

North Shore Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Minutes
April 20, 2017

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

At 6:30 p.m. on motion of Trustee Gonzalez and seconded by Trustee Ludmar and all in favor, the Board moved to convene an executive session in room H4 in the high school to discuss matters regarding collective negotiations.

At 7:00 p.m. on motion of Trustee Jones and seconded by Trustee Russo and all in favor, the Board moved to come out of executive session and convened a meeting of the Audit Committee in the library. Trustee Commander arrived at 7:15 p.m.

At 7:50 p.m. on motion of Trustee Berliner and seconded by Trustee Gonzalez and all in favor, the Board moved to adjourn the audit committee meeting and resumed the regular meeting in the library. There were approximately 20 members 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. Melnick recognized students Greg Cantwell & Matt Travaglia for receiving awards at Long Island History Day held at Hofstra University.

Prior to approving the minutes, Trustee Russo said although she did not attend the meeting of April 6 she did watch the video and asked to make a comment. She commented on Dr. Melnick's Superintendent Report regarding college acceptances to highly competitive schools and the correlation he made to how that relates to the implementation of IB. Mr. Chlebicki added with all the concerns expressed that IB might hurt kids entrance to college, the statistics clearly showed this did not happen.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Trustee Berliner and seconded by Trustee Commander with Trustees Berliner, Commander, Gonzalez, Jones, Labbate and Ludmar for and Trustee Russo abstaining, the minutes of April 6, 2017 were approved.

Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Melnick reported on a Viking Foundation event for incoming Kindergarten parents at the Sea Cliff Yacht Club which was well attended; new parents had the opportunity to meet the elementary principals, some of the kindergarten teachers, and Dr. Giarrizzo. He reminded the public that Meet the Candidates night is next Tuesday, April 25 at 8:00 P.M. in the HS café. He also reminded the public that the celebration of student work, Election of Trustees and Vote on the Budget will take place on Tuesday,

May 16. The budget to budget increase is 2.6% the amount to be collected in school property taxes is actually about \$9,000 less than last year. In addition to the budget proposition, there will be a referendum on the ballot requesting permission to provide transportation to 7th and 8th graders who live one mile or more from the middle school. Approval of this proposition would result in the same one-mile limit for 6-8th grade, and would not involve any additional expenditure of funds. Finally, Dr. Melnick reported that the spring concert season begins next week with the high school choral concert on April 24 and the high school spring concert 1 on April 27.

Report from the SGO

SGO co-president, Frankie Conklin, reported on events and activities at the high school including, a fundraiser volleyball game on April 26 with 15 teachers competing with students; all profits will go to the SGO Relay for Life team. The tape the teacher to wall fundraiser is progressing, those profits will also go to the SGO Relay for Life team. Finally, she reported SGO elections are coming up.

Regular Business

Social Studies Review

Devra Small, Director of Elementary Humanities, Seth Gordon, 6-8 Humanities Teacher Leader and Jim Mendonis 9-12 Humanities Teacher Leader explained the modifications to the social studies program after reviewing the curriculum, assessments, learning expectations and instructional practices through the lens of the new State standards. Although conceptual based learning is not a new shift at North Shore it is a shift at the State level. Curriculum maps were reviewed and examples of student work was shared. It was reported that next year's Global History Regents will cover only the 10th grade curriculum and beginning 2019 the new State assessments will be aligned with the new State standards.

The Board discussed the changes to the Regents exams. Mr. Mendonis explained that next year (2018) students will take a transitional regents exam and in 2019 the new format will be introduced, however districts will have a choice to offer the new exam or the transitional exam in 2019 and 2020; he stressed either way our students will be prepared. He also explained that the cut scores will change. Dr. Melnick added there is some discussion about moving from a number grade to an AP type score of 1-5 or 1-7. Trustee Russo commented on the collaboration on all 3 levels and the importance of all students being at the same level when leaving their home school. Mr. Chlebicki added there is a lot of articulation work going on within the department and the result is how well students K-12 are doing.

Update On Health & Athletic Review

Don Lang, Director of Health, Physical Education & Athletics, along with members of the faculty, spoke about the review and updates to the curriculum including topics of substance use and abuse as well as personal loss. As part of the review, educators focused on when, where, how and what is taught with regard to "decision-making" particularly related to making choices that pertain to drugs and alcohol use/abuse and the resulting consequences of those choices. From this study, the health department has proposed an elective course related to topics that plague adolescents, teens, and young adults.

The Board discussed the report. Trustee Commander felt it is important to deliver this information at an earlier age and to be repeated each and every year. Dr. Melnick explained it needs to be woven into the curriculum as an integrated approach. Mr. Zublionis added, in the broader concept the psychologist and social workers are pushing into classrooms to discuss good decision making in the primary level. Kids are learning they have control over their own decisions.

Mr. Lang then reviewed the updated action plan from the Athletic Review. There were a number of individual and team honors; 16 varsity and 12 junior varsity athletes challenged up from the middle school to the high school; North Shore had 12 Scholar Athlete Teams for the Fall and Winter Seasons (75% of the team must have a 90% or above GPA); The Captains Council has had workshops on

hazing and bullying; The Athletic Policy Committee discussed communication and the attendance policy (changes to the attendance policy will be made); The Booster Club is donating a new score board (membership is a struggle); college handbooks are being updated; mandatory parent meetings are scheduled prior to each season; nutrition speakers have been brought in; and the weight room has been renovated and the kids are using it.

The Board discussed the report. President Labbate said she was surprised with how many students qualified to challenge up considering the new state regulations. She asked how it affects the individual student and the rest of the team and whether there is concern that 13 year olds are playing with 14-17 year olds. Mr. Lang responded it actually gets middle school students to transition better to high school. He also explained that 3 of the teams that the middle school students challenged up to (Swimming, Tennis, Cheerleading) are not offered at the middle school level. Dr. Melnick asked if something is in place to monitor the athlete's adjustment and impact on their overall performance. Mr. Lang responded, we make sure it is a fit and most of the kids who challenge up play all through high school and through college. He further stated, if these kids stay at the middle school they will dominate at the middle school level. Trustee Commander asked if the high school kids resent the middle school kids. Mr. Lang responded, just the opposite, they take the younger kids under their wing and mentor them. He noted they are not putting kids up to fill roster spots, they are moving them up to give them an opportunity to compete at their level. Dr. Melnick noted that the Board can make a decision not to subscribe to self-selection if they wish to revisit this policy.

Trustee Ludmar noted although there is great support from students and parents at our athletic events, there seems to be a lack of sportsmanship from some of our fans. Mr. Lang said this has been an issue and we have increased our supervision budget. He further stated it is a countywide issue and perhaps it is something to integrate into the general physical education class.

Trustee Jones asked for more information on the protocol of students speaking to the Captain about hazing and bullying. Mr. Lang explained that sometimes kids are afraid to speak to the coach so the idea is to build the trust in the captain as the first person to go to with this type of issue. Dr. Melnick added they did try to set up a mechanism to bring up something anonymously, but that did not work either.

Trustee Commander asked about the issue of the Female Triad Athlete which she has previously asked be a focus separate from nutrition. Mr. Lang explained they did bring in a speaker, but she did not go into that issue enough. He said adjustments will be made to that area as they go forward.

Trustee Gonzalez noted what goes on at the high school level can drive what goes on in the middle and elementary level. She suggested the approach of mindfulness and growth mindset that is a focus at the elementary level be pushed more into the middle and high school level to address the issues of anxiety and stress at that level.

Comments from the Public

Paul Eschause, Glen Head, said he believes people in the community feel the election in May of 2014 was tainted due to a candidate having access to the district's ROBO call system. Mr. Eschause also alleged that the calls regarding the vote that year went out one after another, one from the district and then from the candidate. He asked that this campaign be run on honesty and integrity. Dr. Melnick responded that no candidate for the Board has ever accessed the district's ROBO call system. Three candidates in previous elections sent out ROBO calls as private citizens by purchasing a list on their own. The order in which calls went out during the May 2014 election was a coincidence. Trustee Commander responded that she did not use the district's ROBO call list and her apology at the time was because a member of the Middle School PTO was being blamed for the incident. She adamantly disagreed with Mr. Eschause's conjecture of the situation and pledged that honesty and integrity will be used in this election as it was in the last campaign she ran. President Labbate said while the board accepts Mr.

Eschause's comments, she is distressed that he would attack a member of the board who has worked tirelessly these past 3 years, along with her fellow Trustees, for the community and students of the district. Trustee Gonzalez added, she feels she and Mr. Eschause have a different definition of mindfulness and she would be happy to have a discussion with him at a later time.

Tim Madden, Sea Cliff, asked about lab periods for next year. He also asked how the elementary social studies curriculum is set; there does not seem to be a chronology. Mr. Mendonis responded lab periods are set up to make it easier for kids to take electives. Dr. Melnick added he will get back to Mr. Madden with more information after consulting with Mr. Cousins. Ms. Small explained that the State divided the topics in the elementary level this year into a more concept based approach with US History being part of the fifth grade curriculum. Finally, Mr. Madden asked if the athletic policy review committee and attendance policy would be excusing academic trips, for example the recent trip to the Galapagos Islands. Dr. Melnick responded that is being looked at.

Rob Mazzella, Glen Head, confirmed that next year will be the first year the Regents will be based on 10th grade curriculum only. He then encouraged everyone to attend Meet the Candidates Night. He thanked all those running for the Board, thanked Trustee Gonzalez for her 3 years of service and suggested that the candidates give the community a last minutes Q&A opportunity prior to the vote.

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

Nassau BOCES Administrative Operations Budget Vote

WHEREAS, The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County (hereinafter "Nassau BOCES") has proposed and presented its Proposed Administrative Operations Budget for the 2017/18 school year (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018); now therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nassau BOCES Proposed Administrative Operations Budget for the 2017/18 school year in the amount of twenty-one million one hundred twenty-eight thousand, one hundred eighty dollars (\$21,128,180) be, and hereby is, APPROVED by this Board

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

Election of Nassau BOCES Board of Trustees

BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Shore Board of Education hereby cast votes to the following candidates for the Nassau BOCES Board of Trustees

Deborah Coates
East Meadow UFSD

Eric B. Schultz
Plainview-Old Bethpage CSD

Stephen B. Witt
Hewlett-Woodmere UFSD

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

Acceptance of the Federal Single Audit Report

Resolved: To accept the Federal Single Audit Report from Cullen & Danowski, LLP for fiscal year ended June 30, 2016

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

Personnel

Resignation for Retirement Purposes – Certified

Resolved: To accept the resignation for retirement purposes for Patricia Wladyka Kelton, Social Worker, effective June 30, 2017

Resignation - Certified

Resolved: To accept the resignation of Suzanne DiMaggio, Foreign Language, effective June 30, 2017

Resolved: To accept the resignation of Kelly Indelicato, Teaching Assistant, effective June 30, 2017

Resolved: To accept the resignation of Megan Romito, Teaching Assistant, effective June 30, 2017

Leave of Absence for Child Rearing Purposes - Certified

Resolved: To approve a leave of absence for child rearing purposes for Laura DiLallo, Science, effective September 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018

Resolved: To approve a leave of absence for child rearing purposes for Rosea Filone, English, effective September 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018

Resolved: To approve a leave of absence for child rearing purposes for Kathleen Festa, Mathematics, from September 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018

Resolved: To approve a leave of absence for child rearing purposes for Jessica McNeill, effective September 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018

Resolved: To approve a leave of absence for child rearing purposes for Lina Onufrock, Foreign Language, effective September 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018

Resolved: To approve a leave of absence for child rearing purposes for Kelly Rakeman, Elementary, effective September 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018

Change of Probationary Appointment – Certified

Resolved: To change the probationary period for Marie Zilinski, ESL from a three (3) year term to a two (2) year term with an anticipated tenure date of September 1, 2017. (Marie received tenure from her previous district and was appointed at North Shore prior to the new four (4) year probationary period which took effect on July 1, 2015)

Regular Substitute (Leave Replacement) Appointment – Certified

Resolved: To approve a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Meghan White, Social Studies, effective April 20, 2017 through June 23, 2017

Approval of Additions to the Per Diem Substitute List

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

Michael Shaiman	Teacher Substitute
Sarah Webb	Teacher Substitute
Suzanne Harper	School Monitor Substitute
Linda Levine	Teacher Substitute

The board decided to act simultaneously on action items G, H, and I

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

Approval of Resolution for Defense and Indemnification of an Employee Relative to Public Officer's Law Section 18

WHEREAS, a party has commenced an action against certain North Shore Central School District employee Elizabeth Ciampi in the Supreme Court of New York, County of Nassau in the case of Pachon v. Ciampi, et al., Index No. 17-601614,

WHEREAS, defendant Elizabeth Ciampi has made application to the Board of Education for defense and indemnification relative to the applicable provisions of the N.Y. Education Law including Sections 3023 and 3811 of the Education Law as well as N.Y. Public Officer's Law Section 18,

WHEREAS, the Board has examined the Verified Complaint in the action of Pachon v. Ciampi, et al., Index No. 17-601614, and has determined that the causes of action set forth against Elizabeth Ciampi arise out of the exercise of the powers and performance of the duties and responsibilities of said employee under the Education Law and Public Officer's Law,
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the N.Y. Education Law Sections 3023 and 3811 and N.Y. Public Officer's Law Section 18, the Board and the School District hereby agree to defend and indemnify Defendant employee Elizabeth Ciampi in the within action to the extent authorized by law; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized and directed to take such further action as shall be necessary or appropriate to give effect to the forgoing.

Approval of Resolution for Defense and Indemnification of an Employee Relative to Public Officer's Law Section 18

WHEREAS, a party has commenced an action against certain North Shore Central School District employee Olivia Buatsi in the Supreme Court of New York, County of Nassau in the case of Pachon v. Ciampi, et al., Index No. 17-601614,
WHEREAS, defendant Olivia Buatsi has made application to the Board of Education for defense and indemnification relative to the applicable provisions of the N.Y. Education Law including Sections 3023 and 3811 of the Education Law as well as N.Y. Public Officer's Law Section 18,
WHEREAS, the Board has examined the Verified Complaint in the action of Pachon v. Ciampi, et al., Index No. 17-601614, and has determined that the causes of action set forth against Olivia Buatsi arise out of the exercise of the powers and performance of the duties and responsibilities of said employee under the Education Law and Public Officer's Law,
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the N.Y. Education Law Sections 3023 and 3811 and N.Y. Public Officer's Law Section 18, the Board and the School District hereby agree to defend and indemnify Defendant employee Olivia Buatsi in the within action to the extent authorized by law; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized and directed to take such further action as shall be necessary or appropriate to give effect to the forgoing.

Approval of Resolution for Defense and Indemnification of a Member of the Board of Education Relative to Public Officer's Law Section 18

WHEREAS, a party has commenced an action against certain North Shore Central School District Board Member Antoinette Labbate in the Supreme Court of New York, County of Nassau in the case of Pachon v. Ciampi, et al., Index No. 17-601614,
WHEREAS, defendant Antoinette Labbate has made application to the Board of Education for defense and indemnification relative to the applicable provisions of the N.Y. Education Law including Sections 3023 and 3811 of the Education Law as well as N.Y. Public Officer's Law Section 18,
WHEREAS, the Board has examined the Verified Complaint in the action of Pachon v. Ciampi, et al., Index No. 17-601614, and has determined that the causes of action set forth against Antoinette Labbate arise out of the exercise of the powers and performance of the duties and responsibilities of said Board Member under the Education Law and Public Officer's Law,
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the N.Y. Education Law Sections 3023 and 3811 and N.Y. Public Officer's Law Section 18, the Board and the School District hereby agree to defend and indemnify Defendant Board Member Antoinette Labbate in the within action to the extent authorized by law; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized and directed to take such further action as shall be necessary or appropriate to give effect to the forgoing.

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

Approval of Budget Transfers

Resolved: To approve budget transfers in the amount of \$20,000, to cover advertising for personnel vacancies through the end of the school year, effective April 20, 2017

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

Approval of Resolution to Participate in the 2017-2018 Northwest Nassau Transportation Cooperative (Coop) Bid

WHEREAS, it is the plan of a number of public school districts in Nassau County, New York, to bid jointly Transportation Services, and

WHEREAS, the North Shore Central School District is desirous of participation with other school districts in Nassau County in the joint bidding of the services mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0, and

WHEREAS, the North Shore Central School District wishes to appoint a committee to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, reporting the results to the Board of Education, and making recommendations thereon, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby appoints Michele Hall to represent it in all matters related above, and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Shore Central School District Board of Education authorizes the above mentioned committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned services, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the North Shore Central School District Board of Education agrees to assume its proportionate share of the costs of cooperative bidding, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the North Shore Central School District Board of Education Agrees (1) to abide by majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; (2) that unless all bids are rejected, it will award contracts according to the recommendations of the committee; (3) that after award of contract(s), it will conduct all business directly with the successful bidder(s).

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

Approval of a Resolution Approving an Inter-Municipal Cooperative Transportation Agreement

WHEREAS, a number of public school districts in Nassau County wish to jointly solicit proposals, together with the Nassau Board of Cooperative Educational Services ("BOCES") for pupil transportation services for the 2017-18 school year (and any renewal period) in accordance with the applicable provisions of General Municipal Law;

WHEREAS, the public school districts and the BOCES have agreed to form a Cooperative (the "Cooperative") for this purpose;

WHEREAS, the North Shore Central School District is desirous of participating in the Cooperative for joint solicitation of proposals for pupil transportation services as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Inter-Municipal Cooperative Transportation Agreement attached hereto;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the School District to participate in the Cooperative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Inter-Municipal Cooperative Transportation Agreement (Recitals) attached hereto and authorizes the Board President to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

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

Approval of an Agreement with Bell Auto School, Inc.

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Bell Auto School, Inc., to provide a driving instruction program at the North Shore High School during the summer and school year effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018

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

Approval of Health Services Contract

Resolved: That the Board of Education enter into a contract for Health Services with the Plainview-Old Bethpage CSD for 2 students residing within the North Shore School District and attending non-public schools within the Plainview-Old Bethpage CSD for the 2017-2018 school year at a cost of \$851 per student as provided under the Education Law of the State of New York

Prior to approving the agreement with Savin Engineers the Board discussed issuing an RFP for Construction Management and Engineering Services for future projects. It was decided to wait until the organizational meeting in July to put it on for further discussion before the next proposed bond proposition.

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

Approval of an Agreement with Savin Engineers, P.C.

Resolved: To approve an agreement with Savin Engineers, P.C., to provide Construction Management Services for 2017 Bond Phase II and Capital Reserve Projects at the Glenwood Elementary School, North Shore High School and Sea Cliff Elementary School during the summer 2017 at a fee of \$65,979

Prior to approving bids for Phase Two and Three Bond Work the board decided to bring up the issue of awarding bids to Total Construction Corp. at the Construction Steering Committee to determine whether it is a different contractor working on the Sea Cliff School Playground.

The board decided to act simultaneously on action items P & Q

On motion of Trustee Ludmar and seconded by Trustee Berliner with Trustees Berliner, Commander, Gonzalez, Labbate, Ludmar and Russo for and Trustee Jones abstaining, it was:

Award of Bids for Phase Two Bond Work

Resolved: To award the bid for Phase II Bond Glenwood Landing Masonry Reconstruction Yankee Gutter Restoration (GC-1), as per the recommendation of BBS Architects and Savin Engineers, P.C., to:

Total Construction Corp.

290 McGuinness Boulevard

Brooklyn, NY 11222

Base Bid GC-1	\$394,000
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Total Award:	\$394,000
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Award of Bids for Phase Three Bond Work

Resolved: To award the bid for Phase III Bond-Mechanical Construction Univent replacement & Control Work at the Sea Cliff Elementary School (MC-1) to the low bidder as per the recommendation of BBS Architects and Savin Engineers, P.C., to:

Geo-Tech Construction

47 Allen Road

Farmingdale, NY 11735

Base Bid MC-1	\$412,000
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Alternate #3 (Valves & Actuators replaced 31 units)	\$ 62,000
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Total Award:	\$474,000
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Resolved: To award the bid for Phase III Bond-Masonry Reconstruction at the North Shore High School (GC-4) to the low bidder as per the recommendation of BBS Architects and Savin Engineers, P.C., to:
Total Construction Corp.

290 McGuinnes Blvd.

Brooklyn, NY 11222

Base Bid GC-4 \$272,000

Alternate #4 (re-pointing area by custodian's room) \$ 59,000

Total Award: \$331,000

Resolved: To award the bid for Phase III Bond-Electrical Construction Theater Renovation Electric at North Shore High School (EC-3) to the low bidder as per the recommendation of BBS Architects and Savin Engineers, P.C. to:

Locust Valley Electric

93 Glen Cove Avenue

Glen Cove, NY 11542

Base Bid EC-3 \$ 2,850

Alternate #2 (stage floor pot tracing & re-wiring) \$ 2,950

Alternate #3 (Extra mic inputs) \$ 38,700

Alternate #4 (New projector screen & upgraded projector) \$ 15,000

Total Award \$ 59,500

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

Award of Cooperative Bid for 2017-18 General A/C, Ventilation & Refrigeration Repairs & Service

Resolved: To award the bid for 2017-18 General A/C, Ventilation & Refrigeration Repairs & Service Cooperative Bid to the low bidder Comfort Kool, HVAC, Inc. at the labor rates & discounted pricing for materials as per their bid of April 7,2017

On motion of Trustee Russo and seconded by Trustee Ludmar, with Trustees Berliner, Commander, Gonzalez, Jones, Labbate and Ludmar for and Trustee Russo abstaining, it was:

Adoption of Revised Policy Regulation #5405-R (Wellness)

Resolved: That the board adopt revised Wellness policy regulation #5405-R as discussed at the meeting of April 6, 2017, effective April 20, 2017

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Old Business

President Labbate asked to confirm the terms for the two community Audit Committee Members, Ray Ottusch and Bob Morales.

Trustee Ludmar noted that at a previous meeting a public comment was made that IB was implemented without knowledge of the Board. He asked Dr. Melnick to supply any information in this regard to correct public perception. Dr. Melnick gave a timeline and summary of the 25 meetings in which IB was discussed by the Board from October, 2012 through March, 2017.

Trustee Russo noted there was a comment from a member of the community from the last meeting who said she was happy with the direction the Board was taking with regard to IB. She went on to say it is harder when someone does not agree with the Board, but she does not feel there was ill intent in the comment from the resident who spoke at the prior meeting. She felt the point of that commentary was for more offerings of AP courses, not for the elimination of IB. She noted there has

been some comments on social media about this. She said the board should encourage the community to make their comments directly to the Board and not on social media.

Trustee Gonzalez suggested a policy of designating a Trustee to report on correspondence to the Board from community members. President Labbate suggested this be discussed more fully at a later time.

Trustee Russo noted the LAC flyer needs approval so can be mailed out and meet deadlines.

New Business

Trustee Russo emailed a letter that SuperLAC would like to send to Commissioner Elia. The letter addresses three topics; changing ELL requirements, reducing the number of days that assessments are given, and changing reporting time to SED. She asked to amend the agenda to add it as a discussion item.

On motion of Trustee Russo and seconded by Trustee Labbate and all in favor, a discussion on the SuperLAC Letter to Commissioner Elia was added to the agenda.

Trustee Berliner noted that the letter does not state our top priorities first. He asked if a statement could be added that the list is not in priority order. Trustee Russo asked for any additional comments be emailed to her for inclusion in the letter before the next meeting. The letter will be placed on the next agenda for approval.

President Labbate reported that a community member asked whether or not the Board is interested in discussing a change in policy regarding suspected drugs in the high school, specifically random drug testing and bringing in drug sniffing dogs to the school. She asked if there is any interest on the Board to have this on a future agenda as a discussion item. Dr. Melnick suggested it be a larger discussion about a change in culture and that it include the high school administration, parents, and students. The Board decided to wait until Dr. Giarrizzo can be part of the discussion.

Adjournment

At 10:45 on motion of Trustee Commander and seconded by Trustee Gonzalez and all in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Ciampi
District Clerk