

North Shore Schools  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes  
April 15, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President David Ludmar at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library. The meeting was simultaneously livestreamed. Present were Trustees Jones, Macari, Madden, Russo and Vizza. Trustee Galati was absent. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Peter Giarrizzo and Assistant Superintendents Olivia Buatsi and Christopher Zublionis.

At 6:00 p.m. on motion of Trustee Macari and seconded by Trustee Vizza and all in favor, the Board moved to convene an executive session to consider discussions regarding collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law) and proposed, pending or current litigation.

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

At 7:45 p.m. on motion of Trustee Madden and seconded by Trustee Jones and all in favor, the Board adjourned the Audit Committee Meeting and resumed the regular meeting. There were approximately 15 people in the audience.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

President Ludmar led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes**

Prior to approval of the minutes Trustee Russo clarified a statement she made in the minutes of the March 25, 2021 meeting. She asked that her clarifying statement, which was regarding the adoption of the budget, be added to the minutes of this meeting. She explained that her question was more specific to whether ERS and TRS reserve funds could be utilized for ERS and TRS expenditures in the budget. She further explained that Ms. Buatsi's answer for that scenario was that it would not be possible because it would upset how the tax levy is calculated as it would be adding revenue to the budget.

On motion of Trustee Russo and seconded by Trustee Jones and all in favor, the minutes of March 23, 2021, March 25, 2021, March 31, 2021 and April 8, 2021 were approved.

**Report of the Superintendent**

Dr. Giarrizzo stated that in response to questions surrounding the Budget Status Reports, these reports are given to the Board on a monthly basis as part of the Treasurer's Report. Dr. Giarrizzo reported that the high school is scheduled to reopen on April 19<sup>th</sup> for juniors and seniors, and April 26 for freshman and sophomores. He further reported that plexiglass barriers are no longer recommended for use and recommendations regarding six feet of distance remains in place if students are not placed in cohorts, although this is a local decision. He further explained that any changes to reopening or distancing will include feedback from parents, but they likely will push the full reopening later than expected. Dr. Giarrizzo reported they will be able to hold graduation and prom in-person but there are some questions around testing. They would like to hold graduation as one event, but it is not likely to be on the stadium. Ms. Imperiale and Mr. Contreras are working with parents on a plan for prom. He

reported that four (4) athletic teams have won conference championships; Women's Tennis, Men's and Women's Cross Country and Men's Soccer. He thanked the coaches and Booster Club for a great reopening in athletics. Finally, Dr. Giarrizzo remarked that the Board will accept his resignation this evening. He thanked the Board for giving him the opportunity to lead these fine schools which he has been proud to do for the past 4 years. He said his decision to go back to Westchester was a decision that is good for his family.

Trustee Russo asked if there has been any thought of moving graduation to a venue off campus such as Hofstra or LIU, so there is more seating and visibility. Trustee Russo also noted that the Garden City School District moved to 3 feet distance without consultation, guidance, or input from the community. She said with AP, IB and Regents exams coming soon it is important to get students back in school as soon as possible. Dr. Giarrizzo explained they want to assess what the capacity is for graduation and they will possibly rent some bleachers. He said some of the bigger schools in his quadrant, with 500-600 graduates, are going out to Hofstra and LIU but those schools need to accommodate up to 2500 people. Finally, he explained that if they find they are unable to accommodate everyone for a one event graduation, they will look at outside venues. Regarding reopening, he explained that the guidance from CDC, around the positivity rate, puts us in the low category, however the community transmission rate at the County level puts the district in the high-risk category. This is a local decision, and he wants to get feedback from the Board, engage teachers, and he would like it to be an interactive process. He said they definitely need more lead time than tomorrow in order to reopen.

The Board discussed the plan to reopen the high school. Concerns raised were regarding reducing the distance to 3 feet when students will not be placed in cohorts, more students needing to eat inside, closer together, the increase in quarantining if students are placed at 3 feet distance, how that would affect students who are preparing for exams or big events, the rate of transmission currently. Trustees expressed the importance of bringing students back sooner rather than later for their social emotional benefit, and especially for juniors and seniors who are preparing for exams and ending their years at North Shore. Bringing student voice into the conversation was stressed as well as the importance of increasing vaccinations in the community. Dr. Giarrizzo agreed the impactful side of reopening is the increased risk of student quarantine when students need to be inside, closer together, or eating inside. He agreed it can domino quickly. He is hopeful with the weather improving, transmission levels will decrease. Dr. Giarrizzo said they are considering holding the last two days of school as totally remote days to keep the risk of student quarantine low near graduation. Dr. Giarrizzo explained they do not feel it will be necessary to put reopening off by a week, possibly just a couple of days. He further explained that the guidance regarding the change to physical barriers and distance needs to be communicated to parents. Dr. Giarrizzo said that they are looking into the possibility of purchasing more substantial tents for the courtyard and the area near the School House for outdoor lunch. He also explained that mitigation efforts have been successful in replicating outside air inside the buildings. He believes they will probably be ready to go with the reopening next Wednesday for juniors and seniors, following with sophomores and freshmen on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

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

SGO co-presidents. Ariadna Pavlidas-Sanchez and Michael Gimondo did not attend the meeting.

#### **Regular Business**

Prior to the acceptance of Dr. Giarrizzo's resignation, President Ludmar read the following statement into the minutes:

*There will be other moments to reflect and thank Dr. Giarrizzo for his contributions to North Shore, but I'd like to say a few words now. It is fitting that this is our first day back in this library for*

*meetings, as it was in this very same room that he was appointed our Superintendent in February of 2017 after a thorough search driven by community input. It was my first year serving as a Trustee. President Toni Labbate highlighted Dr. Giarrizzo's focus on the whole child, his commitment to all students - inside and outside the classroom - and his dedication to continuous improvement, collaborative leadership, financial foresight and staying in front of the ever-changing landscape of public education.*

*These four years went fast and North Shore Schools are a better place for his time here. He's left his mark via important administrative appointments, creation of our strategic plan, and of course, the successful response to the pandemic as one of the only L.I. schools offering full time K-8 in-person instruction all year with attention to air quality and robust outdoor learning - while keeping our student athletes playing, our artists performing, and prioritizing wellness and engagement for ALL of our students and staff. I remember those early days of this school year, driving past our youngest students on the lawns at Glen Head, or our older musicians rehearsing outside the HS... it was a ray of light in an otherwise dark time.*

*As we look ahead to another Superintendent search - again driven by the input of this amazing and diverse North Shore community - I am 100% certain that this board is more than up to the task. Peter is committed to a smooth transition, and I know he is excited to see this incredibly challenging school year to its conclusion before moving on to his next chapter. We all wish him the best, and on a personal note - while I won't be working with Dr. Giarrizzo for too much longer, I am grateful for the lasting friendship we have built. Thanks, Peter.*

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

*Resignation of the Superintendent of Schools*

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts the resignation of Peter Giarrizzo, Superintendent of Schools, effective June 30, 2021

Prior to the appointment of Dr. Dolan President Ludmar read a statement into the minutes

*On behalf of the Board of Education, I am thrilled to be able to introduce Dr. Thomas Dolan as our Interim Superintendent for the 2021-2022 school year. We know he is going to be a great addition to North Shore and keep us on our path of growth and success.*

*Dr. Dolan's career began in the classroom, as a high school social studies teacher for over a decade, which is so important to us here in North Shore - where teaching and learning is at the center of our mission. He gained administrative experience as a Dean of Students at Hewlett High School and Director of Personnel and Assistant to the Superintendent in Sewanhaka, which prepared him for his first building leader position: Principal of Carey Jr/Sr HS in Franklin Square which he held for over six years. Dr. Dolan moved on to the Manhasset School District as Asst. Supt for Personnel and served as the Superintendent of the Franklin Square Elementary School District before moving on to become the Superintendent of Great Neck Schools, with a student body of 6700, two high-performing high schools and a reputation for excellence.*

*Dr. Dolan retired in 2015... but it seems like he may not have fully understood what that word meant, because only a few weeks later he was chosen to serve as the Interim President of Nassau Community College. I happen to know Nassau well, as my wife is a Professor and Counselor there - and I can say unequivocally, that was no easy job - but he quickly earned the trust of his faculty and students by being the person everyone who meets Tom quickly finds out for themselves - he is kind. He is smart. He is honest and speaks from the heart. And he is an educator to his core, invested in the success of all*

learners. This is part of what makes him such a great fit for North Shore, as the values which bind us as a school district and community are those which he has embodied throughout his career.

*Dr. Dolan served as the Acting and Interim Superintendent of the Locust Valley School District last school year. This gave him experience dealing with the onset of the pandemic firsthand, but also gave him experience running a school district while their board conducted a search for a full time Superintendent, which is what we will be doing here in North Shore. The Board looks forward, next school year, to developing our leadership profile and working with a search firm - with the input of all community stakeholders - to hire a permanent Superintendent. But make no mistake about it - Dr. Dolan is not here as a caretaker. We are looking to see him continue to grow our schools, set lofty goals, communicate with the community and develop and strengthen our entire North Shore team.*

*Tom is a Board Member of the Cradle of Aviation Museum and Harry Chapin Foundation. He worked through St. John's University to open a Graduate Center in Hauppauge to build Doctoral Student cohorts. And as if that isn't enough, he is also a Professional Baseball Umpire at the High School and College levels. I won't specifically tie that experience to serving as Superintendent... but I'm sure it will come in handy along the way! As I said earlier, Dr. Giarrizzo will be with us through the end of this school year, but he and Dr. Dolan have already had conversations about the transition, and we are truly lucky to have such professionals on both sides of the handoff. It brings me great joy to be able to call the vote on Action Item B, approval of the appointment of Dr. Thomas Dolan as Interim Superintendent.*

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

Approval of Resolution Regarding Interim Superintendent of Schools

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the Education Law of the State of New York, the Board of Education herewith appoints Dr. Thomas Dolan as Interim Superintendent of Schools for a one year term beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is herewith authorized to execute on behalf of the Board of Education an employment agreement between the Board of Education and Dr. Thomas Dolan that includes compensation, benefits and other terms and conditions of employment, which agreement was previously reviewed by the members of the Board of Education.

Dr. Dolan said he is honored, humbled and excited to get started. He said he has known of the North Shore School District for at least 30 years but has found out so much more about the schools lately. He said he is in awe of what is going on within the schools and with all of the opportunities available. Dr. Dolan said he is looking forward to working with new colleagues and he knows transition will go smoothly as he and Dr. Giarrizzo have known each other for 20 years; they have already started discussing the transition process. Finally, he thanked his wife Karen, who has always been a great support to him.

**Policy Review**

The Board reviewed policy #0100/0100-R (Non-Discrimination and Equal Opportunity). The policy addresses four issues. First is a blanket notification of non-discrimination, second is a public notification process, third is grievance procedures and fourth is website accessibility. This revises the existing policy which include recommendations from NYSSBA. The policy and regulation will be reviewed by district counsel and presented for adoption on May 6, 2021. The Board discussed the policy for poll workers. Trustee Jones suggested the policy may be more restrictive than necessary and asked that it be reviewed to be more accommodating while running the election in a non-disruptive fashion. This policy will be presented for adoption at the next meeting.

### Comments from the Public - 9:00 p.m.

Mike Conklin, Greenvale, President North Shore Booster Club. He said he is here on behalf of all those who call themselves North Shore Viking Fans. He thanked the Superintendent and Board for putting up the Capital Reserve initiative and said he looks forward to the vote. He said he has previously been unhappy with the Board for different reasons, and he recognizes that the Board has a thankless job, and they are underappreciated. His focus is athletics, and he realizes they have a myriad of issues and they answer to many. He thanked the Board for livestreaming on the fields. He welcomed Dr. Dolan to the District. He said as a taxpayer and parent of 4 in the district he appreciates the updates that clear up misinformation being distributed. He said he is confident that the Board represents the community honestly and has the best interests of the students as their number one priority. Finally, he publicly apologized on behalf of all of those in the community who are disgusted by the actions of a few towards Ms. Ciampi.

Paul Puskuldjian, Glen Head, commented on an email sent to the community regarding directory information which was provided to the teachers' union president via a FOIL request. He further commented on poll lists which were provided via FOIL requests during the 2020 Board of Education Election. Mr. Puskuldjian made comments about the manner in which candidates in the 2020 election conducted their campaigns, and the perception that the school district and teachers' union have coordinated their efforts which in his opinion is unethical.

President Ludmar responded that the Board stands behind the integrity and legality of every aspect of the 2020 election. He noted that Mr. Puskuldjian has the right to make allegations on assumptions and beliefs as he may see it, however it is the position of the Board and their attorneys that the law was followed.

Jeanine Feuerborn, Glen Head, representing North Shore SEPTA (special education parent teacher association). She said SEPTA is concerned over the elimination of the position of Director of Special Education at the Elementary Level. She said they have always had a voice at the table, and they are disappointed that they were not included in the decision and were not informed prior to its elimination. She said the decision seems impulsive and done without reviewing data or without evaluation of the responsibilities that will fall on the positions surrounding it. North Shore SEPTA requests the decision not be made without data from all stakeholders.

President Ludmar said he appreciates the input and will take it into consideration.

Roger Friedman, Sea Cliff, thanked Dr. Giarrizzo and the Board and said the community owes them a great debt of gratitude. He said there is a faction of the community that has been putting out facts and figures in the community without regard to whether or not they are factual. He said whenever he has personally looked into these allegations, such as reserve fund balances, or that budget status reports do not exist, he has found their information be false.

Jerry Romano, Sea Cliff, said he has filed a petition about returning surplus funds and taxes to the taxpayers. He read the petition and spoke about surplus money in the reserve funds. He asked what the justification is for the retirement reserve.

Paul Puskuldjian, Glen Head asked if the Board receives a monthly budget status report and whether he is able to obtain a copy of it.

President Ludmar explained that the Board does receive a copy of the budget status report as part of the monthly Treasurer's Report. All trustees receive a copy of it and approve it every month. President Ludmar further explained that this particular report is not open to the public due to sensitive account information that is contained within the report.

Greg Perles, NSSFE Union President, clarified some misinformation that has been circulating within the community and has been stated at the meeting. He explained that the FOIL request referred to was properly executed within the scope of the law and vetted by counsel. The federation submitted a certification assuring the purpose of the request was neither to solicit, nor fundraise and the affidavit

was truthful and never violated. The FOIL request was for the names and addresses for families legally in pursuit of a get out the vote effort which they were proud to undertake. There was no information sought for student names. FERPA ensures student educational records remain private and there was neither an inquiry nor an interest in educational records. He further stated that by law unions are free to engage in political speech, political assembly, voter advocacy, candidate endorsement and budget endorsement. He explained that their efforts of mailings and emails were conducted entirely through NYSUT and NSSFE data banks and resources and coordinated through the Nassau regional office of NYSUT. He further explained that no district resources, facilities, or information was used. He noted the FOIL requests raised by the previous speakers are routine, legal, and available to the voting public and to suggest collusion or inside play is deliberately misleading. Finally, he said he is highly mindful of the union's obligations to be ethical and legal in their conduct and they have been and will continue to be. He said there is a group in the community that is attacking teachers, the school, the superintendent, the budget, and the Board. The union is proud to be on the side of students, the school, the teachers and the community.

Roger Friedman, Sea Cliff, asked that the record should show that the previous speakers were not interested in hearing Mr. Perles' clarifications as they left the room when he started speaking. He also noted that Mr. Puskuldjian is aware that the budget status report exists as he has had communications with him about why it is not made public, due to the fact that it contains bank statements and other information contained within it. Also, he explained that Ms. Buatsi has offered to show it to anyone in the community who wants to see it.

Rev Frederick Grant, Glenwood Landing, emailed a comment to the Board regarding a transportation issue. He said he was denied transportation for his child because his residence does not qualify for transportation, and he was upset that it was insinuated if his son had an IEP he could get transportation. President Ludmar explained that transportation limits are completely regulated. Dr. Giarrizzo added that he did have a conversation with Mr. Grant and explained to him that the limits were set by the Board. He further explained that where those limits can be accommodated for is if a child has special needs, but outside of that there is no mechanism. He said this came out of inquiry and not advocacy. Dr. Giarrizzo said Ms. Buatsi and Ms. Hall will remeasure the distance to his residence to see if he qualifies. President Ludmar added that students do not get an IEP in order to qualify for a bus.

#### **9:28 p.m.**

Prior to approval of the personnel items, Trustee Russo noted that there is a resignation effective May 6, 2021 but she wanted to reassure the public that the position will not be left open. In addition, she noted that the resolution extending a probationary period does not mean tenure cannot be granted.

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

#### Personnel

##### *Extension of Probationary Period - Administration*

BE IT RESOLVED That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and upon the request of employee #03006, the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby appoints employee #03006 to a one-year probationary term from June 30, 2021 through June 30, 2022 unless discontinued earlier by action of the Board of Education

##### *Resignation - Certified*

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts the resignation of Ashleigh Hahn, Music, effective June 30, 2021

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts the resignation of Kaylee Polinsky, Literacy, effective May 6, 2021

Approval of Family Medical Leave

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approve an unpaid Family and Medical Leave Act ("FMLA") leave of absence for a period of twelve (12) weeks that will run concurrently with any available paid leave, for Jim Perez, School Psychologist, that includes the period of May 13, 2021 through June 25, 2021

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approve an unpaid Family and Medical Leave Act ("FMLA") leave of absence for a period of twelve (12) weeks that will run concurrently with any available paid leave, for Kristen Hill, Teacher, that includes the period of April 5, 2021 through June 25, 2021

Regular Substitute (Leave Replacement) Appointments - Certified

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Russel Johann, Special Education on Step 1 of the MA salary schedule, effective April 16, 2021 through May 27, 2021

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Maggie Shanley, School Counselor, on Step 1 of the BA+30 salary schedule, from April 16, 2021 through May 6, 2021

Part-time Appointment - Certified

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves a Part-time (.9) appointment for Jake Meyerson, Science, on Step 1 of the BA salary schedule, effective April 5, 2021 through June 25, 2021

Extension of Probationary Period - Certified

BE IT RESOLVED That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and upon the request of employee #02997, the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby appoints employee #02997 to a one-year probationary term from April 18, 2021 through April 18, 2022 unless discontinued earlier by action of the Board of Education

Termination of Employment – Non-Certified

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the termination of employment of Lois Tubby effective April 16, 2021, by operation of Section 71 of the New York State Civil Service Law following a disability leave of absence in excess of one year

Resignation for Retirement Purposes – Non-Certified

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts the resignation for retirement purposes from Vincent Papa, Security Guard, effective June 25, 2021

Resignation – Non-Certified

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts the resignation of Jennifer Mandrachia, School Nurse, effective April 16, 2021

Appointment – Non-Certified

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the appointment of Mario Bologna, Part-time Bus Driver, effective April 19, 2021

Approval an Employment Agreement Between the Board of Education of the North Shore CSD and the School Lunch Manager

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an employment agreement with Alan Levin, School Lunch Manager, and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the same

Approval of Addition to the Per Diem Substitute List

Connor McGarry	Teacher Substitute
Gianna Giovannello	Teacher Substitute
Helen Maxwell	Teacher Substitute
Katie Kozulla	Teacher Substitute

Prior to approval, Trustee Macari asked that in the future the resolution for budget transfers include a breakdown for each transfer.

On motion of Trustee Vizza 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 \$393,377.64 to cover legal fees for split properties, EPC, service provider contracts, FOIL requests, election appeal, HS track warranty issues, video production for BOE meetings, additional student from St. Christopher and the cost of regular teachers' coverage at the MS due to the lack of substitute teachers, effective April 15, 2021

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

Approval of Claims Audit Report

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts the internal claims audit report for the period February 2021, as reviewed and submitted by the Internal Claims Auditor, Denise Longobardi

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

Adoption of Policies

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby adopts revised policies 4770-R, 9500 and 9500-R, as discussed at the Board Meeting of March 25, 2021 and 8625 as required per New York State Education Department, effective April 15, 2021

Prior to approval Trustee Russo asked about clauses in the contract regarding attorney fees and auto renewal. Mr. Pyun has been in touch with a representative from Swagit to address these provisions. The resolution includes pending final review by counsel.

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

Approval of an Agreement Between the North Shore CSD and Swagit Productions, LLC

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an agreement between the School District and Swagit Productions, LLC, to provide Video Streaming Services for use at Board of Education Meetings, as per the terms and conditions set forth in the attached agreement, pending final review 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.

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

Approval of a Rental Agreement Between the North Shore CSD and Preferred Events, Dba L.I. Movie Nights

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves a rental agreement between the School District and Preferred Events, DBA L.I. Movie Nights, to provide a one night event at the North Shore High School

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

Approval of an Agreement Between the North Shore CSD and Tressa Probst

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an agreement between the School District and Tressa Probst, to provide Vision Services as per the terms and conditions set forth in the attached agreement, effective April 15, 2021 through June 30, 2021; 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 Macari and all in favor, it was:

Approval of Special Education Services (IEP)

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves special education services (IEP) as per the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education (CSE)

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

Resolution Approving the Property Tax Report Card

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the real property tax report card prepared by the District's business office for the 2021 Annual District Meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of said report card shall be submitted to the State Education Department by the end of the next business day following this approval.

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

Approval of Health Services Contract

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby enters into a contract for Health Services with Plainview-Old Bethpage CSD for 4 students residing within the North Shore School District and attending non-public schools within the Plainview-Old Bethpage CSD for the 2020-2021 school year at a cost of \$1,107.49 per student as provided under the Education Law of the State of New York

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

Approval of Pit Musician

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

### **Old Business 9:40 p.m.**

The Board discussed posting of the nominating petitions on the District website. The Board agreed to post information for picking up a petition and have a further discussion on the possibility of posting the petition on the website for the next election.

Trustee Macari asked for an update on the opt-out rates. Dr. Zublionis said there are 510 students who have opted out and 260 are middle school students.

Trustee Madden reiterated his position that he would like to see an English teacher reinstated into the Writing Center at the high school. He also suggested the Writing Center be expanded to cover all subjects. Trustee Russo agreed that the Writing Center could be utilized more effectively. Trustee Jones noted that Trustee Madden has brought up this issue before, one of his points in the past being an equity issue. She said it may require a more robust discussion on an agenda at some point of how these various extra help centers come together so the Board can be clear of what currently exists and what may be possible. Dr. Giarrizzo said they are working through staffing discussions and section counts. He explained that there may be an avenue to restore some portion of the position.

Trustee Russo asked if Bond counsel was consulted regarding using some of the funds from the Bond and fund balance as options toward ventilating large spaces. Ms. Buatsi said she has not consulted Bond counsel. She also explained that until Phase 2 has been completed they are hesitant about using the funds realized from Phase 1 projects coming in under budget. Ms. Buatsi further explained that she would like to wait until fund balance is projected and until all available funds from the state are known before decisions are made. Dr. Giarrizzo said they have discussed using the federal money expected to fund those projects instead of using bond money. He believes it will be faster to do it that way. Dr. Giarrizzo noted that supplemental projects will get designed now and bid as alternates. These are mostly around the science research projects, security work and press box. They will discuss at the next Construction Steering Committee meeting and there will be a list of priority projects. Trustee Russo noted that it may be more beneficial financially to do this work while doing new construction rather than retrofitting later, especially if there is money in the bond now. Ms. Buatsi said this is something that needs to be discussed at Construction Steering.

Trustee Vizza thanked Ms. Feuerborn for her comments and perspective on the Assistant Director of Special Education. She requested that they gather data on the caseloads of the Special Education Department. She expressed concern with overloading the department with administrative functions of the CSE. She said her primary concern is making sure that families are taken care of and kids are getting what they need. Dr. Giarrizzo said they would never recommend anything forward that would negatively impact the program, staffing or caseloads. He further explained that they have looked at all those things, and the program has been somewhat overstaffed for several years and this was an opportunity to course correct that. Trustee Vizza said she would just like to understand the process going forward.

### **New Business 10:09 p.m.**

Trustee Russo asked if the Treasurer's Report can be posted on the website and redact the account numbers. Trustee Madden asked if the Budget Status Report can be posted separately. Ms. Buatsi said they need to be very careful with those reports with so much hacking, but she will look into it.

Trustee Vizza asked if there can be another agenda discussion on state aid and federal stimulus; how it helps, how it hinders. She believes the public will be interested in what the District will get in stimulus and how it will be used. President Ludmar agreed that a general conversation about state aid, federal stimulus and FEMA reimbursement would be a good discussion as there is misconception about those funds. This will be added to the next meeting as a discussion item.

Trustee Jones noted that there needs to be signage regarding single occupancy bathrooms.

The Nassau BOCES Budget Vote and Election of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, 2021. The Board agreed to set the time of that vote for 8:30 a.m. and it will be held virtually.

**Adjournment**

At 10:20 p.m. on motion of President Ludmar and seconded by Trustee Macari and all in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Ciampi  
District Clerk