

North Shore Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Minutes
October 27, 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 the appointment or employment of a particular person or persons, 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 approximate 75 people in the audience.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Ludmar led the public in the pledge of allegiance.

President Ludmar explained that the Board held their annual retreat recently and as a result of their work with a parliamentarian, there will be changes to some of the procedures reflected in the meeting tonight.

Board of Education Recognition

Dr. Zublionis read a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from Congressman Thomas Suozzi on the occasion of School Board Recognition Week thanking the Board of Education for their “devotion to our students” and offering “best wishes for continued success in improving education for our future generations”. He then introduced Natasha Gordon and Courtney Chambers, the co-presidents of Coordinating Council of Parent Organizations for the District. On behalf of the parent organizations of the five schools in the district, Ms. Gordon and Ms. Chambers recognized the members of the Board of Education. To honor the members of the Board, a selection of music was performed by the North Shore High School Jazz Quartet by students, Sophie Brandimarte, Wade Livingston, Ruben Shonick, and Will Winchester, led by Band teacher Brandon Bromsey. This was followed by presentations of gifts representative of each of the five schools in the district by their principal, parent organization reps and students.

On behalf of the Board, President Ludmar thanked the students, the principals, the parents and the community.

Approval of Minutes

The reading of the draft minutes of the meeting of October 13, 2022, being prepared and disseminated to all members in advance of the meeting, was dispensed. There being no corrections to the minutes, it was declared by President Ludmar that the minutes of October 13, 2022 were approved.

Approval of Budget Transfer

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves budget transfers in the amount of \$38,460 to cover the cost of special education behavior consultants, effective October 27, 2022

Report from the Co-Presidents of the SGO

SGO co-president Michael Fleming reported on events and activities at the high school including: the SGO will be holding a Halloween costume contest; teachers will nominate students for different categories and the winners will be announced at Super Commons on Wednesday. Spirit Day is scheduled for November 4 and the theme is Hawaiian Day.

Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Zublionis thanked the Board of Education for all they do for the students of North Shore. He thanked the parent organizations, which he said have been so collaborative this year, and principals for organizing Board Recognition this evening.

Dr. Zublionis reported that over 100 students were inducted into the National Honor Society. He thanked Dr. Kirmser and the officers for organizing that event. The Middle School Culture Club Fair celebrated Mexico and Central America and he thanked Ms. Haleiko for organizing that event. He reported that Halloween events are starting this week with a Middle School Social on Friday, parades at all elementary schools will be held on Monday as well as costume contests at the middle school and one sponsored by the SGO at the high school.

Dr. Zublionis congratulated the women's varsity swim team on their strong finish and the women's soccer team on their great season. He noted the upcoming playoff games for varsity boys and girls cross country; varsity field hockey; varsity volleyball and varsity football.

Dr. Zublionis recognized salutatorian Ruben Shonik. He shared that he has known Ruben since the second grade and said he is a significant example of the North Shore Journey. He also congratulated the valedictorian, Ava Bartoli, and pointed out how Ruben's North Shore Journey lead him to music and Ava's led her to athletics and both with academic success.

Dr. Zublionis recognized the special events held throughout the district over the last weeks. Unity Day was held on October 19 in all schools. This is an annual event held every October to promote healthier communities by joining together to unite for kindness, acceptance and inclusion which was started by Pacer's National Bullying Prevention Center in 2011. It is now celebrated throughout the world. North Shore celebrated with themed events and wearing orange. He thanked Mr. Dan Doherty, the social workers and counselors for all their efforts in bringing this event here. He said it is fully embraced by our faculty, administration, and families. He further stated that although it is only one day, it is symbolic and inspiring. Red Ribbon week was held all this week and the work of Mr. Doherty and the social workers was seen throughout the schools through programs organized to promote commitment to self, healthy decisions leading a drug-free life, and empowering ourselves. He also thanked Ms. Alison Camardella and Mr. Kevin McGilloway of CASA for their good work with the schools, especially during Red Ribbon Week, and their work with youth in our community. In addition, they are partnering to bring in Chris Herren to North Shore on Feb 15. Dr. Zublionis said he has an amazing story, has been featured on 30 for 30 and has done powerful presentations at other school districts.

Dr. Zublionis reported that "listening sessions" will begin next week. These are connected to the strategic plan and North Shore Journey. This is an opportunity for he and Dr. Smyth and other school leaders to listen. There will be three cycles for each quadrant of the North Shore Journey with two sessions each, one in the evening and one in the morning. The first session will be on November 2 & 3

regarding Meaningful Learning & Academic Mastery; the second on November 8 & 10 regarding Positive Relationships; the third on November 28 & December 1 on Participation in Interest Based Electives and Extra-Curricular Activities; and the last on December 8 on Wellness. On November 9, there will be a Parent University dedicated to the Ruler Program; this will be facilitated by Ms. Bridget Finder, Principal of Glenwood Landing School as well as Mr. Dan Doherty, Director of Counseling.

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

Prior to opening the floor to comments from the public, President Ludmar explained that the Board is not required to hold a public comments period, however they do feel it is important to hear from the community and to give attendees the right to speak. They encourage attendance at their meetings. He went on to say that at the last meeting it was a great example of what public comments is about. Members who spoke were clear, respectful and the Board heard and learned from them. He further remarked that this is a great format to hear from members of the community and to get their perspective, which is invaluable. He pointed out that as noted in the Board's policy, and on the agenda, the naming of students and staff is not permitted. He asked that the public now apply this practice to Trustees and not name individual Trustees but keep things general and address the comment to the Board as a whole.

Joanna Clancy, Glen Head, asked that the Board continue to look at changing the tutoring policy as she believes it hurts athletes and teams. She said she agrees there should not be one-on-one coaching, but does not believe the policy as it stands, is a good fit for athletes. Ms. Clancy also asked that the Board look at replacing the athletic fields. She said safety should be the first and foremost priority.

Lisa Vizza, Glen Head, suggested reaching out to seniors in the community when concert season comes around so they can come out and enjoy the amazing performances by our students.

Mike Conklin, Greenvale, asked about the status of the electronic sign. Dr. Zublionis explained that they were hoping they could use the vendor they had been working with as a sole source, however because of the cost, it was determined they needed to do an RFP (request for proposals). Once this is done, a bid will take place, there will need to be a contract, and SED approval will also have to take place. This has added to the length of the timeline for installing the sign.

Chris Wolf, Glen Head, North Shore Athletic Advocates and Booster Club Board Member, said he has heard there are concerns about replacing the turf field with turf, due to safety issues, and there are discussions about possibly replacing it with grass. He said in his opinion it would be more costly to replace the turf with grass. He also commented that there may be a segment of the community that will find reasons not to move forward. He asked the Board not to delay in proceeding with the turf field. President Ludmar explained that rumors always happen in the community, it has happened before, it is important to get the facts from the Board. Dr. Zublionis added he is not sure where that information came from. He knows several years ago there was a health issue brought up with rubber in playgrounds. He understands the issues with a grass field. He also explained that the middle school softball field was just done with grass through grant money.

Tessie Toppol, Sea Cliff, thanked the Board for all they do, and she appreciates their public recognition. She asked that Dr. Zublionis share how they measure the success of Unity Day, and maintain the outcomes, when it seems the daily issues being faced would take more than a day to deal with. Dr. Zublionis explained the SEL (social-emotional learning) program, days like Unity Day and Red Ribbon Week, having speakers come, collecting more data of how children feel about school are all ways they

are seeing what transfers to students. They have just begun listening sessions, there will be more formal surveys, ongoing measurement, to find the best way to measure progress.

9:16 p.m.

Prior to approval, President Ludmar recognized the retirement of Robert McKee, School Psychologist and thanked him for his many years of service to the students of North Shore. He noted that although his retirement was being accepted tonight, he would be continuing in his position until the end of the school year.

Dr. Zublionis remarked that Mr. McKee has been a School Psychologist since 2001 and has been at the middle school for many years, always thinking of ways to make the middle school student life better for all kids.

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

Personnel

Resignation for Retirement Purposes - Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts the resignation for retirement purposes for Robert McKee, School Psychologist, effective June 30, 2023

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 Alyssa Bacchioni, Biology, from Step 3 of the MA+15 salary schedule to Step 3 of the MA+30 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 Noel Beccarino, English, from Step 7 of MA+45 salary schedule to Step 7 of the MA+60 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2022

Amendment of Appointment - Certified

Toni Kalberer, ENL, is hereby appointed on Step 1 of the MA salary schedule, effective September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023

Leave of Absence for Child Rearing Purposes - Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves a leave of absence for child rearing purposes for Torrey D'Angelo, Music, effective February 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023

Leave of Absence - Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves a leave of absence for Anne Marie Burden, Teacher Assistant, for the purpose of accepting a leave replacement position, effective October 24, 2022 through December 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 a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Carol Speranza, Special Education, on Step 10 of the MA salary schedule, effective October 14, 2022 through November 10, 2022

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Abbe Mait, Elementary, on Step 2 of the MA salary schedule, effective October 25 through November 10, 2022

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Meaghan Hynes, Social Studies, on Step 1 of the MA salary schedule, effective October 19, 2022 through December 1, 2022

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Anne Marie Burden, Elementary, on Step 3 of the MA salary schedule, effective October 24, 2022 through December 1, 2022

Provisional Promotional Appointment - Non-Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby approves the provisional promotion of Danielle Granelli to Senior Typist Clerk, on Step 11 of the Senior Typist Clerk salary schedule, effective October 28, 2022

Appointment - Non-Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the appointment of Sal Raziano, Part-time cleaner at North Shore High School, effective October 24, 2022

Approval of Employment Agreements with Non-Affiliate and Confidential Employees

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District approve the 2022-2023 employment and terms and conditions agreements with the following employees and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the same:

Haleh Bonvan	Treasurer
Elizabeth Ciampi	Secretary to the Superintendent
Yogesh Dhingra	School District Auditor
John Hall	Director of School Facilities & Operations
Michele Hall	Assistant Supervisor of Transportation
Alan Levin	School Lunch Manager
Clifford Sineberg	Assistant Bus Dispatcher
Donna Henderson	Senior Personnel Clerk
Sophia Kulikowsky	Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent/Instruction
Lois Straber	Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent/Business
Marissa Vergara-Holden	Typist Clerk/Central Administration

Approval of Annual Stipends and Hourly Rate for Security Personnel

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District approves the 2022-2023 annual stipends for the following employees, as previously discussed in executive session

Mathew Cheravallil	Records Management & Inventory Clerk
Elizabeth Ciampi	District Clerk, SEVIS PDSO
Anita Demetri	Substitute Caller & Home Tutoring
Lois Straber	iPad/Chrome Book Coordinator
Sophia Kulikowsky	Community Education
Marissa Vergara-Holden	Records Access

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District approves the 2022-2023 Hourly Rate of Pay for all Security Personnel, as previously discussed in executive session

Last Name	First Name	Status	Rate
Anderson	Daniel	FT-Security Aide	28.95
Bafundo	Gina	Security Aide Sub	23.63
Capobianco	Michael	FT-Security Aide	29.98
Castle	Thomas	Sub-Security Aide Sub	28.05
Chu	Douglas	Sub-Security Aide Sub	23.99
Curcio	Steven	Sub-Security Aide	24.95
Doyle	Thomas	FT-Security Aide GWL	29.53
Giambruno	Perry	FT-Security Aide	28.95
Hennessey	Brian	Security Aide Sub	23.17
Kenny	James	PT-Security Aide	28.95
Lester	Gerard	Sub-Security Aide	23.17
Mazur	Thomas	Sub-Security Aide	25.46
McGann	Brian	Sub-Security Aide	23.17
Mc Intosh	Donald	FT-Security Guard	30.57
Modell	Andrew	FT-Security Aide	28.95
Nyhan	Andrew	FT-Security Aide	23.17
O'Neill	Kevin	Security Aide Sub	23.63
Papa	Frank	FT-Security Aide	28.95
Papa	Robert J.	FT-Security Guard	30.57
Papa	Vincent J	Security Guard	30.57
Pascucci	Rachael	Sub-Security Aide	23.99
Petrone	Joseph	PT-Security Aide	24.95
Petrucelli	Dom	PT-Security Aide	24.95
Petrucci	Robert J.	PT-Security Aide	23.17
Post	Alicia	Sub-Security Aide	24.43
Pryor	Megan	FT-Security Aide	28.95
Rizzo	Joseph	FT-Security Aide SC	24.96
Sicuranza	Giuseppe	Sub-Security Aide	24.47
Simmons	Brian	Sub-Security Aide	23.63
Sinski	Donald	PT-Security Guard	25.70
Skaee	George	PT-Security Aide	24.95
Slowski	William	FT-Security Guard	30.57
Spector	Craig	FT-Security Aide	28.95

Per Diem Substitutes

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

Name	Category	Effective
Catherine Smith	Teacher Substitute	10/28/22
Vincent Grasso	Teacher Substitute	10/28/22
Kathryn LeoGrande	Clerical Substitute	10/3/22

Extra-Curricular Activity Coaches and Advisors

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

Coaches:

Position	Coach	Step
Winter		
Boys Basketball	Butler, Jordan	2
	Kozlowski, Aaron	2
MS Girls Volleyball	Granieri, Thomas	2
	Iacovelli, Tracy	2
MS Winter Track	Gotta, Lauren	2
	Jackson, John	2
	Muscarella, Jaclyn	2

Advisors:

High School	Advisor	STEP
Clubs - Level 3		
Chess Club	Kristen Nersesian	2
Clubs – Level 2		
Gender Equity	Melanie Grimshaw	1
Elementary Schools		
Dramatics		
(SC) Dramatics Program	Wendy Bruno	1
	Samantha Malis	1

The Board decided to act simultaneously on action items 11 and 12

Prior to approval, Trustee Mosca acknowledged the ongoing collaboration between the Sea Cliff PCA and the Sea Cliff School Garden. She went on to say it has been 7 years since the founding of the garden which is now a thriving part of the school. It operates through generous donations, working with faculty and parents, and inspires students. She thanked Dr. Z, the “founding father of the garden” and the PCA for their ongoing support.

President Ludmar thanked the Glenwood Landing SCA for their support of the many projects at the Glenwood Landing School. He thanked all of the parent organizations for their hard work and efforts on behalf of our schools.

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

Approval of Piano Accompanists for Musical Productions

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the following piano accompanists at a rate of \$75 per rehearsal and \$120 per performance:

Sandra Baskin
Liju Cheung
Carol Goglia
Ann Sullivan

Acceptance of a Donation from the Sea Cliff PCA to the Sea Cliff Elementary School

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts a donation of garden shed from the Sea Cliff PCA to the Sea Cliff Elementary School at a value of approximately \$700

Acceptance of a Donation from the Glenwood Landing SCA to the Glenwood Landing Elementary School
 BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts a donation of \$725.52 from the Glenwood Landing SCA to the Glenwood Landing Elementary School to offset the cost of the purchase of a monitor and Chromebook Display for the Glenwood Landing School Hallway.

The Board decided to act simultaneously on action items 13, 14 and 15
 On motion of Trustee Colacioppo and seconded by Trustee Macari and all in favor, it was:

Approval to Dispose of Inventory

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

Quantity	Description	School/Building
1	Walk Behind Blower	Transportation
1	Freon Recovery Machine	Transportation
1	Snow Blower	Transportation
1	Laminator	Sea Cliff
3	Computers	High School
1	Printer	High School
9	Network Switches	High School
2	UPS	High School
22	Tables	Middle School

Approval of an Agreement Between the North Shore CSD and Chakira-Iliana Doherty a/k/a SEW Theatrical

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an agreement between the School District and Chakira-Iliana Doherty to provide costume rentals and costumer consultant services in connection with the production of the high school fall play as per the terms and conditions in the attached agreement at a total fee of not to exceed \$5,840, effective October 28, 2021 through November 19, 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

Approval of an Agreement between the North Shore CSD and Sharone N. Gilbert

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an agreement between the School District and Sharone N. Gilbert, to provide neuropsychological & psychoeducational evaluation services 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 the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

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

Approval of an Agreement between the North Shore Central School District and the East Williston Union Free School District

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the Agreement between the School District and the East Williston Union Free School District for Special

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

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.

Approval of an Agreement between the North Shore Central School District and the Glen Cove City School District

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the Agreement between the School District and the Glen Cove City School District for Special Education Services for parentally placed students with disabilities attending non-public schools located within the North Shore School District and residing within the Glen Cove City School District during the 2022-2023 school year

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.

Approval of an Agreement between the North Shore Central School District and the Jericho Union Free School District

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the Agreement between the School District and the Jericho Union Free School District for Special Education Services for parentally placed students with disabilities attending non-public schools located within the North Shore Central School District and residing within the Jericho Union Free School District during the 2022-2023 school year

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.

Approval of an Agreement between the North Shore Central School District and the Locust Valley Central School District

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the Agreement between the School District and the Locust Valley Central School District for Special Education Services for parentally placed students with disabilities attending non-public schools located within the North Shore Central School District and residing within the Locust Valley Central School District during the 2022-2023 school year

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.

Approval of an Agreement between the North Shore Central School District and the Manhasset School District

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the Agreement between the School District and the Manhasset School District for Special Education Services for parentally placed students with disabilities attending non-public schools located within the North Shore Central School District and residing within the Manhasset School District during the 2022-2023 school year

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.

Approval of an Agreement between the North Shore Central School District and the Oyster Bay-East Norwich School District

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the Agreement between the School District and the Oyster Bay-East Norwich School District for Special Education Services for parentally placed students with disabilities attending non-public schools located within the North Shore Central School District and residing within the Oyster Bay-East Norwich School District during the 2022-2023 school year

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.

Approval of an Agreement between the North Shore Central School District and the Port Washington Union Free School District

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the Agreement between the School District and the Port Washington Union Free School District for Special Education Services for parentally placed students with disabilities attending non-public schools located within the North Shore Central School District and residing within the Port Washington Union Free School District during the 2022-2023 school year

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.

Approval of an Agreement between the North Shore Central School District and the Roosevelt Union Free School District

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the Agreement between the School District and the Roosevelt Union Free School District for Special Education Services for parentally placed students with disabilities attending non-public schools located within the North Shore Central School District and residing within the Roosevelt Union Free School District during the 2022-2023 school year

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.

Approval of an Agreement between the North Shore Central School District and the Roslyn Union Free School District

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the Agreement between the School District and the Roslyn Union Free School District for Special Education Services for parentally placed students with disabilities attending non-public schools located within the North Shore Central School District and residing within the Roslyn Union Free School District during the 2022-2023 school year

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.

Unfinished Business - 9:23 p.m.

Trustee Macari asked for an update on the Pre-K program. She asked when we might lose the grant money if the program is not instituted. Dr. Zublionis explained that he has been reaching out to the local pre-k programs in our area and they charge so far above what the state is giving us per child that they do not want to partner with us. What the state is giving us is an average between down state and upstate. He explained that some districts are partnering with parochial schools, which he is now looking into. Another option is partnering with Scope or another agency, to operate a program within our schools, but that would require finding space in our schools. He has received an extension from the state on the funds into December. Dr. Zublionis will continue to update the Board as he receives further information.

New Business

Trustee Mosca explained that earlier this year the State Legislature moved forward with the plan that LIPA be transformed to a municipal utility, which they say will be more beneficial for rate payers. There is supposed to be a plan by February 1 and to the Legislature by April 1. She said it is an evolving situation and we do not know yet how it would affect the District, given our situation with LIPA. She asked if this should be something for LAC to pursue. President Ludmar asked that LAC monitor the situation to see where it goes.

President Ludmar asked if students who earn credit through Nassau Community College classes in the dual enrollment program, will be able to transfer those credits to other institutions, the same as those who attend Nassau as college students. Dr. Smyth explained that Dr. Titone has done an amazing job putting together the dual enrollment opportunities, which are growing. She further explained that students will get a transcript from those colleges, and credits will be transferable.

Adjournment

At 9:30 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Ciampi
District Clerk