

North Shore Schools  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes  
October 13, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President David Ludmar at 6:30 p.m. in the Glenwood Landing Elementary School Auditorium. Present were Trustees Cashman, Colacioppo, Galati, Macari, Mosca and Russo. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Christopher Zublionis and Assistant Superintendents Dr. Carol Smyth and Mr. James Pappas.

At 6:30 p.m., on motion of Trustee Colacioppo and seconded by Trustee Mosca and all in favor, the Board convened an executive session in room 101 to consider matters regarding proposed, pending or current litigation and collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law).

At 7:45 p.m. on motion of Trustee Cashman and seconded by Trustee Galati and all in favor, the Board came out of executive session and resumed the regular meeting in the auditorium. There were approximately 25 people in the audience.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

President Ludmar led the public in the pledge of allegiance.

**Student Recognition**

On behalf of the Board, President Ludmar and Dr. Zublionis recognized National Merit Commended Students Ethan Fichtl, Maya Ikawa, Annette Park and Jack Potter.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Prior to approval, Trustee Russo made a motion to add language to the minutes (at the point of approval of committee members). Trustee Galati seconded the motion. The Board discussed the addition of the language. Some members felt there was no reason to add the language as there is a video of the meeting and minutes are more of a summary of the meeting, not a transcript. Trustee Russo felt the language gave an example of her opinion. After some debate, Trustee Russo offered to revise the language, to remove the name of the resident in her statement, and a vote was taken. With Trustees Russo and Galati for adding the language as offered in the original motion, and Trustees Cashman, Colacioppo, Ludmar, Macari and Mosca against, the motion was defeated.

Trustee Russo then made a motion to add the following language to the minutes, as an addition to her statement prior to the approval of committee members: "Trustee Russo provided the example where a civic group, North Shore Reform Group, hosted a meeting of the State, County and local legislators with the community. A member of that civic group later became a member of the Legislative Action Committee ("LAC") and assisted LAC in organizing its first Legislative Night." Trustee Macari seconded the motion and with all in favor, the motion was approved.

On motion of Trustee Mosca and seconded by Trustee Russo and all in favor, the minutes of September 22, 2022, were approved as amended.

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

Acceptance of 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 August, 2022 as reviewed and submitted by the Claims Auditor,

Prior to approval, Trustee Russo noted that the District is obligated to educate and transport students at St. Christopher, and we are then reimbursed by New York City, but not always in the same fiscal year. President Ludmar explained that there is a maximum of 6 students in any given year. Mr. Pappas explained that this brings us to 4 students, with another one coming, however only 2 were budgeted for, hence the budget transfer. He further explained that the reimbursement will go into general fund, not into the specific line where the budget transfer is coming from.

On motion of Trustee Russo and seconded by Trustee Galati 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 \$221,000 to cover transportation for St. Christopher students (reimbursed by NYC)

Prior to approval, Trustee Russo asked if her vote on the resolution would impact her vote on the tax levy on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, when she voted no. Dr. Zublionis explained that this is an accounting resolution, an adjustment to the books, and would not impact her vote from August 3.

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

Approval of Resolution Regarding Revenue Budget Adjustment

WHEREAS, on August 3, 2022, the Board of Education adopted a tax levy in the amount of \$85,925,546.11, resulting from the settlement between the County of Nassau and the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA); and

WHEREAS, this settlement results in a reduction of tax revenues and corresponding increase in the payments in lieu of taxes to be received from LIPA of \$8,218,818.33; and

WHEREAS, the tax levy as adopted by the Board of Education was further reduced by an additional \$500,000, utilizing additional revenue to be received during the 2022-2023 fiscal year from the settlement between LIPA and the North Shore Central School District; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the adjustment of the budget reflecting the effect of settlement between the County of Nassau and LIPA, as well as the use of the additional revenue in the amount of \$500,000 to further reduce the 2022-2023 tax levy.

**Report of the Superintendent**

Dr. Zublionis reported on a very successful Homecoming. He reported that all of the athletic events had a high turnout. He said it was a great day and a tremendous Viking win for the football team. He thanked Rachel Bowen, the chairperson of the Homecoming Committee, the heads of the parent organizations, and the custodians for all of their efforts that day. Leading up to the day, senior athletics participated in a "Varsity Viking Walk", a walk through their elementary school in uniform. He further thanked Athletic Director Don Lang, the principals, and Ms. Bowen for organizing that terrific event!

Dr. Zublionis reported that October is National Principals Month! He said our principals are doing great work and he congratulated each and every one! He thanked the high school team for running the PSAT. He remarked what a great job they did getting things in place for the freshman and seniors during PSAT day to preserve instruction for those students.

Dr. Zublionis reported that there has been some discussion on fund balance and reserves. He reported that the total fund balance is currently \$21,744,108 which includes \$13,220,074 in restricted reserves, \$2.6 million which was used towards funding this year's budget and \$4.6M in the unassigned

fund balance. He further explained that at the first budget boot camp they will speak about reserves. There will be another discussion about property taxes, and the connection between LIPA and the Nassau County settlement and the impact on school taxes on Thursday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sea Cliff Elementary School Auditorium. Dr. Zublionis and Mr. Pappas will explain how the county's roll-out of the reassessment plan is affecting the differences in resident's taxes. This will be also videotaped.

Dr. Zublionis thanked Mr. Seth Gordon who hosted two Parent Universities one on the Seal of Civic Readiness and one on National History Day. There will be another Parent University on October 17 at 7:00 pm on the Science of Stress in the Middle School Library.

Dr. Zublionis reported that the Viking Community Committee will be meeting on October 18 when the sub-committees will discuss their focus areas. Finally, he explained that this evening he will report on the North Shore Journey, the reorganization of the Strategic Plan. As the original strategic plan is ending, the administration is assessing where we are and where we are going.

President Ludmar noted that last week's property tax meeting was very informative and interactive. He encouraged all to attend the next meeting on October 20 in the Sea Cliff Auditorium.

### **Report from the SGO**

SGO co-presidents Michael Fleming and Samantha Lockwood reported on Spirit Week – the week leading up to Homecoming. They reported on tremendous student participation and school spirit culminating in a pep rally. They also reported on the great turnout for Homecoming, the first one since 2019. They were excited to report on the fantastic win for the Viking Football team.

### **A Renewed Commitment - The Strategic Plan & The North Shore Journey (Part I)**

Dr. Zublionis reviewed the strategic plan, from the beginning stages of data collection in the fall of 2017, to the planning in the spring/summer of 2018 which ultimately developed into the three pillars and three committees that came out of the plan; Teaching and Learning, Equity for all Learners, and Social-Emotional Learning. Dr. Zublionis explained that in revisiting the strategic plan, which was originally given a time frame of 2018-2023, they looked at how our world has changed since 2018; the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on teaching, learning and wellness; concern with student engagement and student voices, and the district goal (4) of developing an engagement action plan; new mandates, commitments and challenges; strategic planning committee feedback and new suggested actions; the need to look at the ultimate impact on students and their lived K-12 experience, and the need to measure and evaluate the strategic plan. Dr. Zublionis then explained at this point, the plan is to move from the Strategic Plan to the "North Shore Journey", a promise which includes the components of the strategic plan, the student engagement framework and the lived student experience. Four key components of the framework are: engagement as meaningful learning in the classroom; engagement as positive relationships and a sense of belonging; engagement as participation in interest-based extracurricular opportunities; and wellness and wellbeing. Dr. Zublionis explained that the Strategic Plan is systemic and based on the K-12 lived experience of students and educators. The North Shore Journey framework allows us to think of the progressions of actions for students from grades K-12 as they grow and learn in school. He said the promise to all students is that along their North Shore journey, all students will engage in the assured experiences in the four key components with consistency and increasing complexity so they can discover their dreams. Finally, Dr. Zublionis explained that there will be opportunities along the way to check on the progress of the North Shore Journey with the development of metrics/measurement tools, stakeholder discussion sessions, survey data, artifact and statistical analysis, and a report on progress to the Board in May.

The Board discussed the presentation. All Trustees commended the presentation and expressed appreciation for all of the information shared in advance of the meeting. Questions and comments raised were whether the administration would reach out to graduated students to see how effective the strategic plan was; whether we will evaluate the level of stress on students; how the North Shore Journey will eliminate barriers and identify issues such as undiagnosed disabilities; mental health and substance abuse; medical issues, social-economic, malnutrition, language issues, etc. It was suggested these be codified. Student surveys starting in third grade, was suggested as a data point to capture student voice. It was noted that student engagement should drive it all and equity should be a filter through which it is viewed so all kids are reached. Questions about how the plan will be measured and the possibility of pushing a report to the Board earlier than May was suggested. Concern about the lack of standardized testing was expressed and ensuring students are properly prepared and have the skills sets they need for life beyond North Shore. Promoting the BOCES programs was suggested as well as permitting certain programs as substitute for physical education, such as the dance program. Interest for a student survey to see where we are with student engagement, making sure we are not contributing to student stress, and how we are contributing to healthy habits. Evaluation of the Ruler program was suggested. Data collection to shape the North Shore Journey was also proposed. A book for parents relating to the North Shore Journey was recommended

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

Tom Kaufman, Glen Head, said while he agrees with the spirit of the tutoring policy, specifically the part that a teacher should not tutor his or her own student, he does not understand the part of the policy that addresses coaching. He remarked that many coaches coach clubs, and coach at other school districts, and those districts do not have policies like ours. He said coaches develop relationships with other coaches and with other kids. He further remarked that with the way the policy is written, it makes the pool of applicants very limited, and he does not think it is in the spirit with the rest of the policy. He asked that the Board review the policy. Dr. Zublionis explained that the policy committee has met and reviewed the policy. He will bring their questions to the next athletic policy committee meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup> to address these issues.

Gina Martone Brown, Glen Cove, member of Arts Angels, addressed the need for space for the dance program. She noted that the dance program has grown considerably. She explained that the middle school students are dancing in the cafeteria, the high school students sometimes need to move their space depending on the schedule of plays. She asked that the Board please make a plan for a permanent dance studio in their planning going forward. Dr. Zublionis explained that he, along with Ms. Rodriguez, Dr. Smyth, and Mr. Lang have been looking at space for this purpose. He further stated that Ms. Rodriguez, along with Ms. Kurinashi, has been advocating for this. In addition, it has been raised in construction steering. It seems to be a scheduling issue as well as a space issue. They are paying attention to it and are working it into planning.

Eve Dorfmann, Glen Head, also advocated for a dance studio. She gave her personal viewpoint of how it helped her child through COVID and said it is not only important from the physical perspective but from a psychological perspective as well.

Mike Conklin, Greenvale, president of the North Shore Booster Club, commented on how great it was to see North Shore on the front of the high school sport section in Newsday. He said the North Shore Booster Club strongly supports a change to the tutoring policy and supports the hiring of those highly qualified coaches. He noted that this was also in the recommendation from the outside athletic review report. He feels the current policy restricts the hiring of highly qualified coaches.

Lisa Vizza, Glen Head, commented on how great Homecoming, and the Hall of Fame induction was. She noted how wonderful it was to see many of the former athletes coming back and said it is a testament to North Shore. She also remarked that the cross-country team is 95-0 in conference competition and commended the coach of that team.

Vanessa Marks, Sea Cliff, complimented the North Shore Journey, but cautioned that the district try not to fit every student into what they think students need. She asked if by restructuring the committees from the strategic plan, into the Viking Community, if those conversations from the previous committees would still be taken into consideration by the new committee. Dr. Zublionis explained the North Shore Journey is about personalization of curriculum and differentiation, that is what they subscribe to, and they will not lose sight of that. Regarding the Viking Community, the meetings will have a similar structure and conversations will continue from the strategic plan. Ms. Marks said she would like to see a student survey done about where their stress is coming from.

Prior to approval President Ludmar thanked the administration for the review of all of the clubs and noted the Board is approving clubs at all levels (high school, middle school and the elementary schools). On motion of Trustee Galati and seconded by Trustee Mosca and all in favor, it was:

Personnel

Increment for Advanced Study - Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an increment for advanced study for Aimee Canzoniero, Guidance, from Step 19 of the MA+45 salary schedule to Step 19 of the MA+60 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2022

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an increment for advanced study for Brian Lang, Science, from Step 14 of the MA+60 salary schedule, to Step 14 of the MA+75 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2022.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an increment for advanced study for Lisa LeWinter, Social Studies, from Step 4 of the MA+30 salary schedule to Step 4 of the MA+45 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2022

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an increment for advanced study for Kristen Nersesian, Mathematics, from Step 6 of the MA+45 salary schedule to Step 6 of the MA+60 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2022

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an increment for advanced study for Ariel O'Shea, Special Education, from Step 5 of the MA salary schedule to Step 5 of the MA+15 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2022

Regular Substitute (Leave Replacement) Appointment - Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment of Julianna Curran, Music, on Step 1 of the BA salary schedule, effective September 28, 2022 through January 31, 2023

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment of Christopher Hurley, Physical Education, on Step 1 of the MA salary schedule, effective October 6, 2022 through January 31, 2023

Amendment to Appointment - Non-Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby amends the September 22, 2022 appointment regarding Wai Chun Wong as follows:

Wai Chun Wong is hereby appointed as a Full-time Cleaner on Step 5 of the Cleaner Salary Schedule, effective September 23, 2022

Appointments - Non-Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the part-time appointment of Patricia Lerch, Personnel Clerk, at an hourly rate of \$45.79/hr. effective September 29, 2022

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the appointment of Patricia Valeo, Senior Typist Clerk, on Step 10 of the senior typist clerk salary schedule, effective October 4, 2022 (permanent transfer from Port Washington, probation waived)

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the appointment of Josh Kogan, Groundskeeper, District-wide, on Step 5 of the custodian salary schedule, effective October 14, 2022

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the appointment of Sean Burnett, Food Service Worker at North Shore High School, effective October 14, 2022

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the appointment of Ashley Freger, Teacher Aide at Greenvale School, effective October 14, 2022

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the appointment of Stephen Neggie, Part-time Bus Driver, effective October 14, 2022

Teacher Overage

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves a .2 overage for Samantha Drexler, ENL, effective October 4, 2022 through June 13, 2023

Per Diem Substitutes

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

Names	Category	Effective
Dana Goetz	Teacher Aide Substitute	October 14, 2022
Edward Moyaho	Teacher Aide Substitute	October 14, 2022
Dean Cano	Teacher Aide Substitute	October 14, 2022
Aiden Shea	Teacher Aide Substitute	October 14, 2022
Nicholas Kahl	Teacher Substitute	September 22, 2022
Donna Luchka	Teacher Substitute	October 14, 2022
Megan Ng	Teacher Substitute	October 14, 2022
Nichole Rigby	Teacher Substitute	October 14, 2022

Extra-Curricular Activity Advisors

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

<b>High School</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>STEP</b>
<b><u>Clubs - Level 3</u></b>		
Autism Awareness	Neal Levy	1
Garden Club	Michelle Stiffler	1
NS Dance Select Ensemble	Simone Kuranishi	1
Rubik's Cube	Alessia Merritts	1
<b><u>Clubs - Level 2</u></b>		
National Visual Arts Honor Society	Lynn Johnson	2
	Sara Cano	2
Hispanic Unity	Christina Margiore	1
Jewish Heritage	Steven Burgos	1
Mandarin	Lige Zhaomu	1
National Honor Society for Dance Arts	Simone Kuranishi	1
Songwriter's	Andrew Cross	1
<b>Middle School</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>STEP</b>
<b><u>Clubs - Level 3</u></b>		
G.S.A.	Lauren Mistretta	2
LEGO Robotics Club	Anthony Facchini	2
<b><u>Clubs - Level 2</u></b>		
Ukele Club	Caitlin Mallon	1
<b><u>Clubs - Level 1</u></b>		
Italian Club	Alaina Famigletti	1
	Diana Garone	1
<b>Elementary Schools</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>STEP</b>
<b><u>Clubs - Level 3</u></b>		
(District) Wonder League	Ryan Bridgwood	2
	Adrien Kaye	2

(District) FIRST Lego League	Ryan Bridgwood	1
	Adrien Kaye	1
(District) Design Squad	Ryan Bridgwood	2
	Adrien Kaye	2
Drama Club (SC)	Samantha Malis*	1

\*replaces Lisa Daly

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

Acceptance of Donation from the North Shore High School PTO

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts a total donation of \$853.68 from the North Shore High School PTO to be donated to each Class of the North Shore High School as follows:

\$213.42 to the Class of 2023

\$213.42 to the Class of 2024

\$213.42 to the Class of 2025

\$213.42 to the Class of 2026

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

Approve the Disposal of Inventory

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

Quantity	Description	School
1	Ice Machine	Middle School
13	Computers	High School
1	Printer	High School
1	Printer	Central Office
5	Cameras	High School
2	Laptops	Sea Cliff
1	Cabinet	Sea Cliff

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

Appointment of the Board of Registration

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby appoints the following individuals to serve as the Board of Registration for the 2023 Annual Budget Vote and Election of Trustees: Mary Lou Martin, Elizabeth Ciampi, Patricia Lerch, Marissa Vergara-Holden

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

a)Approval of an Agreement between the North Shore CSD and Mathodology

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an Agreement between the School District and Mathodology, to provide three (5 hour) hands-on interactive workshops in "Developing Roots and think!Mathematics" for elementary classroom teachers, administrators, and Math Support Teachers, 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

b)Approval of an Agreement between the North Shore CSD and Kevin Connelly

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board of Education

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

Approval of an Agreement between the North Shore CSD and The Summit School

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 Summit School to provide adequate instruction, related services, and/or a facility as per the individualized education program (IEP) of each pupil to be enrolled in its program, as per the terms and conditions set forth in the attached agreement, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; and

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

The Board decided to act simultaneously on action items 18 and 19.

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

Approval of an Agreement between the North Shore CSD and Ashley Fruchter

IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore CSD hereby approves the Agreement between the School District and Ashley Fruchter to provide Special Education Teacher/Resource Room Services, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said agreement on behalf of the Board of Education

a)Approval of an Agreement between the North Shore CSD and the Glen Cove City School District (DOL-DOR)

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 Glen Cove City School District for Special Education Services for parentally-placed students with disabilities attending non-public schools located within the Glen Cove City School District and residing within the North Shore Central School District during the 2022-2023 school year; 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.

**b)Approval of an Agreement between the North Shore CSD and the Herricks Union Free School District (DOL-DOR)**

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 Herricks Union Free School District for Special Education Services for parentally-placed students with disabilities attending non-public schools located within the Herricks Union Free School District and residing within the North Shore Central School District during the 2022-2023 school year; 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.

**Old Business**

Dr. Zublionis explained that he and Mr. Pappas recently received information on the agreement between Bus Patrol, and the Towns of Oyster Bay and North Hempstead, regarding the Stop Arm Camera Program, cameras that catch drivers who pass stopped buses. Apparently, there has been some negotiation between Nassau County and the Towns regarding the split of the fines from the violations. In Suffolk County, the county receives the full amount of the fines, in Nassau County it is shared between the Towns and the County. One thing that is certain, is that the District does not receive any of the revenue from these fines. The benefit to the District is increased safety for children, as it is a deterrent to drivers to not pass a stopped school bus. The concern of moving forward is if the equipment is installed on the buses, and we need to change companies, the equipment will need to be removed. Therefore, Dr. Zublionis and Mr. Pappas are recommending to wait a bit longer until they get more clarity. They will reach out to the company directly to get more information. In the meantime, Trustee Macari suggested that increased education be disseminated to ease the concern of parents for their children's safety while they are waiting for them to get on and off the school bus. Dr. Zublionis will work on that, as well as the issue on Cross Street.

President Ludmar asked Dr. Smyth to elaborate on the Civics Coordinator. Dr. Smyth explained that Mr. Seth Gordon, Director of Social Studies, is working to bring the Seal of Civic Readiness to the District. This will encourage kids to engage in opportunities that can impact their civic knowledge, skill and mindset. He has applied to the state to provide the program to our students. Mr. Gordon has worked with Ms. Chimeri, one of his Social Studies teachers, who will be the coordinator of the program. Dr. Smyth explained how the seal is earned when students achieve points by earning civic knowledge, and skills along with a capstone project.

**New Business**

Trustee Cashman remarked on the successful Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. She thanked the Athletic Department for their efforts and recognized the former athletes many who are National record holders. Trustee Cashman also recognized all who helped make Homecoming so successful especially the PTOs, Booster Club and Shelly Newman. She noted that she will be attending her state mandated training over the next two days.

Trustee Mosca asked for more information on NYCLASS accounts and what the next step is for the District to participate. Mr. Pappas explained that this has been around for a while, it is a cooperative of an investment pool which allows municipalities to pool funds together to earn greater interest

on investments. They are currently getting rates close to a CD, but the funds are not tied up. The next step is for the Board to approve a resolution to add them as a financial institution. Trustee Russo asked whether this would be federally insured. Mr. Pappas explained it is federally insured and covered by additional collateral such as Letters of Credit.

**Adjournment**

At 10:45 p.m. on motion of Trustee Cashman and seconded by Trustee Colacioppo and all in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Ciampi  
District Clerk