

North Shore Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Minutes
January 25, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Andrea Macari at 6:30 p.m. in the Middle School Cafeteria. Present were Trustees Cashman, Colacioppo, Galati, Ludmar, 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 Cashman and all in favor, the Board convened an executive session in the faculty lounge to consider matters regarding proposed, pending or current litigation and the employment of a particular person or persons.

At 7:45 p.m. on motion of Trustee Ludmar and seconded by Trustee Russo and all in favor, the Board came out of executive session and resumed the regular meeting. There were approximately 75 people in the audience.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Macari led the public in the pledge of allegiance along with Grace Ryan, who signed the pledge.

Student Recognition

On behalf of the Board, President Macari, Dr. Zublionis and Dr. Smyth recognized the following students: Claire Tao and Michelle Yu for advancing to the Top 300 Regeneron Scholars; Sea Cliff Elementary students Bea Cohen, Marlowe Jatib, Lily Kletter, Reese Levy, Ana Losquadro, Lily McAdams and Lucia Ricci for their community service through The Save the World Group; and elementary, middle school and high school students who were selected to participate in the All-County Music Festival.

Approval of Minutes

The reading of the draft minutes of the meeting of January 11, 2024, 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 Macari that the minutes of the meeting of January 11, 2024 were approved.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

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 the Treasurer's Report for the period December 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023

On motion of Trustee Colacioppo and seconded by Trustee Cashman 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 \$36,301.50 for pole vault and high jump system

equipment for the athletics department and \$17,603 to cover the cost of insurance coverage for underground storage tanks for a total of \$53,364.50, effective January 25, 2024

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

Approval of Claims Audit Report

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the claims audit report for the period December 2023 as reviewed and submitted by Claims Auditor, Denise Longobardi

Report from the SGO

SGO president, Ava DiFeo, reported on events and activities at the high school including: the successful Acoustic Café (formerly Battle of the Bands). Another is planned for the spring. The basketball fundraiser held last Friday was also successful, the SGO collected 2 full boxes of non-perishable food. The attention is now on Sports Night. Each grade has chosen a theme, they are getting banners ready, working on decorations, and organizing the dances. It is mid-term week so there are no student issues to report on.

Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Zublionis reported on the rising ninth grade parent orientation meeting which took place on Wednesday and the middle school scheduling night for incoming sixth grade parents (current grade 5) which will take place next Tuesday. He announced that the Middle School Masquers will be performing Rodgers & Hammerstein's *Cinderella* on February 2nd and 3rd. Dr. Zublionis commended the SGO for their successful food drive and said it was a smart combination of efforts. He noted the basketball game was very exciting and more games are coming up. He also congratulated the cheerleading program which continues to build.

Dr. Zublionis reported on a "Budget Bootcamp" held this week. There was good attendance and a great conversation. He explained that the 2024-2025 budget will be more challenging and it is important to have everyone's voice involved. The next "Budget Bootcamp" will be virtual and is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6. In addition, meetings throughout the spring, prior to the vote, will be focused on families' experiences in the schools. He is trying new things this year and is hoping for more participation. On Monday, he will be traveling to Albany to meet with legislators to speak about our specific needs and make sure the concerns of our District and community are on their radar. He will report back to the Board and the Legislative Action Committee on that trip.

Regular Business

Discussion: The State of Our Buildings and Grounds 9:00

Dr. Zublionis and Mr. Pappas gave a presentation on the state of current construction, lessons learned from the 2019 Bond and a path forward. They gave an overview of current projects, future projects and planning and funding of projects. Most of the projects which were included in the 2019 Bond have been completed. Still incomplete are the library/media centers in the three elementary schools, the new security vestibule and visitor management system in the high school and refurbishing the main entrance and existing canopy at the high school. Some of the lessons learned from the 2019 Bond include: obtain end-user feedback in advance; opt for a smaller scope in the number of projects; use fewer general contractors; phase work more slowly and gradually; use a mix of budget, reserve and bond to insulate against inflation. They reviewed the status of the Energy Performance Contract (EPC). High Efficiency LED Lighting has been completed in all

buildings; Heating Network Optimization has been done in some of the buildings; Plug Load & Computer Managements System is in all buildings; Air Conditioning is in all classrooms at the high school and middle school; Solar PV Panels have been installed in the high school, middle school, and Glen Head School. The next step in the project is the performance monitoring and verification phase. The savings verification phase is completed over a 12-month period. At the conclusion Ecosystem will prepare a comprehensive annual report to summarize the project savings. Dr. Zublionis and Mr. Pappas then reviewed future projects at each school, and building, categorizing projects by “urgent”, “needed but not urgent” and “wish list”. Funding sources for future projects was also reviewed, including budget (limited due to LIPA/for small projects), bond (would require budget “space” with falling off debt/appropriate for large projects), capital reserve (existing source of funds/appropriate for small and large projects). They reviewed the bond process; feedback from faculty, staff, parents and the community; cost estimation from architects; community meetings for input from all stakeholders; proposals to the Board on a draft plan. Finally, a draft timeline was reviewed if a bond is proposed.

The Board discussed the presentation. It was noted that there has been frustration in the community about the high school entryway and it is helpful to see the context of why it is taking so long. Questions and concerns raised were: It would be helpful to know which boilers are nearing the end of their useful life. Would it be possible to have a tier system of projects to determine the ability to do many smaller projects as a trade off to one large project? Ask the community what is missing from the list. A daily punch list was suggested, to be proactive with handling the small things that are not being taken care of. Review of athletic fields; do we need so many baseball/softball fields, could the current athletic fields be repurposed; think about indoor spaces, such as the middle school gym; consider a second large field with lights where the neighbor is a golf course. Can the older storage facilities be eliminated and replaced with sheds? How long will this project/projected list last? When will the EPC start paying for itself, when does the clock start? How are the AC units in the elementary schools working out (the old units from the middle and high school)? Are all classrooms in the district air-conditioned? Do the new A/C units include ventilation? How will we utilize buildings based on future enrollment? Prioritize the list before getting input from the public. Invite experts in the community for assistance regarding mechanical systems/HVAC. Look at upgrading high school locker rooms for more student privacy. Outside aesthetics and long-term maintenance- look at natural ways to take care of weeds, and a natural landscape design. Review possible security breach at schoolhouse with students coming in and out of main building. Bleacher replacement will be very costly, how can that fit into the budget? Are the areas renovated in the bond serving the intended purpose? Think about athletic infrastructure today and plan for the next field down the road. Look for grant opportunities for infrastructure (failing septic systems) and for areas near a harbor side. Is the 18-year payback on the EPC a guarantee? It was suggested to landscape with native plants, reducing water consumption and using local expertise and landscape architects who can bring a broader idea, possibly a design that could bring uniformity to all schools, and less maintenance. Are we getting feedback on the new construction? How to create a culture to keep construction areas (bathrooms) clean? Put a new wellness room on the list. Frosted glass in the counseling center is still needed and needs to be added to the list. What does the list look like from an athletic standpoint in 12 years? Are there other ways to recruit donors, such as from large organizations donating to large projects? Get input from those using the spaces ahead of planning construction. Prioritize projects by which ones

affect students and are important to students. What is the possibility of using any of the UPK funding for infrastructure or to improve facilities for the UPK program.

Dr. Zublionis, Mr. Pappas and Mr. Hall responded to questions. The current list should last approximately 7-10 years. Mr. Hall explained that there is an 18-year payback period for the EPC. Measurement happens after we complete all projects then Ecosystems will compile a report and report back to us. If they see anything glaring that they feel will not meet the goal, they will let us know. Mr. Hall further explained that the savings from the last EPC were used to pay for the middle school and high school air conditioning project, unfortunately, that did not extend to the elementary schools. Although they would have preferred something more efficient, the window units moved from the high school and middle school are working and the children are in a better learning environment because of it. Mr. Hall noted that all classrooms are air conditioned, some of the larger spaces are not and these are on the list. Mr. Hall also explained that SED would not have approved the EPC if the project was not vetted. He added that Ecosystems has guaranteed the payback period. Dr. Zublionis added that Ecosystems was invited to this meeting but unfortunately, they were unavailable. They will come to a subsequent meeting to discuss the EPC in more detail. Mr. Hall explained that the main ventilation, Uninvents, is unchanged, they upgraded any vents that needed to be done after the testing and balancing. He added that he believes we were the only district that did that. Dr. Zublionis explained that they did get feedback on problem areas after construction and feedback at the building level gets discussed at monthly principal meetings. Dr. Zublionis explained that they have added more monitors in the buildings, and staff is maintaining the buildings as best they can, but the custodial staff is short-staffed. Mr. Hall is getting pricing for frosting in the guidance suite. CASA is assisting with the wellness space at the high school and that will be added to the list. The Revenue Generation Committee is building focus threads. The District is able to take donations from organizations with a sign "donated by", however they cannot actively advertise on any item that is donated. The UPK grant can only be used for the actual cost per student, not for anything else. He added that the state is trying to reformulate the UPK grant, but at the moment we are not permitted to use those funds for any other purpose.

Comments from the Public 10:19 pm

Morgan Ross, Glen Head, said she recently came in to register her child for UPK and was told her 4 year old is ineligible for the program because of the age restriction. She said she realizes this is legislated, but she feels it should line up with when children are ready for school. Dr. Zublionis explained that while he understands her concerns, the UPK program is entirely based on grant funding which has an age requirement. If a child is eligible for kindergarten, the District is not permitted to enroll that child in the UPK program. Dr. Zublionis did offer to speak further with Ms. Ross.

Mike Conklin, Greenvale spoke on behalf of the Athletic Booster Club. He thanked Mr. Lang for the recent hiring of coaches, and the Board of Education and Administration for tweaking the tutoring policy which allowed for the hiring of talented coaches.

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

Personnel

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 Kerry Robertson, Elementary, effective September 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

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 Alexa Brindisi, Elementary, on Step 1 of the MA salary schedule, effective February 3, 2024 through March 14, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Pamela LoSchiavo, Literacy, on Step 10 of the MA salary schedule, effective January 18, 2024 through February 1, 2024

Teacher Overage

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves a .2 overage for Ryan Bridgwood, Mathematics, effective December 22, 2023 through June 26, 2024

Resignation - Non-Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts the resignation of Reed Fitterman, School Monitor, Middle School, effective January 5, 2024

Appointments - Non-Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the appointment of Ryan Freund, School Monitor at North Shore Middle School, effective January 26, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the appointment of Linda Hess, School Monitor at Glenwood Landing Elementary School, effective January 3, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the appointment of Amina Khondoker, Food Service Helper, at Glenwood Landing Elementary School, effective January 26, 2024

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
Christian Godinez	Teacher Substitute
Luke Katovitz	Teacher Substitute
Julie Knoell	Teacher Aide Substitute
Domenica Langone	Teacher Aide Substitute
James Ledden	School Monitor Substitute
Frank Napoli	Cleaner P/T Substitute
Ambrose Pompea	Teacher Substitute
Jack Santi	Teacher Substitute
Laini Silverstein	Teacher Aide Substitute
Maia Tagaris	Teacher Aide Substitute

Extra-Curricular Activity Advisors & 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:

Advisors		
Elementary Schools	Advisor	STEP
<u>Clubs - Level 3</u>		
(District) Design Squad	Adrien Kaye*	2
	Christine Messina	1
<u>Clubs - Level 2</u>		
(GWL) Scrabble Club	Darlene Skaee*	2
	Tracy Mayo	1
<u>Clubs - Level 1</u>		
(GWL) Math Olympiad	Darlene Skaee*	2
	Heather Liberman	1

*from sole advisor to co-advisors

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Middle School		
Sport	Coach	Step
MS Gymnastics	Cassandra Amaya	2
MS Girls Lacrosse	Grace Beshlian	1
MS Baseball	Philip Como	2
MS Boys Lacrosse	Anthony Facchini	2
MS Boys & Girls Spring Track	Keith Freund	2
MS Girls Lacrosse	Erica Granieri	1
MS Baseball	Tom Granieri	2
MS Baseball	Christopher Hurley	1
MS Softball	John Jackson	2
MS Softball	Lisa Johanson	2
MS Boys & Girls Spring Track	Nicole Larkin	2
MS Softball	Keith Slack	2
MS Gymnastics	Melissa Vassallo	2
High School		
Varsity Asst. Girls Volleyball	Isabella Barretta	1

The Board decided to act simultaneously on action items 13 and 14

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

Approval of a Resolution Authorizing 2023-2024 Budget Revision

WHEREAS, the District received insurance proceeds in the amount of \$85,351 in connection with the loss of a 2023 Thomas Bus (#7), which was damaged and declared a total loss; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that it is necessary and appropriate to use said insurance proceeds to purchase a replacement vehicle of the same make and model; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the administration to purchase said replacement vehicle at a cost not to exceed \$85,351 and to appropriate and expend insurance proceeds up to such amount therefore, pursuant to NYS Education Law §1718(2); and be it further RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools and/or his designees are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps reasonably necessary or appropriate to purchase said replacement vehicle in accordance with this resolution and the Board's purchasing policy and regulations, including the execution of a purchase order or contract for said purchase; and be it further RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes an increase to the 2023-24 General Fund Budget in the amount of insurance proceeds appropriated and expended for said replacement vehicle, not to exceed \$85,351.00, which amount shall be transferred to the appropriate line item expenditure code(s) within the voter approved budget.

Approval of a Resolution for the Purchase of Athletic Equipment

WHEREAS, the North Shore Central School District is required to maintain a safe environment for students and staff, including in its interschool athletics program; and
WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the District's Athletic Director, the District and the Board have determined that certain athletic equipment used in the District's interschool athletic program (Pole Vault System and High Jump System) pose a potential safety risk due to their age and condition, and that it is necessary to replace said equipment in order to maintain the interschool athletics program and assure the health and safety of students and staff; now, therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby declares that the cost of such replacement equipment constitutes an ordinary contingent expense under NYS Education Law and authorizes the administration to purchase replacement equipment at a cost not to exceed \$26,511.50 for the Pole Vault System and \$9,520.00 for the High Jump System; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the appropriation of funds to A2855.200-91 for said purpose in the amount of \$36,031.50, which amount shall be transferred from appropriate line item expenditure code(s) within the voter approved budget; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools and/or his designees are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps reasonably necessary or appropriate to purchase said equipment in accordance with this resolution and the Board's purchasing policy and regulations, including the execution of purchase orders and/or contracts for supplies, materials, equipment and services therefor.

Prior to approval, President Macari explained she has had correspondence from a resident regarding the school calendar. She thanked the resident for his communication and for the signed book of poems he sent her.

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

Approval of 2024-2025 School Calendar

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the calendar for the 2024-2025 school year

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 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 North Shore Middle School 2024 Musical production of "Cinderella" as per the terms and conditions set forth in the attached agreement at a total fee of not to exceed \$6,179 effective January 26, 2024 through February 3, 2024; 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 Health Services Agreement with West Islip UFSD

BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby enters into a contract for Health Services with the West Islip Union Free School District for 1 student residing within the North Shore School District and attending non-public schools within the West Islip Union Free School District for the 2023-2024 school year at a cost of \$1,145.69 per student as provided under the Education Law of the State of New York

The Board decided to act simultaneously on action items 17 and 18

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

Approval of an Agreement between the North Shore Central School District and OT Skills 4 Life

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an Agreement between the School District and OT Skills 4 Life to provide Occupational Therapy Services, for resident students, on an as needed basis, as per the terms and conditions set forth in the attached agreement, effective January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said agreement on behalf of the Board.

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 (IEPs) as per the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education (CSE)

Board Committee Reports 10:30 p.m.

Trustee Colacioppo reported on meetings of the Wellness Committee. They met three times, in November, December and January. In November they discussed physical wellness with Alison Camardella and Kevin McGilloway, the President and VP of CASA, who joined the committee to talk about their work in trying to reduce risk factors, boost protective factors and support youth mental health. CASA would like to talk about the benefits of creating Wellness Centers in our schools. At the December meeting they discussed physical wellness and nutrition. They followed-up on the CASA discussion, CASA can fund small items like coloring books, fidgets, etc. and discussed the high school Counseling Center (putting frosting on windows, and couches outside

Dan Doherty and Reisa Berg's offices). They also discussed opportunities for middle school students such as Friday Night Open gym; pro-social activities for students and a Wellness Space for students and staff. They discussed month by month themes at the elementary schools (Communicators and Building Positive Relationship in September; Stress/anxiety/feeling overwhelmed, in October; Kindness and Gratitude in November; Respect of Cultural Differences in December). Middle School themes: When to take a time out; identify stress and walk away/take a break; reach out to a trusted adult. High school: Feel comfortable asking for advice; keep mind and body healthy by exercising; weight room is open Monday-Friday afternoon. The Nutrition discussion included an update from Alan Levin, a \$55K grant was received for new turbo chef ovens; he is looking to implement hot breakfast by the end of the year; a farm to table grant in connection with Cornell Cooperative Program; Alan is the only LI director on the committee; they discussed the long lunch lines in the middle school. The January discussion was on mental wellness. Bill Kitay talked about Therapy Dog Fridays and how successful the program is in middle school. They discussed expanding it to the other schools. Thanks to the PTSO for funding the program! They discussed the transition from Elementary to Middle School and the Head Start Program and trying to incorporate the dog if possible. They learned about the Positivity Project in Sea Cliff School as an advisory program every morning until 8:45; it is a character development program with 24 character traits that align with our strategic plan and North Shore Journey; teaching students how to build positive relationships. Mindful Schools Grant led a successful parent university on Jan. 4th. Finally, they discussed conducting a “pulse survey” with students and staff.

Trustee Galati reported on a meeting of the Safety Committee. They discussed the Emergency Response Plan which they are getting ready for the 2024/25 school year. They do not anticipate any drastic changes to the plan, just correcting things that change over time unless the state comes down with anything unexpected. That is on target for a preliminary draft in the spring, then editing and the Board will get a draft for review and approval and final submission to the state in the fall. Drills are up to date in all buildings prior to the winter break (8 required drills). 4 more to be completed before the end of the year. Sea Cliff School has already held their lock-down drill. On target with completing the training program, a little behind in that due to additional things being required by the state this year, but nothing to be concerned about. CPR is not mandatory, but 25 employees took that course, and they are looking to offer another course due to interest. They discussed the front entrance at the high school and window frosting of the guidance suite. Ventilation is going as anticipated, small area testing is continuing. Guest Wi-Fi is up and running but needs to be tweaked; there were some security issues with it but Elliot Kaye is working through it. It is a separate system so there is no possibility of people hacking into our system. Mr. Kaye explained that we must comply with the rules for students and content. The committee discussed having critical hotline information on the back of student ID badges. Unfortunately, there is not enough room on the back of the ID badges, so they are looking for other ways to have those contacts readily available.

Trustee Mosca reported on two meetings of the Legislative Action Committee. She reported that one member of the committee has indicated they will need to resign and therefore there will be an opening on the committee when the Board again solicits for members. The committee reviewed the takeaways from the Legislative Breakfast. They have set up sub-committees and assigned people to the 10 takeaways. They will coordinate with others where necessary. James Versocki has

proposed to the committee a “model school apprenticeship policy”. The committee has discussed this and would like to ask the Board to make it part of their procurement policy and would like to know how to structure that request. Trustee Ludmar said he feels LAC should send a written proposal to Dr. Zublionis which he will review and send to the Board in back up and if it has merit, they can have a discussion about it. Dr. Zublionis asked that LAC look for a similar policy from another district for his review. Finally, Trustee Mosca noted that LAC Chair James Versocki, will join Dr. Zublionis on the Albany trip.

Trustee Colacioppo reported on two meetings of the Athletic Advisory Committee. At their meeting of November 20, 2023 they were updated on open coaching positions, talked about the Letter of Intent Signing, and the Favoritism Policy. At their meeting of January 22, 2024, they were again updated on coaching positions; most have been filled and there were high quality candidates. They discussed standardizing the interview process, committee composition and posting in more places. The policy on favoritism lays out a clear process to file a complaint, if necessary, and the coaching and evaluation rubrics will help. They discussed the Spectator Conduct Policies and how to promote our conduct policies to both internal parents/fans and those coming from other districts. There is a delay on the new middle school scoreboard so a temporary one is being put in place for now. They are awaiting word from Assemblyman Lavine about funding for a new press box. They spoke about the status of the tennis courts and whether a grant opportunity is possible for new “quick start” equipment. The Booster Club is buying a new windscreen for the tennis courts. They discussed getting varsity athletes to mentor at elementary schools. Trustee Ludmar asked if the parent/spectator conduct policy is an existing policy, whether it is for parents who are spectators, or if it considered something slightly different. He asked if there is something participatory in the understanding, such as a signing off. Dr. Zublionis explained that he and Mr. Lang will revisit it and have something for their next meeting. Currently these are in general policies and the athletic handbook. He will put something in his next update, but some ideas are to have a sign-off, possible signage, discussions at sports meetings with kids/parents and possibly on the electronic sign.

Trustee Cashman reported on meetings of the Policy Committee. They have been discussing changes to policies required by NYS law and those that have been recommended by legal counsel; the policy on Homebound Instruction and Student Voting requirements. They are also discussing the policy on tuition payments by non-residents.

Unfinished Business

Trustee Ludmar asked what has been done so far in the upcoming report on transitions. Dr. Zublionis explained that he, Dr. Smyth and Mr. Doherty have met a few times and are working on a document for later in the year. They are designing the structure of it and are considering asking admission counselors to speak at the meeting when they present the report.

Trustee Cashman asked if, given how competitive college acceptance has become, there is a way to look at different transcripts (without student names) as a template to gauge what tools or trends helped those students be successful to get into competitive colleges. Dr. Zublionis explained the Naviance system offers some of that information. He also noted, profiles will look different in 3 years. Trustee Russo noted it is not just the curriculum a student takes but what they do outside of school. She said it is important for parents/students to work with their guidance counselor to make course selections and make sure to do extra-curriculars to help chose a path

going forward. Trustee Ludmar said he would be interested in an analysis to understand what has happened as part of the transition report. President Macari would also like the data to include the numbers of students who do not remain at the same college through graduation.

New Business

There was no new business discussed.

Adjournment

At 11:07 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Ciampi
District Clerk