

North Shore Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Minutes
February 29, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Andrea Macari at 6:30 p.m. in the Glenwood Landing Auditorium. 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 Galati and seconded by Trustee Russo and all in favor, the Board convened an executive session in room 101 to consider matters regarding proposed, pending or current litigation and collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law).

At 7:55 p.m. on motion of Trustee Colacioppo and seconded by Trustee Ludmar and all in favor, the Board came out of executive session and resumed the regular meeting. There were 9 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.

Approval of Minutes

The reading of the draft minutes of the meeting of February 8, 2024 and February 15, 2024, being prepared and disseminated to all members in advance of the meeting, were dispensed. There being no corrections to the minutes, it was declared by President Macari that the minutes of the meeting of February 8, 2024 and February 15, 2024 were approved.

The Board decided to act simultaneously on action items 4 and 5
On motion of Trustee Mosca and seconded by Trustee Colacioppo and all in favor, it was:

Approval of Treasurer's Report

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the Treasurer's Report for the period January 1, 2024 through January 31, 2024

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 January 2024 as reviewed and submitted by Claims Auditor, Denise Longboardi

Report from the SGO

SGO president, Ava DiFeo, reported on events and activities at the high school. Ms. DiFeo reported that attendance at SGO meetings has improved and the conversations, especially among underclassman has been very good. She reported the Lunar New Year celebration was very successful with almost 400 people attending in the middle school cafeteria. The students who

participated in the music trip to Europe are back and she has heard great things about the trip. The PTO sponsored student-faculty/staff basketball game will take place next week. It is a great fundraiser, and she encouraged all to sign up to participate or attend. Students are preparing for Sports Night which is one week away. The men's basketball team won the semi-final game against Cold Spring Harbor and will play in the county championship. The women's varsity basketball team is playing in the semi-finals. President Macari said she and Dr. Zublionis would like to attend a meeting of the SGO.

Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Zublionis thanked Mr. Domingo and all music faculty for arranging the highly successful music tour for 110 of our students to perform in Italy, Slovenia and Croatia. He noted they live-streamed some of the music performances from the trip and he said what an amazing and powerful experience it was for the students. He reported that Mr. Neal Levy and the track team traveled to Arizona and visited the Olympic Training Center there. He congratulated the Asian Student Alliance and Mandarin teachers who sponsored an amazing Lunar New Year Celebration. Dr. Zublionis reported that the recent Parent University on civil discourse was overwhelming with great conversations, and he is grateful to Mr. Gordon, Ms. Ritter and the team who put it together. He reported that the men's varsity basketball team will be playing for the county championship, the women's varsity basketball team is currently playing in their semi-final game, a student has advanced to the state competition for swimming, one student has also advanced to the state championship in wrestling, 2 students from the women's varsity winter track team are competing in the state championship and spring sports start the week of March 11.

Dr. Zublionis gave an update on elementary school construction. He explained that they have gone through a lot of hurdles and difficult situations, but construction has begun again in the elementary libraries and bathrooms, and they are making progress. He thanked Mr. Pappas and Mr. Hall for their efforts. He will give specific timelines for those projects and the high school front entrance hopefully within the next few weeks. Dr. Zublionis thanked the faculty who recently helped a colleague in need, and who are always aware of the collective and common good. Dr. Zublionis gave an update on the Glen Head School principal search. To date they have received 85 applications on the OLAS system. The process will involve Glen Head families and Glen Head teachers to build the candidate profile which they will use in the screening of resumes and screening of candidates. There will be committee interviews and this year the candidates will do field experiences which will involve observation of teachers, meeting faculty and parents. Dr. Zublionis said this is a special district and building and they want to be sure to get the best individual. He commended Ms. Alane Dugan who is doing an amazing job and whose experience has been helpful. She will also help with the search.

Dr. Zublionis said he understands there has been some conversations about BOCES programs, and which programs the District allows students to participate in. He explained that the District supports almost every BOCES program, there was a presentation to showcase those programs that the District supports last spring. He further explained that there are a few BOCES programs that, in the administration's opinion, are duplicative to District programs, such as dance, theater, music. There are a total of four programs out of 50, which the District offers and consider to be a robust program, and therefore do not support through BOCES. Dr. Zublionis said if there is any confusion about the programs supported by the District to please reach out directly to him. Finally, Dr. Zublionis reminded everyone of the upcoming community talks on "What Makes Us, Us—What Keeps Us, Us".

Regular Business
2024-2025 Budget Presentation – 8:14 p.m.

Prior to the presentation of the budget, President Macari read a statement. She explained tonight the Board would be starting their review of the Superintendent's proposed 24/25 school budget. She noted that crafting a budget does not occur over one meeting, or several meetings, or over the course of a year, it is rather a process that starts 5 years earlier. She explained that each year's budget binder includes a 5-year budget projection report. She said the public should be aware that this Board and Central Office administration takes a long-term view on budget planning, considering next year's budget within the context of what could happen in the 2028-29 school year. Tonight, they will be looking at the superintendent's overview, and on March 14 and April 4 they will review the budget line-by-line, looking at every single budgeted expense, so closely that they look at things like the sewing machine repair costs, and Smartboard bulb replacement. Once the Board adopts the budget it becomes their own. On May 21 the budget will be put to a community vote. President Macari encouraged everyone watching to log onto BoardDocs to follow along with the Trustees as they review certain pages to be covered this evening. She noted that all of the information being reviewed is publicly available demonstrating the Board's commitment to communicate with the public in real time. Before beginning the review, President Macari conveyed to the community that this year's proposed budget diverges significantly from previous years. She explained that historically budgets have been instrumental in advancing our schools. Throughout the years they have implemented innovative programs, created new teaching positions for additional electives and revamped turf fields all from the budget, but that is not what you will hear this year. In this year's budget there are no additional positions, no new programs, all departmental and building budgets have been cut. Nonetheless, they are still diligently working to determine how best to preserve the essential elements of a very special North Shore education to continue to best equip our children for their roles as future citizens of this world. President Macari said we are now at a precipice of a pivotal moment where the long-standing investment in our schools and in our children meets incredible fiscal pressures. She said the real question is can we work together as a community to safeguard the vital elements of our education for generations of North Shore students to come.

Dr. Zublionis said he agrees with the challenges that President Macari presented. He explained that those were the challenges Mr. Pappas, Dr. Smyth, he, the full administration team, and faculty had for developing this budget. He explained it was more challenging than last year to put together. He thanked Mr. Pappas and Dr. Smyth for their contributions and the planning that began in July by looking at staffing grids, departmental budgets, reviewing tax levy's and projected assessed values. They reviewed all of the data to look at how we can balance that work while preserving the special experiences students have here while being cognizant of the pressures that our district and all of our residents are under, given the challenges that we are facing, given the loss of revenue from the LIPA agreement with Nassau County and other challenges as a result of rising costs that all districts are facing.

Dr. Zublionis and Mr. Pappas then gave a presentation as an overview of the proposed 2024-2025 budget. Dr. Zublionis explained that the District Goals were considered while formulating this budget. These include: remaining sensitive to the fiscal pressures faced by residents; reducing costs and seeking other revenue sources; continuing to align all instructional programs with the District's SVOs and the North Shore Journey; maintain all existing programs and resources while meeting the new and evolving needs of students; continue to strengthen academic supports and meet all of our students' academic needs; continue outdoor learning and field trip programs and

provide adequate security to protect students when learning inside and outside the classrooms; provide a strong program of professional development to our faculty and staff to enhance teaching and learning; continue to provide a robust network infrastructure and technology to support teaching and learning as well as secure the District's data; and maintain our facilities to provide a safe and healthy learning environment. Dr. Zublionis reviewed the challenges which include preparation of a budget to continue to adapt to the impact of loss of revenue, impact of LIPA settlement on resources and district residents, long-term state resources available to the district, continued impact of inflation on the cost of goods and services and the impact of interest rates on debt service and long-term borrowing for the 2019 bond. The essential question driving the budget planning process: "How do we create the best possible experience for students and balance the pressures of revenue loss, rising costs, and the impact on taxpayers, while also meeting the high expectations of families with students attending our schools, who moved to North Shore for a high-quality education?" Mr. Pappas reviewed the continued impact of the Nassau County-LIPA Settlement; currently the district stands to lose over \$38 million over six years as a result of this settlement. If the payments end in 2028, the district could stand to lose over \$45 million. Mr. Pappas then reviewed how the adjusted base proportions, set by Nassau County, has impacted Class 1 (Homeowners) over time. In the year 2001 this class paid 54.04% of the total taxes with Class 3 (Utilities) paying 30.91%. This year (2024) Class 1 (Homeowners) will pay 83.45% of the share of taxes while Class 3 (Utilities) will pay 8.34%. He explained that the District has no control over this, it is set by Nassau County Assessor's Office. Next Mr. Pappas reviewed the incoming deficit and the efforts to offset that deficit. The \$7.5 million deficit is comprised of a \$3.15 million loss of revenue from LIPA and a NYS grant in aid as well as \$4.35 million from a rise in costs. With some increase in state aid, increases in receivable tuition and interest, use of reserves (\$1.57 million) and cost reduction efforts (\$2.5 million) there is still a net deficit of \$3.5 million. Dr. Zublionis explained each of the non-instructional cuts. He also reviewed all revenues. He explained that state aid funds for UPK are only permitted to be used as a direct expense for UPK tuition. Mr. Pappas then reviewed the maximum allowable tax levy increase. He explained although it is known as the 2% cap, the cap is actually a formula which takes many variables into consideration. He also explained that the tax cap is not the tax on an individual property but the total amount of taxes that may be levied on all classes. He further explained that the change in taxes on an individual property is determined by several variables: the tax levy, the net assessed value for all property classes, the adjusted base proportion, the taxable assessed value on an individual property. This year, North Shore's maximum levy is actually 5.631%, however, the proposed tax levy increase is 3.962% which is under the tax cap limit by \$1,487,423.20. The total budget-budget increase is \$2,294,506.49 or a 1.906% increase. Dr. Zublionis reviewed a chart indicating North Shore's tax rate is actually lower than several neighboring districts. Dr. Zublionis reviewed North Shore's budget increases over the last ten years which indicated the proposed budget-budget increase for 2024-25 is the lowest since the 2015-16 school year and lower than the 10-year average. Dr. Zublionis reviewed the major expenditures in the proposed budget with instruction and employee benefits making up the largest part of the budget. Finally, Dr. Zublionis reviewed the key takeaways: the 2024-25 proposed budget involves \$2.5M in cuts and \$1.5M in new non-tax revenue; preserves programs for students; makes non-instructional cuts; adds no new teaching positions and makes some instructional cuts that may lead to some larger class sizes; will allow the conversion of an existing position into a business position, allows students to take electives they wish, and provide for all ENL and special education needs; further cuts would lead to a loss of some electives and other options for students and larger class sizes at all levels.

The Board discussed the presentation. Trustees thanked Dr. Zublionis and Mr. Pappas for the presentation and recognized the enormous work that went into preparing this budget

considering all of the challenges this year. They also recognized them for managing to preserve programs while balancing the needs of the taxpayers. Some Trustees expressed concern about passing the budget and felt the budget could be leaner, suggesting further efficiencies may be found by running less sections and increasing class sizes. It was also suggested to look at reducing the number of languages offered as well as another review of running both AP and IB classes. Other Trustees stressed that keeping elementary class sizes small should be a priority, and that cuts should be made only if they make meaningful changes that will benefit the taxpayer. A cost analysis to determine the savings of limiting language and the difference in offering AP or IB was requested. It was noted that this budget was kept flat and preserved programs while keeping the taxpayers in mind by not going to the tax cap. All Trustees agreed it is important to explain the facts to the community such as how the base proportion affects individual tax bills and how the tax levy does not equate to tax bills. President Macari expressed that it is difficult to discuss radically changing programs for younger children that benefitted her child. She said that previous Boards tried not to cut programs too early and students benefitted from those decisions. She hopes this Board can keep that tradition for another generation of students. The Board then discussed a few sections of the budget beginning with enrollment. Trustees acknowledged it may be necessary to increase class sizes to keep costs down and they want to hear what elementary parents have to say about class size. They would like the decisions to be evidenced based and look at neighboring districts. It was noted that our special education rates are much higher than neighboring districts so that would need to be taken into consideration. The Board discussed fund balance. It was noted that as the budget is tightening up there will be less fund balance making it harder to fund next year's budget. It was also stated that as reported in our audit report this District already spends close to 99% of it's budget. Any fund balance this year will be returned to the tax payer and they are not projecting to replenish any of the reserves. A question was raised regarding whether this will have an impact on our credit rating and borrowing rates. Mr. Pappas explained it will have a bearing on how we are perceived. The Board will begin its line-by-line budget review at their next meeting of March 14.

Comments from the Public – 10:40 p.m.

Rob Mazzella, Glen Head, asked what the Board's position is regarding the possibility of a lithium battery storage plant being built within the district. He wanted the Board to be aware that there is a one-mile evacuation zone around the site. President Macari explained that the Board has not taken a position on this, they are just doing research. Dr. Zublionis added they are aware that developers are looking for communities who are open to development, if the District receives information it will be shared with the community.

Mr. Mazzella noted if this was developed by a battery storage plant, he believes it would be producing power from the old National Grid site and he wondered if the Board would push for reassessment on the valuation of that property. Mr. Mazzella asked if the payment structure in the settlement agreement were to end in 2027, would the Board consider future contract negotiations, and increasing employee contributions for benefits, to make up the loss. He feels our employee contributions are on the low side compared to other districts. President Macari clarified that we have compared our employee contributions to other neighboring districts, and we are in the middle. Dr. Zublionis agreed our employee contributions are in the average range among other districts. Regarding the development of the old plant, he explained that we are looking to do research on IDAs and meeting with utilities. Mr. Mazzella suggested the Board look to lowering the proposed tax levy.

Taylor Herzig, Glen Head, and a reporter with BlankSlate Media, asked how many students are enrolled in the district.

Mike Conklin, Glen Head, noted the evacuation zone surrounding a battery storage facility is actually 1/3 of a mile. Mr. Conklin thanked the Board for the discussion about the budget. He said he does not think the community is expecting them to solve the affordable housing problem or inflation, that is not unique to North Shore. They are looking for the Board and administration to manage the district's financing as if it was their own, taking into account the uniqueness of the situation, and he realizes that it will not be easy. He noted that his last child will graduate from North Shore in 2028, and he would never vote down a budget, but once his last child graduates, he will have the difficult decision of whether he will be able to remain in the District. He said he loves the community and the school district but it is something all must face whether or not they can afford to live in the district. Finally, Mr. Conklin asked which district is most comparable to ours, where 84% of taxes comes from homeowners. Dr. Zublionis said the East Williston School District is mostly residential, however we do not have the adjusted base proportion of other districts.

Clay Hunt, Old Brookville, asked for clarification regarding the possibility of a "cliff" in 2027-28 and the possibility of the 5-year extension of the PILOT payments. He asked if the settlement agreement was publicly available and if so where he might get a copy. Mr. Hunt also asked if there are projections of the potential number of new homes to be developed on the two golf courses and how that might address the shortfall resulting from the loss of revenue. Dr. Zublionis explained that the 2027-28 "cliff" refers to a structured payment included in the Nassau County-LIPA settlement agreement from June 2022 which is scheduled to end in 2027. There is a clause in that agreement of a possible 5-year extension only if the power supply agreement is renewed, if power is being generated. They are hearing that power will not be generated, unless another source such as battery storage, wind, etc., takes over that plant. They are doing more research on that, but there are a lot of unknowns. Dr. Zublionis explained that the settlement agreement is Nassau County's document and may be available through a FOIL request. He is not sure if we can publicly share the document, but he will do more research about that. He also explained that they need more clarification on what constitutes "power generation" in the agreement. He plans to meet with the IDA and utilities to get more clarity. Dr. Zublionis said they do have some information on the development of Engineers Country Club, but do not have much on the other development plan. Once there is more information that will be shared publicly.

David Helman, Glenwood Landing, asked how adding more residents, and students, to the school district would be a benefit. He said he understands there are fixed costs for the school district, but asked how it is a net benefit with the marginal costs to educate the students vs. the additional tax revenue. President Macari explained there are 2 costs – one how it impacts the individual taxpayer, and the other is how it impacts the district and how we pay for the added students. Dr. Zublionis explained that the extra assessed value would decrease, but it is difficult to answer the marginal cost with the number of students because it depends on the distribution of those students. Overall, in looking at the environmental impact study, it would be a net positive in terms of the tax picture. Trustee Russo added that RXR is marketing homes without children. Dr. Zublionis also noted that the impact study indicates that some of the homes would fall into Class 2 (condos) and some would fall into Class 1 (single family homes). At this point, we only have preliminary knowledge but will keep pushing for more information.

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

Personnel

Increments for Advanced Study

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an increment for advanced study for Jaclyn Stevens, Physical Education, from Step 6 of the MA+30 salary schedule to Step 6 of the MA+45 salary schedule, effective February 1, 2024.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an increment for advanced study for Lihong Cai, Foreign Language, from Step 3 of the MA salary schedule to Step 3 of the MA+15 salary schedule effective, February 1, 2024.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an increment for advanced study for Ann Marie Burden, Elementary, from Step 4 of the MA salary schedule to Step 4 of the MA+15 salary schedule effective, February 1, 2024.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an increment for advanced study for Chivon Marteena, Special Education, from Step 12 of the MA+60 salary schedule to Step 12 of the MA+75 salary schedule, effective February 1, 2024.

Appointment - Non-Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the appointment of Maureen McAree, Food Service Worker at the High School, effective March 4, 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
Dawn Brottenberg	Teacher Aide Substitute
Hannah Paulus	Teacher Substitute

Extra-Curricular Activity Coaches

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

Sport	Coach	Step
HS Assistant Varsity Softball	Claudia Porcaro	1
HS Asst. Jr. Varsity Boys Lacrosse	Ryan Lynch	1
MS 6th Grade Intramurals	Megan Corrao*	1

*replacing Justin Fitzpatrick

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

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

Approval to Dispose of Inventory

BE IT RESOVLED, 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
1	Projector	High School
1	Smart Board	High School
2	Vans*	Transportation
1	Soup Kettle	High School
1	Mixer	High School

*Will be put up for Auction

Approval of Pit Musicians and Piano Accompanist for High School Musical

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the following pit musicians for the high school musical, at a rate of \$100/rehearsal and \$150/performance:

Pit Musicians:	Piano Accompanist:
Jessica Englander	Steven Dahike
Adam Hammer	
Matthew Hammer	

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

On motion of Trustee Russo and seconded by Trustee Mosca the board decided to act separately on action item 14c

Prior to approval, Trustee Cashman thanked the parent organizations for their donations

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

Acceptance of Donations from the North Shore Middle School PTSO to the North Shore Middle School

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts the following donations from the North Shore Middle School PTSO:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts a donation of \$8,050 from the North Shore Middle School PTSO to the North Shore Middle School to offset the cost of the seventh grade trip to Philadelphia

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts a donation of \$5,000 from the North Shore Middle School PTSO to the North Shore Middle School to offset the cost of the eighth grade trip to Washington, D.C.

Acceptance of a Donation from Regeneron STS to the North Shore High School

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts a donation of \$4,000 from Regeneron STS for Regeneron Scholars Claire Tao and Michelle Yu, to the North Shore High School for use in the science research program

Acceptance of Donations from the Glenwood Landing SCA to Glenwood Landing Elementary School

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts donations (teacher grants) from the Glenwood Landing SCA to the following Glenwood Landing Elementary School teachers:

SCA Teacher Grants 2024		
Teacher(s)	Items Requested	Total
Kathleen Grassi	desk privacy dividers, headphones with microphone capabilities	\$87.00
Jennifer Kelly (Resource Rm)	flexible seating: wobble chairs (3), flex cushion (5), bouncy feet wedge, bean bag seat	\$660.00
Ryan Bridgewood (STEAM/Coding)	robotics competition kit for 4th/5th	\$649.00
Kerri McDonagh	books set: 10 titles	\$76.60
Lina Onfrock (Spanish)	cover cost of mailing pen pal letters from 5 th grade	\$200.00

	Spanish students to pen pals in Medellin, Colombia.	
Deb Novick/ Liz Goodstone	visual resources (posters)	\$154.77
Audra Marcantonio	1 or 2 dry erase tables	\$553.64
Tracy Mayo/Erika Arlistico	2 pencil sharpeners, privacy partitions, colored pencils, set of headphones	\$166.13
Keryn Edwards	dry erase circles (pack of 24) & flexible Seating (2)	\$233.97
Jill Cano/Sarah Stevens	hands on literacy materials	\$366.19
Christine Purpura	4 sets of bundles of 15 decodable books	\$588.00
Bianca Lavey	reading/writing games	\$290.65
Gia Nigoghossian	storage cubby shelf	\$103.00
Janice Wolin	circle cushions for floor activities - 6 for \$67.99	\$203.97
First Grade Teachers	white model magic, large watercolor paper, toothpicks, brads (paper fasteners)	\$235.00
Linda Burgos	flexible seating and fidgets	\$310.00
Kristen Hill/Jen Perrotta/ Robin Geigle (Speech)	photo cards and speech games	\$233.92
Rory Lyons-Nartowicz/ Jen Matarese (OT)	games and fine motor materials	\$176.37
Total		\$5,288.21

Acceptance of a Donation from the North Shore High School PTO to the North Shore High School Class of 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts a donation of \$1,350 from the North Shore High School PTO to the North Shore High School Class of 2025

Approval of MOA between the North Shore CSD and the Nassau County Board of Elections

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 Nassau County Board of Elections to provide optical scan voting systems, Automark ballot marking devices and training to the School District, in connection with the May 21, 2024 School District Budget Vote and Election of Trustees, as per the terms and conditions set forth in the attached agreement; and
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

Approval of a Facilities Use Agreement between the North Shore Central School District and The Roman Catholic Church of St. Rocco

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the Facilities Use Agreement between the School District and the Roman Catholic Church of St. Rocco for the use of space for AP and IB testing for students between May 1, 2024 and

May 24, 2024, for a total fee of \$6,600, as per the terms and conditions set forth in the attached agreement; and

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

Prior to approval, Trustee Russo expressed her feeling that the study done by Mr. Dragone was not what she was hoping it would be. She said much of the information was taken from publicly available sources, she did not feel it found areas on how to reduce cost and felt the commentary was not supported by data. She does not feel spending an additional amount of money is warranted. Trustee Ludmar clarified this contract is for a maximum of \$4,500 and he supports it because the report will include improvements and enhancements that were recommended. In addition, he noted that the community commissioned the report. Trustee Mosca added that the suggestions made by the Board will make the report more useful. Trustee Cashman agreed the first draft of the report may not have been exactly what they were looking for, but the feedback will be helpful. She also noted that the community requested this and it needs to be completed. Trustee Colacioppo said she did find the information to be useful and the Board requested an updated version. She also added that the presentation indicated there are no easy answers. President Macari noted that in fairness to Mr. Dragone, he carried out what the Board tasked him with at a lower cost than other proposals.

On motion of Trustee Mosca and seconded by Trustee Colacioppo, with Trustees Cashman, Colacioppo, Galati, Ludmar, Macari and Mosca for and Trustee Russo against, it was:

Approval of the Modification of an Agreement between the North Shore CSD and Joe Dragone

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District entered into an Agreement dated December 14, 2023 with Joe Dragone for consulting services to conduct comparative analysis and considerations for possible savings, at a compensation rate not to exceed 75 hours of services at \$180.00 per hour; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District desires to amend said Agreement to increase the hours of Consultant's services by an additional 25 hours, for a total not to exceed 100 hours of services at the same hourly rate, as set forth in the attached Amendment; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the Amendment to the Agreement for additional services as set forth therein; and

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

The Board decided to act simultaneously on action items 15 and 16

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

Approval of an Agreement between the North Shore CSD and Hicksville 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 Hicksville Union Free School District for 5 students residing within the North Shore School District and attending non-public schools within the Hicksville Union Free School District for the 2023-2024 school year at a cost of \$1,134.43 per student as provided under the Education Law of the State of New York

Approval of an Agreement between the North Shore CSD and Jericho 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 Jericho Union Free School District for 5 students

residing within the North Shore School District and attending non-public schools within the Jericho Union Free School District for the 2023-2024 school year at a cost of \$1,409.19 per student as provided under the Education Law of the State of New York

Approval of an Agreement between the North Shore CSD and Mineola 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 Mineola Union Free School District for 8 students residing within the North Shore School District and attending non-public schools within the Mineola Union Free School District for the 2023-2024 school year at a cost of \$1,073.00 per student as provided under the Education Law of the State of New York

Approval of Change Orders from Cooper Power and Lighting Corp.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves change order number EC-30 from Cooper Power & Lighting Corp. for Phase Two Bond work at the North Shore High School in the amount of \$7,989.09 (addition)

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves change order number EC-31 from Cooper Power & Lighting Corp. for Phase Two Bond work at the North Shore High School in the amount of \$2,277.00 (addition)

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves change order number EC-32 from Cooper Power & Lighting Corp. for Phase Two Bond work at the North Shore High School in the amount of \$2,128.20 (addition)

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves change order number EC-33 from Cooper Power & Lighting Corp. for Phase Two Bond work at the North Shore High School in the amount of \$2,320.39 (addition)

Approval of Change Orders from Stalco Construction, Inc.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves change order number GC-08 from Stalco Construction Inc. for Phase Two Bond work at the North Shore High School in the amount of \$2,197.00 (credit)

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves change order number GC-09 from Stalco Construction Inc. for Phase Two Bond work at the North Shore High School in the amount of \$23,500.00 (credit)

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves change order number GC-10 from Stalco Construction Inc. for Phase Two Bond work at the North Shore High School in the amount of \$20,100.76 (addition)

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves change order number GC-11 from Stalco Construction Inc. for Phase Two Bond work at the North Shore High School in the amount of \$11,750.00 (addition)

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves change order number GC-12 from Stalco Construction Inc. for Phase Two Bond work at the North Shore High School in the amount of \$4,958.42 (addition)

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves change order number GC-13 from Stalco Construction Inc. for Phase Two Bond work at the North Shore High School in the amount of \$5,127.68 (addition)

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves change order number GC-14 from Stalco Construction Inc. for Phase Two Bond work at the North Shore High School in the amount of \$8,863.71 (addition)

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves change order number GC-15 from Stalco Construction Inc. for Phase Two Bond work at the North Shore High School in the amount of \$8,586.46 (addition)

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves change order number GC-16 from Stalco Construction Inc. for Phase Two Bond work at the North Shore High School in the amount of \$16,714.85 (addition)

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves change order number GC-17 from Stalco Construction Inc. for Phase Two Bond work at the North Shore High School in the amount of \$3,389.40 (addition)

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves change order number GC-18 from Stalco Construction Inc. for Phase Two Bond work at the North Shore High School in the amount of \$4,499.26 (addition)

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves change order number GC-19 from Stalco Construction Inc. for Phase Two Bond work at the North Shore High School in the amount of \$8,500.00 (addition)

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves change order number GC-20 from Stalco Construction Inc. for Phase Two Bond work at the North Shore High School in the amount of \$10,544.46 (addition)

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves change order number GC-21 from Stalco Construction Inc. for Phase Two Bond work at the North Shore High School in the amount of \$4,401.71 (addition)

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves change order number GC-22 from Stalco Construction Inc. for Phase Two Bond work at the North Shore High School in the amount of \$16,579.18 (addition)

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves change order number GC-23 from Stalco Construction Inc. for Phase Two Bond work at the North Shore High School in the amount of \$14,374.22 (addition)

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves change order number GC-24 from Stalco Construction Inc. for Phase Two Bond work at the North Shore High School in the amount of \$3,937.74 (addition)

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

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

Approval of an Agreement between the North Shore CSD and East Meadow UFSD

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an Agreement between the School District and the East Meadow UFSD to provide services set forth in the IEP of those students listed in attached Confidential Schedule A, and as per the terms and conditions set forth in the attached agreement, effective January 3, 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 11:11 p.m.

On motion of Trustee Ludmar and seconded by Trustee Galati, with Trustees Cashman, Galati, Ludmar, Macari, Mosca and Russo for and Trustee Colacioppo against, the Board decided to postpone the Board Committees Reports until the next Board meeting.

Unfinished Business

Trustee Galati asked if there has been any progress on reviewing the physics program. Dr. Smyth explained that she and Mr. Menchel have done some research and will be meeting on this tomorrow.

New Business

Trustee Russo suggested the members look at the way they report on committees. Trustees discussed alternate ways of making their committee reports.

Trustee Ludmar asked how civil discourse is fostered at the high school. He heard the Parent University on civil discourse was very successful and thinks a second session should be considered.

Adjournment

At 11:22 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Ciampi
District Clerk