

North Shore Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Minutes
March 3, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President David Ludmar at 6:30 p.m. in the North Shore High School Library. The meeting was simultaneously live-streamed. Present were Trustees Colacioppo, Galati, Jones, Macari, Mosca and Russo. Also present were Interim Superintendent Dr. Thomas Dolan and Assistant Superintendents Dr. Christopher Zublionis and Ms. Olivia Buatsi.

At 6:30 p.m. on motion of Trustee Jones and seconded by Trustee Macari and all in favor, the Board convened an executive session in the High School Library to consider discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation, matters leading to the employment of a particular person, and collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law).

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

Pledge of Allegiance

President Ludmar made a comment leading up to the pledge of allegiance. He noted he had spent time during the break with some North Shore students who spoke about their experiences at North Shore and what they will be doing beyond North Shore and he thought about the contrast of kids that same age in Ukraine who are fleeing their homes or forced to fight to defend their country, as well as those kids in Russia who are being forced to fight for a totalitarian despot. He said thinking of that contrast, and about the flag we are about to pledge our allegiance to with gratitude, he asked all to stand for the pledge.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Trustee Colacioppo and seconded by Trustee Macari and all in favor, the minutes of February 17, 2022 were approved.

Prior to approval, Trustee Mosca noted that she had previously asked how old equipment is disposed of once the Board approves of its disposal. She said she was pleased to see that within the treasurer's report, the auctioning of an old truck which the Board had approved be disposed of.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

On motion of Trustee Russo and seconded by Trustee Galati and all in favor, the Treasurer's report for the period January 1, 2022 through January 31, 2022 was approved.

On motion of Trustee Mosca 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 \$56,722 to cover salary for the Asst. Director of SE, \$11,765.58 to cover nurses at SC School, and \$20,000 to cover district wide MiFi devices for a total of \$88,537.58

Prior to approval, Trustee Jones noted there were no exceptions in the report. President Ludmar added that out of 289 checks processed and a total of \$5.4 million dollars, there were zero exceptions; not one error. He commended Ms. Buatsi and the business office for their work.

On motion of Trustee Jones and seconded by Trustee Galati 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 January, 2022 as reviewed and submitted by Internal Claims Auditor, Denise Longobardi

Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Dolan reported that all schools are now mask optional and that all have reported that the transition has gone well. He also assured everyone that any issues of intolerance that are brought to his attention will be addressed. He reminded everyone that there are certain regulations in place that will address a student or staff who tests positive for COVID; these are designed to prevent any new outbreaks, or increase the probability of a mask optional environment continuing. He thanked the principals and assistant principals for their continued vigilance and asked everyone to accept their phone calls knowing that they are only trying to keep everyone safe.

Dr. Dolan explained that consistent with our slow return to normal, Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held in a live format. He said he is thrilled to be able to welcome parents back into our buildings and hopes to see many there. He asked that parents review his letter that went out yesterday and offered some detail on the event. He thanked the Federation, again, for working with the district on moving forward in this and other initiatives.

Dr. Dolan reminded everyone to look for news on the High School Musical “Hello Dolly” and encouraged all to purchase a ticket.

Dr. Dolan reported that the Middle School has been informed their application as a “School to Watch” has been approved and they will receive a virtual visit. He commended Ms. Jen Imperiale for all of her work in submitting this application over the summer. He also thanked the entire middle school for doing the work that culminates in such a visit.

Dr. Dolan gave a brief overview of student clubs and activities. Currently there are 129 clubs meeting throughout our schools; some new opportunities for students include a coding club, a mindfulness club and a group that focuses on race, education, and discussion. Music has returned to our halls with ensembles meeting before and after school and both Middle School and High School Masquers programs have returned to the stage. The high school environmental club educated the high school about the influences of the meat industry on the environment and advocated for “Meatless Monday”, which now runs in the cafeteria. Students have been able to reconnect in person this school year through opportunities like middle school Dungeons and Dragons Club, the high school chess club, and the high school gamer’s club. They’ve participated in weekly competition and connected with other schools to expand their networks. Community Service is a common thread from the high school through the elementary schools. Service clubs in all the schools have run drives to donate to the local community. Toy drives, food drives, coat drives run by the Glen Head Community Service Club, Middle School Builders Club and High School Interact and Key Club have brought much aid to those in need in our community. From Design Squad at the elementary schools to the LEGO Robotics program in our middle school to the FIRST Robotics program in the high school, our students are surrounded by opportunities to participate in STEM. Students are problem solving through coding, designing, and machining and our robotics programs will compete with their final designs later this spring. Dr. Dolan commended the Coordinator of Extracurricular Activities, Sara LeMar, who is also an excellent Physics teacher at North Shore High School.

Dr. Dolan reported that kindergarten registration is at about the same level at this point as last year and stands at 72.

Finally, Dr. Dolan explained that there will be a budget discussion tonight, and he reminded everyone of where we are in the budget process. He explained that they are still engaged in developing a document that will be brought to the Board on March 24 for their adoption. For now, it remains the “Superintendent’s Budget” which means that the Board is deliberating these proposals right along with

the community. He encouraged all to weigh in on our proposals and reiterated it is an iterative and deliberative process, and they will continue to factor in new considerations. Their goal is to develop a document that enjoys broad support and that propels the district's mission forward.

Update on the Search for a New Superintendent

President Ludmar gave an update on the search for a new superintendent. He explained that Dr. Dolan is the interim superintendent, and they are engaged in a process to find a new superintendent which is moving towards conclusion. The Board will be reviewing finalist candidates, holding interviews, and moving towards an appointment in mid-spring. He said they are on target.

Report from the SGO

Co-presidents Noah Glickman and Katie Ditrano reported on events and activities at the high school. The SGO met to discuss plans for the remainder of the school year. A survey to all class and SGO officers was sent to determine dates/times the work best to set a schedule for the remainder of year; the beginning half of the year they planned meetings on a week-by-week basis to be as flexible as possible because of COVID, now they are moving toward a more structured model. Tomorrow the ski club is going to Smuggler's Notch for their first overnight ski trip since COVID; Noah thanked the Board for permitting this. Katie reported that the Latin students returned safely from Rome, and all described what a fantastic experience it was. The SGO has tasked each class to come up with a project that the SGO can sponsor, such as a fundraiser or sports tournament or spirit event. The SGO is hoping to plan a charity fundraiser event to coincide with St. Patrick's Day Spirit Day. There will be an update at the next meeting. Next week is world language week and the world language honor society and teachers are working together to make a great celebration with student created posters, displays, announcements, projects and more; decorations have already been taking over the hallways. Today there was a "super commons" to discuss the senior fashion show. Noah and Katie congratulated five members of the North Shore High School Band who were selected to perform at the New York State Honor Band in Syracuse. Finally, they reported that the high school is planning for sports night and Moving Up Day. The SGO will subsidize the cost of tee shirts for Moving Up Day which will be designed by students.

Budget Review

The Board reviewed the following sections of the budget: Staffing; Commercial Insurance/BOCES Administration; Supervision of Instruction; Employee Benefits; Debt Service; Revenue and Financing Sources.

Prior to beginning the line-by-line discussion Trustee Russo brought up the previous meeting's discussion on cost per student. She explained that a former trustee had posted information regarding costs that are excluded when determining cost per student on the NYSED data website. She recommended residents go on the site to see the comparison. President Ludmar agreed that the website has extensive information and suggested anyone wanting to access it should go to <https://data.nysed.gov>. President Ludmar explained that finding areas to reduce the budget significantly has been an ongoing challenge. He further explained that when the issue of LIPA was first a concern, Dr. Melnick had brought in a large group of residents to go through the budget to try and find areas where they thought the budget could be reduced. Trustee Russo said she has made many suggestions on how to cut the budget, including cutting administrators, revisiting the FLES program and AP/IB but other Trustees did not agree. She further stated that she believes this budget is unsustainable, it is very difficult for senior citizens to remain, and for young people to buy into these communities, and she thinks we can lower the budget. She said she feels going up to the maximum on the tax cap is problematic and makes the Board look tone deaf and they should go back and sharpen their pencils. President Ludmar has heard several paths to reduce the budget such as closing buildings or increasing class size, but he does not believe that is what the community wants. He went on to say

that the administration proposed a budget forward with what they believe the schools need, for a community which values education highly, and the Board is undergoing a review of that proposal. The Board looked at the AP/IB program from several different views, including financial. He further stated that the opportunity to go through the budget and cut is always possible and pencils are always sharp. President Ludmar noted that the administrator who was just added, the Assistant Special Education Director, was approved unanimously by the Board. Finally, he said Trustees do not have power as individuals, they only have power when the majority of the Board gets behind a recommendation or suggestion. He also reminded the public that the Board videotapes and live-streams their meetings so everyone can participate in the process.

Commercial Insurance/BOCES Administration

The District's general and commercial liabilities as well as BOCES administrative and capital costs are expected to increase between 4-5% next year. The District is a member of the New York Schools Insurance Reciprocal and experiences some protection from the high costs in the commercial insurance market but this year the Business office was informed by NYSIR to expect higher increases next year due to storm related and cyber claims nationwide. The BOCES costs are determined by Nassau BOCES. The increases are mainly due to the rising costs of health insurance which are passed on to all component districts.

Trustee Mosca asked to have the refund of split properties clarified.

Ms. Buatsi explained this is taxes we collect on properties shared with other towns.

Supervision of Instruction

The Supervision of Instruction budget covers the salaries of the Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Building Principals, Directors, clerical and secretarial support, professional development, instructional software, as well as expenditures to maintain their offices. This budget includes the cost to reinstate the position of Elementary Assistant Director of Special Education which was eliminated in the 2021-22 budget. The Assistant Superintendent for Instruction along with the Building Principals and directors are the instructional leaders of the district. They translate the District's mission and Shared Value Outcomes into programs.

Questions raised: the addition of the assisted technology and training for twice exceptional students and how it will work; the cost of the IXL program through BOCES, whether it is a benefit and the possible loss of face time with the teacher; the significant decrease in the total budget line for professional development; whether efficiencies can be found in the administrative structure; the cost of BOCES services for test scoring; the decrease and then increase in the special education directors line. Dr. Zublionis, Dr. Dolan and Ms. Buatsi responded to questions. Dr. Zublionis explained that the elementary principals, the elementary director of humanities and himself, decided to move away from the formal involvement in the Teachers' College Reading and Writing Workshop model and move toward more specialized training. He went on to explain that after 10 years with the TC program they feel confident in the literacy program, and this not only cut down on costs, but offers smaller trainings and more professional development. Regarding the twice exceptional and gifted inclusivity training, the goal taken from their meetings, board meetings, and discussions with teachers and parents, was to expand inclusivity of the enrichment program, for helping to diagnose strengths in students, and to work with someone to help them get there. He went on to say they have learned a lot of lessons from individual students who have been helped through BOCES assistive tech and realized many students can be helped through this program, not just those classified. Working with our instructional tech coach, she believes this can benefit all students. Regarding the IXL program, Dr. Zublionis said this program is a benefit, almost all elementary classroom teachers use it, and it is one of the few programs that shows remarkable improvement in some of the more basic skills. He said this is not unique to North Shore, it is across the county. He further stated that it is one of the most well regarded and well used programs. It both helps students reach true mastery and with remediation, is used by many districts and is an impactful program. Dr. Zublionis explained that assessment still happen with the teacher, working one-on-one with students. Regarding the decrease in the budget line Dr. Zublionis explained it is partly due

to the Teachers' College program, some of the programming has been moved out of that code and into the BOCES code due to state aid funding, and some funding is through building codes for individual conferences. He further explained that there have been some up-front investments for world language, science and math that does not need to be funded at the same level as the groundwork has been laid. Dr. Dolan explained that during the Board's retreat in January they discussed and evaluated different administrative models and it was decided before the budget process was begun, that was not something the Board wished to pursue at this time. Dr. Zublionis explained that the scoring system is not a requirement but offsets the cost of substitutes. Dr. Zublionis explained that the position of Assistant Director of Special Education for Elementary was eliminated in the 20-21 school year which is why there was a decrease in that code that year. It has now been reinstated with the Board's approval of the hiring of a new assistant director. President Ludmar clarified that when the recommendation was made to eliminate the assistant director position, there was an increase in corresponding position roles to cover the responsibilities, however, that did not have the outcome administration was hoping to achieve and it was decided this was the model to go with. The budget transfer made earlier in the evening was to cover the salary of that position as the person has already been hired.

Employee Benefits

Employee benefits account for more than 25 percent of the budget. It includes pension costs for teachers, administrators and teacher assistants in TRS (Teachers' Retirement System); pension costs for all support staff in ERS (Employee Retirement System); and the District's share of Social Security, Medicare taxes, workers' compensation, unemployment, health, life and dental insurances. The District's contribution rate which is set annually by the Teachers' Retirement System Board is estimated to increase between 10-10.5% of the 2022-23 member payroll. The estimated average employer contribution rate for ERS, (which is set by the NYS Comptroller) has been lowered from the 2021-22 to 2022-23. The budget shows an increase of \$538,693.66 and a decrease of \$423,513.59 in TRS and ERS liabilities in 2022-23. The employer cost for Social Security and Medicare is projected to increase by \$367,883.04 due to projected contractual salary increases and the projected Social Security wage cap in 2023. Health insurance costs are expected to increase by approximately \$1.4 million next year. This is a result of the NYSHIP Empire Plan rate increase in 2022 as well as projected increases in 2023. The District's cost for providing health insurance benefits for its active employees increased by more than 10% in 2022.

President Ludmar noted that this section of the budget is a huge driver with an increase of over \$1.9M alone. Dr. Dolan explained that everyone has seen the rising cost of health insurance. He noted that the costs associated with the pandemic such as masks, testing, test kits, vaccinations, are not actually free, these costs have been passed along. He also explained that the District is not extending benefits beyond what has been done in the past and the costs from the retirement system and health insurance system are bills they get in the mail. He also explained that the increase in costs is passed on to employees in the way of increase in copays. He went on to say employee contribution rates do come up in negotiations. He also explained that new employees, for the last 4-5 years, to the retirement system will be contributing to that system for life.

Trustee Mosca noted that looking back 10 years at the Social Security/Medicare line in the budget it has increased almost \$2M. Ms. Buatsi explained that the limit increases every year and as payroll goes up so does the limit. Ms. Mosca also noted that the District refunds Medicare premiums to retirees. Dr. Dolan explained that because health insurance goes down for retirees they are entitled to a rebate. Trustee Jones asked for an explanation as to why Workers' Comp does not have an administrative component as the other lines in Employee Benefits have. Ms. Buatsi explained that the administrative component in Workers' Compensation would be for employees in the clerical or administrative unit and there are very few claims coming from those employees, so it does not make sense to budget for that.

Debt Service

The District borrows money from financial institutions to build, renovate or purchase large fixed equipment and pays it back over time. Debt service is this part of the budget covers the principal and interest on serial bonds,

interest cost on bond anticipation notes (BANs), and tax anticipates notes (TANs), TANs are short term notes that are used to meet the district's cash flow needs before taxes are collected from the county. This budget includes debt service for permanent financing of Phase I of the 2019 bond projects and interest of BANs for the Phase II projects scheduled to begin in the summer of 2022. In addition, this budget includes \$350,000 to upgrade the infrastructure at the bus depot and install charging stations to convert up to 6 large school buses from diesel to electric.

President Ludmar clarified that the upgrade of infrastructure to install charging stations is a proposal at this time.

Dr. Dolan said the budget review has now been complete as every page of the budget, line-by-line, has been reviewed by the Board and subjected to questions.

Trustee Jones said she appreciates the whole budget discussion, which actually started last fall with a discussion among Trustees of what the budget priorities would be for the year. She went on to say that is an important starting point and Trustees put a lot of time and thought into how they were going to prioritize the spending of the funds that they have. She thanked the administrators and staff for the time and conversations that got them to this budget and acknowledged her fellow Trustees for the number of hours they put into the meetings, reading every word of every line of the tremendous document.

Dr. Dolan explained that at this point the budget is a recommendation to the Board. The administration starts working on the budget right after priorities are set by the Board by meeting with every administrator. He said the principals and directors have many great ideas that do not make it into the budget. He and Ms. Buatsi start to look at the numbers, some are easy to predict such as rates from ERS, TRS and NYSHIP. Dr. Dolan also noted that Ms. Buatsi is so invested in the lives of the students as few other business officials are. Eventually they will have a document that they can present to the Board. Dr. Dolan further explained that one month ago he presented the proposed budget and since that meeting the Board has been reviewing the proposal line-by-line. Now there is a strong possibility the Board will have a work session to further review how to proceed. There will not be public participation at this work session. On March 24, the budget will be presented to the Board for adoption, and it then becomes the Board's budget for presentation to the community for approval. He noted the school budget is the only municipal budget that is voted on by the community. President Ludmar expressed his gratitude for Dr. Dolan's insight into the process. He went on to say that with the 2% tax cap law, and the limitations that brings, along with benefits that are mandatorily increased by \$1.9M, there is not a lot of flexibility in the budget. He further stated that the approach by the entire administrative team has gotten us to this point and he can see how much work went into this budget, but there is more work to do. He clarified that the work session, which will only be budget review, can have public in attendance to observe, but there will be no public comment at this meeting.

Policy Review-9:00 p.m.

The Board reviewed policies 1000 (Community Relations); 1100 (Public Information Program); 1120/1120-R/1120-E (School District Records); 1130 (Media Relations); 1140 (Distribution of Information); 1220 (Relations with Community Organizations); 1222 (Relations with Booster Organizations). These policies will be presented at the March 24, 2022 Board meeting for adoption.

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

Personnel

Amend Appointment-Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby amends the probationary appointment of Stephanie Spy-Palmisano, Elementary, effective September 1, 2021 to end on September 1, 2023

Family Medical Leave

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District 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 employee, Danielle Brennan, Teacher, that includes the period November 8, 2021 through February 11, 2022

Leave of Absence for Child Rearing Purposes - Certified

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District approve a leave of absence for child rearing purposes for Danielle Brennan, Special Education, effective February 14, 2022 through June 30, 2022

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 Katherine Boehm, Elementary, on Step 3 of the MA salary schedule, effective March 3, 2022 through March 24, 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 Carol Speranza, Special Education on Step 10 of the MA salary schedule, effective March 3, 2022 through March 24, 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 Nick Pandolfi, Special Education, on Step 1 of the BA salary schedule, effective March 3, 2022 through March 24, 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 Russell Johann, Elementary, on Step 2 of the MA salary schedule, effective March 3, 2022 through March 24, 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 Tara DiBernardo, Physical Education, on Step 3 of the MA salary schedule, effective March 3, 2022 through March 18, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves a part-time (.5) regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Tara DiBernardo, Physical Education on Step 3 of the MA salary scheduled effective March 21, 2022 through June 30, 2022

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves a part-time (.5) regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Kelsey Catalano, Physical Education, on Step 1 of the MA salary schedule, on Step 3 of the MA salary schedule, effective March 3, 2022 through March 18, 2022

Resignation - Non-Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts the resignation of Ashley Lis, Senior Clerk Typist, effective January 31, 2022

Appointment - Non-Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves a provisional appointment for Patricia Barry, Typist Clerk, on Step 11 of the typist clerk salary schedule, effective March 21, 2022

Additions to the Per Diem Substitute List

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the addition of Mary Blount, Teacher Substitute, to the per diem substitute list

Comments from the Public-9:15 p.m.

Jordan Kirker, orthopedic surgeon, spoke against masks and COVID protocols. He gave statistics about the pandemic and why, in his opinion, masks are not helpful. He stated his dissatisfaction with the mask optional plan and the fact that COVID protocols are still possible.

Paul Puskuldjian, Glen Head, commended Trustee Russo for her statements regarding spending in the district. He noted that he previously asked about the spending of COVID relief funds. He received information from Dr. Dolan and Dr. Zublionis, and he did research with members of the district who are happy with the services they received. He encouraged the Board to publicize this information.

Rena Gerasci, Glen Head, said she was watching the meeting at home and wanted to come to show support for Trustee Russo. She thanked her for speaking on behalf of a large part of the community.

Laura Grella, Glen Cove, asked if the district is still spending \$10,000 on contact tracing. Ms. Grella also asked about the IXL program. She said parents are fighting the technology fight and she feels the less time kids use Chromebooks the better. She feels there should not be room in the budget for these Apps.

Katia Armata, Old Brookville, asked why the electric buses are part of the budget, she asked if that can be put forth as a separate proposition. Ms. Armata also asked if there will be any further discussion on the AP/IB program. Dr. Dolan explained that all expenses must go through the budget. He will provide information on the buses to the Board and additional information will be provided to the community at their next meeting on March 24th. Regarding the AP/IB program, Dr. Dolan explained that after the second meeting on that subject the Board gave their indication to move forward with these programs.

Natasha Gordon, Sea Cliff, said she is in support of the electric buses. She said in her opinion this is looking at long term spending and it is good for the environment. She went on to say the District has found a way for them to cost the least amount of money and generate income. Ms. Gordon thanked Dr. Dolan for the email about the resolution of lawsuits against the District. She said it was very educational to see that how much we are spending defending lawsuits that we keep winning, especially when we are trying to find ways to save money. President Ludmar noted that we invested in the bus depot several years ago and that has paid for itself and generating income. Trustee Macari added that the bus depot was very controversial originally.

Lisa Cashman, Sea Cliff, noted the current Board members, as well as previous Board members, are very experienced. She heard other speakers say they are not heard however community members are invited to attend meetings twice a month to be heard. She would like to hear proposals of how to save money, not just that the budget is unsustainable with no clear solutions. She went on to say she hopes we as a District have made a commitment to keep the robust opportunities that are provided to all students. She also would like to find ways to cut costs, but in doing so preserve the program in place.

9:50 p.m.

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

Approval of Emergency Transportation Contract

WHEREAS, Education Law 305(14)(b) authorizes the North Shore Central School District ("District") to enter into an emergency transportation contract, without competitive bidding, for a period not to exceed one month; and

WHEREAS, a certain District student is eligible for transportation to a location outside the District that is serviced by Everywhere Transportation;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the District hereby approves an emergency contract with Everywhere Transportation, Inc. for the period of March 7, 2022 through April 5, 2022; 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 Colacioppo and seconded by Trustee Mosca and all in favor, it was:

Rejection of Bids for Phase Two Bond Work

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District received and opened bids for Phase Two Bond Work at North Shore High School and Administration Building; and WHEREAS, it has been determined and recommended, after review by the District’s Architect, Construction Manager, and the Assistant Superintendent for Business, that there is sufficient and appropriate cause to reject all bids received in connection with Contract One – North Shore High School, Contract Two – North Shore High School Press Box, and Contract Six – North Shore Administration Building, due to budgetary constraints and necessary revisions to the scope of work, and to re-advertise for bids and/or procure services for such work by alternative means, in the best interest of the District; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the foregoing recommendation, the Board hereby rejects all bids received for the foregoing Contracts, and directs the District’s Business Office and Architect to modify, as necessary, the Contracts’ specifications and to re-advertise for bids and/or procure services in connection with said Contracts by alternate means, in accordance with Section 103 of the General Municipal Law.

Award of Bids for Phase Two Bond Work

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District received and opened bids for Phase Two Bond Work at North Shore High School, Glen Head, Glenwood and Sea Cliff Schools; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby awards the contracts specified below for Phase two bond work, inclusive of the entire scope of these projects including allowances, to the lowest responsible bidders meeting the specifications, as recommended by MEMASI Design and Savin Engineers, P.C., as follows:

Contract	School	Contractor	Bid
Plumbing-3-PC	Glen Head	W.H.M. Plumbing & Heating Contractors Inc. 6H Enterprise Dr. East Setauket, NY 11733	Base Bid
			\$191,140
		Total Award	\$191,140
Electrical-3-EC	Glen Head	Locust Valley Electric 93 Glen Cove Avenue Glen Cove, NY 11542	Base Bid
			\$380,700
		Total Award	\$380,700
Plumbing-4-PC	Glenwood Landing	Hirsch & Company, LLC 25 North Ferry Road Shelter Island, NY 11964	Base Bid
			\$263,000
		Total Award	\$263,000
Electrical 4-EC	Glenwood Landing	Locust Valley Electric 93 Glen Cove Avenue Glen Cove, NY 11542	Base Bid
			\$520,000
		Total Award	\$520,000

Plumbing-5-PC	Sea Cliff	Hirsch & Company, LLC 25 North Ferry Road Shelter Island, NY 11964	Base Bid \$301,000
			Total Award \$301,000
Electrical-5-EC	Sea Cliff	Eldor Contracting Corp. 30 Corporate Drive Holtsville, NY 11742	Base Bid \$488,000
			Total Award \$488,000
General Contracting-7-GC	Combined Elementary Schools	Icon Construction Gr., Inc. 1 New King St. White Plains, NY 10604	Base Bid \$4,250,000
			Total Award \$4,250,000
Mechanical-7-MC	Combined Elementary Schools	Ultimate Power, Inc. 45 Nancy Street West Babylon, NY 11704	Base Bid \$1,450,000
			Total Award \$1,450,000

Old Business--9:55 p.m.

Trustee Mosca asked about the outstanding FOIL request regarding the removal of a property from the tax rolls. President Ludmar explained that normally a shift from one class to another can be no more than 1% unless there is a piece removed entirely. Dr. Dolan explained that they have not received an answer and will follow-up on this tomorrow with DHC. He further noted that last year some resident's taxes went up more than the tax levy because of this shift.

Trustee Mosca informed the Board that a request will be coming from LAC regarding a planned Legislative Night. The committee has selected April 11th and are pulling together questions for the Board to review.

Trustee Colacioppo asked whether the previous traffic study was reviewed for possible solutions to the current traffic situation on Glen Cove Avenue. Dr. Dolan will follow-up on that.

New Business

There was no new business discussed.

Adjournment

At 10:00 p.m. on motion of Trustee Colacioppo and seconded by Trustee Mosca and all in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Ciampi
District Clerk