

North Shore Schools
Board of Education
Town/Regular Meeting
Minutes
October 26, 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, 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 Berliner and seconded by Trustee Russo 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 pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law) and discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation.

At 7:40 p.m. on motion of Trustee Ludmar seconded by Trustee Galati and all in favor, the Board moved to come out of executive session and resumed the meeting in the library. There were approximately 75 people in the audience.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Labbate led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Recognition

On behalf of all of the parent organizations, Coordinating Council Presidents, Lisa Vizza and Denise Reiner, recognized the Board of Education for their commitment to the children and residents of the North Shore community. Under the direction of music teacher Jason Domingo, the Chamber Orchestra performed, high school teacher Teresa Paolilli-Schiano, presented the Board with ties and tie-bags made from repurposed material by students in the advanced fashion class, and a celebration was held with refreshments hand-made by middle and high school students in the culinary arts and middle school elective classes.

President Labbate thanked Lisa Vizza and Denise Reiner, the students, faculty and everyone involved for the lovely presentation. She also thanked her fellow trustees for the many hours they devote to working hard for the community they serve.

Report from the SGO

SGO co-presidents Lindsay Golden and Emilie Biolsi reported on events and activities at the high school, including: 14 members of the SGO attended the recent CASA meeting and found the statistics of substance abuse very scary. They want to make a difference and spread the word. They are interested in getting a class together to become certified in the use of Narcan. They also reported that the recent presentation by LICADD was very helpful and classmates left feeling very motivated. The SGO is glad to be involved with Shared Decision Making and feel they can make a positive impact. Finally they reported that the Women's Soccer Team have made it to the play-offs; the first game is Friday @2:30 p.m.

Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Giarrizzo reported on his first round of "learning walks" with each of the five principals. These have given him opportunities to tour the schools, visit classrooms, and talk about building goals and objectives. He reported that our principals are working with focus and purpose, teachers are

engaged with children, the purpose of the lesson has been clear without explanation, and most importantly, teachers and students are enjoying one another. Dr. Giarrizzo reported on the first of seven planned “coffee and conversations”. The turnout was excellent and the conversations were thought provoking and focused on the right priorities. A range of issues were discussed including homework, wellness, social-emotional learning, reducing stress, the importance of play, strong outcomes for our high school students, and balancing accountability with good and purposeful teaching, learning, and assessment practices. The next meeting is scheduled for November 14th and the first evening session is scheduled for that day as well. Dr. Giarrizzo thanked Mr. Chlebicki for his leadership with administrators in further defining and understanding the SVOs. Dr. Giarrizzo reported on the CASA event on Monday, which was well attended and very effective. He felt the key outcome from the meeting is that we need to start the conversations surrounding substance use and abuse much sooner and the focus will be to identify appropriate ways of doing that. Dr. Giarrizzo thanked Coordinating Council and students for contributing to Board recognition night, and thanked the Board for their hard work and partnership. He reported that at this evening’s meeting there will be an update by the LAC committee and he thanked Chairperson Deb McDermott for her leadership and the entire committee for their focused work. Also on the agenda, a report from the elementary principals and directors on student achievement at the elementary level. Finally as a follow-up, he reported that there will be a meeting of the Athletic Attendance Policy Committee in November which he and Don Lang will co-chair; he will report back on the progress of the meeting but noted the policy does not apply to students at the middle school.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Trustee Jones and seconded by Trustee Berliner and all in favor, the minutes of October 12, 2017 were approved.

Town Meeting

President Labbate opened the floor for questions and comments from the public.

Denise Reiner, Glen Head, asked that the district share information with the CASA organization on what is incorporated into the curriculum on substance use and abuse, so as not to duplicate plans. Dr. Giarrizzo responded, the principals are preparing something for him, which he will share with the CASA group. Ms. Reiner suggested putting together a list that goes back a few years. President Labbate noted that we are fortunate to have Ms. Reissa Berg on our staff, considering her wealth of experience. She went on to say that at the last Board meeting parents in the community raised concern over the culture of acceptance surrounding alcohol use in the community; she suggested using that as a starting point for planning events. Trustee Commander added the CASA Board has discussed reaching this issue through a Parent University.

With no further questions or comments from the public, President Labbate closed the town meeting.

Regular Meeting

Regular Business

Report on Student Achievement

The three elementary principals, Lori Nimmo, Bridget Finder, and Christopher Zublionis, along with Director of Elementary STEAM, Carol Smyth and Director of Elementary Humanities, Devra Small, presented an overview of testing data from the ELA and math & science assessments. Data from math assessments indicate students continue to show growth with respect to content knowledge, conceptual understanding, facility with skills, and the ability to solve problems. Results from the NYS fourth grade

science assessment suggest our students' strong content knowledge and facility with skills. It also indicates that we are reinforcing the opportunities the newly adopted NYS Science Learning Standards and our enhanced efforts around STEAM learning offer for enhancing student learning in STEM. In the area of ELA, North Shore's student proficiency percentages are in the top fifth of Nassau County districts and typical for districts similar to ours. Our students show strength in all standards and especially in writing. Each school principal also reported on how student achievement is measured through the Shared Valued Outcomes (SVOs). In Glen Head, this is being accomplished through the iInnovate program. iInnovate was implemented to provide opportunities for students to practice and commit to the application of all of the SVOs to solve real-world problems. They not only mastered new STEM skills but also increased their facility as Communicators, Collaborators, Thinkers, Problem Solvers, Innovators and Committed Individuals. In Glenwood Landing the system of Authentic Learning Experiences at every grade level is being used. Several grade levels are participating in Performance Assessment Design Initiative (PADI) projects and others are designing their own experiences within the curriculum including: the investigation of purposeful play, a comparison of life long ago with life today, an inquiry as to whether or not balance is essential, an exploration of how emotions impact learning, an investigation of how artists and scientists work to analyze and bring awareness to real-world problems. Students at Glenwood have the opportunity to engage in inquiry-based lessons in the Outdoor Classroom, Japanese garden and STEAM laboratory, all designed by teams of students within authentic learning experiences. Sea Cliff students participate in authentic conversations. Teachers in Sea Cliff designed conversations in strategic ways for each grade level. Examples included Socratic Discussion to develop communication and thinking skills for lower grades while the older students engaged in inter-active role playing to empower students to solve relational issues that develop amongst students. Before and after all of the experiences, students engage in pre-assessments and post-assessments to illustrate how students grew because of the experiences. They also reflected upon their own growth using learning progressions.

President Labbate thanked the principals and directors for the detailed and informative presentation. Dr. Giarrizzo added that the work done with the Shared Valued Outcomes thus far has built a strong foundation on what is coming next.

Legislative Action Committee

Legislative Action Committee (LAC) Chairperson, Deborah McDermott, gave an update for the Board. The LAC committee will be holding a Legislative Night on Wednesday, January 24th @7:00 p.m. This is a unique opportunity for the community to come and speak directly to their legislators in an informal setting. She noted that Senator Marcellino is the Chairman of the Education Committee. She reviewed their goals for Legislative Night seeking ways to get good attendance, have the entire community represented and ensure that questions are answered. She further reviewed plans for how to get the community engaged in the issues and to attend the meeting. She asked the Board for any feedback or guidance. Trustee Russo suggested inviting Congressman Tom Suozzi and volunteered to reach out to him. She also suggested using the Glenwood Landing or Sea Cliff School Theatre as a more intimate setting.

Comments from the Public

Lisa Vizza, Glen Head, asked if the donation to the music tour/performance tour is a new club. Ms. Buatsi responded, it is not a club, the donation is run through the extra-curricular activity fund to offset some of the expenses associated with the tour.

Tim Madden, Sea Cliff, noted that in Dr. Giarrizzo's report he said the athletic attendance policy did not apply to the middle school, he asked if that meant it has been rescinded. Dr. Giarrizzo responded, it applies only to Junior Varsity and Varsity athletes. Mr. Madden said the policy that appears online states that it applies to middle school students as well. Dr. Giarrizzo will speak to Mr.

Lang, however he was informed by Mr. Lang that it does not apply to middle school students. Trustee Russo added, based on comments from community members, it seems the practice is applying to middle school students.

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

Personnel

Resignation - Certified

Resolved: To accept the resignation of Eileen Carter, Teaching Assistant, effective October 27, 2017

Leave of Absence for Child Rearing Purposes - Certified

Resolved: To approve a leave of absence for child rearing purposes for Kathleen Festa, Mathematics, effective February 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018

Resolved: To approve a leave of absence for child rearing purposes for Jessica McNeill, Music, effective February 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018

Increments for Advanced Study – Certified

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Benjamin Benfield, Art, from Step 4 of the MA salary schedule to Step 4 of the MA+15 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2017

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Christine De’Albuquerque, Elementary, from Step 17 of the MA+30 salary schedule to Step 17 of the MA+45 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2017

Resolved: To approve an increment for advanced study for Chivon Marteena, Special Education, from Step 6 of the MA salary schedule to Step 6 of the MA+15 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2017

Regular Substitute (Leave Replacement) Appointment – Certified

Resolved: To approve a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Jingwen Cai, Mandarin, on Step 1 of the MA salary schedule, effective February 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018

Resolved: To approve a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Frances Curtin, Special Education, on Step 10 of the MA+30 salary schedule, effective October 25, 2017 through March 15, 2018

Change of Status – Certified

Resolved: To approve a change of status for Emily Whelan, Social Studies, from a part-time (.8) appointment to a full time probationary appointment on Step 2 of the MA salary schedule, effective September 1, 2017 through September 1, 2021

Approval of Teacher Overage – Certified

Resolved: To approve the following teacher overage effective September 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017:

Jared Berry, Music .2

Appointments – Non-Certified

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Eugenio Mendez, Part-time Bus Driver, effective October 16, 2017

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Janine Whitting, Part-time Bus Driver, effective October 16, 2017

Resolved: To approve the appointment of Maria Cook, Food Service Worker @ high school, effective October 16, 2017

Approval of Additions to the Per Diem Substitute List

Resolved: To add the following names to the per diem substitute list:

Kimberly Kampe	Teacher Substitute
Christian Anderson	Teacher Substitute
Courtney Morgan	Teacher Substitute
Mary Hill	Clerical Substitute
Allen Stevens	Cleaner Substitute
Miguel Vidal	Cleaner Substitute

Approval of Extra-Curricular Activity Advisors & Coaches

Resolved: To approve the following extra-curricular activity advisors & coaches:

Middle School

Organizations (Music)

Jazz Band	Olivia Rodriguez	Step 1
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Elementary

Level 2

Shared Inquiry Book Club	Linda Klion	Step 1
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Coaches

Men's Basketball

Varsity	Kevin Carpenter	Step II
Junior Varsity	Ryan Berglin	Step II
Middle School (8th grade)	Christopher Vitucci	Step II
Middle School (7th grade)	Andrew Siegel	Step I

Women's Basketball

Varsity	Keith Freund	Step II
Junior Varsity	Donna Nelson	Step I
Middle School (8th grade)	Jaclyn Muscarella	Step II
Middle School (7th grade)	Jean Merz	Step II

Gymnastics

Varsity	Melissa Vassallo	Step II
Varsity Assistant	Cassandra McNamara	Step II
Middle School	Melissa Vassallo	Step II
Middle School	Cassandra McNamara	Step II

Men's Bowling

Varsity/JV	Brian Rodahan	Step I
Men's & Women Bowling		
Middle School (7th & 8th)	Michele Canavan	Step I
Women's Bowling		
Varsity/JV	Brian Kline	Step I

Women's Winter Track

Varsity/ JV	Neal Levy	Step II
Men's Winter Track		
Varsity/JV	Ed Corona	Step II
Varsity/JV Asst.	Jason Millard	Step II
Middle School M/W	John Jackson	Step II
	Donna Jean Welch-Pierantozzi	Step II
	Jaclyn Muscarella	Step II

Wrestling

Varsity	Mike Emmert	Step II
Varsity Asst.	Anthony Facchini	Step I
Middle School	Keith Slack	Step II
Middle School	John Jackson	Step II

Girls Volleyball

Middle School 8th	Stephanie Donnolly	Step II
Middle School 7th	Tom Granieri	Step I
Boys Volleyball		
Middle School 8th	Tom Granieri	Step I
Middle School 7th	Andrew Siegel	Step I
Cheerleading-Varsity	Charlotte Felter	Step I
Men's Swimming-Varsity	Megan Dawideit	Step I
Supervision	Sandra Livoti	

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

Acceptance of Donation from Donald & Perry Krug to The North Shore High School

Resolved: To accept a donation from Donald & Perry Krug to the North Shore High School Music Tour/Performance tour to be used toward expenses for the 2018 Portugal performance tour

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

Approval to Dispose of Inventory

Resolved: To approve of the disposal of the following inventory items:

- 2 Computers @Glenwood Landing School
- 1 Printer @Glenwood Landing School
- 1 Computer @High School
- 2 Printers @High School
- 1 Monitor @High School
- 2 Scanners @High School
- 1 Smart Table @Sea Cliff School

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

Approval of Change Orders

Resolved: To approve change order #1 from Web Construction Corp., for Bond Referendum Projects Phase 3 at the North Shore High School in the amount of \$41,000 (addition)

Resolved: To approve change order #2 from Web Construction Corp., for Bond Referendum Projects Phase 3 at the North Shore High School in the amount of \$4,500 (addition)

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

Approval of Agreement with Strategic Educational Advantage, LLC

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the Agreements between the School District and Strategic Educational Advantage, LLC services to be provided to the District for facilitation of a Board of Education retreat on November 1, 2017, 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 Berliner and seconded by Trustee Commander and all in favor, it was:

Approval of Agreement for Related Services with Family Pediatric Home Care, a Division of Tri-Borough Home Care, LTD.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the Agreement between Family Pediatric Home Care, A Division of Tri-Borough Home Care, LTD., and the School District to provide to the District related services to designated students pursuant to the IEP, for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 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 Russo and seconded by Trustee Ludmar and all in favor, it was:

Approval of Agreement for Skilled Nursing Services with Family Pediatric Home Care, a Division of Tri-Borough Home Care, LTD.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the Agreement between Family Pediatric Home Care, A Division of Tri-Borough Home Care, LTD., and the School District to provide skilled nursing services on an on-needed, as-requested, basis to the District for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 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 Ludmar and seconded by Trustee Galati and all in favor, it was:

Approval of Agreement with Daniel Armstrong, DPT.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the Agreement between Daniel Armstrong, DPT., and the School District to provide related services to designated students pursuant to the IEP, for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 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 Ludmar and seconded by Trustee Russo and all in favor, it was:

Acceptance of Donation from Paul Spivack to the North Shore High School

Resolved: To accept the following donations from Paul Spivack to the North Shore High School to be used for the Woodshop for Technology Courses and the Robotics Team for a total of \$2,740.49 (including shipping/freight of \$166.99):

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| 1 – Grizzly Mill/Drill Machine @\$1,850 | 1 – Grizzly Power Feed @\$319.95 |
| 1 – Grizzly Clamping Kit @\$48.95 | 1 – Priest Tools @\$104.95 |
| 1 – Grizzly 12 pc. Collet Set @\$83.95 | 1 – Grizzly Milling Vise @\$152.95 |

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Old Business

President Labbate noted that going forward Vice-president Jones will be providing regular updates on the water company issue at each board meeting.

New Business

In honor of Board Recognition week, Dr. Giarrizzo presented the Board with a Proclamation from Senator Marcellino.

Adjournment

At 10:00 p.m., on motion of Trustee Commander and seconded by Trustee Berliner and all in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Ciampi
District Clerk