

North Shore Schools  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes  
November 7, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Sara Jones at 6:15 p.m. in the North Shore Middle School Cafetorium. Present were Trustees Commander, Ludmar, Madden, Russo and Vizza. Trustee Galati was absent. Also present Superintendent Peter Giarrizzo, and Assistant Superintendents Olivia Buatsi and Christopher Zublionis.

At 6:15 p.m. on motion of Trustee Vizza and seconded by Trustee Ludmar and all in favor, the Board moved to convene an executive session in the Faculty Room to consider matters leading to the appointment or employment of a particular person or persons.

At 7:00 p.m. on motion of Trustee Russo and seconded by Trustee Madden and all in favor, the Board moved to come out of executive session and resumed the regular meeting in the cafetorium. There were 2 people in the audience.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

President Jones led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Regular Business**

**Board Committee Appointments**

On motion of Trustee Ludmar and seconded by Trustee Russo and all in favor, it was:  
BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby appoints the following residents to board committees for a period of one year:

**Audit Committee**

Kathryn L. Miller and Raymond Ottusch

**Construction Steering Committee**

Maximo Buschfrers and Joanne Liou

**Audit Committee Meeting**

At 7:05 p.m. on motion of Trustee Madden and seconded by Trustee Vizza and all in favor, the Board moved to convene a meeting of the Audit Committee.

At 8:00 p.m. on motion of Trustee Russo and seconded by Trustee Commander and all in favor, the Audit Committee Meeting was adjourned and the regular meeting was resumed.

**Approval of Minutes**

On motion of Trustee Commander and seconded by Trustee Russo and all in favor, the minutes of October 24, 2019 were approved.

On motion of Trustee Russo and seconded by Trustee Ludmar and all in favor, the Board moved to move the report of the SGO up on the agenda.

### **Report from the SGO**

SGO co-presidents, Christian Genet and Sam Scordo reported on events and activities at the high school. The SGO recently voted to fund urinal dividers for the boys' bathrooms at the high school. The SGO will be providing child care during the community forum next Wednesday; SGO members will be reading to the kids placed in their care. Trustee Russo suggested the SGO wait to see what the Bond will be covering in regards to bathroom renovations. Dr. Giarrizzo suggested the co-presidents check in with him to review the renovations before committing to the purchase of the dividers.

### **Approval of Treasurer's Report**

On motion of Trustee Russo and seconded by Trustee Ludmar and all in favor, the treasurer's report of June 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019 was approved.

### **Report of the Superintendent**

Dr. Giarrizzo reported on the power outage last week at Glen Head School. He commended the principals, teachers, transportation department, students, and parents for handling the emergency situation so smoothly. He reported that they moved all of the children within 30 minutes and the flow of traffic works much better when kids ride the bus. He said the take-away from all of it is they are able to handle an emergency very quickly. After that incident questions were raised about where there are generators throughout the district. He explained that the high school has a generator which runs critical systems including the network operations center "NOC" and is a Red Cross Shelter site. The middle school has a generator which runs critical systems but has less coverage than the high school. Glen Head has a generator which only covers the walk in freezer & refrigeration – this was installed because the school was prone to frequent power outages. Glenwood Landing and Sea Cliff have no generator back-up at all. The transportation center has a full building generator and Central Office has a generator that runs critical systems to address administration operations during power failures. Dr. Giarrizzo reported there have been many bond conversations throughout the district. The next one is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13 @7:00 pm at the Glenwood Landing School Auditorium. It will be a joint meeting of all parent organizations including Arts Angels, Athletic Booster Club and Viking Foundation. Dr. Giarrizzo will be the guest speaker. Finally, he explained that he is assembling a task force on the stadium lighting at the high school. Trustee Commander will serve on that committee and he asked for one to two more Trustees who wish to participate. Trustees Madden and Russo volunteered to serve on the Task Force.

### **Establishing 2020-2021 Budget Priorities**

The Board discussed priorities for the formation of the 2020-2021 annual budget. Trustee Russo suggested the Board find a way to fund stadium lighting. She said this is an important issue to the community, and similar to the rubber mulch issue, when there is a significant issue to the community, she feels the Board should find a way to fund it. She suggested funding it through fund balance or possibly a capital reserve.

Trustee Vizza would like to encourage more professional development opportunities for staff to help fulfill the strategic goals.

Trustee Ludmar is interested in seeing a focus on continued usage of reserves in a way that is forward looking. He would like a continued commitment to small class size. He would like a narrative on how the old bond, the new bond, the capital reserve, the old EPC and new EPC all fit together. In addition, he would like a document that looks back on a couple of years of budget transfers to determine if there is a trend in certain areas.

President Jones agreed with more professional development opportunities. She is also interested in the continued use of reserve funds for upgrading technology to stay ahead of the curve

with bandwidth and the capacity to handle all student devices. She would like a continued focus on the Board's commitment to wellness and beyond its commitment to ensure it is organized the way it should be. Trustee Russo added, the parent organizations have been very generous with bringing in guest speakers and suggested the district work with them to facilitate workshops. President Jones said she feels the district needs a point person in-house who can work with outside groups. President Jones also asked for an inventory replacement schedule for each department.

The Board reviewed the meeting schedule for budget discussions. They will discuss fund balance on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Comments from the Public**

There were no public comments.

On motion of Trustee Russo and seconded by Trustee Commander 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 Jennifer Chaputian, Elementary, effective November 23, 2019 through January 31, 2020

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 Jessica McNeill, Music, effective February 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020

##### **Rescind Appointment – Certified**

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby rescinds the appointment of Michele Aweh, LOTE, approved on October 24, 2019 and effective October 17, 2019 through October 25, 2019

##### **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 Jane Launer, Elementary, on Step 1 of the MA salary schedule, effective October 28, 2019 through November 26, 2019

##### **Appointment – Non-Certified**

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the appointment of Marjorie O'Connor, Monitor, Transportation, effective November 4, 2019

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the appointment of Aurora Mazza, Part-time Monitor, Transportation, effective November 4, 2019

##### **Approval of Teacher Overage**

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the following overages:

Lynn Johnson, Art, .2, effective 9/9/19 through 10/2/19

Alana Cavallini, Special Education, .2, effective 9/4/19 through 6/16/19

Kaitlin Biagiotti, Science, .1, effective 10/15/2019 through 10/25/2019

*Approval of Extra-Curricular Activity Advisor*

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the following extra-curricular activity advisor:

High School

Dramatics

Choreographer	Simone Kuranishi*	Step 1
Director Sr. Class Play	Robert Willgoos	Step 1
	Simone Kuranishi	Step 1

\*replaces Audra Boyle

<u>2019-2020 Winter Coaches</u>	<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Step</u>
<b>Men's Basketball:</b>		
Varsity	Kevin Carpenter	2
Varsity Asst. Coach	Ryan Berglin	2
Junior Varsity	Kevin Dahill	1
<b>Women's Basketball</b>		
Varsity	Keith Freund	2
Varsity Asst. Coach	Erica Granieri	1
Junior Varsity	Michelle O'Brien	2
Middle School (7 <sup>th</sup> grade)	Jean Merz	2
<b>Gymnastics</b>		
Varsity	Melissa Vassallo	2
Var. Assistant	Cassandra Ayra	2
<b>Men's Bowling</b>		
Varsity/JV	Brian Rodahan	1
<b>Women's Bowling</b>		
Varsity/JV	Brian Kline	1
<b>MS B &amp; G Bowling</b>	<b>Advisor</b>	<b>Step</b>
Middle School (7 <sup>th</sup> & 8th)	Maria Perdios	1
Middle School (7th & 8th)	Nicole Larkin	1
<b>Women's Winter Track</b>		
Varsity/ JV	Neal Levy	2
Varsity/JV Asst.	Donna Jean Welch	2

<b>Men's Winter Track</b>		
Varsity/JV	Jason Millard	2
Varsity/JV Asst.	Michael Bishop	1
Middle School M/W	John Jackson	2
Middle School M/W	Nicole Lein	1
Middle School M/W	Jackie Muscarella	2
<b>Wrestling</b>		
Varsity	Mike Emmert	2
Varsity Asst.	Anthony Facchini	1
Middle School	Keith Slack	2
Middle School	Stephen Carr	1
Middle School	Tom Granieri	1
<b>Girls Volleyball</b>	<b>Advisor</b>	<b>Step</b>
Middle School 8th	Emily Whelan	1
Middle School 7th	Tom Granieri	1
<b>Boys Volleyball</b>		
Middle School 7 & 8	Philip Como	1
<b>Cheerleading</b>		
Varsity	Keri Lengyel	1
<b>Men's Swimming</b>		
Varsity	Peter Scala	1
<b>Intramurals</b>	Erika Granieri	1

On motion of Trustee Russo and seconded by Trustee Madden and all in favor, it was:  
Approval of the 2019-2020 District-Wide Safety and Emergency Management Plan  
 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the 2019-2020 District-Wide Safety and Emergency Management Plan as recommended by Altaris Consulting Group, LLC, and reviewed by the District-wide Safety Committee

On motion of Trustee Russo and seconded by Trustee Vizza and all in favor, it was:  
Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Security Personnel  
 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the Memorandum of Understanding between the District and each of its full-time Security Aides (“MOU”), listed below, and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute said MOUs on behalf of the Board:

Daniel Anderson	Vincent LoPiccolo	Alicia Post
Robert Blumenthal	Tom Mazur	Megan Pryor
Michael Capobianco	Donald McIntosh	Joseph Rizzo
Douglas Chu	Andrew Modell	Paul Salerno
Steven Curcio	Robert O'Brien	Giuseppe Sicuranza
Thomas Doyle	Frank Papa	Brian Simmons
Vincent Falsitta	Robert Papa	Donald Sinski
Charles Gambino	Vincent Papa	George Skaee
Perry Giambruno	Joseph Petrone	William Slowski
John Long	Dominick Petruccelli	Craig Spector

The Board decided to act simultaneously on action items F & G

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

Approval of Agreement Between the North Shore CSD and Great Neck UFSD

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an agreement between the School District and Great Neck UFSD to provide special education and related serves as set forth in resident student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) at the tuition rate set by the State Education Department for the current school year, as per the terms and conditions set forth in the attached agreement, during the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; 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

Approval of Agreement Between the North Shore CSD and Port Washington UFSD

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an agreement between the School District and the Port Washington UFSD for Special Education Services for parentally-placed students with disabilities attending non-public schools located within the Port Washington Union Free School District and residing within the North Shore Central School District during the 2019-2020 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

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

Approval of an Agreement Between the North Shore CSD and Fantastic Tours

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an agreement between the School District and Fantastic Tours to provide tour services and coach bus transportation services for the North Shore Middle School class trip to Washington, DC from April 1, 2020 through April 3, 2020 as per the terms and conditions set forth in the attached agreement and addendum to agreement; 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

Prior to approval Trustee Ludmar noted the certificate of liability was not transferred along with all of the other documentation and asked for confirmation that it would be forthcoming. Dr. Giarrizzo confirmed it would be.

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

Acceptance of the Consent to Assignment of the Assumed Agreement with Memasi

WHEREAS, the District has been advised that its architect, Collins + Scoville Architecture, Engineering, Construction Management, D.P.C., dba CS Arch, has agreed to assign its existing contract with the North Shore Central School District (referred to herein as the “Assumed Agreement”) to Tina Mesiti-Ceas and Daryl Mastracci, a partnership existing by and under the laws of the State of New York doing business as MEMASI (“MEMASI”); and

WHEREAS, MEMASI has agreed to accept and assume any and all services contemplated or to be performed or rendered under the Assumed Agreement and all of the duties and responsibilities of the architect thereunder (referred to herein as the “Assumed Work”), effective November 1, 2019; and WHEREAS, the assignment of the Assumed Agreement is conditioned upon the District’s written consent; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the issue of how best to ensure the efficient and uninterrupted performance of required architectural services in connection with its ongoing and pending capital projects, and has determined that it is in the District’s best interest to consent to the assignment of the Assumed Agreement and the Assumed Work to MEMASI; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby accepts and consent to the assignment of the Assumed Agreement and all Assumed Work thereunder to MEMASI, and hereby authorizes the Board President to sign the consent to assignment in the attached General Assignment of Professional Services Agreement, effective November 1, 2019

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

Approval of Agreement Between the North Shore CSD and Jeffrey Gottlieb

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore CSD hereby approves the agreement between the School District and Jeffrey Gottlieb, to provide two full-day presentations on pre-historic technology for sixth grade students, at a total compensation not to exceed \$1,250, as per the terms and conditions set forth in the attached agreement during the period November 10, 2019 through June 30, 2020; 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

**Comments from the Public**

There were no public comments.

**Old Business**

Trustee Commander said she is concerned there may be financial implications regarding concussion management considering kids are only being baselined every two years. She feels the district should make a financial commitment now. Dr. Giarrizzo responded that he agrees. He and Dr. Zublionis recently met with Megan McCormack on this topic.

Trustee Madden asked if the coaches who were just appointed this evening were aware of the new private tutoring policy, and if so whether the policy had been explained to them before they accepted the position. Dr. Giarrizzo will get that information and report back.

**New Business**

Trustee Ludmar noted that the football team will have their playoff game on Saturday at noon and encouraged all to come out and support the team. Trustee Vizza added that the Women’s Cross Country Team will be in the State qualifiers; they just won their 14<sup>th</sup> County Championship. In addition, the Men’s team came in third in the county after moving into a more competitive class.

President Jones asked if the policy sub-committee will work on the policy indicated in the audit report regarding guidelines for federal awards. Dr. Giarrizzo noted the policy sub-committee will be meeting next Thursday and will use the template to draft a policy. President Jones asked for more information from the company who performed the traffic study. She feels it did not capture the traffic pattern if the entrance is moved to the lower circle or the different ways students arrive at school. She would also like to know the percentage of students coming to school in cars. Dr. Giarrizzo explained that some of the information requested from the Board has been received and he will forward that to all Trustees. Trustee Russo said it is important to have all the answers about the middle school traffic flow problems before proceeding with a \$4 million project. It was decided the traffic study consultants will report to the construction steering committee with concrete proposals, after which that will be brought to the bond advisory committee.

**Adjournment**

At 8:40 p.m., on motion of Trustee Russo and seconded by Trustee Ludmar and all in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Ciampi  
District Clerk