

North Shore Schools  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes  
March 15, 2018

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

At 6:30 p.m. on motion of Trustee Jones and seconded by Trustee Galati and all in favor, the Board moved to convene an executive session in the Earth Science Room (H4) to consider discussions regarding collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law).

At 7:30 p.m. on motion of Trustee Russo seconded by Trustee Ludmar and all in favor, the Board moved to come out of executive session and resumed the meeting in the library. There were approximately 150 people in the audience.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

President Labbate led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Student Recognition**

On behalf of the Board of Education, President Labbate and Dr. Giarrizzo recognized middle school students who participated in All County Band, Chorus and Orchestra.

On motion of Trustee Jones and seconded by Trustee Berliner and all in favor, the Report of the SGO followed by Comments from the Public was moved up in the agenda.

**Report from the SGO**

SGO co-presidents, Lindsay Golden and Emilie Biolsi reported on their exchange trips; students from the exchange countries will be visiting North Shore in the coming weeks. They reported that sports night was a great hit and spread school spirit throughout the school; the seniors won with the sophomores coming in second, juniors third and freshmen fourth. Students enjoyed the ski trip to Smugglers Notch. Their fundraisers were very successful; sophomores ran the February fundraiser with the proceeds going to the Cohen Children's Hospital, the juniors will run the spring fundraiser. The Senior Photo was taken; students were able to bring their pets to be in the photo. The musical "Legally Blonde" will be performed next Friday and Saturday with many students participating. The senior fashion show is scheduled for April 28.

**Comments from the Public**

Kate Sweeney, Sea Cliff, read a statement regarding the attendance of many students, parents, and community members who were at the board meeting representing a group "Weave Together to discuss a culture of intolerance and the subsequent lack of action by the [North Shore] administration." She explained that "the mission of Weave Together is to channel the collective voice and power of young adults to insist on social and institutional change. Weave Together is a student formed, run, and organized group committed to creating a community more accepting of all races, cultures, genders, [and] sexualities." Ms. Sweeney handed out packets of letters collected from students, alumni and

community members on the subject. She then introduced the first of several student speakers who advocated for these changes.

Maya Reeves, Sea Cliff; Gian Royal, Glen Head; Suhana Singh, Glen Head; Danielle Fossett, Sea Cliff; Ayanna Fossett, Sea Cliff; Racquel Fossett, Sea Cliff read statements expressing their personal experiences with discrimination, harassment, racism, or bullying and calling on the district to make the following changes: organize sensitivity training for all staff and administration hosted by the Anti-Defamation League; outline a clear protocol and procedure which members of the Administration and teachers must follow for handling future discriminatory incidents; make teacher diversification a priority; create mandatory student forums or student conventions on the issue of discrimination twice a year that are led by students; establish a mandatory curriculum in all three elementary schools as well as the middle school that educates students on diversity and respect and also emphasizes exposure. Helen Jiang, Roslyn Harbor, also expressed her personal experience with discrimination and called on the administration to enact the changes suggested by “Weave Together”.

In addition, the following residents expressed their support for the students, urged the board to take action and offered their assistance: The Reverend Craig Wright, Pastor of A.M.E Church in Glen Cove; Paul Sweeney, Sea Cliff; Jay Fossett, Sea Cliff.

President Labbate said she is deeply saddened by what she has heard. She said she is proud of all the students who came forward to speak and wants to work together with them. She agrees with the idea of sensitivity training for everyone, not just students, faculty, and staff, but also the Board of Education.

Trustee Jones agreed with what was expressed by President Labbate. She thanked the students for coming forward and said it is so important to hear directly from them. She also thanked them for the concrete list of suggestions to move forward. She noted that some of what was said did come out in the recent equity study. She explained that a tremendous amount of time has been spent on strategic planning and that of the three goals that came out of that process, diversity was one recognized as a very pressing need to address.

Trustee Russo thanked the students for coming forward with such a difficult topic. She explained that every organization has a CEO, ours being the Superintendent who is in his first year on the job. She further explained the Title IX process of reporting such incidents. She explained that the role of the Board is to supervise the Superintendent and they have faith that he will address the issues that have been brought forward. She asked that the students work directly with the Superintendent on this issue.

Trustee Berliner asked that the students hold the board continuously accountable, not just in this moment. He agreed there should be zero tolerance on harassment. He pledged his commitment to creating the change that is needed.

Trustee Commander thanked all of the students who came to the meeting and particularly those who spoke for their bravery and courage in sharing their experiences. She made a commitment to make things right.

Trustee Ludmar said he is very appreciative that the students brought this issue to light. He pledged his commitment to help make that change and said he believes together they can make a difference.

Trustee Galati thanked the students for a very powerful and thoughtful presentation. He said by coming forward you are making more people aware of the issue and he pledged to make things better.

Dr. Giarrizzo thanked everyone for being at the meeting. He said it is a remarkable moment for the community. He said the action plans offered are very compelling things to think about and he would like to think them through with the students, faculty, staff and administrators. He further explained that over the past couple of days he worked through over 2700 strategic planning surveys, mostly from

students, and of the 3 important concepts this issue works with the most important of the goals. Dr. Giarrizzo pledged to make things better and asked the students to set up a meeting with him to formulate next steps.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

On motion of Trustee Ludmar and seconded by Trustee Russo and all in favor, the minutes of March 1, 2018 were approved as amended.

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

On motion of Trustee Commander and seconded by Trustee Galati and all in favor, the treasurer's report of January 1, 2018 through January 31, 2018 was approved.

#### **Report of the Superintendent**

Dr. Giarrizzo provided an update on the status of safety and security. The request for Nassau County to conduct a review of our facilities was approved and we are in the process of scheduling the evaluation. Dr. Giarrizzo is recommending Altaris Consulting Group be approved to conduct a comprehensive district-wide audit of our facilities, practices and protocols, provide professional development for our staff, and provide project management to any ensuing work that occurs. Several meetings have been held with our POP officers, and they provided training to our principals, assistant principals, and security staff. Presentations have been scheduled to evaluate visitor management systems and a confidential reporting system. Work to install the infrastructure and equipment necessary for two-way digital communication will begin as soon as tomorrow. Dr. Giarrizzo reported that there will be a community event on school safety. He reported that high school students honored the lives lost in Parkland, Florida and thanked the SGO and student body for the seriousness and honorable way in which they chose to address the issue. Dr. Giarrizzo reported on the work done on the strategic planning process. He reported that over 2,700 students, teachers and community members took the survey that helped draft goals which will drive their work in social emotional learning, contemporary teacher and learning, and fostering safe learning environments structured around acceptance, equity and respect for all. Three action planning teams will now be formed to build the series of action steps necessary to enact the plan. Participation will be widened and he asked members of the Board who wish to participate to let him know. Finally he reported that the final review of the budget will occur this evening, and will be presented to the Board for adoption on March 29th. The review this evening will include staffing, employee benefits, revenue sources/projections. The bus ridership study will also be reviewed, and a determination about the use of the capital reserve funds to fund capital projects will be discussed.

#### **Regular Business**

##### **Budget Review**

The board discussed the following sections of the budget: Staffing, Employee Benefits, Debt Service, Revenue & Financing Sources, Fund Balance.

Looking at the projected revenue going forward five years, Trustee Jones expressed concern with the how it will be possible to project what the maximum tax levy will be going forward when the formula is vastly complicated. Dr. Giarrizzo explained the hardest part in calculating the tax levy going forward is that the CPI changes every month. Trustee Jones continued, in previous years it was whatever is less, CPI or 2%, not knowing the assumptions she is concerned with the gap between the allowable tax levy limit this year and the allowable tax cap, and what that means for future years.

Trustee Russo agreed every time you are below the tax cap it has ramifications going forward, however you don't know what factors might change the budget 5 years going forward such as enrollment or TRS. She went on to say it is important to bear in mind there may be a deficit and difficult choices that need to be made so the board may have to look at what we can afford to do programmatically. Worse-case scenario, they may need to look at what can be done with curriculum planning, staffing changes and administration and where things can be tightened up.

Trustee Berliner noted there will be much uncertainty in the next five years. We could have less state aid in the years ahead, we are not sure what the impact of the tax reform will be, and we will need to be cautious as there could be more adjustments needed than we have in mind.

Trustee Ludmar, asked about the PILOT calculations in particular how comfortable the figures are for the PILOT 2 calculations which are tied to the CPI. Ms. Buatsi responded, it is an assumption based on current trends which is hard to adjust going beyond this year without knowing what the CPI will be from year to year.

Dr. Giarrizzo reviewed the sources of revenue coming in to offset expenses out of the budget: Split Properties (\$150,000), LIPA PILOTS, State Aid (\$5.2 million)-this is an estimate, the actuals should be received within the next week or 2, Adult Education Fees, Tuition for Special Education, St. Christopher (offset)-tuition is paid and is then reimbursed through revenue, Misc. Receipts, Fund Balance (\$1.2 million), Marcellino & Lavine Grants (\$800,000), Tax Certiorari Reserve (\$350,000)-this is the first year money from this reserve will start being used, ERS Reserve (\$ 1.2 million). In total he is projecting revenue of \$18,781,973. If the state aid numbers come in a little higher, as is expected, his recommendation would be to give consideration to reducing the amount coming from fund balance so as not to rely so much on it going into the budget cycle for the following year. Trustee Ludmar asked for clarification in regard to Dr. Giarrizzo's recommendation, whether he would use the potential increase in state aid to reduce the amount from reserves, instead of increasing the budget. Dr. Giarrizzo clarified he is recommending reducing the amount coming from fund balance, the amount carried forward from the previous year's budget, he would still use the same amount from reserves and the proposed budget would remain the same. Trustee Russo added, it is almost impossible to give up fund balance as it is used year after year and has been built into the budget to be used in the subsequent year.

Trustee Jones asked for some clarification on the lines in employee benefits; which employees are listed in which lines. Trustee Russo pointed out that the district has no control over the numbers from ERS and TRS, those numbers are imposed by the State. There is an actuarial calculation done by the state based on the demographic.

Trustee Jones asked if it is possible to ask the Town of Oyster Bay for our school taxes from those residents who prepaid their taxes, to alleviate the need to borrow money through Tax Anticipation Notes (TANs). Ms. Buatsi explained we did receive tax checks from those who prepaid at the end of last year and we have invested that money for which we will receive a little more interest income this year. However, the TANs are to cover payroll in September and October; those taxes are not received until the end of October.

The board discussed staffing. Dr. Giarrizzo explained that administrators are remaining flat for 2018-2019, teacher aides are being reduced by 4, and there will be a net reduction in teachers by .2 district wide. Trustee Russo said she would like to look at the number of administrators going forward. She would like to see if there is a way to streamline the administrative structure in case they need to look for an area to cut. Being the last review of the budget before adoption, Dr. Giarrizzo asked the Board for any further edits to the budget or an indication that the process was complete and the budget was ready for adoption.

Trustee Ludmar asked for a follow up on professional development. Dr. Giarrizzo explained that he and Mr. Chlebicki went through all of the professional development requests and they both feel comfortable with the \$200,000 that is budgeted in that line. Trustee Ludmar said although he

understands, he feels more spending in that area would mean more opportunities for teachers. Trustee Jones added, this is the last chance on the big picture, with the view on less state aid, inflation going up, and looking at some lines in the budget that seem tight when comparing them to our actual five-year expenditure report, she is concerned about leaving a \$297,000 gap between the budget and the tax levy. She went on to say there have been situations in the past where boards have decided not to put a portion of the difference back in the budget but to put some of it back. She suggested looking at areas that may necessitate a second look, such as areas in the special education budget. President Labbate said she is also uncomfortable leaving the entire gap on the table in this context and suggested splitting the difference. She is not suggesting putting the funds back in the budget just for the sake of increasing the budget, but she is concerned that by undercutting we are affecting budgets for years to come. She expressed concern about the special education reduction; she noted at any point a resident can move into the district and require special education services. She asked if it is possible to put some of the allowable funding into that section. Trustee Jones added, the miscellaneous therapy and home teaching lines also looked lower than the actuals from previous years. Trustee Berliner said he is not in favor of increasing the budget for the sake of increasing it with the result being some people paying more. Trustee Russo agreed with Trustee Berliner. She said every year there are funds left over in fund balance, and many people have expressed difficulty with American Water. She further stated Dr. Giarrizzo and Ms. Buatsi have done a careful analysis and she is comfortable adopting what the administration has recommended. Trustee Galati said he feels Dr. Giarrizzo and Ms. Buatsi have spent hours formulating this budget and have looked at every area and have not cut us short of where we should be. Trustee Commander agreed with the point of view expressed by Trustees Berliner and Galati. Trustee Ludmar did not disagree that the board has been presented with a good budget and that there has been a prudent process. However, he noted that there are two pieces of evidence that need to be addressed, there are unknowns going forward and there is a cyclical process of adjustments in the budget. He went on to say he is not comfortable saying the budget has been looked at too carefully to wonder if there is not enough room to increase it by any amount up to the \$300,000 that is under the allowable limit. He further stated, looking long term, if it will give more flexibility in the future without realistically changing the taxpayer's situation this year, that is an argument for a modest increase without approaching the total allowable limit. Dr. Giarrizzo said he believes he has given the Board a budget that supports what is needed to run the schools and program and to staff them. He said if the Board is in favor of putting more money in the budget he would like direction as to what lines of the budget the Board would like to increase. President Labbate stated the Board does support the budget that has been presented and acknowledges that it supports the needs of the students, they are taking the long view. Trustee Ludmar added, within the context of the discussion the enrollment study has been a major problem, the failings they have predicted, for example the kindergarten class in Glenwood Landing which is very large. He suggested that area for increasing the budget by approximately \$100,000 for creating an extra section. Trustee Russo stated creating an additional section is already covered in the budget. She suggested there be a vote to see if everyone wants to increase the budget. Trustee Commander asked if those opposed to increasing the budget to the allowable limit would be in favor of splitting the difference. Trustee Berliner stated he wants to stand by the budget recommended by the Superintendent which he believes to be a prudent budget. He further stated he believes it sends the wrong message to the community for the Board to increase a budget recommended by the Superintendent. Trustee Ludmar noted contingencies can happen in any budget and he feels strongly that the issue of class size will come up. Trustee Russo responded, this particular scenario has been covered in the budget. Dr. Giarrizzo noted he did go through every cohort in each school and divided by section and is not recommending going above 22 in a class. Trustee Jones does agree the budget recommendation is prudent but is concerned about the point of the professional development line of the budget when looking at the whole staff. In addition, she feels this budget is much tighter than those

that produced fund balance in the past. She continued, we could find prudent places in the budget for an additional \$100,000. Trustee Ludmar noted we are talking about prudent changes we are not talking about piercing the cap. The board decided to take a vote.

On motion of Trustee Jones and seconded by Trustee Ludmar, with Trustees Jones, Labbate and Ludmar for and Trustees Berliner, Commander, Galati, and Russo against, the following resolution was defeated:

RESOLVED: That the proposed 2018-2019 budget be increased by \$100,000 to be added to impactful areas of the budget at the discretion of the Superintendent

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

Personnel

Increment for Advanced Study - Certified

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Michael Bishop, English from Step 14 of the MA+60 salary schedule to Step 14 of the MA+75 salary schedule, effective February 1, 2018

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Kathryn Joseph, Special Education, from Step 12 of the MA+45 salary schedule, to Step 12 of the MA+60 salary schedule, effective February 1, 2018

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Julia Lyons, Special Education, from Step 7 of the MA+60 salary schedule, to Step 7 of the MA+75 salary schedule, effective February 1, 2018

Regular Substitute (Leave Replacement) Appointment – Certified

Resolved: To approve a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Susan Krugman, ENL, on Step 10 of the MA salary schedule, effective April 9, 2018 through June 15, 2018

Resignation for Retirement Purposes – Non-Certified

Resolved: To accept the resignation for retirement purposes for Gary Petschauer, Custodian, effective March 31, 2018

Appointment – Non-Certified

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Leslie Cernilli, School Monitor @ Glen Head School effective March 7, 2018

Approval of Additions to the Per Diem Substitute List

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

Jennifer Bonziglia	Teacher Substitute
Keith Scott	Teacher Substitute
Joshua Silverberg	Teacher Substitute

Approval of Extra-Curricular Advisors & Coaches

Elementary

Sea Cliff

Level 3

TED Club	Lindsay Feibus	Step 1
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Level 1

Newspaper Club	Lindsay Feibus*	Step 1
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\*Co-Advisor w/Beth Lawatsch

Coaches

Softball

Junior Varsity	Tara Gehrich	Step 1
Middle School (8th gr.)	Kevin Dahill	Step 1

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

Approval of Resolution to Appointment General and Labor Counsel

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District agrees to retain the services of Frazer & Feldman as general and labor counsel effective July 1, 2018 in accordance with the terms of a retainer agreement between the parties, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to execute such agreement on behalf of the Board.

Prior to approval, a question was raised about a rider on our insurance policy for the walkie-talkies. In addition, it was decided to get additional information on the contract for the equipment to be reviewed by the president and vice-president before proceeding with the purchase.

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

Approval of Budget Transfer

Resolved: To approve budget transfers in the amount of \$228,750 to cover district-wide walkie-talkie radio communications, custodial supplies, and a comprehensive threat assessment, effective March 15, 2018

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

Acceptance of Donation to The North Shore High School from The Class of 2017

Resolved: To accept the donation of an Outdoor Sign to be placed at the Gymnasium Entrance of the North Shore High School from the Class of 2017 at a value of \$3,405.39

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

Acceptance of Donation from David Roth to The North Shore High School Woodshop

Resolved: To accept the donation of a two-stage air compressor from David Roth to the North Shore High School, to be used in the high school woodshop for use with the pneumatic tooling and cooling systems at a value of \$2,245.40

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

Approval of Resolution Regarding New York State & Local Retirement System Section 41-j

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District does hereby elect to provide the additional pension benefits of Section 41-j of the Retirement and Social Security Law, as presently or hereafter amended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the effective date of such shall be the 15 date of March, 2018.

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

Approval of Health Services Contracts

Resolved: That the Board of Education enter into a contract for Health Services with the North Merrick UFSD for 1 student residing within the North Shore School District and attending non-public schools within the North Merrick UFSD for the 2017-2018 school year at a cost of \$1,342 per student as provided under the Education Law of the State of New York

Resolved: That the Board of Education enter into a contract for Health Services with the South Huntington UFSD for students residing within the North Shore School District and attending non-public schools within the South Huntington UFSD for the 2017-2018 school year at a cost of \$817.22 per student as provided under the Education Law of the State of New York

Resolved: That the Board of Education enter into a contract for Health Services with the Uniondale UFSD for 12 students residing within the North Shore School District and attending non-public schools within the Uniondale UFSD for the 2017-2018 school year at a cost of \$760.48 per student as provided under the Education Law of the State of New York

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

Approval of Agreement with Janet S. Wong

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the Agreement between the School District and Janet S. Wong for an enrichment program to be provided to the District on April 18, 2018;

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

Approval of Special Education Services (IEP)

Resolved: To approve special education services (IEP) as per the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education (CSE)

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

Approval of Resolution - Date of The Annual School District Budget Vote and Election

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District has determined that the date, time and place of the Annual School District Budget Vote and Election (Annual Meeting) will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Gymnasium of the North Shore Senior High School; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a proposition adopted by the qualified voters of this District, this Board has heretofore determined that vacancies upon the Board of Education shall not be considered separate specific offices, and that those candidates receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected to the vacancies upon the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the qualified voters shall elect two (2) members to the Board of Education for three (3) year terms each, commencing on July 1, 2018, and expiring on June 30, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has adopted the registration requirements for eligibility to vote contained in Section 2014 of the Education Law and such registration requirements have not been changed; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has previously adopted by resolution the absentee ballot provisions and procedures contained in Section 2018-a of the Education Law for school district elections and said resolution has not been changed.

BE IT RESOLVED that the vote be taken by voting machine, or, if voting machines be unavailable, by paper ballot; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Proposition on the 2018-2019 School Budget shall read as follows: RESOLVED, that the School District budget for the school year 2018-2019 proposed by the Board of Education in accordance with Section 1716 of the Education Law shall be approved and the necessary taxes be levied therefore on the taxable real property of the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School District Budget for the 2018-2019 school year will be completed and presented at a public hearing to be held on May 3, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. and will be available for inspection at each of the schoolhouses of the District during business hours during the 14 days preceding the election, together with the text of any resolution which will be presented to the voters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Registration will meet to register qualified voters on Saturday, May 5, 2018, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Registration will be held at the North Shore Schools Administrative Offices, 112 Franklin Avenue, Sea Cliff, New York; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk be and hereby is authorized and directed to publish such notice of said Annual Budget Vote and Election in the Glen Cove Record Pilot and Sea Cliff/Glen Head Herald Gazette as shall be required by law, which said notice shall be substantially in the form hereto annexed as ADDENDUM "A," which said Addendum is deemed to be part of this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following persons be appointed to serve as the Board of Registrars:

Mary Lou Martin	Patricia Lerch
Elizabeth Ciampi	Philip Ciampi

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following persons be appointed to serve as Election Inspectors and/or Assistant Clerks of the Annual Election:

Yvonne Haff	Jean McGurn	Barbara D'Alessio
Paul Bramfeld	John Murello	Mary Lou Martin
Marion Woolston	Eric Haglund	Pat Lerch
Americo Mendes	Katherine Miller	Haleh Stamatadi
Lois Straber	Philip Ciampi	Donna Henderson
Linda LaSpina	Nina Greici	Marissa Holden

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk be and hereby is empowered to appoint substitute Inspectors and Assistant Clerks should any of the above-named persons fail to serve; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

#### **Comments from the Public**

Tim Madden, Sea Cliff, asked when the decision was made to change firms for labor counsel. Dr. Giarrizzo explained that the contract with Ingerman Smith ends at the end of the fiscal year and the Board has hired new counsel. Trustee Russo explained that there was an RFP for legal counsel. The Board sub-committee did an initial screening of 6 firms, the entire Board met with the final candidates and made the decision to hire the firm of Frazer Feldman which will be effective July 1.

Mr. Madden then asked why the board decided to come in \$300,000 below the allowable tax levy cap and why part of the discussion was not looking at reserves. He agreed with Trustees Jones, Labbate and Ludmar that it is prudent to look towards future budgets. He said this decision affects residents now and in the future and ties the hands of future boards. Finally, he asked what is happening with the bond that was discussed last year. He asked whether the community would be brought into the process. Dr. Giarrizzo explained that the Board has sent out an RFP for pre-construction services and Architect firms which are being sorted through. There is a subcommittee of the Board in place, and it will follow a similar process that the search for a legal firm did. Hopefully the planning phase will be done for the fall, debt services is falling off at the end of next year, with the 2019-2020 budget. Projects have not been decided on but will generally come from pre-bond work. Trustee Ludmar added, there are many factors, one being we just completed the first step in the strategic review plan for the district where we readdressed top priorities over 3-5 years. Dr. Giarrizzo said once the Board decides who the next construction manager and architects will be we will assess where the priorities are and use the same process as the last bond.

### **Old Business**

Dr. Giarrizzo raised the issue of reducing the transportation limits from 1.5 miles to 1 mile for grades 9-12 to bring them in line with grades 6-8. Dr. Giarrizzo explained this will provide transportation to approximately 300 additional students with no additional cost to the district. The Board discussed adding this proposition to the ballot for May 15, 2018. The Board then discussed adding a third proposition to the ballot for expending funds from the already existing Capital Reserve Fund which requires voter approval.

On motion of Trustee Berliner and seconded by Trustee Commander and all in favor it was: RESOLVED that a proposition regarding school transportation eligibility would be added to the ballot for the Budget Vote and Election of Trustees on May 15, 2018 and would read as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District is hereby authorized to modify its public school transportation eligibility effective at the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year for Grades 9 through 12 pupils only from the existing one and one-half (1.5) mile limit to a new one (1) mile limit at no additional cost to the District.

On motion of Trustee Jones and seconded by Trustee Ludmar and all in favor, it was: RESOLVED that a proposition regarding expending funds from the Capital Reserve Fund be added to the ballot for the Budget Vote and Election of Trustees on May 15, 2018 and would read as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District be authorized to expend out of the previously established Capital Reserve Fund a sum not to exceed \$3,443,911.91 or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purpose of (1) Air Condition Library Space at Glen Head Elementary School and Glenwood Landing Elementary School, (2) Air Condition Cafeteria Space at Glen Head Elementary School, Sea Cliff Elementary School and North Shore Middle School, (3) Air Condition Auditorium Space at Glenwood Landing Elementary School (4) Air Condition Gym Space at the North Shore High School, (5) replace Entire Cafeteria Ceiling and Install New LED Lights at the North Shore High School, and, if funds are available, supplemental projects (1) Install Exhaust Fans in Hallways and Stairwells at the Sea Cliff Elementary School, and (2) Install Windows in Second Floor Hall at the Sea Cliff Elementary School, all labor, materials, equipment, apparatus, and incidental costs thereof.

Trustee Russo noted a cost analysis of early and late busing was received and the numbers were much less than they were a few years ago. She would like to keep an eye on those numbers to see if this can be done down the road.

Trustee Ludmar noted he is very glad to hear that Dr. Giarrizzo to be holding the information forum on security. He said there is much misinformation in the community and it is important for residents to hear the facts directly from the Superintendent.

Trustee Jones asked for the law that governs budget transfers, specifically which codes can be transferred into and out of codes without board approval.

### **New Business**

There was no new business discussed.

### **Adjournment**

At 10:45 p.m., on motion of Trustee Berliner and seconded by Trustee Russo and all in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Ciampi  
District Clerk