

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

The meeting was called to order by President Sara Jones at 6:30 p.m. in the North Shore High School Library. Present were Trustees Commander, Galati, Ludmar, Madden, Russo and Vizza. Also present Superintendent Peter Giarrizzo, and Assistant Superintendent Olivia Buatsi. Robert Chlebicki was absent.

At 6:30 p.m. on motion of Trustee Russo and seconded by Trustee Ludmar and all in favor, the Board moved to convene an executive session in the Faculty Lounge to discuss matters leading to the appointment employment, promotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or persons, collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law), and current or pending litigation.

At 7:45 p.m. on motion of Trustee Commander and seconded by Trustee Vizza and all in favor, the Board moved to come out of executive session and resumed the regular meeting in the library. There were approximately 25 people in the audience.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

President Jones led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes**

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

**Approval of Treasurer's Report**

On motion of Trustee Ludmar and seconded by Trustee Russo and all in favor, the treasurer's report of December 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 was approved.

**Report of the Superintendent**

Dr. Giarrizzo explained that this evening he will present the 2019-2020 Preliminary Budget which is a zero-based budget that proposes a spending plan built to support the pillars of the five-year strategic plan. It maintains favorable class size, all special and general education programs, and extra-curricular and athletic programs. It is designed to manage short-term and long-term financial needs and is an investment in the present and future of North Shore's children. Dr. Giarrizzo gave an update on the process to identify the next Assistant Superintendent for Instruction; 88 applications were received for the position, he and Ms. Buatsi interviewed 24 of the most promising candidates and identified 6 outstanding candidates who will be meeting with committee members next week. A total of 41 administrators, central office staff, parents, teachers, and students will help identify three semi-finalists who will be invited back to meet with Dr. Giarrizzo again before finalists are considered by the Board. Dr. Giarrizzo reminded everyone to participate in the *Thoughtexchange*. As of this evening, 1,566 staff members, community members and 3-12 students have participated, 2,628 thoughts have been shared and 98,274 ratings have been assigned. The survey is open for one more day and he encouraged everyone to provide their input as the district seeks to scope and prioritize a possible future tax neutral bond. The first community forum will be held on Tuesday, March 5th at 7pm in the North Shore High

School Library; details to follow, all are welcome. Dr. Giarrizzo explained that over the past two weeks he has been hearing concerns within the community about reserves and other matters. He went on to say that the District has consistently been informed it is in strong financial health. In addition, the District has received a "0" score of fiscal stress from the NYS Comptroller's Office and currently maintain a Aa1 Bond rating from Moody's. This is the second highest rating that can be received. There are many financial documents available on our website such as: Budget Documents/Adopted Budgets, Five-Year Expenditure Reports, Treasurer and Audit Reports, Status of District Reserves. Dr. Giarrizzo will present the five-year plan to the Board and they will continue to have in-depth discussions including the status of the district's Reserve funds. Dr. Giarrizzo explained that every district allocates funds differently according to the needs of their students and community. The inception of the tax cap and the 2008 global financial crisis forced schools to carefully reserve funds so that programs could be maintained, facilities could receive the care they need, and unanticipated spikes in budgeting could be avoided. He went on to explain that reserve funds are an important planning tool generally used by local governments and school districts to save for future needs and other allowable purposes. A reserve fund acts like a bank account, allowing school districts in N.Y. State to set aside money for use in the future. The benefits of Reserve funds include: Plan ahead and save for the future, Help maintain a stable operating budget (by mitigating the financial impact of major, non-recurring or unforeseen expenditures on our annual budget), Balance budgets and to avoid cuts in services, Maintain a stable tax levy, Boost district's overall fiscal strength. Dr. Giarrizzo then reviewed each Reserve Fund:

#### Restricted Reserve Funds vs. Unrestricted Reserve Funds

Currently the Restricted Reserve Funds total \$15,532,032.23 that can only be used for specific reasons that are based upon real or actuarial financial exposure. Examples include the Capital Reserve and Repair Reserve Funds designated to buildings and infrastructure needs. The Worker's Compensation Reserve pays claims for injuries sustained on the job by district employees.

Our community has raised questions about \$333,168.14 in The Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve (EBALR). This restrictive fund is used to pay the monetary value of accumulated but unused leave time of employees when they retire or leave the school district. The balance in this reserve is the total of accrued but unpaid vacation time of the district's custodial (58) and clerical staff (43.5) as of June 30, 2018. All custodial and clerical employees earn their vacation throughout the year, per their respective bargaining agreements, but are required to take them after the close of the fiscal year in June. It is a contractual benefit and will be reviewed again once the contract expires.

Our Unrestrictive Funds totaling \$3,984,879.78 million are monies set aside to offset LIPA via a special grant from our local elected officials. Another example is the unassigned Fund Balance totaling \$4,318,728.60. This fund is usually used sparingly for a "rainy day" for purposes determined by the school district.

Dr. Giarrizzo said he understands that Reserves are complex and can frustrate folks. That said, he clarified that a small percentage of them are discretionary, and the remainder are tied to real and actuarial liabilities. He extended an invitation to any member of the community who would like to understand intended uses more fully, to make an appointment with himself and Ms. Buatsi.

#### **Report from the SGO**

John Labbate, SGO co-president, reported that the high school is sending two student representatives to the committee to help choose the next Assistant Superintendent. He is happy that the student voice will be part of that process. He reported on student achievement in the area of science research; students submitted their projects to the Jr. Science Symposium in the fall semi-finalists competed at the Long Island Science and Engineering Fair. Four of those were selected to go on to finals. He reported that high school students left for France today on an exchange trip and French students will come to North Shore in a month. Finally, he reported that the theme for Sports Night was

selected; TV Channels. The Seniors are Disney Channel, Juniors are Nickelodeon, Sophomores are ESPN and the Freshman are MTV.

### **Regular Business**

#### **Superintendent's Budget Presentation**

Dr. Giarrizzo presented the proposed 2019-2020 budget currently \$107,799,955 a 2.795% increase over the 2018-2019 and below the tax levy cap. Dr. Giarrizzo reviewed the goals for the 2019-2020 budget - Remain sensitive to the fiscal pressures faced by residents of the North Shore community, address all instructional program needs in line with the district's Shared Valued Outcomes (SVO's), and the three pillars of the District's Strategic Plan, provide a safe and healthy learning environment for students and staff, continue to upgrade the district's technology infrastructure, provide a strong program of Professional Development to enhance Teaching and Learning, comply with all New York State and Federal Mandates. Dr. Giarrizzo explained that the budget building process began with a zero-based budget. He reviewed the safety and security upgrades which include: in the 2018-2019 school year additional coverage was added and will continue as follows: 2 hours coverage added Monday-Friday to the three elementary schools, 4.5 hours coverage added to the middle school and 6.75 hours coverage added to the high school. In addition, district-wide coverage of athletics and performing arts events, outside security for after school events, parking lots, recess, and after school programs will be added in the 2019-2020 budget. Additionally, facilities are being upgraded with LED lighting, security cameras fence repairs, a camera monitoring system and the hiring of a health and safety consultant. School buses are being upgraded with cameras and card readers for student issued ID cards for boarding school buses. In the area of instruction, the budget supports the following: 1 health and wellness teacher for all three elementary schools, 1 Guidance Counselor (mandated) for all three elementary schools, 1- Special Education Teacher, a .4 ENL teacher integrated and standalone classes at the middle school and high school (mandated), a .2 teacher for a coding course at the middle school, a .2 teacher for a journalism/writing elective at the middle school, a .2 Mandarin teacher for the expansion of Mandarin to the 11th grade, a.4 teacher for the Elective Intro to Gaming, APP Building and Robotics, and Cyber Security at the high school, a .4 teacher for Theatre and Dance at the high school, a .4 reading teacher for special education at the elementary schools. Also, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Spaces to enhance collaborative learning, and expansion of Chromebooks to incoming grades 5 and 9. In addition enhancements in Teaching and Learning include: at the high school the Introduction of FIRST, to enhance STEM education through coding, electronics and robotics manufacturing course as well as competitions, opportunity for all students to engage in a cycle of computer science, the introduction of the first Health Science Competition geared towards Nassau and Suffolk high school students. At the middle school, incorporate digital portfolios to chronicle and archive the educational experiences of students, mandatory coding course as an elective for all middle school students, introduction of ProQuest, to increase students' access to scholarly databases, increase in media and literacy experience electives with a focus on variety and choice to bring out students' voice. On the elementary level: First Lego League Junior Challenge Competitions, Global Connection Club, Young Math Minds and Young Scientist Club, The Power of One Program to enhance Social and Emotional Learning. In the special education program: a systematic plan for the implementation of a full day integrated co-teaching model to reinforce learning, and professional development for administrators, teachers and related service providers to work together to enhance their understanding of progress monitoring tools for special needs students. Dr. Giarrizzo reviewed the unknowns such as state aid, health insurance costs for 2020, kindergarten registration, student services (IEPs), and student course selections for grades 6-12. He reviewed projected revenues and revenue challenges. Next Dr. Giarrizzo reviewed the future allocation of the grants from Senator Marcellino and Assemblyman Lavine as well as the proposed allocation of the tax certiorari reserve. Finally, Dr. Giarrizzo explained how the tax levy is apportioned among property

classes in the district and the impact on home values. The Board will consider a proposal to reduce the transportation mileage limits for grades 6-12 to .75 mile (from current limits of 1 mile).

Trustee Ludmar said he appreciates how the goals of the district are tied to how it affects students. He noted one point about the 2% tax cap is that it can be exceeded by a 60% vote. He went on to say it is not something that this community has done, nor something that this Board has had to do, but it is good to put it into perspective. He said it is important to point out that in looking at the District's history of tax increases over decades there were increases of 8% and 10% which has slowly gone down and has not been seen for a very long time. Dr. Giarrizzo agreed. He explained if you are within the allowable tax cap, to pass your budget you need a 50% majority plus 1. He went on to say since the inception of the tax cap the rate of budgets passing is much higher. It is very popular with voters and budgets usually fail if districts try to exceed the cap. President Jones noted that if we were just to carry over the budget from last year, we would be above the cap and therefore cuts were made in some areas to accommodate areas where there is not control due to some huge contractual drivers such as health care. Trustee Ludmar added, 1.67% of the increase is in contractual obligations where there is no control. All of the other areas that the community has shown are priorities, such as health and wellness, security, coding courses, all has to fit in a small wedge of the remainder of that percentage.

President Jones made a motion to amend the agenda to have a line by line discussion of the first two sections of the budget after comments from the public. Trustee Ludmar seconded the motion and with all in favor the motion was carried.

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

Melissa August, Glen Head, read a statement regarding recent comments by members of the community and tensions within the community. She stated her support of the board, school, teachers and staff. She said she believes the fine reputation of the school district raises the values of homes and the community. She feels the Board must be allowed to make the right decisions for the children of the district. She further stated the budgets are public record, they were voted on by the community and passed. She went on to say the majority of the community voted to agree to fund the reserves in place. While she understands that some in the community perceive a lack of transparency she noted that everything is printed on the school website and board meeting videos are also available. She asked for some clarity regarding reserves. She thanked the Board for their dedication, that she is proud to be a North Shore parent and said she believes the children are in good hands. Ms. August did not file her statement with the Clerk.

Toni Labbate, Glen Head, noted from experience as a former Board Member and interacting with the District's attorneys and accountants, their advice was to always fund reserves. During her tenure as a Trustee the District employed two different law firms and two different accounting firms, four separate professional firms, all of whom recommended funding of reserves. She went on to explain that these are not decisions made solely by Board members, it is the result of careful planning while seeking the expert advice from professionals, the Assistant Superintendent for Business, and her interactions with other districts. The Board is always looking to the future and planning many years ahead. She thanked the Board for their dedication. She suggested that if the public has a complaint or comment, they should come to the board meeting to voice it and be accountable and not make a social media storm. Finally, Ms. Labbate said she is happy to see a coding course being added to the Middle School and wondered how 8<sup>th</sup> graders will code without the use of Chromebooks.

Maria Mosca, Sea Cliff, said she is delighted about a coding course being added in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. She also stated that while distributing Chromebooks to 5<sup>th</sup> graders is acceptable, she asked that they not be given to 4<sup>th</sup> graders. She is the manager of the Sea Cliff School Garden and would like younger students to have more outside activities and less reasons for using electronics.

Wesley Leach, Sea Cliff, asked if the addition of security guards from 4:00-6:00 pm will be part-time employees. Dr. Giarrizzo explained that if we are able to use our full time guards we do, after which the additional time is with part-time guards. He went on to explain that security coverage was extended to the buildings from 4:00-6:00 pm as well as adding a second guard for outside coverage.

Denise Reiner, Glen Head, asked if the security being added for next year is new personnel, is it more hours for events, are they armed guards, are they regular people, what type of security is planned. Dr. Giarrizzo explained that no one is armed, they are generally law enforcement officers who are managing the perimeter of the exterior of the buildings and doors. In the afternoon at the secondary level, there is much going on at the athletic fields. The guards are paying attention to what is happening. Ms. Reiner noted that some members of the community want the location of the budget vote moved, she asked if the Board has made any decisions. President Jones responded that at the last meeting a number of Board members expressed their opinion that the school election should remain at the high school, however the Board has not had a vote on it. Ms. Reiner said she is concerned for the safety of the students and read a statement which she did not file with the District Clerk. Ms. Reiner listed the many events that public access takes place within our district. She suggested on the night of the budget vote adjustments be made to make the environment safer for students. She recommended the voting area have only one-way access in and out, that students attend an assembly rather than gym class the day of the vote, to move the student awards day and celebration of student work to avoid people coming into the gym area from the cafeteria, as measures to make the area more secure.

#### **Budget Review**

The Board reviewed the following sections of the budget: General Support (Non-Instructional), Facilities (Central Services), Capital/Special Projects, Transportation, and Enrollment.

Dr. Giarrizzo reported on enrollment projections, according to the recently commissioned demographic study, the projection for 2019-20 for Kindergarten is for 2 sections at Glen Head, 4 sections at Glenwood Landing and 2 sections at Sea Cliff (1 less than this year). For first grade, the projection is for 3 sections in all three elementary schools. Dr. Giarrizzo reported that Glenwood Landing and Sea Cliff will be down one section. At the middle school and high school the section counts are very fluid at this point. The total enrollment figures for the middle school is 590 and for the high school is 851 and those numbers according to the demographic study are projected to remain flat. He reported that in addition to the demographic study we will need to look at the capacity study to see if each school has the capacity to house the number of students enrolled and that the type of classroom has the correct amount of space.

Trustee Ludmar asked for a more robust discussion regarding the demographic study in light of the new study from BOCES which indicates enrollment will remain flat which contradicts the former study which indicated enrollment will be going down. He noted there has been discussions with local civic groups about a potential 60-unit condominium being developed within the district as well as other properties being developed and he feels a more thorough discussion is needed. President Jones agreed. Dr. Giarrizzo will schedule that discussion on a future agenda.

Trustee Madden asked for a discussion about looking at school attendance zones as a way of giving parents options when there is an imbalance of class size in the elementary schools. He said looking at the numbers for kindergarten and first grade for next year he anticipates there will be a similar situation as last year when parents were concerned about the disparity of class sizes from one elementary school to another. He asked if there is a policy in this regard. President Jones responded she would be interested in looking at this issue especially in conjunction with the possible development projects. Dr. Giarrizzo explained that with the pending development in some cases there are solid plans while some we are not sure what is planned. There are two ways of addressing the issue. One would be to look at the hard lines for catchment areas and figure out how to distribute children through those

lines. Taking into account that people feel strongly about their neighborhood schools that would be something to think through how to handle. The other option would be to allow families to make application to the superintendent for enrollment to an alternate elementary school, something other districts allow. Dr. Giarrizzo explained that the district does not have a policy that allows for this. Currently only siblings of special education students at Glenwood Landing are permitted to attend Glenwood Landing School with permission of the Superintendent and with clear parameters. Trustee Russo said she believes this is a fair discussion to have in light of some of the concerns parents have expressed. She said the Board would need a detailed plan with deadlines and would have to take into account staffing as it could end up being self-defeating. She went on to say the Board is always willing to listen to special situations. She is willing to have a discussion and look at other policies. Trustee Ludmar agreed that they should have a discussion, but said it should be along with the capacity study especially with the potential developments. Trustee Russo added, it will depend on what is being developed and what zoning is on those developments, that effects housing. Dr. Giarrizzo will add this as a discussion item on a future agenda.

Trustee Vizza noted that the special education in district for K-1 is not on the enrollment grid for 2019-2020. She asked if this has not yet been determined. Dr. Giarrizzo explained that this is the ILC currently in Glenwood Landing with plans to move to Sea Cliff where there is more flexible space.

President Jones expressed concern about the reduction in LIPA Hearings. Ms. Buatsi explained that the litigation is concluding. Dr. Giarrizzo further explained that the reduction is for the lobbying portion.

Dr. Giarrizzo noted the security increases are for additional security personnel.

Trustee Ludmar asked if there is a trend with custodial supplies going down significantly every other year. Ms. Buatsi explained that there were things that had to wait last year and now need to be addressed.

President Jones asked about the electronic readers which are budgeted in the transportation line. Dr. Giarrizzo explained they are an electronic bus pass. They help to target where kids get on and off the bus and would help with bus routes. President Jones asked if there are other districts that are doing this with elementary age kids. Ms. Buatsi responded yes, Roslyn School District is also doing it, but she will get more information and share that with the Board.

Trustee Russo made a motion to discuss the bus ridership study, Trustee Ludmar seconded the motion, with all in favor, the motion was passed.

Trustee Russo said the bus ridership study indicates that the most ridership is at the elementary level. At the bond steering committee, they have discussed conditions with student drop off and pick up, especially on inclement days; parents need to park blocks away and walk to collect their child which creates a traffic jam. She suggested looking at the cost of decreasing the mileage limits to increase the number of students riding the bus and buying more buses to transport those students in a secure way. She suggested that this might be something to look at instead of doing some of the costly infrastructure projects in the bond such as expanding the parking lot at Glen Head, or an area for students to line up during inclement weather. She further suggested they look at the cost benefit analysis, not just the dollar amount to be spent but also the safety of students. President Jones said this is the reason they are looking to decrease the transportation limits for elementary students to a half mile. Dr. Giarrizzo said they will need to look at the cost and the capacity for storing the buses. He will do some analysis. Trustee Russo said she understands this cannot be done this year, as purchasing the buses has not been planned for. She noted that for the past several years the Board has decreased the mileage and the ridership has increased. She went on to say, there has been a benefit in doing that so it should be analyzed each year. Dr. Giarrizzo said doing this in a measured way, after a ridership study, has made it possible to do it at no additional cost to the district. Dr. Giarrizzo asked the Board if they are any



Christine Considine, Mathematics - .2 effective 2/8/19 – 3/25/19  
 Brooke Rogala, Mathematics - .2 effective 2/8/19 – 3/25/19  
 Chris Halloran, Mathematics - .2 effective 2/8/19 – 3/25/19

Approval of Additions to the Per Diem Substitute List

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the following names to the per diem substitute list:

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| Dana Basile     | Teacher Substitute |
| Luisa Velasquez | Teacher Substitute |
| Aimee Weber     | Teacher Substitute |

Approval of Extra-Curricular Activity Coaches & Athletic Supervision

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the following extra-curricular activity coaches & addition to the list of athletic supervisors:

Baseball

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|------------------------|------------------|---------|
| Varsity                | Scott Lineman    | Step II |
| Varsity Asst. Coach    | Robert Gates     | Step II |
| Junior Varsity         | Harrison Berglin | Step II |
| Middle School (7th gr) | Philip Como      | Step I  |
| Middle School (7th gr) | Andrew Siegel    | Step I  |

Softball

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|------------------------|--------------------|---------|
| Varsity                | Toni Kolb Pappetti | Step II |
| Varsity Asst. Coach    | Tom Granieri       | Step II |
| Junior Varsity         | Tara Gehrich       | Step I  |
| Middle School (7/8 gr) | John Jackson       | Step II |
| Middle School (7/8 gr) | Keith Slack        | Step II |
| Middle School (7/8 gr) | Lisa Johanson      | Step I  |

Gymnastics

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| 7/8 Coach | Melissa Vassallo   | Step II |
| 7/8 Coach | Cassandra McNamara | Step II |

Lacrosse

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|---------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| Men's Varsity             | Aaron Kozlowski     | Step II |
| Men's Var. Assistant      | Christopher Vitucci | Step II |
| Men's Junior Varsity      | Anthony Facchini    | Step I  |
| Boy's M.S. (8th grade)    | Francis Tloczkowski | Step I  |
| Women's Varsity           | Megan McCormack     | Step II |
| Women's Varsity Assistant | Nicole Lein         | Step I  |
| Girl's M.S. (7th grade)   | John DeLiso         | Step I  |
| Girl's M.S. (7/8 grade)   | Emily Whelan        | Step I  |

Spring Track

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|--------------------------|------------------|---------|
| Women's Varsity/ JV      | Neal Levy        | Step II |
| Women's Varsity/JV Asst. | Donna Jean Welch | Step II |
| Middle School Boys/Girls | Keith Freund     | Step II |
|                          | Nicole Larkin    | Step I  |

Golf

|                 |                |         |
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| Women's Varsity | Kevin Dahill   | Step I  |
| Men's Varsity   | Andrew Richter | Step II |

Tennis

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| Men's Varsity        | Brian Kline   | Step II |
| Men's Junior Varsity | Craig Roslund | Step II |

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| M.S. Volleyball | Philip Como  | Step 1 |
| Intramurals     | Emily Whelan | Step 1 |

Athletic Supervision

Emily Whelan

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

Acceptance of a Donation from The North Shore Women's Club to The North Shore High School

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts a donation of \$30.00 from the North Shore Women's Club to the North Shore High School to cover two optional AP tests for a student with financial difficulties

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

Approval of Budget Transfers

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves budget transfers in the amount of \$127,000 to cover teaching assistant position and nurse for a special education student, and legal fees outside the scope of the retainer agreement, effective February 7, 2019

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

Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement Between the Nassau County Board Of Elections and The North Shore Central School District

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the Agreement between the School District and the Nassau County Board of Elections to provide optical scan voting systems and training to the School District as per the terms and conditions set forth in the attached 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.

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

Approval of Agreement Between the North Shore Central School District and Davinci Education & Research LLC

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the Agreement between the School District and the DaVinci Education & Research, LLC to provide direct student services and professional development services as per the terms and conditions set forth in the attached agreement during the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

On motion of Trustee Madden and seconded by Trustee Ludmar with Trustees Galati, Jones, Ludmar, Madden, Russo, Vizza for and Trustee Commander abstaining, it was:

Acceptance of Donation from The North Shore Coalition Against Substance Abuse (NSCASA) to The North Shore Middle School

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts the donation of \$810 from the North Shore Coalition Against Substance Abuse (NSCASA) to cover the cost of a Parent University on Mental Health & Our Children, co-sponsored by the North Shore Middle School and NSCASA

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

Approval of Agreement Between the North Shore Central School District and Douglas Florian

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the Agreement between the School District and Douglas Florian, to provide a poetry workshop and presentation at the Sea Cliff Elementary School on April 5, 2019 and April 10, 2019 at a total fee of not to exceed \$3,300, as per the terms and conditions set forth in the attached 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.

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

Approval to Dispose of Inventory

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

- 1 – Computer at Glenwood Landing Elementary School
- 209 – Workbooks at Sea Cliff Elementary School

**Comments from the Public**

Justin Kletter, Sea Cliff, said he is glad to see that the Special Education budget is up approximately \$700,000 with an additional full time teacher and .4 teacher at a cost of approximately \$200,000. He wondered where the additional funds for special education are going to. Also, he heard that the ILC is moving to Sea Cliff School. He said he knows Dr. Giarrizzo is pushing for inclusion K-5, but has heard different scenarios so he would like more information. Dr. Giarrizzo explained that the additional teacher is to accommodate the expansion of a full time ICT in K-1 & 2-3. Some of the costs will be offset by not needing as many teaching assistants in those areas. Regarding the .4 teacher, that is to support reading. The plan is to move the ILC back to Sea Cliff over time starting with the K-1 section and adding new students as they transition into the program but leaving the rest of the ILC at Glenwood Landing. Dr. Giarrizzo explained that at the next meeting the Board will go through all of the special education areas of the budget including the design of the ICT program.

Rob Mazzella, Glen Head, expressed concern that the National History Day project took up a big portion of the first half of the year and therefore students would not get through the entire curriculum with any meaning in what is left of the school year. He wondered if the administration discussed what the ramifications of that are as students enter high school. Dr. Giarrizzo responded they have thought it through, they have discussed it, they have a plan so there will be no lost instruction in the scope and sequence.

**Old Business**

Trustee Russo proposed instituting a regular practice of having a formal agenda for executive session. She said it would be helpful to keep the board on track to know the scope of what

needs to be covered during the hour they have to meet. In addition, it would be helpful for follow-up items. President Jones said she has no objection to the proposal. Trustee Ludmar agreed as well. District Counsel, Jack Feldman, noted that when the Board makes a motion to go into executive session it should cover all topics that will be discussed. He cautioned that anything that is put on an agenda would be subject to FOIL. Trustee Ludmar asked for a sample agenda to follow. Dr. Giarrizzo said it will be a practice going forward.

#### **New Business**

Dr. Giarrizzo asked when the Board would like to discuss the demographic study. President Jones suggested it be discussed with the capacity study. Trustee Russo suggested those studies be discussed with the Bond discussion as some of those projects would make more sense when looking at the capacity study. Dr. Giarrizzo noted the Architects will be at the February 28<sup>th</sup> Board meeting and he will try and pull something together for that meeting.

#### **Executive Session**

At 10:25 p.m. on motion of Trustee Russo and seconded by Trustee Ludmar and all in favor, the Board moved to convene an executive session in the library to discuss matters concerning pending and current litigation.

#### **Adjournment**

At 10:40 p.m., on motion of Trustee Vizza and seconded by Trustee Madden and all in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Ciampi  
District Clerk