

North Shore Schools  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes  
March 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Sara Jones at 6:30 p.m. in the North Shore High School Cafeteria. Present were Trustees Commander, Galati, Ludmar, Madden, Russo and Vizza. Also present Superintendent Peter Giarrizzo, and Assistant Superintendents Olivia Buatsi and Robert Chlebicki. Robert Oldham, Coordinator of Safety and Security was also present. There were 19 people in the audience.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

President Jones led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Hearing**

President Jones opened the public hearing by making a statement regarding the format for the night and information on school district elections, including the section of Education Law regarding School District Elections, and efforts to ensure safety for the upcoming budget vote/election of trustees scheduled for May 21, 2019. She then opened the floor for public comment.

Grant Kletter, Sea Cliff, thanked the Board for providing an opportunity to discuss this issue with the community. He said he hopes the Board will hear the concerns of the community, which is for the safety of students. Mr. Kletter said in the Superintendent's email regarding election in our schools, he stated that the high school is safer than the middle school or elementary schools because it has its own entrance, doors which can separate voters from students and staff, and bathrooms apart from the rest of the school. Mr. Kletter said this is not unique to the high school and asked if the Board feels the high school is still safer and if so why. President Jones showed a floorplan of the high school gymnasium area and explained how the entrances can be closed off. Trustee Russo asked district counsel, Jack Feldman, if it is possible to hold any type of referendum on this issue. Mr. Feldman explained that the decision about the location of the election is for the Board alone. Trustee Russo asked what the consequences are if the Board decides to move the location. Mr. Feldman responded the Commissioner of Education can do whatever he feels is appropriate, there is very little case law. Trustee Madden stated that he does not believe holding the election in our school poses any greater risk to students than at any other event or on any other school day. He said he believes the high school location is not only adequate and accessible, but desirable. It is most central, most accessible, and people are familiar with having the vote there. He does not believe it poses any additional risk to students especially on Election Day. He further stated the Board is adding additional security and it will probably be one of the most secure days of the year. In addition, holding elections in the schools is allowing residents to exercise their civic duty which is a good lesson for our students.

Jennifer Lamond, Sea Cliff, who is a social studies teacher, said public schools are the bedrock of the community, the largest institutions, largest employers, and centers of learning for residents. She said it brings people together for school plays, continuing education, are community hubs, connects students and residents. She went on to say having the election in public schools gives residents the opportunity to step into the public school building and see the schools they are being asked to support financially, to see the school facility and showcase student work. She further stated she believes the security risk is not as great as some think. Finally, she said she feels it is important to teach the civic value of the election.

Alex Ciampa, Glen Head, thanked the Board for offering the forum. She said it is a different world now and there is no interaction between the kids and community on election day. She noted that a few districts have moved their elections out of their schools successfully and had their budgets passed. She said that is worth exploring. Trustee Russo responded, the Board represents the community. She understands the civic lesson and understands the concerns of the community. She went on to say the District has spent a lot on security but it is difficult to secure the school one hundred percent. She further stated it is disingenuous to ask the community to spend money on security and not be heard. She said she believes the high school is a reasonable place to hold the election. She wondered if there is a way to get a referendum on the issue, if there are reasonable alternatives at no cost to the district. She said she understands this would not be feasible for this year but to continue the discussion for other years. Mr. Feldman explained the board can hold a referendum on anything, but this would not be advisable. Mr. Feldman further explained that the high school has been the location for the budget vote for a considerable time. To change the location would change the custom and would take a lot of measures to make sure the entire community is aware of the change. Trustee Ludmar clarified that the referendum would be a poll of the community, for advising the Board, not for making a decision through a vote. Mr. Feldman confirmed, only the Board can make the decision of where to hold the election. Trustee Ludmar continued, everyone feels responsible for two primary concerns, the education and the safety of students in the schools. He further said he does not know what makes one facility safer than another which is why they called in safety experts, homeland security, and asked their legal team for advice. He went on to say it is important for the community to understand that, and for them to feel safe as well. He further stated that he feels comfortable that the experts have determined that the high school is a safer location.

Danielle Feldman, Sea Cliff, said she does not want her child exposed to someone who is not concerned with the safety of her child. She asked what the protocols are regarding lock-downs and lock-outs at the high school gym area. Dr. Giarrizzo explained that all protocols would be enacted at the athletic complex on election day as they would be normally.

Toni Labbate, Glen Head, said as a school district we should be trying to promote public schools. The district spent a tremendous amount of money on security. They have spent time bringing in homeland security, and consultants to secure the buildings, to handle the election. She went on to say she does not support moving the election from our schools. She said it is important for the community to come into the school building. She said she refuses to live in a bubble and have her kids live in fear. Finally, she noted that NYSSBA is having a lobby day in Albany to support legislation to remove the general election out of elementary schools, which she supports, but again stated she does not support removing our school election out of the high school.

Bruce Kennedy, Sea Cliff, said if the goal of the election is safe and accessible, and to increase the safety of students, and the will of the residents is to move the election, why would the Board not move it. He noted there were no students present at this town meeting. He suggested if anything were to happen to a student on election day, the Board would feel responsible. Trustee Ludmar responded, the Board's public meetings almost always have students at them, several times a year there is student recognition, kids are in the high school building at all hours of the day and evening. He went on to say, anything could happen on any given day, it would not make it any more or less tragic if something were to happen on election day. The Board considers the safety of students as their priority every day.

Tim Madden said he does not believe there is any more risk to a child on Election Day, it is the same as any other day. People come in the parking lot, people do not have access to the cafeteria, it is inaccurate that people walk through the building.

Tracy Bacher, Sea Cliff, Nassau County leader for Moms Demand Action, gun violence awareness, said our kids are safe, the media makes it seem that our kids are threatened. She went on to say she feels our schools are safe and the odds of a school shooting is very slim. She asked if there is a

push to keep our kids out of schools on Primary days. President Jones explained that Primary Day is now set for the end of June.

Wesley Leach, Glen Head, asked if the security guards are undercover at Sea Cliff School during the election. He did not see any guards outside of the school. President Jones responded, they are not undercover, and we are not permitted to put security guards inside the polling place, but they are posted outside.

Jim Spencer Glenwood Landing, said he works for New Hyde Park School District. He said he was involved with moving the election in that district, which is an elementary district. He went on to say, change does take some time, but residents are now used to going to a new location.

Katy Russo, said voting is important and she does not believe the election is posing any danger to students.

Chris Sandborn, Sea Cliff, organizer of Sea Cliff Votes, said while he is not concerned with the safety of the election, he does believe it is important to listen to all concerned residents. The hearing was concluded at 7:25 p.m. and the Board led a tour of the athletic complex for all those interested.

The Board did not convene an executive session.

At 7:55 p.m. the Board reconvened the public session. There were approximately 30 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 February 28, 2019 and March 5, 2019 were approved.

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

On motion of Trustee Russo and seconded by Trustee Galati and all in favor, the treasurer's report of January 1, 2019 through January 31, 2019 was approved.

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

Dr. Giarrizzo reported that at this evening's meeting he will have the pleasure of recommending Dr. Christopher Zublionis as the next Assistant Superintendent for Instruction. He will take the instructional reins from Rob Chlebicki, who after so many years will retire. Dr. Giarrizzo praised Mr. Chlebicki for his hard, meticulous, and thoughtful work. He said that "Teaching and Learning in North Shore is our highest priority and our programs are innovative, student-centered, inquiry-based, cohesive, and student-centered. This is hard to achieve and alludes so many districts. We've all heard the Chinese proverb that "a journey of thousand miles begins with a single step." Rob, your journey here in North Shore is filled with a million successful steps. On behalf of the entire North Shore community, I thank you, salute you, and wish that your next thousand-mile journey is filled with only good things, much love, and an infinite amount of happiness."

Dr. Giarrizzo explained the process to recruit a new principal for Sea Cliff School which has already started. A national search will be advertised this weekend and the process of screening and interviewing candidates will begin right away. The goal is to appoint the next principal by the end of May. Dr. Zublionis and Dr. Giarrizzo will be meeting with faculty and Sea Cliff parents within the next

couple of weeks to begin the process of building a preliminary leadership profile. A committee of teachers, administrators, parents, and students will meet with candidates in mid-April.

Dr. Giarrizzo reported on the progress of security work and the development of protocols under the direction of the new Coordinator of Safety and Security, Bob Oldham. He reported that the District has been asked by the Nassau County Police Department to present on best practices related to a case study of a recent event at North Shore High School.

Dr. Giarrizzo reported on the community forum held on the status of pre- bond work. He explained that we are at the important point of finalizing a scope of work around the themes of safety and security, instructional space, infrastructure, and energy performance. Once that work is done, the process of costing out the scope will begin so that recommendations can be brought to committee, and subsequently back to the Board, so that we can continue to prepare for a November vote.

He reported on the Call to Action Day at the Middle School; a day of STEM learning and experiences for all middle school students. Between drones, coding, wind energy, biomedical technology, and making, the opportunities were endless for students; all of the presenters donated their time. Dr. Giarrizzo thanked Mr. Rob Dennis, Mr. Brendan Nelson, Ms. Amy DiMeola, Instructional Technology Resource Teacher, Ms. Kristie Lieberman, and the entire middle school faculty. He said the day was clear evidence why North Shore Middle School is a "School to Watch."

Dr. Giarrizzo reported on his K-12 Learning Walks with directors. Thus far, they have walked through fine and performing arts, humanities, and STEAM and have looked at instruction through various lenses to inform their supervision of teaching and learning. Special education, counseling, and PE and Athletics are to follow and three are planned for each area over the course of the year.

Finally, Dr. Giarrizzo explained that at this evening's meeting the Board will have their last line by line review of the budget. The Board will adopt the 2019-2020 budget on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Report from the SGO**

John Labbate, SGO co-president, reported on events and activities at the high school including: students from France are visiting the high school, spring sports have started, the SGO has started a new program of student forums which will begin in April – this will make available for students a safe place to talk to trusted teachers about issues they want to talk about during lunch periods. This is in coordination with CASA. A new Podcast Club will be holding student interviews around important issues. He reported that the Mock Trial Team made it to the round of 16 which is a big achievement and 4 science research students made it to round 2 and received 8 awards. He reported on an IB Musical Recital and reminded everyone the musical *Pippin* is March 22 and 23, and the Robotics Team are in a major competition next week. Finally, he reported that the seniors won sports night.

### **Regular Business**

#### **Budget Review**

The Board discussed the following sections of the budget: Supervision of Instruction, Staffing, St. Christopher's, Occupational/Continuing Ed, Community Services, Employee Benefits, Debt Service, Revenue & Financing Sources. The also discussed Fund Balance.

Dr. Giarrizzo explained that the Victorian Studio was originally designed as a TV production studio. Students are no longer interested in that area of instruction and therefore the space no longer needs TV equipment. \$31,000 was allocated to buy equipment in next year's budget. Based on discussions from the last meeting, \$10,936 of those funds have been reallocated into the five library lines and the balance into personnel costs for hiring the Assistant Superintendent. Trustee Russo asked why the funds were taken from the line for the Victorian and reallocated to the libraries instead of leaving it there for the new use of the Victorian Studio. Dr. Giarrizzo explained they have not yet determined what will be done with the Victorian. As directed at the last meeting, Dr. Giarrizzo took

another look at the collections for the libraries and found that they all needed more. He believes this is a good use of resources. Trustee Russo said the presentation from the architects indicated the libraries would become more media centers and she thought the idea was to reduce the number of books, not to increase spending on books. She asked if we looked into getting books electronically. President Jones said she appreciates the data on books per student. Dr. Giarrizzo explained that this has been thought through carefully. He spoke to his leadership team about it and they feel it is important for students. They are not talking about thousands of books but meaningful supplements. Trustee Ludmar noted that Ms. Small talked about younger tactile readers who want to take books home. He also noted that parents have mentioned kids are drawn too much to electronics/screens. He believes it is a good allocation of funds. Trustee Russo said she herself has boxes of book she would be happy to donate to Glen Head School and she is sure many parents also have the same. She suggested a push to the community for book donation. She went on to say she hopes this is not being done in reaction but as a long term plan. Dr. Giarrizzo responded, this is absolutely what is being done.

Trustee Madden asked if the grant offset of \$108,000, under curriculum instruction/other expenses, is for a single purpose, and/or what flexibility there is for use of the grant. Mr. Chlebicki responded it is designated for professional development and we have discretion over what professional development it is used for.

Trustee Ludmar asked why the lines for directors have gone up when positions have been eliminated. Ms. Buatsi explained that funds were moved from the teaching code to the administrative code because teacher leaders were coded 50% in the teaching code and they are now full time administrators under the restructuring. Dr. Giarrizzo further explained that there were two teacher leaders in the middle school and four in the high school. Last year the restructuring began with the two teacher leaders in the middle school and one teacher leader from the high school moving to director positions and one teacher leader position from the high school collapsed due to a resignation. Next year one teacher leader from the high school will be restructured to a director position and one will be eliminated, completing the restructuring.

Trustee Vizza asked what the testing abilities for COGATS is used for. Mr. Chlebicki explained that there is a regulation that students must be identified who are gifted and talented, however Districts are not required to have a gifted and talented program. The COGAT is given to all students. We use it to our advantage and identify students as per the regulation. We do have an enrichment program. Trustee Vizza asked if parents are aware of the test, if parents ever opt-out, who administers the test, and who owns the data. Mr. Chlebicki explained that parents are aware, he does not believe anyone has ever opted-out, and Riverside Publishing administers the test. Dr. Giarrizzo explained that anyone who administers the test has to protect the data according to the data privacy act. Trustee Vizza said she is concerned about grouping and sorting kids. She wants to be sure that kids are being made aware of what the test is for. Trustee Russo said the enrichment teacher at the middle school was eliminated and there is concern that kids who are gifted and talented are not being challenged. She asked what we are doing to meet their needs. Mr. Chlebicki responded, the position was never lost at the middle school, there was a push for a school wide enrichment model. He went on to say, one of the reasons for the COGATs in the middle school is to see what students we might be missing. Trustee Russo said parents feel there is no program in the middle school. Mr. Chlebicki explained that the COGAT is just one of three ways of identifying challenging students. He went on to say that sometimes students don't score high on the exam due to testing anxiety, but they still receive extra support. He further stated that the middle school 1.0 FTE position was never eliminated, it was reconfigured with various people who push into classes.

Dr. Giarrizzo said presently they are projecting 3 sections of kindergarten at each of the elementary schools. In first grade the projection is for 2 sections at Glen Head and Sea Cliff and 4 sections at Glenwood Landing; this is a decrease of one section at Sea Cliff. In other staffing, Dr.

Giarrizzo reviewed the additions of positions including a guidance counselor (elementary), a health and wellness teacher (elementary) and a part-time reading teacher. In the middle school and high school staffing will remain flat. In the high school, course requests are coming in, with the elimination of the global history lab, it has opened up a lot of elective opportunities. There should be more information in 3-4 weeks. The special education structure will lead to 1.0 FTE to support the expanded ICT model. He encouraged parents to register their children for kindergarten so they can get a more accurate picture.

Trustee Vizza asked how enrollment is for continuing education. Dr. Giarrizzo will look into that. Trustee Vizza suggested an exit survey for each course.

Trustee Vizza asked if the Board can get a short presentation from CASA. President Jones asked that she bring it up under new business.

Trustee Ludmar noted that employee benefits are down. He asked if that is because of interest rates or investments. Ms. Buatsi explained, it is all based on actual employees and the benefits follow the employee. He asked about the increase in Tax Anticipation Notes (TANs). Ms. Buatsi explained that we earn more in interest income than what it costs to borrow.

The Board discussed revenue sources. Ms. Buatsi explained that she is projecting a 2% increase in the PILOT payment, there is no final estimate in State Aid so she is using the Governor's estimate. The estimated tax levy is \$88,350,000 spread among 4 classes. President Jones noted the PILOTs can be inconsistent. Ms. Buatsi responded they have been consistent since 2014 and she anticipates we will continue to receive a 2% increase. President Jones asked about the other PILOTs. Ms. Buatsi explained that 10 municipalities receive income from the peaking stations so it depends on the assessment of all municipalities. Dr. Giarrizzo explained other financial sources for reducing the tax levy, \$2.3 million from reserves and \$1.2 million from fund balance.

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

Grant Kletter, Sea Cliff, thanked the Board for holding the public meeting to talk about the location of the election. He asked the Board not to vote tonight on the resolution for publishing the legal ad. He said he would like the Board to add a referendum to give the community a vote on where they would like the election to be held so the Board would be informed on the community's wishes.

Jennifer Lamond, Sea Cliff, said she is concerned that there is a vocal minority calling for this change. She said she feels the public needs to be more informed before voting on a referendum and as a member of LAC they could facilitate getting the public informed on this.

President Jones made a motion to vote on the first two items under personnel, the resignation and appointment of Christopher Zublionis, in Action Item B, Trustee Ludmar seconded the motion.

Prior to approval Dr. Giarrizzo made the following statement about the appointment of Dr. Zublionis as Assistant Superintendent:

"Innovative, principled, loyal, an unparalleled sense of instruction, smart, insightful, trustworthy, humble, confident, respectful. These are the adjectives that were used to describe Dr. Zublionis by both his references and the over 40 committee members that he met with in North Shore. The selection and appointment of an Assistant Superintendent is one of the most important tasks that a Superintendent will undergo. The person needs to be honest, forward-thinking, hard-working, and committed to continuous growth. Chris joined 88 applicants for this position and immediately rose to the top of what was a stellar candidate pool. The naturalist and "Father of our National Parks", John Muir once said, that "the power of imagination makes us infinite." While pragmatic, Chris is a dreamer, an innovator, and someone who sees what is possible in all situations. As you can likely imagine, his selection has been received with great enthusiasm.

Tonight, Chris is joined by his wife, Kate, his children, James, Caroline, and Rory. This is a tough environment for little people so Conor is at home.

The thing about Chris' candidacy that resonated most with me were that he would be a great thought partner to and with me. He is a terrific communicator and outstanding listener. This is so clear in his interactions with his teachers, parents, and students. He will elevate my thinking, see the role in a fresh way and help me to be a better superintendent. As principal of Sea Cliff Elementary, Chris is about Building a Better World and his commitment to moving children, teacher and learning and the work of the District is unparalleled. Add to all this a great sense of humor and you'll know why I am so excited for me, the District, and our students. I wish you much success, Dr. Z., and I recommend him to the Board of Education with my highest possible recommendation."

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

Resignation-Administration

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts the resignation of Christopher Zublionis, Principal of Sea Cliff Elementary School, effective June 30, 2019, for the sole purpose of assuming the position of Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, effective July 1, 2019

Appointment of Assistant Superintendent of Instruction

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District appoints Dr. Christopher R. Zublionis to a four-year probationary term as Assistant Superintendent for Instruction (tenure area: Assistant Superintendent for Instruction), effective July 1, 2019, on the terms and conditions set forth in an agreement dated March 14, 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board authorizes the President of the Board to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board.

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

Resignation for Retirement Purposes – Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts the resignation of LiJu Cheung, Music, effective June 30, 2019

Resignation - Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts the resignation of Mark Mihopoulos, Special Education, effective June 30, 2019

Regular Substitute (Leave Replacement) Appointment - Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the appointment of John Ford, Special Education, on Step 1 of the MA salary schedule, effective March 5, 2019 through April 12, 2019

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Paul Girolamo, Special Education, on Step 10 of the MA salary schedule, effective March 25, 2019 through March 29, 2019

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Alexandra Ferrara, Elementary, on Step 1 of the MA salary schedule, effective March 2, 2019 through March 22, 2019

Resignation – Non-Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts the resignation of Rita Diaz, Food Service, effective March 1, 2019

Appointment – Non-Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the appointment of David Novak, Head Custodian II, at the North Shore Middle School, on Step II of the Head Custodian II salary schedule, effective April 1, 2019

Approval of Teacher Overages

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the following overages effective April 1, 2019 through May 20, 2019:

Patrick Cassino, Chemistry .3  
Lisa Miller, Chemistry .2

Approval of Extra-Curricular Activity Coach

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

JV Girls Lacrosse                      Kerrin Beovich                      Step 1

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 additions to the per diem substitute list:

Catherine Canavan                      Teacher Substitute  
Sebnem McMahon                      Teacher Substitute  
Melissa Hart                              Teacher Aide Substitute  
Ryan McKean                              Teacher Substitute

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

Approval of Community Education Instructor

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the following community education instructor for the spring session:

Margaret Cavallo                      Sculpture Workshop Instructor

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

Acceptance of the Claims Audit Report

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts the Claims Audit Report for the period of February 2019 as submitted by the District Claims Auditor, Denise Longobardi

Prior to approval Trustee Ludmar asked about the pressure testing of the fuel tanks. Ms. Buatsi explained that this is a requirement of the Department of Health and is done on an annual basis. Trustee Ludmar noted keeping these fuel tanks is not free. Trustee Russo added, removing them would also result in a cost.

On motion of Trustee Ludmar and seconded by Trustee Russo 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 \$145,000 to cover safety/security improvements to the front

vestibule of Central Office, repairs & pressure testing to fuel tanks as required by NYSDOH, playground surface materials for elementary schools, personnel advertising for unanticipated vacancies, building & custodial supplies, effective March 14, 2019

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

Acceptance of a Donation from the Arts Angels to the North Shore Middle School

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts a donation of \$979 from the Arts Angels to the North Shore Middle School for the purpose of purchasing concert Tom Toms for the Middle School Band Ensemble

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

Acceptance of a Donation from the North Shore High School PTO to the North Shore High School

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts the following donations from the North Shore High School PTO to the North Shore High School:

\$1,000 to the Class of 2019 towards the Senior Breakfast

\$1,000 to the Class of 2020 towards the Senior Breakfast

\$1,000 to the Class of 2022 towards their class budget

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

Approval of Pit Musicians

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the following pit musicians for the high school spring musical-*Pippin* at rate of \$100/per rehearsal and \$150/per performance:

Sandi Baskin	Jennifer Hood	Michele Aweh
Lisa Polito	Susan DelGiorno	Alex Appel

Prior to approval Dr. Giarrizzo explained that in order to change transportation eligibility voter approval is needed. This proposition is seeking to lower the eligibility for grades 6-12 from one mile to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of mile. He added that they had looked to bringing the limits down to  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile, however that would have added a cost. He thanked Michelle Hall for the good work in monitoring ridership over the year. It is estimated that this is where the limits will have to remain without adding a cost.

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

Approval of a Resolution to Add a Proposition to the Ballot for The Budget Vote May 21, 2019 Regarding School Transportation Eligibility

BE IT RESOLVED that a proposition regarding school transportation eligibility be added to the ballot for the Budget Vote and Election of Trustees on May 21, 2019 and be placed in the Legal Notice 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 2019-2020 school year for Grades 6 through 12 pupils only from the existing one (1) mile limit to a new three-quarters (.75) mile limit at no additional cost to the District.

Prior to approval, Trustee Madden expressed his concern with where the narrative is going on the issue over the location of the election. He stressed that it was a false choice to characterize the issue as being about the safety of students versus upholding civic values. He said he does not believe students are less safe on Election Day than on any other day of the year and he hopes that does not become the narrative. He went on to say bringing the community into the building opens a discussion in the schools and gives students the opportunity to see an election taking place.

Trustee Commander said she agrees with Trustee Madden. She said they have addressed the security issue and she thanked Dr. Giarrizzo for bringing in homeland security to assess the gym area. She went on to say we need to think about security every day and when holding outside and inside events. She said she believes they have created a secure situation for election day and agrees it is not an issue of safety versus civics.

Trustee Ludmar said the Board heard from the community, and has heard what will be tightened up this year. He said he would like to make sure that whatever gaps there were in the process are enforced, such as the parking, and locked doors, so we can prove to the community that what we say we are going to do we will do.

Dr. Giarrizzo said he has every confidence that there will be demonstrable change and the community will be able to vote in a free fair election.

Trustee Vizza said she concurs with the thoughts of her fellow Trustees. She went on to say we as a District are improving security and have shown that we have done due diligence with thoughtful spending and by consulting with experts in the field.

Trustee Galati added that he echoes what all Trustees have said. He further stated that the Board has looked at the issue very carefully and seriously. He went on to say the decision was made with safety and security in mind, it was not a frivolous decision. He finally stated that he is confident it is the right thing to keep the election here.

Trustee Russo confirmed that this was the last opportunity for approving the legal ad due to publishing deadlines. Dr. Giarrizzo confirmed it was.

President Jones said she appreciates everyone who fully investigated every option surrounding this issue. She thanked everyone and recognized that all are concerned about safety and security.

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

Approval of Resolution for the 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 21, 2019, from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Gymnasium of the North Shore Senior High School, 450 Glen Cove Avenue, Glen Head, New York; 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 three (3) members to the Board of Education for three (3) year terms each, commencing on July 1, 2019, and expiring on June 30, 2022, 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 2019-2020 School Budget shall read as follows: RESOLVED, that the School District budget for the school year 2019-2020 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 2019-2020 school year will be completed and presented at a public hearing to be held on May 9, 2019 at 7:45 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 the following dates, time and place: Saturday, May 4, 2019, 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	Haleh Stamtiadi
John Murello	Mary Lou Martin	Katherine Miller	Eric Haglund
Pat Lerch	Americo Mendes	Sophia Kulikowsky	Anna Kucharska
Lois Straber	Philip Ciampi	Donna Henderson	Linda LaSpina
Nina Grieci	Marion Woolston	Elizabeth Sadowski	Pat Lerch

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.

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

Approval of Agreement Between the North Shore Central School District and New York University

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the Affiliation Agreement between the School District and NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, to provide relevant clinical training for students enrolled in programs at the University's Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development, effective January 29, 2019

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 Agreement Between the North Shore Central School District and Chakira-Iliana Doherty

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the Agreement between the School District and Chakira-Iliana Doherty, to provide costume rental for the spring musical production of Pippin and wardrobe supervisory sessions with student crew per the terms and conditions set forth in the attached contract at a total fee of \$3,396, effective January 14, 2019 through March 24, 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 Vizza and seconded by Trustee Russo and all in favor, it was:

Approval of Agreement Between the North Shore Central School District and The Science Museum of Long Island

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 Science Museum of Long Island to provide a program on Simple Machines at the Glen Head Elementary School on April 9 and 10, 2019, as per the terms and conditions set forth in the attached agreement at a cost of not to exceed \$1,400, effective September 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 Russo and seconded by Trustee Ludmar and all in favor, it was:

Approval of a Facilities Use Agreement Between the North Shore Central School District and The Roman Catholic Church of St. Rocco

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the Facilities Use Agreement between the School District and The Roman Catholic Church of St. Rocco for the use of "space" for AP testing between May 6, 2019 and May 23, 2019, for a total fee of \$5,925, as per the terms and conditions as 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.

Prior to approval Trustee Madden asked what was included in the cost of the workshops and whether there is continued contact with the provider. Mr. Chlebicki explained the consultant is a world renowned professional on the topic. Although there is not on-going communication, administrators can contact him. For the most part, those trained are able to provide turn-key training. Trustee Russo asked how Singapore Math translates to secondary math. Dr. Giarrizzo will speak to Dr. Smyth, Ms. DiMeola and Ms. Masiello about getting information.

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

Approval of Agreement Between North Shore CSD and Greg Tang

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an agreement between the School District and Greg Tang to provide two days of professional development workshops on math concepts for elementary teachers and teaching assistants, and one day of professional development with middle and high school teachers, at a total cost of \$22,200, according to the terms and conditions as set forth in the attached agreement, subject to final review and approval by counsel effective 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

The Board decided to act simultaneously on Action Items P&Q

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

Approval of Health Services Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby enters into a contract for Health Services with the Uniondale Union Free School District for 14 students residing within the North Shore CSD and attending non-public schools within the Uniondale UFSD for the 2018-

2019 school year at a cost of \$836.50 per student as provided under the Education Law of the State of New York

Approval of Agreement Between the North Shore Central School District and Abilities, Inc.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the Agreement between the School District and Abilities, Inc. to provide transition services in accordance with student's IEP, as per the terms and conditions set forth in the attached agreement, effective 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.

Prior to approval, Trustee Vizza asked if parents will be notified prior to date of the presentation. Dr. Giarrizzo will check to be sure that is done.

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

Approval of Agreement Between the North Shore Central School District and The Long Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the Agreement between the School District and Long Island Against Domestic Violence to provide a presentation titled Boundaries: Finding the Line on March 25-28, 2019 for 7th and 8th grade health classes at no cost to the School District, as per the terms and conditions set forth in the attached agreement, subject to final review and approval by counsel; 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.

**Comments from the Public**

Kathleen Reynolds, Sea Cliff, read a note from her son, Collin, to the Board thanking them for sponsoring him for LISFA; he plays the Cello. Ms. Reynolds said she thought the Board would like to see where the funding for special education and small class sizes go. She said her child is thriving and thanked the Board for the excellent special education resources.

Rob Mazzella, Glen Head, publicly thanked Ms. Cheung for her many years of teaching on her retirement. He also congratulated Dr. Zublionis on his appointment as Assistant Superintendent.

Dan O'Connor, Glen Head, congratulated Dr. Zublionis. He said he believes the Board holds the children's security paramount and does not believe there is any major security issue for the children or community members in regard to the election being held in the high school. He further stated he believes the Board did their homework. He noted he had seen signs in the neighborhood that were made to look like the school's logo. He recommended the Board protect that. Finally, he expressed his appreciation for the time the Board took on the topic.

**Old Business**

Trustee Russo said in the construction steering committee meeting and the bond presentation, there were different proposals on the scope of the bond. She stated that she would rather not see funds only going to security. She said she believes it is virtually impossible to secure the buildings during events. She said she would rather allocate funds for repairs that are essential and allocate funds that they feel are necessary to enrich and enhance the curriculum such as a STEAM room or a library facility instead of a single point of entry. President Jones suggested a more detailed discussion on this topic.

Dr. Giarrizzo noted the pre-bond work was to structure the four broad areas, the next piece is the final scoping and cost estimates; that will be brought to the Board.

Trustee Ludmar asked that the demographic and capacity study be discussed at the March 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Trustee Ludmar asked that the LAC by-laws be reviewed. He noted that LAC has not met for the last four meetings because members are unavailable. He suggested the Board look at the composition of the committee and the possibility of making it a smaller group. Trustee Russo suggested it is more than the composition of LAC. She feels LAC has not been effective for many years and the Board has not figured out how to utilize the committee. President Jones will place it on a future agenda.

#### **New Business**

Trustee Vizza suggested a program for students who are “launching” regarding domestic violence. She wondered if guidance can look into such a program. Trustee Commander suggested including a program on substances and date violence. Trustee Russo suggested asking the PTO to bring in speakers on this subject and to get parents involved.

President Jones spoke about pending legislation regarding raising the salary cap on retired police officers and asked whether the Board would want to write a letter of support. Dr. Giarrizzo said we would be in favor of this as it would benefit our security guards, who are retired police officers. There was consensus to write a letter. Dr. Giarrizzo will draft a letter.

#### **Adjournment**

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

Elizabeth Ciampi  
District Clerk