

North Shore Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Minutes
November 19, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President David Ludmar at 6:30 p.m. in the North Shore High School Theatre. The meeting was simultaneously livestreamed. Present were Trustees Jones, Macari, Madden, Russo and Vizza. Trustee Galati participated via videoconference. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Peter Giarrizzo and Assistant Superintendents Olivia Buatsi and Christopher Zublionis.

At 6:30 p.m. on motion of Trustee Madden and seconded by Trustee Macari and all in favor, the Board moved to convene an executive session to consider discussions regarding collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law) and discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation.

At 8:00 p.m. on motion of Trustee Jones and seconded by Trustee Vizza and all in favor, the Board moved to come out of executive session and resumed the regular meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Ludmar led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On motion of Trustee Jones and seconded by Trustee Vizza and all in favor, the report of the SGO was moved up in the meeting.

Report from the SGO

SGO co-presidents Ariadna Pavilidas-Sanchez and Michael Gimonda, reported on events and activities at the high school.

Ariadna Pavilidas-Sanchez reported that all SGO positions have been filled. They have discussed plans for the rest of the school year. She has heard good things about the asynchronous learning. Students are happy with the 10-minute break between classes. Although she has heard good feedback regarding asynchronous days, some students have reported headaches from too much screen time.

Michael Gimonda reported that he has also heard positive things about switching from hybrid to full remote and back. He has heard some concerns of too much screen time between school work, clubs, drivers ed and other things. One solution students have suggested is to give a week break from screen time. He thanked the administration for all they have done to keep them in school.

Dave said he is very impressed with the way the student body has adjusted to their new style of learning.

Recognition of Students & of Staff for Physical Reopening

On behalf of the Board, President Ludmar and Dr. Giarrizzo recognized students who received medals at the Long Island Math Fair, National Merit Commended Scholars, as well as Class of 2021 Valedictorian, Sophie Blumenthal and Salutatorian, Kate Weseley-Jones. Natasha Gordon, representing the Coordinating Council of Parent Organizations recognized all of the Nurses, Custodians and Administrators in the District for their efforts to reopen schools. Each were presented with personalized water bottles. Finally, Dr. Giarrizzo and President Ludmar recognized representatives from the Viking

Foundation, and Lisa Cashman, who were present at the meeting, for the tremendous fundraising effort to provide HEPA filters throughout the District.

Approval of Minutes – 9:50 p.m.

On motion of Trustee Macari and seconded by Trustee Vizza and all in favor, the minutes of November 5, 2020 were approved.

Report of the Superintendent – 9:55 p.m.

Dr. Giarrizzo congratulated the Long Island Math Fair medalists and the National Merit Commended students who were recongized this evening. He also congratulated Sophie Blumenthal for being named the Valedictorian of the Class of 2021 and Kate Weseley-Jones for being named the Salutatorian. He thanked the Coordinating Council for honoring the support staff and the Viking Foundation for the impressive accomplishment of raising funds in 30 days to support the district in the purchase of HEPA filters. Dr. Giarrizzo welcomed representatives from MEMASI Design to the meeting who will share the newest designs for Phase I of the Capital Project.

Dr. Giarrizzo said he is encouraged that the District has gone 2 straight days without positive COVID cases. He explained that with the rates getting higher and higher, any zip codes in districts that are designated as a yellow zone will have to close school to instruction and pivot to remote until rates come down, or institute a testing protocol to test 20% of students and staff over a period of time to remain open. He said we will need to plan for this scenario and some districts are looking for a contingency plan. Dr. Giarrizzo reported the need to close schools indicated that our online instruction is much improved from last spring and he thanked the principals and especially Dr. Zublionis for that success. Dr. Giarrizzo said he has heard of some small and a few larger gatherings happening and he encourages everyone not to hold large gatherings. He explained that the first question the Department of Health asks is about social distancing and mask compliance. He further explained that he has reached out to law enforcement and they will be staying in touch. Regarding the recent vandalism, that remains an active and open investigation and he is working closely with the precinct. He reported that the Athletic Advisory Committee had its first meeting this week which he will report on later in the meeting; they are working on alternatives for later in the season.

President Ludmar said he attended the high school PTO meeting and one of the points raised was that people should avoid shaming others who get sick, and family choices. President Ludmar stated there is a difference between shaming people and putting the investment that has been made to open school at risk. He went on to say finger pointing and blaming is not productive, but having these kinds of large events is counter-productive. He further stated that we all crave interactions but he asks that we think twice before having a large event and asked parents to explain to their children that attending a large event is not in everyone's best interest.

Regular Business

Update On Capital Project-Phase I – 9:10 p.m.

Representatives from MEMASI Design updated the Board on the status of projects in Phase I of the Capital Project. This includes the three elementary schools' exterior entrances, secure entrance vestibules and adjacent support spaces; the middle school addition and renovations, including library air conditioning and locker room renovations; and district-wide security system upgrades. They reviewed the scope of each building's major work. Glen Head will have main office renovations and a new secure entrance vestibule and security office. Glenwood Landing will have a new service provider's room, nurse office and attendance office renovations and a new secure entrance vestibule and security office. At Sea Cliff School a new exterior stair and landing, new secure entrance vestibule and security office. The middle school will have the most extensive new construction and renovation. New construction

includes a secure student and visitor entrance vestibules, security office, student commons/flexible instructional space, STEAM lab & math lab. Infrastructure upgrades include select multi-user and individual toilet room upgrades, interior and exterior door upgrades. Renovations and modernizations will include the main office, music spaces, coding and robotics lab, science lab FACS, library student wellness center and locker rooms. The architects reviewed the budget for this work. The total bond referendum is \$39,899,786 of which Phase 1 security upgrades total \$15,245,490. The MS Locker Rooms and MS Library A/C will be funded through the Capital Reserve and General fund and the Glen Head Nurse's Suite will be done during Phase 2. They also reviewed the timeline from design through construction. Phase 1 has already been submitted to SED with a tentative approval expected in January 2021, construction in the elementary schools in the summer of 2021 and the middle school construction over two summers (2021 and 2022). The start of design for Phase 2 has begun with expectation of SED submission in the fall of 2021 and construction commencing in June of 2022 with completion in September 2023.

Trustee Macari asked whether there would be ADA access in the renovated front access at the Sea Cliff school and in the middle school entrance where there is a stairway by the seating area. Dr. Giarrizzo explained that at the Sea Cliff School there is already an ADA access on the Franklin Avenue side and there is a second security guard who will be able to monitor that entrance. Regarding the middle school there are several ADA entrances to the middle school that access the upper areas. Trustee Macari expressed concern that the psychologist office is in the Wellness Center. She said she feels that office should be private and discrete and not in a common area where others can see students or parents entering/leaving. She also wants to be sure the walls are sound proof. Ms. Mesiti-Ceas explained that they are still working on the degree of transparency into the entrance to the suite but it will provide privacy; the rendering doesn't necessarily represent that yet but they will resolve the privacy issue. She further explained that all concerns were discussed with the department during the design phase. Trustee Vizza added that there is very little privacy now, it is very noisy and the design of this center will be a vast improvement. She stressed the importance of sound proofing. Dr. Giarrizzo explained that one wall will be against a larger conference room and the other side will be two psychology offices.

Budget Advisory Committee-10:00 p.m.

The Board discussed a potential new budget advisory committee. Trustees discussed the different models used by the districts who responded to the survey. Trustees agreed it should serve as an advisory to the Board who would accept or reject recommendations they may make. Training for committee members was suggested as budget formation is complex and heavily regulated. Concerns raised were putting a committee together of unelected individuals who are making recommendations about the budget but are not responsible to the public, and understanding the complexities of the budget process. It was suggested that the committee be more of a liaison between the Board and the community, to help the public better understand the parameters of how the budget is built. Trustees agreed the more people involved, and who understand the process, the better. It was recommended that the charge be clear and the committee not be a burden on Ms. Buatsi and the business office; it should be supportive of her office. Regarding the committee members, all agreed it should be a cross section of stake-holders in the community and not a narrow group but there needs to be parameters of who they would be looking for to serve on the committee. Dr. Giarrizzo, Ms. Buatsi and Trustees Russo and Vizza will outline a structure for the committee for the Board's review. The intention will be to get a committee going for the next budget season, not this budget season.

Vandalism- 10:40 p.m.

Dr. Giarrizzo explained that he continues to work with the Nassau County detective unit on the vandalism that occurred in the district. They are following leads and it continues to be an open and active investigation which they are hoping to get a conclusion on.

President Ludmar suggested putting out a \$1,000 reward for the arrest of the perpetrators. He said he feels it should be a priority to let people know it is unacceptable to vandalize district property. He further stated that it is illegal and it cost the district money.

Trustee Russo said although she has no problem with offering a reward she is not comfortable with suing community members. She said she does not feel it is the most effective tool for curbing vandalism and she is most interested in finding out the motivation for it. She also said it does not seem to go along with our desire for social emotional learning for students.

President Ludmar noted that we do not know if it is someone from our community or someone underage. He feels the reward would be used to deter someone else from doing the same thing. Dr. Giarrizzo added that we have been clear to the police that we plan to press charges. President Ludmar asked if the Board is comfortable with offering a reward to find the individual or individuals responsible for the vandalism. The Board discussed the pros and cons of offering a reward, and possible amounts. President Ludmar made a motion that the Board offer a \$250 reward for information leading to the identification of the perpetrators of vandalism to district buildings. Trustee Jones seconded the motion. A vote was taken and with President Ludmar and Trustee Jones voting for, Trustees Galati, Madden, Russo and Vizza voting against and Trustee Macari abstaining, the motion was defeated.

Comments from the Public – 11:00 p.m.

The Board received one public comment via email prior to the meeting.

William Bryant, Sea Cliff, thanked the Board and Administration for their ongoing work of addressing the many challenges during a difficult school year, and while acknowledging the accomplishments of the opening and in-person instruction, there are several areas of concern which the administration and Board is aware of which he feels need attention. He asked that the issues be addressed with urgency and as much transparency as possible so parents can be assured that the appropriate steps are being taken for their children's safety. He also asked that parents hear the outcomes of any deliberations and decisions of the process, if possible.

President Ludmar explained that while Mr. Bryant's comment is accurate, the Board cannot discuss individual employees, students or families in public. He further stated that the Board is focused on this issue and it is important to them. They have instituted a process which they believe is thorough and appropriate.

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

Personnel

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 Stephanie Donnelly, Physical Education, effective December 5, 2020 through June 30, 2021

Increment 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 Noel Beccarino, English, from Step 5 of the MA+15 salary schedule to Step 5 of the MA+30 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2020

Appointment – Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves a probationary appointment for Maria Varrichio, Teaching Assistant, on Step 1 of the Level I Teaching Assistant salary schedule, effective November 9, 2020 through November 9, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves a one-year appointment for Kaylee Polinsky, Literacy, on Step 1 of the MA salary schedule, effective November 30, 2020 through June 30, 2021

Regular Substitute (Leave Replacement) Appointment - Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Kenneth Mady, Special Education, on Step 10 of the MA salary schedule, effective February 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021

Appointments – Non-Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the appointment of Cristina Spensieri, School Monitor, effective November 4, 2020

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the appointment of Giselle Urrgeo-Heraud School Monitor, effective November 9, 2020

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the appointment of Jill Russo, School Monitor, effective November 5, 2020

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the appointment of Jodi Cirella, Teacher Aide, effective November 5, 2020

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 additions of the following names to the per diem substitute list:

Jeanine Feuerborn	Teacher Substitute
Jessica Gioia	Teacher Substitute
Inna Tymochko-Dekajlo	Teacher Substitute
Lisa Ceccarini	Food Service Helper Substitute
Kim Mancuso	Teacher Aide Substitute
Lucy Maffettone	Teacher Aide Substitute
Ramon J. Pesante, Jr.	Cleaner Substitute
Kacey Burden	Teacher Substitute
Olivia Statile	Teacher substitute
Joanne Heman	Teacher Substitute
Kristen Fiorenti	Teacher Substitute

Approval of Extra-Curricular Activity Advisors

High School

Class Advisor

Freshman Class	Andrea Ward*	Step 1
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Level 3

Debate Club	Josh Knight	Step 1
	Brian Rodahan	Step 1
F.I.R.S.T Robotics Asst.	Matthew Hayduk	Step 1
Portfolio Club	Sara Cano	Step 2
	Margaret DeLima	Step 1
Tri-M	Brandon Bromsey*	Step 1
Viking Masquers	Michael Kleba	Step 2

Level 1

Rho Kappa	Jenn Babb*	Step 2
C.H.A.T.	Melanie Grimshaw*	Step 2

Dramatics-Level 2

Director (Play)	Michael Kleba	Step 2
Director (Sr. Class Play)	Michael Kleba	Step 2

Middle School

Class Advisor

Grade 8	Flavia Finning	Step 1
Culture Club	Amanda Haleiko	Step 1
	Toni Cohn	Step 1

Dramatics-Level 1

Vocal Music Director	Brian Messemer	Step 2
Director (Play) (E3)	Noel Beccarino	Step 1

Elementary Schools

Level 2

GH Intramurals		
World Series of Kickball	Lauren Gotta	Step 2
GH 4th Gr. Shared Inquiry Bk Club	Cindy Ellenbogen	Step 1
GWL Math Olympiad	Darlene Skaee	Step 2

Level 1

GH Jogging Club	Ann Marie Burden	Step 1
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Organizations (Music)-Level 1

GH Headliners	Whitney Hackman	Step 1
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Dramatics- Level 1

SC Dramatics Pro

*Co-Advisors

The Board discussed the donation from the Arts Angels and the Agreement with Martin Music Productions. Trustee Russo expressed concern that the donation exceeded the contract and questioned if the two were linked. Dr. Zublionis explained that the donation and the agreement with Martin Music were not linked; they were for two separate programs.

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

Acceptance of a Donation from The Arts Angels to the North Shore Schools Fine and Performing Arts Department

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts a donation of \$1,200 from the Arts Angels to the North Shore Schools Fine and Performing Arts Department for the purpose of obtaining the service of video and audio engineer, Connor Martin

Dr. Zublionis explained that the agreement with Martin Music Production is for professional development for teachers. He explained that Mr. Martin works for Hofstra. He said his work was reviewed at Hofstra and Ms. Rodriguez felt comfortable with him. 4 bids were sent out, 2 responded, those were evaluated in consultation with the Arts Angels. Trustee Madden noted that a \$500 contract did not need to go through the bidding process. There was some concern regarding the language in the contract.

Trustee Russo made a motion to table the agreement, Trustee Jones seconded the motion.

James Pyun, counsel from Frazer and Feldman, said he would review the language in the contract and suggested the resolution be revised to add the language pending review by counsel, so the contract could be approved.

Trustee Russo withdrew her motion to table the agreement.

On motion of Trustee Russo and seconded by Trustee Jones and all in favor, the resolution was amended and approved.

Approval of an Agreement Between the North Shore Central School District and Martin Music Productions

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an agreement between the North Shore Central School District and Martin Music Productions, to provide professional development/consulting services to train teachers on audio and video recordings, as per the terms and conditions set forth in the attached agreement at a fee not to exceed \$500, effective November 18, 2020 through February 1, 2021, pending review by counsel; and 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 of Education.

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

Appointment of Board of Registration

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby appoints the following individuals to serve as the Board of Registration for the Annual Election:

Mary Lou Martin, Elizabeth Ciampi, Patricia Lerch, Philip Ciampi

Trustee Jones noted that her initial concern in the purchasing policy regarding green products was not addressed. She said she does not feel it complies with the law and is not helpful to the people in the purchasing department. She suggested the policy be sent back to the committee for further review. She also noted that Trustee Macari had raised a concern about the vetting of community education instructors considering that high school students are permitted to participate in the program. She said this is not addressed in the policy and asked that the policy be sent back to committee for further review.

On motion of President Ludmar and seconded by Trustee Jones and all in favor, the adoption of policies 6700, 6700R and 4340 was tabled.

The Board decided to act simultaneously on action items H & I

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

Approval to Dispose of Inventory

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore CSD approves of the disposal of the following inventory items:

1-Shredder at Central Office

9-Ethernet Switches at Glen Head School

1-Server at Glen Head School

1-Printer at High School

Approval of Claims Audit Report

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts the internal claims audit report for the period October 2020, as reviewed and submitted by the internal claims auditor, Denise Longobardi

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

Approval of an Amendment to an Agreement Between the North Shore Central School District and Chakira-Iliana Doherty, a/k/a/ Sew Theatrical

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the Amendment to the Consultant Agreement dated November 5, 2020 between the School District and Chakira-Iliana Doherty, a/k/a/ Sew Theatrical, extending the effective date through December 30, 2020 due to the rescheduling of the North Shore High School Fall Play; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said Amendment on behalf of the Board of Education.

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

Approval of an Agreement Between the North Shore Central School District and Carrie's Kids, Inc.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the Agreement between the School District and Carrie's Kids, Inc., to provide occupational therapy, evaluations and consultations, as per the terms and conditions set forth in the attached agreement, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021; and

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 of Education.

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

Approval of Special Educations Services (IEP)

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves special education services (IEP) as per the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education (CSE)

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

Acceptance of the Independent Audit Reports for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts the Independent Audit Reports as prepared by Cullen & Danowski, and reviewed by the Audit Committee on November 5, 2020 for year ended June 30, 2020

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

Approval of Budget Transfers

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves budget transfers in the amount of \$32,500, to cover a stipulation of settlement, effective November 19, 2020

Prior to approval Dr. Giarrizzo explained that money appropriated from the 2019-2020 fund balance for COVID expenses is being assigned to the 2020-2021 budget. Therefore, the funds need to be moved into the 2020-2021 budget for those expenses. This is essentially an auditing function of transferring it from one school year to the other and will not raise the tax levy. He further explained that the tax payer will not see a change to their taxes and the tax levy will not change. Trustee Russo added, it is a reassignment of fund balance which was initially designated for reserves until the pandemic hit, and expenses increased, which needed to be covered and was unanticipated. The fund balance has now been re-designated for COVID expenses. She further explained that when the Board puts fund balance into reserves it does not increase the budget, however in this instance the funds will be spent so the budget needs to be increased. The increase to the budget will be offset by fund balance and therefore does not increase the tax levy. President Ludmar added the move out of reserves is in concert with state rules which have been relaxed for use of those funds, specifically during this pandemic year. He asked if this new budget number would affect the tax cap going forward. Ms. Buatsi said it will not as the tax levy will not change and the tax cap is built off of the tax levy, not the amount of the budget.

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

Approval to Increase the 2020-2021 Budget

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Pandemic has resulted in a number of unbudgeted and unanticipated expenditures to prepare District buildings for reopening and for student and staff occupancy; now, therefore,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District authorizes an increase to the 2020-21 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$2,900,000, to be funded by \$2,700,000.00 designated by the Board of Education as Assigned Fund Balance for School Reopening Expenses at the August 27, 2020 Regular Meeting, and \$200,000.00 apportioned by the Board of Education for professional development and payment for teachers for the continuation of online learning at the June 18, 2020 Regular Meeting; and that such revenues be added to the appropriate line items within the voter approved budget as set forth in the attached budget adjustment spreadsheet; and that such funds shall be used for the following unanticipated ordinary contingent expenses: costs related to necessary teaching and auxiliary staff, services, supplies and materials in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including expenses necessary to safely reopen schools and maintain the district's educational program, preserve property, assure health and safety of students and staff and meet the legal obligations of the district.

The Board discussed the contract with General Audio Visual, Inc. (GAVI). Concerns were raised about the amount of the contract, whether there was an RFP, how many people bid, whether it is limited to the Fine and Performing Arts Department. Dr. Giarrizzo suggested tabling the approval of the contract while he looked into opportunities of coordination between athletics, performing arts and research being done with Swagit for Board Docs.

On motion of President Ludmar and seconded by Trustee Russo and all in favor, the Agreement with General Audio Visual, Inc. was tabled.

On motion of Trustee Jones and seconded by Trustee Russo and all in favor, it was:
Approval of Agreement Between the North Shore Central School District and Holocaust Memorial & Tolerance Center of Nassau County

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the Agreement between the School District and Holocaust Memorial & Tolerance Center of Nassau County to provide three (3) virtual student programs “Deconstructing Symbols of Hate” for North Shore Middle School students on November 20, 2020, as per the terms and conditions set forth in the attached agreement, at a total cost of \$450; and

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 of Education.

The Board decided to act simultaneously on Action Items R and S

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

Approval of an Amendment to an Agreement Between the North Shore Central School District and North Shore Before/After School Child Care, Inc.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the Amendment to the Licensing and Operating Agreement between the School District and the North Shore Before/After School Child Care, Inc., renewing said Agreement for 2020-21 in accordance with the modified terms set forth therein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said Amendment on behalf of the Board of Education.

Approval of Special Education Services Contract

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the Agreement between the School District and the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District for Special Education Services for parentally-placed students with disabilities attending non-public schools located within the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District and residing within the North Shore School District during the 2020-2021 school year

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 of Education.

Board Committee Reports – 11:45 p.m.

Trustee Madden reported on a meeting of the Legislative Action Committee (LAC). Jennifer Lamond will be reaching out to Nassau County’s IDA office to get information on IDAs in the district. They are setting up a Google Share Document for members to input information. The website gives some information on public hearings. The bigger issue is the State Legislature and Governor’s negotiations for next year’s budget. Committee member James Versocki knows how the process works and suggested getting any specific requests or points to our legislators by mid-December. Members are looking for direction regarding drawing up some correspondence to our legislators. The next LAC meeting is December 2. Trustee Russo suggested coordinating with our lobbyist. She noted we have not heard from the lobbyist in nine months and she asked for a report to see what progress they are making and whether or not we should continue with their contract. The Board discussed a possible meeting with DHC for December 1.

Trustee Vizza reported on a meeting of the Athletic Advisory Committee. She said there was a good cross section of the school community including Don Lang, coaches, administrators, student athletes as well as President Ludmar, Trustee Madden and Dr. Giarrizzo. Students are frustrated, they

reported little communication about what is going on with athletics. The next stage is planning for the next three seasons beginning in January. They discussed what would happen if there is another shut down and how to keep the athletes engaged with their coaches. The charge to Don Lang and his staff is to come up with a plan; can they do remote coaching. They spoke about the social-emotional toll on the students, they miss their teammates and their coaches. They spoke about intramurals which students are enjoying. Continuing intramurals in inclement weather remains a challenge. They are hoping to have a cohesive plan by the next meeting in January. Dr. Giarrizzo added that the three options they have come up with is in-person, remote, or hybrid. Trustee Russo asked if they can get a price on putting a bubble over the tennis courts as an additional space for athletics. Dr. Giarrizzo will follow up on this.

Trustee Macari reported on a meeting of the Wellness Committee. She said there were four high school students on the committee. They spoke about synchronous and asynchronous schedules. The students report they love the classes which are interactive and how essential intramurals are to them. The high school is not having much outdoor learning. They are only outdoors for mask breaks and lunch. They spoke a bit about how to keep outdoor learning into the winter months. They spoke about wind screens. Trustee Vizza added that students reported they find asynchronous days very long, some say they are on screens 8-10 hours a day. Students shared with each other ways to get through it.

Trustee Jones reported on a meeting of the Safety Committee. The report on lead testing showed some lead in slop sinks but not where kids would be drinking water. They talked about ventilation, basically operating with MERV filters, waiting on the HEPA filters. They spoke about the issue of it getting colder and harder to get kids outside.

Old Business-12:05 p.m.

Trustee Macari asked if there has been any progress on continuing outdoor learning in the cold weather. Specifically, with the “Think Tank” and supplies being purchased. Dr. Giarrizzo said he has a list of names for the Think Tank but with the school closures over the last 2 weeks he has not been able to get that underway; he will get that in motion. He further stated that no specific purchases have been made. The Construction Steering Committee has talked about heaters and are checking with SED to see if they are permissible. They are also looking into wind barriers and will talk more about it and the possibility of working with a consultant on that.

New Business

Trustee Vizza asked if there were any points that stood out from the recent SEPTA “coffee talk” that may require immediate attention. She noted it has been difficult for special education students to get the most out of remote learning and she is wondering how those kids are faring. Dr. Giarrizzo said asynchronous days are frustrating for all kids and that needs to be figured out. He explained that he and Mr. Contreras have been speaking about it. He went on to say that the switch to a full day ICT has been a better model than the half day model. Those were the two main topics discussed. Trustee Vizza asked that Mr. Marino and the special education department be included in the report on student achievement presentation so the Board may hear about student outcomes in that area.

Trustee Macari asked how the newly hired aides and monitors are being trained. She would also like to know if they are being properly supervised and what assurances there are that students are having meaningful interactions with them. Dr. Giarrizzo explained that the supervision of them is assigned to the buildings and he will follow up on that.

Trustee Vizza asked whether the COVID communications that Dr. Giarrizzo sends out is sent in the native language of the family. Dr. Giarrizzo said those communications do translate in PowerSchool.

Executive Session

At 12:15 a.m., on motion of President Ludmar and seconded by Trustee Russo and all in favor, the Board convened an executive session to discuss proposed, pending or current litigation.

Adjournment

At 1:05 a.m. on motion of Trustee Macari and seconded by Trustee Vizza and all in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Ciampi
District Clerk