
ENL Parents Club (GH)	Marie Zilenski	1
	Nathalie Silva	1
ENL Kids Club (GH)	Marie Zilenski	1
	Nathalie Silva	1
Jogging Club (GH)	Aaron Kozlowski	2
After School Sports (GH)	Lauren Gotta	2
Student Council (GWL)	Audra Marcantonio	1
Student Congress (SC)	Elizabeth Pipala	1
	Shannon Shields	1

Organizations (Music)

Chamber Chorus (GWL)	LiJu Cheung	2
District Band (GH)	Jodie Larson	2

District Band (GWL)	Dean Miller	2
District Band (SC)	Jodie Larson	2
District Orchestra (GH)	Pat Falco	2
District Orchestra (GWL)	Pat Falco	2
District Orchestra (SC)	Kevin Haas	2
Sea Cliff Singers	Ashley Hassett-Bordes	2

Athletics

Cheerleading	Charlotte Felter	1
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On motion of Trustee Ludma and seconded by Trustee Jones and all in favor, it was:

Approval of Budget Transfers

Resolved: To approve budget transfers in the amount of \$424,500, for LIPA hearings, and staff changes effective September 22, 2016

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

Adoption of Revised Policy #1230

Resolved: To adopt revised policy #1230-Public Participation at Board Meetings, as reviewed on July 5, 2016 and September 1, 2016, effective September 22, 2016

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

Approval of an Agreement with Kristine Mraz

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Kristine Mraz to provide one day of a professional development workshop on November 5, 2016 for teachers in grades K-3 at a total cost of \$2,500

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

Approval of an Agreement with the Wilderness Traveling Museum

Resolved: To approve an agreement with the Wilderness Traveling Museum to provide a program on the Northeast Native lifestyle over five (5) days throughout the 3 elementary schools at a total cost of \$3,300

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

Approval to Dispose of Inventory

Resolved: To declare as obsolete and approve of the disposal of the following inventory items:

70-Algebra 1 Textbooks @ Middle School

97-Campbell Biology 6th edition Textbooks @ High School

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

Approval of Agreement with Horizon Healthcare Staffing

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Horizon Healthcare Staffing to provide skilled nursing services on an as-needed and as-requested basis effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

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

Award of Bids for Playground Surface Material Replacement

Resolved: To award the bid for the Sea Cliff School Playground Surface Material Replacement to the low bidder Louis Barbato Landscaping, Inc., at a total bid price of \$190,333, as per the recommendations of BBS Architecture and Savin Engineers, P.C.

Resolved: To award the bid for the Glen Head School Surface Material Replacement to the low bidder, Total Construction, Corp., at a total bid of \$197,000, as per the recommendations of BBS Architecture and Savin Engineers, P.C.

Resolved: To award the bid for the Glenwood Landing School Playground Surface Material Replacement to the low bidder, Louis Barbato Landscaping, Inc., at a total bid price of \$122,333, as per the recommendations of BBS Architecture and Savin Engineers, P.C.

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

Approval of Special Education Consultant Agreement

Resolved: To approve a special education consultant agreement with Marlene Simon, Special Educator, to provide special education instruction during the 2016-2017 school year

Resolved: To approve a special education agreement with Susan Rooney, Speech-Language Pathologist, to provide speech-language therapy during the 2016-2017 school year

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

Approval of Special Education Tuition Agreement

Resolved: To approve a special education tuition agreement with SCO Family of Services Westbrook Preparatory School, to provide an instructional program to resident students at a rate established by the State Education Department effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

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

Approval of Special Education Service Provider

Resolved: To approve a special education service provider agreement with Kids Learning Loft to provide ABA therapy and social skills training at a rate of \$60/hour, effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

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

Approval of Settlement Agreement and Release

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves a certain Settlement Agreement and Release with the parents of student 363625636 resolving a dispute between the Board and said parents regarding the student's educational program and authorizes the Board President to execute said Agreement

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

Appointment of Legislative Action Committee (LAC) Members

Resolved: To appoint the following people to the Legislative Action Committee:

Deborah McDermott to a three year term, expiring August, 2019

Jennifer Mone to a three year term, expiring August, 2019

Kelly Galligan to a three year term expiring August, 2019

Lisa Vizza to a two year term, expiring August, 2018 (replacing David Ludmar)

Andrea Macari to a two year term, expiring August 2018 (replacing Roger Friedman)

Samir Chopra to a one year term, expiring August, 2017 (replacing Vito Palmieri)

It is Further Resolved: To appoint Deborah McDermott as the Legislative Chairperson for a term of one year, expiring August, 2017

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Old Business

Trustee Commander reported that the Athletic Committee is looking for presenters to do a workshop on bullying, hazing, and nutrition. If they find someone who is really good they would like to open it up for the entire district K-12. Dr. Melnick agreed that would be something he would endorse.

Dr. Melnick explained that in light of what has been going on throughout the district, he is putting together a summit on substance abuse & bullying. He has been working with the social workers in the district and they plan to have their first meeting in October. The summit will include many facets of the community as well as the surrounding communities of Locust Valley, Glen Cove, and Roslyn. Part of the plan is a mandatory parent forum, by grade level, from elementary through high school with a large focus on the voice of the student. This is aligned with one of the district goals dealing with substance abuse and loss. Trustee Commander volunteered to be a part of any and all of it.

Dr. Melnick requested that the board go back to the previous format of recognizing students at any board meeting throughout the year instead of just 4 designated meetings a year. The board agreed to return to this practice.

New Business

Trustee Russo reviewed the plans for Legislative Night scheduled for October 5th. The format will be a Q&A led by a moderator, questions to be submitted by the public in advance. Last year the high school theatre was used and resident Bill Mozer video-taped the event. This year the venue has been moved to the high school cafeteria, and although Mr. Mozer has again volunteered to video-tape the event it would require the purchase of additional equipment at a cost of \$300. LAC Chair Deborah McDermott met with Elliot Kaye, our Director of Technology, and Mr. Kaye feels the district's equipment can handle the event. The board agreed to have the event video-taped by the district which would be at no cost. Trustee Russo asked for permission from the board to expend funds for the purchase of lawn signs to advertise the event as well as the use of a Robo Call the night before the event to increase awareness. The cost of the lawn signs is approximately \$292 and the Robo Call approximately \$100. The board agreed to the expenditure of the funds for both the lawn signs and Robo Call. Finally, Trustee Russo charged each trustee with submitting one question to the panel. Trustee Russo asked the board what topics they would like the Legislative Action Committee to focus on for the year. It was decided that LAC would remain focused on Tax Cap Reform (specifically the calculation of the tax cap), APPR, Creation of a TRS Reserve and continued work with the SuperLac Group.

Trustee Ludmar asked about the influx of students and class size at Glenwood Landing School. Dr. Melnick explained that the third and fourth grade classes saw a large increase in enrollment with sections getting to 23 and 24. After meetings with the principal and faculty it was decided rather than split the classes it would be more beneficial at this juncture to hire teaching assistants. Next year if those sections remain as large the classes will be split before assignments are made. Trustee Ludmar asked for a list of all class sizes. Dr. Melnick will provide those.

Adjournment

At 8:50 p.m. on motion of Trustee Commander and seconded by Trustee Gonzalez and all in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Ciampi
District Clerk