

North Shore Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Minutes
September 27, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Sara Jones at 6:30 p.m. in the North Shore High School Library. Present were Trustees Commander, Galati, Ludmar, Russo, and Vizza. Trustee Madden was absent. Also present Superintendent Dr. Peter Giarrizzo, and Assistant Superintendents Olivia Buatsi & Robert Chlebicki.

At 6:30 p.m. on motion of Trustee Galati and seconded by Trustee Vizza and all in favor, the Board moved to convene an executive session in the Performing Arts Lab to discuss matters regarding proposed, pending or current litigation, and matters leading to the appointment, or employment of a particular person or persons.

At 7:30 p.m. on motion of Trustee Russo and seconded by Trustee Commander and all in favor, the Board moved to come out of executive session and resumed the regular meeting in the library. There were approximately 50 people in the audience.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Jones led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Student/Staff Recognition

On behalf of the Board, President Jones and Dr. Giarrizzo recognized students from the Sea Cliff Elementary School Student Government for their efforts in raising money which were donated to Hurricane Relief. They also recognized high school student Christine Ramirez for being named a Long Island Scholar Artist after which Christine gave a performance.

Next, President Jones and Dr. Giarrizzo recognized the six co-chairs of the Strategic Planning Teams; Liz Goodstone and Chris Zublionis who co-chaired the Teaching & Learning Team, Elizabeth Pipalia and Ana Aguiar who co-chaired the Equity for All Learners Team, and Linda Binion & Dan Mazz who co-chaired the Social Emotional Learning Team. Dr. Giarrizzo also thanked Lynn Johnson who was not in attendance, for designing the Logo for the Strategic Plan. Dr. Giarrizzo commended all for the dedication, and tireless work in putting together the action steps which will bring the district's work forward over the next five years.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Trustee Ludmar and seconded by Trustee Commander and all in favor, the minutes of September 13, 2018 were approved.

Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Giarrizzo reported that in the opening of weeks of school students are already showing strengths. Tonight students and faculty will be honored. He followed up on the extended discussion from the last meeting on the kindergarten sections at Glen Head. He reported that both classes are fully covered with support for the entire day. Mrs. Nimmo and he continue to monitor the classes closely, have met with both teachers, and have committed to continuing to work closely with one another. The first report on student achievement will take place on October 25th with a report on elementary students. On November 8th we will hear our report on secondary student achievement. Yesterday, the public release of grades 3-8 ELA and math test data from across the state was received. Although very

preliminary in the process, the results are incredibly strong. In the aggregate across the Districts that we compare ourselves to, Dr. Giarrizzo reported that North Shore students have done very well. He went on to say that the opt-out movement limits our ability to make strong comparisons, but we are generally pleased with how our instructional approaches and practices in literacy and mathematics are making a real difference in the depth of learning that exists in North Shore. He then listed the following statistics for all of 3-8: ELA Proficient-82%- Rank #3; ELA Mastery-45%- Rank #2; Mathematics Proficient-86%- Rank #4; Mathematics Mastery- 54%- Rank #3. He stressed that these assessments are only one small measure of student achievement and success and he looks forward to painting a broader picture of student achievement in North Shore in the weeks ahead.

Dr. Giarrizzo reported that the process of unfurling the Strategic Plan has begun and our administrators are ready to begin working with their faculties. Committees will begin forming shortly and he will be emailing the community early next week to begin collecting the names of community members and stakeholders who wish to help us move our work along. He will be looking for 2-3 members for one of six committees to support the strategic planning, shared valued outcomes, homework, and facilities. Finally, he said he is looking forward to CASA's event at Tappen Beach this Saturday from 10-3pm. It will be day of wellness and fun for the entire family.

Report from the SGO

John Labbate and Michael Albanese, co-presidents from the SGO, reported on events and activities at the high school, including: freshman elections were held Tuesday-speeches were given from those running for the first time; voting happened throughout lunch periods. Student government members oversaw the election and votes were being finalized and counted. The Homecoming Theme this year will be "Community" and the themes for each day of Spirit Week were decided on as well. The SGO is trying to make the Pep Rally more exciting to bring the student population together. One suggestion is to bring in food trucks or catering into the courtyard, to make it similar to Moving Up Day. The SGO will focus on getting the student body as a whole to work more closely with CASA this year. They are sending volunteers to the CASA event on Saturday and encouraged everyone to attend. They have started meetings with administration to get ideas on how to get the majority of students to get involved with CASA.

Regular Business

Comments from the Public

Jerry Romano, Sea Cliff, said he previously submitted questions to the Board regarding why activities are scheduled at the high school on the night of the budget vote. He complained that there was not enough parking for voters, especially on such a bad weather night. President Jones explained that the high school has many activities on many nights. She also stated that the district did not do as good a job as in previous years with parking and promised to work to improve things for this year.

Mr. Romano noted that teachers organized a boycott of the ELA and math testing. He recently received a mailing regarding how well students did on those tests but feels with 30% of students opted out of the tests the statistics are meaningless. He went on to state, in his opinion only students who do well on tests are actually taking tests. He asked Dr. Giarrizzo why he has stated academics are not important, and yet sends mailings about how well students do on testing. Dr. Giarrizzo clarified that he has never stated academics are not important; he feels social-emotional health is also important. He went on to explain that it is hard to make comparisons district-to-district because of the opt-out movement. He said we did look at who is opting-out in our district, and about half are high end students, and although a high percentage of special needs students are opting-out, it is much smaller percentage than the general population. He went on to say there will be a report coming out in the next couple of weeks which will have this information built into it.

Mr. Romano then asked about an article that ran in Newsday stating that North Shore has \$29 million in cash reserves. He asked if that was accurate. Dr. Giarrizzo explained that the Board has set up a series of reserves and the amount is accurate, however, those reserves are set up for areas such as Workers Compensation (the district is self-insured); Employee Benefit Liability; Repair Reserve. Dr. Giarrizzo explained that once our audit is completed, this information will be posted on the website. President Jones added, last year's review of our reserves is currently on the website, and when the State comes in to look at our financials, they also review our reserves.

Emily Dalto, Old Brookville, said although she is glad Dr. Giarrizzo and Mrs. Nimmo is speaking with the kindergarten teachers in Glen Head, she is still concerned about the size of the class. She noted that the children sat and watched a movie during the second week of school. She wondered if this is part of the curriculum or if it is because the class is so large they need to place children in front of a movie to keep them occupied. Dr. Giarrizzo asked if Mrs. Dalto had spoken with the teacher or Mrs. Nimmo about this issue. He said he does not believe this is what is happening in the classroom. He will follow-up but reassured Mrs. Dalto that the children are being well supported.

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

Personnel

Resignation - Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts the resignation of Derek Leif, Librarian, effective September 27, 2018

Leave of Absence for Child Rearing Purposes – Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves a leave of absence for child rearing purposes for Christina Rizzotti, Special Education, effective October 1, 2018 through January 31, 2019

Increments for Advanced Study – Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an increment for advanced study for Alexandra Acosta, Earth Science, from Step 5 of the MA+15 salary schedule to Step 5 of the MA+30 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2018

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an increment for advanced study for Lindsay Feibus, Elementary, from Step 8 of the MA salary schedule to Step 8 of the MA+15 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2018

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an increment for advanced study for Tracy Iacovelli, Physical Education, from Step 22 of the MA+45 salary schedule to Step 22 of the MA+60 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2018

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an increment for advanced study for Calliope Iakovou, Elementary, from Step 8 of the MA+30 salary schedule to Step 8 of the MA+45 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2018

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an increment for advanced study for Kristie Lieberman, English, from Step 22 of the MA+60 salary schedule to Step 22 of the MA+75 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2018

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an increment for advanced study for Chivon Marteena, Special Education, from Step 7 of the MA+15 salary schedule to Step 7 of the MA+30 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2018

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an increment for advanced study for Kristen Nersesian, Mathematics, from Step 2 of the BA+30 salary schedule to Step 2 of the MA salary schedule, effective September 1, 2018

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an increment for advanced study for Elisabeth Raeihle, Special Education, from Step 6 of the MA salary schedule to Step 6 of the MA+15 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2018

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an increment for advanced study for Amy Roberts, Elementary, from Step 1 of the MA+15 salary schedule to Step 1 of the MA+30 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2018

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an increment for advanced study for Roxsi Robles, Spanish K-12, from Step 4 of the MA salary schedule to Step 4 of the MA+15 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2018

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an increment for advanced study for Keith Slack, Technology Education, from Step 9 of the MA+60 salary schedule to Step 9 of the MA+75 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2018

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an increment for advanced study for Lisa Suau, Reading, from Step 19 of the MA+60 salary schedule to Step 19 of the MA+75 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2018

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an increment for advanced study for Karl Tretter, LOTE (Spanish & Italian) from Step 18 of the MA+60 salary schedule to Step 18 of the MA+75 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2018

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an increment for advanced study for Emily Whelan, Social Studies, from Step 2 of the MA salary schedule to Step 2 of the MA+15 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2018

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an increment for advanced study for Marie Zilinski, ESL, from Step 10 of the MA+45 salary schedule to Step 10 of the MA+60 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2018

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an increment for advanced study for Kimberly DiCicco, Special Education, from Step 14 of the MA+45 salary schedule to Step 14 of the MA+60 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2018

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an increment for advanced study for Diane Krupin, Elementary, from Step 12 of the MA+45 salary schedule, to Step 12 of the MA+60 salary schedule effective September 1, 2018

Increments for Advanced Study (Corrections) - Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an increment for advanced study for Daniel Mazz, Mathematics, from Step 9 of the MA+30 salary schedule to Step 8 of the MA+30 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2018 (Daniel was previously appointed on Step 9 incorrectly)

Regular Substitute (Leave Replacement) Appointments - Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Ken Mady, Earth Science, on Step 10 of the MA+30 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019

Approval of Hourly Rate for Security Personnel and Annual Stipends for the 2018-2019 School Year

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the hourly rate for security personnel and annual stipends for the 2018-2019 school year as discussed previously by members of the Board in executive session

Teacher Overages

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the following overage effective September 5, 2018 through June 26, 2018:

Casey Turk, Social Studies .1
Patrick Cassino, Science .1

Approval of Additions to the Per Diem Substitute List

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

Brianna Black Teacher Substitute
Matthew Eisen Teacher Substitute
Marissa Greenberg Teacher Substitute
Heidi Foster Teacher Substitute
William Helf Teacher Substitute
Alvorine Martin Teacher Substitute
Milton Mayers Teacher Substitute
Jillian Mott Teacher Substitute
Kerri Stanganelli Teacher Substitute
Debra Varca Teacher Substitute

Approval of Extra-Curricular Activity Advisors

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the following extra-curricular activity advisors for the 2018-2019 school year:

High School

Class Advisors

Junior Class Lisa Miller Step 2
Freshman Class Stacy Hosemann Step 1

Level 3

Mathletes Kristen Nersesian Step 1
Viking Masquers Rob Willgoos Step 1

Level 2

GSA Maram Mabrouk Step 1

Organizations

Student Government Michelle Lempenski Step 1

Dramatics

Production Advisor Jared Berry Step 1

Middle School

Level 2

Art Club Pam Shea Step 2

Ben Benfield Step 1

Organizations (Music)

Jazz Band Eric Mordhorst* Step 2

*Eric was previously approved at Step 1

Elementary

Glen Head

Level 2

4th Gr Recorder Club Whitney Hackman Step 1

4th Gr Shared Inquiry Bk Club Linda Klion Step 1

Level 1

After School Sports Lauren Gotta Step 2

Organizations (Music)

GH Headliners Whitney Hackman Step 1

GWL Band Richard Blake Step 1

Coaches

MS Field Hockey John DeLiso Step 1

MS Intramurals Michelle Hart Step 1

Bob McKee Step 2

Jean Betzios Step 1

Maria Perdios Step 1

Julia Lyons Step 1

Susan Hallquest Step 1

Athletic Supervisor Michele O'Brien N/A

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

Approval of Amendment to the Agreement with the Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves a Fourth Amendment to the February 1, 2007 Employment Agreement between the School District and Mr. Robert Chlebicki, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, as per the terms and conditions as set forth in the attached amendment to the agreement, effective July 1, 2018 through June 1, 2019 and; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is herewith authorized to execute on behalf of the Board of Education said amendment to agreement between the Board of Education and Mr. Robert Chlebicki, which amendment was previously reviewed by the members of the Board of Education

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

Approval of Amendment to the Agreement with the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Personnel Services

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves a Fourth Amendment to the February 1, 2007 Employment Agreement between the School District and Ms. Olivia Buatsi, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Personnel Services, as per the terms and conditions as set forth in the attached amendment to the agreement, effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is herewith authorized to execute on behalf of the Board of Education said amendment to agreement between the Board of Education and Ms. Olivia Buatsi, which amendment was previously reviewed by the members of the Board of Education

Prior to approval, Trustee Russo noted that the grant received does not have to be used for Teacher's College. She asked, if there is evidence that the gaps have been plugged, now that we have been using Teacher's College for several years. Dr. Giarrizzo explained that there is a plan to report on the program this year. Trustee Russo asked that the report include the good and the bad as the program has been expensive. Trustee Russo also asked if the budget transfer for ERASE Racism is a second workshop or for the presentation over the summer. Mr. Buatsi explained it was for the presentation over the summer.

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

Approval of Budget Transfers

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore CSD hereby approves budget transfers in the amount of \$99,331.65 to cover professional development for Teachers College (through grant), Erase Racism presentation, professional development for NYS Science Learning Standards

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

Approval of Change Order

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore CSD hereby approves change order #2 from Web Construction Corp., for Bond Referendum, Phase 3 at the High School, in the amount of \$2,800 (additional)

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

Approval of Amendment to Stipulation of Settlement and Release

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby adopts and approves a Written Amendment to a Stipulation of Settlement and Release previously entered into by the Board and the Parent and/or Guardian of the Student named in the attached confidential Schedule "A", dated May 11, 2017, and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said Written Amendment on behalf of the entire Board

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

Approval of Agreement Between Teachers College, Columbia University and The North Shore CSD

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore CSD hereby approves an agreement between the School District and Teachers College, Columbia University, to provide onsite professional development and site based coaching as per the terms and conditions as set forth in the attached agreement during the period September 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement on behalf of the Board

Prior to approval, Trustee Russo asked how mentors are chosen and what the standards are for becoming a mentor. Mr. Chlebicki explained that by state regulation, anyone new to the teaching profession, in their first year, must be mentored. Our policy at North Shore, is anyone new to the District must be mentored their first year, which might continue if that is recommended by their mentor. The Professional Development Committee (PDC) has a process for selecting mentors. principals, union representatives, and several other people review applications from teachers who wish to be a mentor and a committee makes the decision of who should be paired with whom. Mr. Chlebicki further explained that often there are not enough teachers who apply to be mentors.

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

Approval of Agreement Between the North Shore CSD and NYSUT Education & Learning Trust

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore CSD hereby approves an agreement between the School District and NYSUT Education & Learning Trust to provide a mentoring seminar as per the terms and conditions as set forth in the attached agreement, effective September 27, 2018 through June 30, 2019;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement on behalf of the Board

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

Approval of Agreement Between the North Shore CSD and WebCola Media, Inc.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore CSD hereby approves an agreement between the School District and WebCola Media, Inc. to provide Website Design, Development, Updates and Maintenance, as per the terms and conditions as set forth in the attached agreement, effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement on behalf of the Board

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

Approval of Special Education Services Contracts

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore CSD hereby approves an agreement between the School District and Syosset CSD for Special Education Services for parentally-placed students with disabilities attending non-public schools located within the Syosset Central School District and residing within the North Shore Central School District during the 2018-2019 school year

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement on behalf of the Board

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

Approval of Special Education Tuition Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore CSD hereby approves an agreement between the School District and Herricks UFSD to provide instruction and services set forth in the IEP of those student(s) listed on the attached 'Confidential Schedule A' of the Agreement, as per the terms and conditions as set forth in the attached agreement, effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement on behalf of the Board

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

Approval of Agreement Between the North Shore CSD and a Tenured Teacher

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore CSD, herewith authorizes an Agreement between the Board and a certain tenured teacher. The Board has previously reviewed said Agreement in Executive Session

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board to execute the Agreement.

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

Approval of Agreement between the North Shore CSD and Achieve Beyond

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore CSD hereby approves an agreement between the School District and Achieve Beyond to provide Occupational Therapy, Speech/Language Therapy, Physical Therapy, Translation Services, Evaluations, and ABA Services as per the terms and conditions set forth in the attached agreement, effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement on behalf of the Board

Committee Reports

Trustee Ludmar reported on a meeting of the Construction Steering Committee which was held on September 18, 2018 and attended by Trustees Jones, Ludmar, and Russo, Dr. Giarrizzo, Ms. Buatsi and Mr. Hall. The Victorian House is getting set up as a recording studio; currently looking into machinery and equipment. Capital Construction Projects - HS Mansard Roof – the color of the panels was not correct and will be replaced, or re-skinned, at no cost to district. There is a concern for the durability of re-skinning. High School Entry Plan is not included in budget and is up for a future discussion. Changing to electronic monitoring of gas tank levels is two-thirds completed and running well. District Wide replacement of network cabling is with SED for approval. Some will be covered by grant funding. Phase 2 Bond work - previous bonds are nearing the end –the Middle School elevator has been closed out. Phase 3 Bond work - a few are in the close out phase. Capital Reserve (2014) Sea Cliff Boiler and High School HVAC project are in closeout phase, 2 unit ventilators to be scheduled for the summer. RFP for Alternative Energy /Photovoltaics to be drafted. Bond referendum going forward. Future Capital Reserve for district wide large space A/C projects - paperwork to SED with the goal to try for some phases before next summer but that is not an optimistic goal. Repair Reserve –elementary windows completed, abatement soffit around high school being worked on. The Sea Cliff tree was taken down, we have contracted with an arborist who did an assessment of all trees around the district and determined that some trees needed to be taken down. We need to plant 2 trees for every one taken down and are deciding what to plant. The focus will be on faster growing, hardier trees. The new scoreboard will hopefully be installed in time for Homecoming. There was a brief discussion about the Littleworth Lane issue; the District and Sea Cliff Village agreed on some safety measures to the road and sidewalk. Finally, he reported that the Septic Tank at Sea Cliff is completed.

President Jones reported on a meeting of the District Wide Health and Safety Committee which met on September 26, 2018. They focused on reviewing the District's safety and response plan. The Board will vote on the Plan and it will become a public document. Other issues discussed were indoor air quality in the schools, heat in the buildings, and concrete plans when buildings get too hot. Littleworth Lane was discussed – students will be educated on pedestrian safety, sidewalk extension on the south side of Littleworth has been replaced and we are waiting for the crosswalks to be repainted. They discussed the high school sidewalk issue which is tied to the building plan. The sidewalk seems to be an urgent piece and there was a discussion of moving ahead with that once a cost is determined.

Trustee Russo asked if that piece could come from the Repair Reserve. Dr. Giarrizzo does not think it can because it would be considered new construction. Dr. Giarrizzo will look into cost of the project. They also discussed the sidewalk to the deli and will pursue this with the County Legislature.

Comments from the Public

Maria Mosca, Sea Cliff, asked what the plan is for replacing the tree at Sea Cliff School. Dr. Giarrizzo explained that the stump has been preserved and a table will be made from it. It has not yet been determined what species of tree will replace the one taken down. He said Dr. Zublionis is collaborating with the Village on that. Regarding Littleworth Lane, Ms. Mosca said she served on that committee, and there were so many recommendations including traffic calming measures of speed bumps or a median. She would like to know the plan. Dr. Giarrizzo responded, the short-term recommendations will be implemented, installing the sidewalk, repaving the road, the kindergarten playground fence has been moved back and the fence between the two playgrounds has been removed. Also students will receive education on pedestrian safety. Dr. Giarrizzo has not heard anything about speed bumps or traffic calming measures being installed.

Old Business

The Board discussed areas for the Legislative Action Committee to focus on for 2018-2019.

Trustee Russo suggested a focus on safety regulations and requirements from the state and what we might petition the Governor for. In addition, she suggested creating a liaison to work with concerned citizens working on the NYAW issue.

Trustee Vizza agreed with the idea of a focus on spending for school safety and possibly looking how that expenditure can be pulled out of the tax cap and/or advocating for funding in that area. As a member of the civic association, she has noticed cross purposes between the District and the Civics and she agrees an organized liaison position would be beneficial. She noted NYSSBA has very good position papers available for use. She suggested pressing our legislators about the tax cap and LIPA reserve.

President Jones agreed the tax cap, initial reserve funds, and funding for safety is important. She believes the SuperLac group is also working on the safety piece.

Dr. Giarrizzo reported that he spoke with both Superintendents from Garden City and Manhasset while at the Leadership Summit in Saratoga. He has volunteered to spearhead getting the SuperLac group going again.

Trustee Ludmar would like LAC to look at the NYAW issue as it relates to the impact it has on the District. He would also like LAC to bring to our attention items that come up regarding schools such as the recent tying Title I funds to the APPR, policies related to Charter Schools, and the recent legislation that just passed regarding feminine hygiene products in grades 6-12. He also suggested the Board and our new attorneys review the LAC By-Laws.

Trustee Galati agreed with Trustee Vizza's idea of focusing the group on legislative talking points.

Trustee Vizza added, a recent article in *On Board* gave scenarios if Governor Cuomo is re-elected. She encouraged fellow Trustees to read it.

Trustee Commander suggested LAC contact our state legislators on age related sales of drug paraphernalia such as "JUULS". She said this is a tremendous problem and is not regulated.

Dr. Giarrizzo said LAC has decided not to do a full scale legislative night this year, however SuperLac has done a small scale breakfast. He also noted that they intend on continuing their work on lobbying for removing elections from school buildings.

President Jones feels LIPA needs to be a continued focus. She said although the decision on forcing 95% participation for standardized testing was reversed, APPR is still tied to the test and that should remain a focus.

Trustee Russo suggested a focus on pushing for a TRS reserve comparable to the ERS reserve. She noted the FED raised interest rates recently and will raise them again in December and possibly 2 more times in the spring.

Trustee Vizza asked if County Legislators DiRiggi and Lafazan might be able to help with the issue of elections being held in school buildings. Dr. Giarrizzo explained the SuperLac group is working on this but presently we have no choice as to what buildings the Board of Elections use.

In other old business, Dr. Giarrizzo reported that he followed up with NYSIR on the soccer goals that are being donated. We have been informed they are fine for the children to use. The donation will be placed on the next agenda for acceptance.

New Business

Dr. Giarrizzo explained that the Board set a goal for presenting a Bond Referendum to voters. Over the course of the fall the Board interviewed architects and construction managers and are in the process of contract negotiations. There have been preliminary meetings. The work will surround three broad categories; security, instructional use of space and review of the energy performance contract. The architects suggest a Bond Steering Committee consisting of three Board Members, Dr. Giarrizzo, Ms. Buatsi, Mr. Chlebicki and Mr. Hall. This committee will make recommendations to the full board. The plan is to talk with the community to get wide input on what the priorities should be. A bond advisory committee will also be formed. This committee will be a fairly large committee and will be comprised of community members, members of the board, administrators, faculty and perhaps students. Once the Bond Steering Committee meets, and the Board meets with the architects and construction managers, the Bond Advisory Committee will be formed. It was decided that President Jones, Vice-president Ludmar and Trustee Russo, the members who currently serve on the Construction Steering Committee, will also serve on the Bond Steering Committee. The next meeting of the Bond Steering Committee is scheduled for October 4th. Trustee Russo suggested the architects do interviews with stakeholders before going out to a larger group, in order to tap into all areas of the community. Trustee Ludmar added, it is important to capture as large a cross section of the community as possible. The Board decided to meet with the architects and construction managers at their meeting of October 11; Trustee Russo is unable to attend that meeting.

Adjournment

At 9:30 p.m., on motion of Trustee Russo and seconded by Trustee Vizza and all in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Ciampi
District Clerk