

North Shore Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Minutes
September 8, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President David Ludmar at 6:45 p.m. in the Glenwood Landing Elementary School Auditorium. Present were Trustees Cashman, Colacioppo, Galati, Macari, and Russo. Trustee Mosca was absent. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Christopher Zublionis and Assistant Superintendents Dr. Carol Smyth and Mr. James Pappas.

At 6:45 p.m., on motion of Trustee Cashman and seconded by Trustee Colacioppo 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 and proposed, pending or current litigation.

At 7:45 p.m. on motion of Trustee Russo and seconded by Trustee Macari and all in favor, the Board came out of executive session and resumed the regular meeting in the auditorium. There were approximately 15 people in the audience.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Ludmar led the public in the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Trustee Cashman and seconded by Trustee Galati and all in favor, the minutes of August 25, 2022 were approved.

Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Zublionis reported on the opening of the buildings. He thanked John Hall and the custodians for all they did to get the schools ready. He explained that construction is continuing and will be done after school and on weekends, but no construction will be happening when students are in the buildings. Dr. Zublionis explained that Superintendent Conference Day, the first in-person conference day since 2019, was a huge success. It was opened with a faculty band playing "Under Pressure" a song which epitomized how all have felt these last few years. It created a great sense of excitement for the year ahead. The day itself was filled with great conversations about balance between structure and creativity, "what makes us, us", consistency and the North Shore Journey.

Dr. Zublionis reported that the opening week for students has gone very smoothly; the 5th day of school was today. Kids have integrated into a routine already and are genuinely happy to be back to school. The new gym floor was opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony. He thanked the athletic department for arranging that. There are several upcoming games including the first Varsity Football game on Saturday. Middle School had it's Back-to-School Night which was a very positive event. Next Thursday is all three elementary Back-to-School Nights will be held and the high school's Back-to-School Night is on September 29th.

Dr. Zublionis reported that his first "Coffee with Chris" will take place on Tuesday, September 13 at 9:30 a.m. at the Central Office. He will be available to speak about the work ahead, and the loss of revenue from LIPA and how the Board has proactively lowered the tax levy to ease the burden on residents.

Dr. Zublionis reported that the first Parent University will be held next Wednesday, September 14 at 7:45 p.m. The topic will be dual enrollment and Dr. Kerri Titone will be the presenter.

Finally, Dr. Zublionis reported that the Viking Community, a committee which will combine the Teaching and Learning, SEL, Equity and STEM Committees, that will meet in a new structure together, will meet on Wednesday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m.

District Goals 2022-2023

President Ludmar explained that the goals serve as the impetus of what the Board wants to accomplish, and they are vested in continuous improvement.

Dr. Zublionis reviewed the draft of the three goals. Goal One: Community Outreach, with a focus on Community Engagement; Goal Two: Critical Analysis of Instructional Program; Goal Three: Strategic Budget and Financial Planning.

The Board discussed the draft of the goals. There was concern expressed by Trustees that there were too many goals which might make it difficult to accomplish everything they set out to do. A suggestion was made to review the World Languages Program, the Fine and Performing Arts Programs as well as an analysis of the athletic program. Dr. Zublionis explained that the administration is recommending an audit overview analysis of all K-12 curriculum progressions and course offerings to determine how courses line up and whether there are redundancies, but not a specific program review. It will be a high-level audit to start thinking holistically about staffing and resources. Trustees agreed that the holistic approach was a good one but if working in a program review is reasonable, and not too burdensome, they feel either the language or fine and performing arts program would be good areas to review. Trustees also agreed that the transition points are important areas to look at. Dr. Zublionis will fit data/information on the FLES program and on athletics and fine & performing arts into the presentation on student achievement. Regarding Goal 3 there was concern expressed regarding an emphasis on one department when addressing infrastructure needs. It was suggested that a survey be done of all departments to assess what the needs are throughout the district. It was also stressed that student voice should be included when developing a plan with community input. It was noted that when a capital reserve includes something for everyone in the community people will get behind it. Continuing with Goal 3, Dr. Zublionis explained that he is pursuing special education grants to benefit our students, as well as students from other districts. He is also pursuing sustainable revenue, building programs from ongoing grants, pursuing state aid increases that can be counted on from year-to-year and provide security. In addition, he is looking into models of excellence that other districts have for sources of revenue. It was suggested to look to the parent organizations and booster clubs to help with funding. Adding language about the LIPA settlement and about underspending the 2022-2023 budget was requested. Regarding Goal One it was suggested that language be added to explain how we will engage the community by adding specific tasks. Finally, the Board asked that the Goals be renumbered. Therefore, Goal One will become Critical Analysis of Instructional program; Goal Two will become Strategic Budget and Financial Planning; Goal Three will become Community Outreach, with a focus on Community Engagement. Dr. Zublionis will take all of the suggested changes and update the goals for adoption at the next meeting.

Goals for the Legislative Action Committee (LAC) - 8:50 p.m.

In the absence of Trustee Mosca, Dr. Zublionis gave an overview of the committee's suggested goals for the year. Increase support from New York State in the form of bullet aid; find sustainable revenue; explore action to clean up the LIPA site in order to return the site to taxable status; hold a legislative breakfast (after elections); hold a community legislative night; explore the impact of traffic on the community due to the development of Engineers Country Club, as well as the IDA and tax breaks as

part of that deal and other developments. The committee would like to look at the application process for LAC and get new membership going at the end of the school year so they can get to work earlier.

Trustees presented their suggestions including: for LAC to have a presence at Back-to-School Nights, PTA meetings, concerts, Homecoming, etc., to get people engaged in the process; keep the community posted on the IDAs so there can be a presence at hearings; a focus on rescue money from New York State; ways to improve traffic at the light by the Middle/High Schools; find money at the state level for transportation projects; focus on state issues; engage the CBF members with the LAC members; pursue the state utility/mitigation fund; support the Board's efforts for state aid reformulation; be a liaison between the Board and community for the goal of community engagement; work with civics on the fight for a sidewalk between the school and the deli; investigate brown field clean up and/or Superfund sites and additional funding options for electric buses through a possible formation of a LAC environmental subcommittee.

Comments from the Public - 9:10 p.m.

There were no comments from the public.

Prior to approval, Dr. Zublionis noted that on the agenda was the appointment of Interim Sea Cliff School Principal Megan McCormack. He said it was a special night for Sea Cliff School and thanked the many members of the faculty for attending the meeting in support of Ms. McCormack. Dr. Zublionis spoke about Ms. McCormack's many accomplishments. He called her a visionary and said she served the District well during the pandemic. He went on to say she knows every student at Sea Cliff School and supports the school in so many capacities. President Ludmar added she has so much to contribute, and he is very excited for the kids and for her Sea Cliff School peers.

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

Personnel

Appointment - Administration

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District grants Megan McCormack a leave of absence from her position as a Physical Education Teacher effective September 14, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board of Education appoints Megan McCormack to the position of Interim Principal of Sea Cliff Elementary School effective September 14, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during her time as Interim Principal of the Sea Cliff Elementary School Megan McCormack shall be appointed at the Minimum Range for an Elementary School Principal on the administrator's salary schedule; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such leave of absence and interim appointment shall continue until the Board of Education appoints a principal of the Sea Cliff Elementary School

Resignation - Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts the resignation of Charles Colasanti, Music, effective October 2, 2022

Family Medical Leave of Absence

BE IT 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 that will run concurrently with any

available paid leave, for employee Jenna Murphy, Teacher, that includes the period September 6, 2022 through September 30, 2022

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 Jennifer Walsh, Teacher Assistant, effective September 6, 2022 through September 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 Tori Kalberer, ENL, on Step 1 of the BA+30 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Susan Stallone, Earth Science, on Step 5 of the MA salary schedule, effective September 1, 2022 through December 22, 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 Gina Cacciuttolo, Special Education, on Step 3 of the MA salary schedule, effective September 1, 2022 through January 31, 2023

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Nicholas Rusinyak, Social Studies, on Step 2 of the BA+15 salary schedule, effective September 1, 2022 through January 31, 2023

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Jennifer Walsh, Special Education, on Step 1 of the MA salary schedule, effective September 6, 2022 through September 30, 2022

Resignation - Non-Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts the resignation of David Whitting, School Bus Driver, effective August 15, 2022

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts the resignation of Athina Spaliaras, Teacher Aide (GH), effective August 31, 2022

Appointments - Non-Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the appointment of Munny Shikder, Teacher Aide, Glenwood Landing School, effective August 31, 2022

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the appointment of Tracy Balzofiore, School Monitor, Middle School, effective September 1, 2022

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the appointment of Alexander Lupenko, School Monitor, Glen Head School, effective September 1, 2022

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the appointment of Evelina Raso, School Monitor, Glen Head School, effective September 1, 2022

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the appointment of Tamara Palmiroto, Food Service Worker, Glen Head School, effective September 1, 2022

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the appointment of Solanyi Santana Food Service Worker, Sea Cliff School, effective September 12, 2022

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the appointment of Michelle Perone, Food Service Worker, Middle School, effective September 9, 2022

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the appointment of Janet Pierce, Part-time Bus Driver, effective September 1, 2022

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the appointment of Solanyi Santana, Part-time Bus Driver, effective September 12, 2022

Teacher Overage

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of North Shore Central School District hereby approves overages for the following teachers:

Teacher	Subject	Overage	Period
Tyler Bianco	Science	.2	9/1/22-11/1/22
Patrick Cassino	Science	.2	9/1/22-11/1/22
Seith Klein	Science	.2	9/1/22-11/1/22
Julia Lyons	Special Education	.2	9/1/22-6/23/23
Amanda Haleiko	ENL	.2	9/1/22-6/13/23

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	Substitute
Meghan Hynes	Teacher Substitute
Ciji Lanning	Teacher Substitute
Michael Ferrigno	Teacher Substitute
David Menchel	Teacher Substitute
Margot Ryan	Teacher Substitute
Tina Susca	Teacher Substitute
Alessia Tocco	Teacher Aide Substitute
Abbe Mait	Teacher Substitute

Extra-Curricular Activity Advisors and Coaches

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

Sport	Coach	Step
MS Boys & Girls Cross Country	Mallory Schroeder	1
MS Cheer Coach	Jennifer Freeman	1
Varsity Volleyball Asst. Coach	Danielle Bleiweiss	1
JV Girls Soccer	Tara Lyons	1

Advisors:

High School	2022-2023	STEP
Club Advisors		
Senior Class	Jennifer Rizza	2
Freshman Class	Stacy Hosemann	2
Clubs-Level 3		
Buddy Program	Michelle Hagen	2
Business Club (FBLA)	Lauren Sandback	2
Debate	Martin Connell	1
Interact (Rotary)	Christine Halloran	2
Key Club	Julia Salat	2
Mathletes	Kristen Nersesian	2
Mock Trial	Tara Fabiilli	2
Peer Leaders	Caitlin Kirmser	2
	Rachel McAree	2
Ping Pong	Tyler Bianco	1
Portfolio	Margaret DeLima	1
Viking Masquers	Aaron Brateman	1
Clubs-Level 2		
Chess Club	Kristen Nersesian	
Environmental	Laura DiLallo	2
	Alyssa Bacchioni	2
F.H.A. Family Consumer Science	Teresa Paolilli-Schiano	2
Fashion	Teresa Paolilli-Schiano	2
Gamers Club	Patrick Cassino	2
G.S.A.	Alessia Merritts	1
Microbes and Anatomy	Janice Chen	2
Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honor Society)	Thomas Fierro	2
National Visual Arts Honor Society	Lynn Johnson	2

Poetry Club	Rachel Donnatin	2
Racism Education and Discussion [READ]	Amanda Haleiko	1
Ski Club	Stephen Peroni	2
Strong Minds	Madel Soriano-Mazzella	1
Tri-M	David Catalano	1
	Jason Domingo	2
Viking Voice Student Podcast	Luis Torre	2
Clubs - Level 1		
French	Eric Lepetit	2
Italian	Alaina Famigletti	1
Karate	Alicia Ezat	2
National Science Bowl	Patrick Cassino	2
Science National Honor Society	Seth Klein	2
Dramatics		
Choreographer	Simone Kuranishi	1
Director (Musical)	Aaron Brateman	1
Director (Play)	Aaron Brateman	1
Production Advisor	Damien Chillemi	1
Senior Class Play	Aaron Brateman	1
Technical Director (Play)	Damien Chillemi	1
Technical Director (Musical)	Damien Chillemi	1
Vocal Musical Director	David Catalano	1
Organizations		
FIRST Robotics	Stephen Peroni	2
National Honor Society	Caitlin Kirmser	2
Student Government Organization	Michelle Lempenski	2
Chamber Orchestra	Jason Domingo	2
Elektra	David Catalano	1

Madrigals	David Catalano	1
Men Aloud	David Catalano	1
Publications		
Newspaper (Viking View)	Sara Millman	2
Appendix 6		
ACT Coordinator	Timothy Shea	2
SAT Coordinator	Timothy Shea	2
Scholarship Coordinator	Joanne Fawcett	2
Coordinator-Student Activities	Sara LeMar	2
Student Book Manager	Greg Perles	2
Middle School	2022-2023	STEP
Class Advisors		
Grade 8	Nathalie Woods	1
Grade 7	Flavia Finning	2
Clubs - Level 3		
Animal Rights Club	Diane Vestuto	1
Masquers (MS)	Damien Chillemi	1
Math Fair Club Grade 7	Kristin Frayler	2
Math Fair Club Grade 8	Kristin Frayler	2
Mathletes	Kristin Frayler	2
National History Day Club	Francis Tloczkowski	2
Popular Dance	Simone Kuranishi	1
Robotics	Dan Mazz	2
Clubs - Level 2		
Builders Club	Julia Salat	2
North Shire Club (Dungeons and Dragons)	Brian Lang	2
Ski Club	Tom Granieri	1
Technology	Keith Slack	2

Yoga	Simone Kuranishi	1
Clubs - Level 1		
Culture Club	Amanda Haleiko	2
French Club	Nathalie Woods	1
Organic Gardening	Bob McKee	2
Spanish Club	Alicia Ezat	2
Organizations		
Student Council	Samantha Drexler	1
Organizations (Music)		
6th Grade Morning Chorus	Brian Messemer	2
7th/8th Grade Morning Chorus	Brian Messemer	2
Chamber Orchestra	Kevin Haas	2
Jazz Band	Caitlin Mallon	1
Marching Band	Eric Mordhorst	2
Select Ensemble (was Trebel Choir)	Brian Messemer	2
Publications		
Newspaper (Viking Voice)	Diane Vestuto	2
Yearbook	Damien Chillemi	2
Dramatics		
Choreographer	Simone Kuranishi	2
Director Musical	Damien Chillemi	2
Director Play (E3)	Damien Chillemi	2
Director Play (E3)	Diane Vestuto	2
Production Advisor	Diane Vestuto	1
Set and Construction	Caitlin Mallon	1
Elementary Schools	2022-2023	STEP
Clubs - Level 3		
(GH) Mock Trial	Janet Goldberg	2
(GWL) Art Club	Lauren Moran	2

(GWL) Mock Trial	Audra Marcantonio	2
(GWL) Newscast	Stephanie Smith	2
(SC) Bunny Brigade	Mojdeh Hassani	2
(SC) Miles Ahead Running Club	Meredith Cherry	2
	Victoria Bader	2
(SC) Mock Trial	Diane Krupin	2
(SC) Newspaper	Lindsay Feibus	2
(SC) TED Club	Lindsay Feibus	2
(District) STEAM Fair	Darlene Skaee	1
Clubs - Level 2		
(GH) 4th Grade Shared Inquiry Book Club	Cindy Ellenbogen	1
(GH) Community Service	Janet Goldberg	2
	Christine Kingsley	2
(GH) Dignity for All Students	Carolyn DiPreta	1
(GH) Intramurals (World Series of Kickball)	Lauren Gotta	2
(GH) School Newsletter	Antoinette Ivins	1
(GWL) Community Service	Tracy Mayo	2
(GWL) Peer Mediator (Dignity Diplomats)	Audra Marcantonio	2
(GWL) Scrabble Club	Darlene Skaee	2
(SC) Art Club	Lisa Giurlanda	2
Clubs - Level 1		
(GH) 4th Grade Math Club	Lauren Bienz	1
(GH) Art Club	Sarah Rennie	2
(GH) Jogging Club	Ann Marie Burden	1
(GWL) Math Olympiad	Darlene Skaee	2
(SC) Mandarin Club	David C. Schultz	2
(SC) Math Olympiad	Diane Krupin	2
(SC) Mindfulness	Amie Roberts	

Organizations		
(GWL) Student Council	Audra Marcantonio	2
Organizations (Music)		
(GH) District Band	Jason Hill	2
(GH) District Orchestra	Rachel Viola	2
(GH) Headliners	Whitney Hackman	2
(GWL) Chamber Chorus	Torrey D'Angelo	2
(GWL) District Band	Richard Blake	2
(GWL) District Orchestra	Patrick Falco	2
(SC) District Band	Jodie Larson	2
(SC) District Orchestra	Kevin Haas	2
(SC) Sea Cliff Singers	Ashley Hassett-Bordes	2
Dramatics		
(SC) Dramatics Program	Wendy Bruno	1

On motion of Trustee Galati and seconded by Trustee Russo 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 July, 2022 as reviewed and submitted by Denise Longobardi, Claims Auditor

On motion of Trustee Colacioppo and seconded by Trustee Cashman 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 of the disposal of the following inventory items:

Quantity	Description	School
3	Teacher Desks	Sea Cliff
10	File Cabinets	Sea Cliff

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

Approval of an Agreement between the North Shore CSD and Vicki Klein, PhD.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the Agreement between the School District and Vicki Klein, PhD. to provide neuropsychological and psychological evaluations 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.

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 the Locust Valley CSD

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the Agreement between the School District and Locust Valley CSD to provide special education instruction as per the individualized education program (IEP) of each pupil to be enrolled in their 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.

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

Approval of an Agreement between the North Shore CSD and Hicksville UFSD (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 Hicksville Union Free School District for Special Education Services for parentally-placed students with disabilities attending non-public schools located within the Hicksville UFSD 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.

Approval of an Agreement between the North Shore CSD and Levittown Public Schools (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 Levittown Public Schools 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 Levittown Public Schools 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.

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

Approval of Special Education Services (IEP)

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

Old Business 9:15 p.m.

Trustee Macari asked for an update on the RFP for the Universal Pre-K Program. Dr. Zublionis explained that the District sent out an RFP but to date has not received a response. He explained that the \$523,800 grant would cover 97 children but we are struggling to find a participating provider who would charge the \$5,400 state allotted tuition when many of the programs in the area charge between \$8-10K per year. They will put out another RFP and are looking into the possibility of working with a provider, such as Scope, within our schools if space can be found. Due to construction that idea was difficult for the fall, winter may be a better time, however many families may not want to move their child mid-year. Dr. Zublionis also explained that our District does not qualify for federal aid for this program. He further explained that the funds for this program are independent from our budget. Dr. Zublionis will explore whether students who attend the pre-k program will be able to utilize the Before and After Care Program.

Trustee Macari asked that a presentation on DASA be added to the meeting topics. Specifically, what systems are in place, and what progress has been made since the report they received last year.

Trustee Cashman asked if there was consensus to move forward with the electronic sign. Dr. Zublionis explained that they need to do an RFP because the amount exceeds the threshold to accept the contractor's quote, even though it is a single source. Once they receive the proposals they can proceed.

New Business

There was no new business discussed.

Adjournment

At 9:35 p.m. on motion of Trustee Macari and seconded by Trustee Russo and all in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Ciampi
District Clerk