

North Shore Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Minutes
March 14, 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. Trustee Russo was absent. 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 Ludmar 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, matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular, person or persons, and collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law).

Trustee Russo arrived at 7:35 p.m.

At 7:45 p.m. on motion of Trustee Colacioppo and seconded by Trustee Galati and all in favor, the Board came out of executive session and resumed the regular meeting. There were 60 people in the audience.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Macari led the public in the pledge of allegiance.

President Macari opened the meeting by reading the following statement:

I would like to welcome everyone to tonight's meeting. We are always happy to see so many students in our audience. But tonight it is extra special as this was a tough week for all of us up here.

Unfortunately, many community members received an email this weekend that contained false information about the independent budget review this Board unanimously approved. The spread of this type of misinformation, whether intentionally distributed or inadvertently shared, taints the good work of our schools and aims to divide our beautiful and usually united community.

But it also is a drain on our District's resources. We all received Dr. Z's email which contained the accurate information regarding our budget review. Countering misinformation is a time-consuming effort for our Central Administrators. It is time taken away from enhancing our educational programs. It is time taken away from building relationships with our stakeholders. It is time taken away from generating revenue and finding efficiencies. But most importantly, it is time taken away from our community's children.

If the last several years are any indication, this weekend's kickoff misinformation campaign will likely not be the only of its kind during this budget season. I am not exactly sure what the solution is. I do know that as a community each one of us needs to be vigilant for false claims intended to mislead by bad faith players.

Tactics such as cherry-picking data, using quotes out of context, and posting manipulative visuals make deceptive emails and social media posts might seem compelling at first glance, but misinformation has the potential to destroy these schools, our housing values, and our community's faith in each other.

We all play a part in stopping misinformation:

-Who is the source of this information? Is it anonymous? -What is the tone? Is it hostile? Is it aggressive? -Did I even sign up to receive this information?

And maybe most importantly, do these accusations fit with what I personally know to be true about our school and its people, and our fellow neighbors?

While we do need to work together to combat misinformation, I do need to tell you this Board values civil discourse and the exchange of constructive ideas. We very much want you to take a critical look at what we do. We read your emails. We invite you to participate in public comments. We want you to attend one of the many community budget meetings we are hosting. Please be an active participant in the budget process. We are in this together and there is a power in us. We need to decide what we value and what we hold true.

Report from the SGO

SGO president, Ava DiFeo, reported on events and activities at the high school. She reported that the SGO is preparing elections for next year. They are moving away from holding their elections in September to give them the advantage of the entire school year. Currently they are reviewing the SGO constitution to evaluate each position. The SGO will hold another Acoustic Cafe on May 29 in the Courtyard. There will be a BBQ as well and all are welcome to attend. Ms. DiFeo explained that many clubs come to the SGO for financial assistance, and they have streamlined the process by creating a google form for requests, to make it easier for the SGO to address the requests. Ms. DiFeo reported that the SGO is working with Trustee Cashman on a plastic free lunch which is scheduled for April 19. They are working on banners and announcements throughout the school to promote the plastic free lunch day. They are also working with the Environmental Club on eliminating plastics in the schools. They are doing research and working to educate everyone about the facts. Ms. DiFeo announced that she has committed to Fairfield University for next year to study nursing. The Board congratulated her.

Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Zublionis added his congratulations to Ava DiFeo on her decision to attend Fairfield University in the fall.

Dr. Zublionis reported on upcoming events throughout the district. The 2nd Annual Life Skills Basketball Game will be held on Tuesday, March 26 at 9:00 am; the Masquers will present "The Prom" on Friday March 22 (7:30 pm), Saturday, March 23 (2 pm & 7:30 pm) in the high school theatre. Senior Citizens are invited to the matinee performance (2:00 pm) on Saturday, March 23 for a free performance. They can call the Fine and Performing Arts Department to reserve their tickets, which are on a first come first served basis.

Dr. Zublionis congratulated the men's and women's basketball teams and their coaches on their successful seasons. The men's team was a finalist for the county championship and the women's team was a semifinalist. He reported that both final games were extremely close.

Dr. Zublionis reported that the District issued an RFP for the special education review. They interviewed vendors, however were not satisfied with the final product and the high cost to do the review. They have decided to do an internal review and will do a more specific external review next year.

Dr. Zublionis reported that last week the Glenwood Landing School had a visit from the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center and Holocaust Survivor, Gina Zirinsky, who escaped Central Europe during the Holocaust after several terrifying years. He thanked Ms. Zirinsky for sharing this important story of survival, kindness and tolerance.

The UPK lottery drawing will occur on Monday, March 18 at 3:00 p.m. The lottery will be livestreamed and recorded. All registered parents will be contacted with the link and a survey of location preference.

There are 2 remaining “What Makes Us, Us/What Keeps Us, Us meetings”, Monday, March 25th at 7:00 pm (Virtual) for elementary parents and Wednesday, March 27 at 7:00 pm in the high school cafeteria for all community members. Dr. Zublionis reported that at one of these meetings last week, they had some time to meet with local business owners. He thanked Courtney Citko and Terrence Kenniff, of the Gold Coast Business Association, for helping to organize this meeting so they could learn more about how our schools’ impact, and to partner with, our local businesses. He asked everyone to remember to shop, and eat, local!

Student Recognition

The following students were recognized by the Board of Education: Chloe Lim, Third Place-NYS Division - Missing Person's Day Poster Contest Award; Avery McMahon, Poetry Award; Rea Gjenashi and Joanna Peng, Family and Children's Assn. Fall Harvest Honorees; Fine and Performing Arts Students: LISFA Secondary Festival: Chivonne Cheung, Samantha Hsieh, Mika Ikawa, Joanna Kim, Ellen Lementowski, Graham Lippert and Luke Schweiger; Intermediate Festival: Ian Bryant, Isabelle Kattan, Anne Kelly, Ava Kim, Jamie Ko, Sophie Koob, Aidan Phelps, Constance Wang, and Simon Zelkind; GO APE-Advanced Placement Art Exhibit: Elle Archer, Josie Crocco and Mina Stickley; American Choral Directors Assn. (ACDA) Eastern Division Junior High Honor Choir: Jillian Accetta, Christiana Leach, and Declan Levine; New York State Band Directors Assn. (NYSBDA): High School Honor Concert Band: Erica Jud, Seamus Hughes, Jessica Palen and Julian Zuzzolo; High School Honor Jazz Ensemble: Wade Livingston; Middle School Honor Band: Tate Duffy, Angelo Jesaitis, Ethan Marco, Ryan Marco, Alexandria Mastrantoni, and Annelise Skamagas.

Approval of Minutes

The reading of the draft minutes of the meeting of February 29, 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 29, 2024 were approved.

On motion of Trustee Russo and seconded by Trustee Galati 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 February, 2024 as reviewed and submitted by Claims Auditor, Denise Longboardi

Regular Business

Budget Review—8:25 pm

The Board reviewed the following sections of the budget: Revenue Projections (Update); General (including board of education and central administration); Facilities; Transfer to Capital/Special Aid; Transportation; Supervision of Instruction; Regular Instruction; Special Education/St. Christopher; Occupational/Continuing Ed; Library/Audio-Visual; Technology; Guidance & Health Services; Athletics/Co-Curricular.

As the Board reviewed the budget lines the following question/comments were raised. It was suggested that everyone read the budget narratives as they give so much information on what each line of the budget means and how each section of the budget is tied to the SVOs and North Shore Journey. It was noted that the line for legal hearings has decreased somewhat since the barrage of FOIL requests has stopped. Central Office clerical overtime was questioned and it was asked whether this was due to understaffing. It was explained that some of the work is handled by confidential employees. Mr. Pappas said this is also a result of turnover in personnel due to retirements and those employees coming back for training. Dr. Zublionis and Mr. Pappas are looking at overtime across the district. It was also noted that hiring additional staff would require benefits, so this is a more cost-effective way of handling the additional work. It was also pointed out that the line of Central Office overtime is actually being budgeted by half from the year before. Regarding salaries in the facilities budget lines Mr. Pappas explained that these lines are tied directly to contractual obligations. In addition, if someone transfers from one school to another that salary is moved accordingly. In the security area Dr. Zublionis explained that they are assigning security guards in a more strategic way after school and on the weekends. The age of the septic tanks were discussed (1950) and how that might be addressed if they were to fail. Mr. Pappas explained that there is a plan to replace them, but they want to replace them all at the same time. However, if one was to fail as an emergency situation, the repair reserve is available for that purpose. It was noted that the buildings and grounds department maintain 525,000 square feet of building space and over 65 acres of grounds. It was also noted that the information in the facilities narrative and five-year plan is a useful roadmap for a potential future capital reserve. The EPC was discussed. Mr. Pappas explained that they are hoping to get a date when the company can report to the board. Dr. Zublionis explained that more green energy is being used through the EPC with the use of solar heating and with shut-off times of electricity throughout the district, and reduction in our carbon footprint. It was noted that the line for BAN/TAN interest has been reduced. Mr. Pappas explained that the interest rate is going down, however, that is in the short term. Regarding the high school press box, they are expecting a grant to offset the cost of that project along with a grant from Assemblymember Lavine. The Board discussed the line for buses. Mr. Pappas explained that they will be purchasing one small bus, which they find more efficient than the larger buses. Also in the budget is a portable jack. This is in anticipation of electric buses, and with other districts coming for repairs and DOT inspections, our lifts can't accommodate certain buses. This gives the transportation depot the ability to repair our own buses, but also allows it to attract more buses coming in from other districts, bringing in revenue. They are closely monitoring the mandate to switch over to electric buses. The Board discussed the federal grants received by the District and how that offsets some of the lines in the budget, many of those are renewable every year. Fees paid by the District for AP/IB exams were discussed. Dr. Zublionis explained that they encourage students to take advantage of these opportunities and to take the exams, it also addresses the equity issue. It was explained that once the IB Programme was instituted, the exam was required as part of the course, similar to requiring calculators in a math course. Once the IB exam was a requirement of the course, the exam was mandated to be covered by the District. At that point, the AP exams began being a requirement of the course and those exams are also a mandated cost of the District. It was noted that this is one of the things that makes our district special and unique. It also allows our students of all means to take advantage of opportunities and assured experiences no matter their financial situation. Regarding the number of monitors in middle school, Dr. Zublionis explained the increase of monitors in the middle school is more of a correction. It was felt there was inefficient supervision at the middle school, and this seems to be addressing the survey results that a large percentage of students felt unsafe in the hallways. Field trips were discussed. Dr. Smyth explained that many elementary and some middle and high school field trips are done

through BOCES outdoor education. It was noted that 2 college courses, based on student demand, was added to the social studies budget with an overall budget reduction in that area. It was explained that the increase in elementary humanities supplies is for decodable texts to support the teaching of phonics and reading comprehension, related to the science of reading curriculum. The Board discussed the special education budget. It was noted that some parents have been concerned that this budget would be cut, however there has actually been an increase to this line of the budget. Dr. Zublionis explained that we have been successful in creating a program in-house which keeps some of our students within the district, in their own community, and eliminating the need of paying out-of-district tuition. This also generates tuition from students of other districts who attend our program. Dr. Zublionis explained that the District currently participates in 45 different BOCES programs. The District has built up programs in-house that might be redundant through BOCES, therefore only those programs that we do not offer at North Shore are the ones we participate in, approximately 4 or 5. He went on to explain that they will honor those students who are already enrolled in those programs, through the Long Island School for the Arts, but will not be enrolling new students in those programs. Dr. Zublionis explained the reductions in the library/audio visual budget were due to the redundancies in the technology code, there are no longer computer labs and older equipment has been removed. With the new library renovations, there is slightly less shelving space and there are classroom libraries as well. The role of computer aides was discussed. Dr. Zublionis explained that they are now used in the classroom, servicing ChromeBooks and SmartBoards, they are more mobile. They are also assisting with Google Classroom and Renaissance Star and testing that is done with progress monitoring post pandemic. In addition, they will be assisting the required computer based testing state assessments which must be done online. The Board discussed the 1:1 ChromeBook program for the lower grades. Dr. Zublionis explained that is still being discussed and they do not have a recommendation yet. It was noted how important it is that this District invests so much in mental health, especially with the high cost for families. A question was raised about the TENS summer program and whether that will be a revenue generating program. Dr. Zublionis explained it is being remodeled as a revenue generating program. The fees will be raised slightly, and they will be offering an afternoon portion, which will be more like childcare with activities. It will also offer field trip opportunities. A save the date has been sent out. It was suggested to look into a possible partnership with Oyster Bay. It was noted that the athletic booster club offers much assistance to this line of the budget. The coaching line is up due to some contractual discussions, the addition of middle school badminton and a few key positions that were understaffed. Team uniform replacement seems to be complete, and they will be moving to an electronic replacement schedule for uniforms and equipment.

The Board then discussed revenue projection. Dr. Zublionis explained there has not been an update from the state. The one-house budgets from the Senate and Assembly were released, and both houses are asking for restored aid that the governor had taken away, although there was nothing specific for North Shore. They should know more in about 3 weeks' time. Trustee Ludmar remarked, as he thought about the revenue discussion, and how we pay for the budget, that it is an important discussion, especially in response to the propaganda email, and the lack of truth within it. He noted that the Board, and the community, spend a lot of time thinking about the people behind the "propaganda campaign". The Board's conversations about the direction of where we are going, how much we pay in taxes, keeping the budget as tight as possible, while protecting the children we serve, is based in facts and truth, contrary to the untruths being spread. Trustee Ludmar said he believes the Board's role should not be countering what is not true, but doing what is appropriate for our children today, and for the future, in order to sustain these schools. He went on to say, LIPA needs to be part of the conversation. This is the last year of a \$38M shortfall. He believes Dr. Zublionis, and the team have found the sweet spot in terms of cuts. These cuts in his

opinion are strategic, they will be noticed and seen, but not to the detriment of the student experience. He said the question now is how to fund the budget and there are two fixed forms of revenue: the tax levy and use of reserves. Trustee Ludmar noted that it is untruthfully told by those spreading propaganda that the District has a \$30M “rainy day fund”. He explained that actually the District has less than \$20M in specific reserve funds that may only be used for certain things. One of these funds is for emergency repairs, another is for workers compensation claims, others are funds for retirement/pension. They cannot be used for “rainy day” issues. The 4% unrestricted reserve is the fund the District can use, which all districts have, and which most districts never go under the 4% cap of their operating budget. In the 24/25 budget, the proposal is to use \$1.25M from the TRS/ERS reserves to offset the tax levy. He went on to say, the budget-budget increase this year of 1.906%, is the second lowest in Nassau County. This budget is as tight, or tighter, than every other district. The reason our tax levy is going up is because of the loss of revenue from utilities. He further stated that as noted in the budget presentation, if our budget was to increase slightly, by \$450,000-\$500,000 this would cost the average taxpayer, on a home valued \$750,000-\$1M, approximately \$8-\$10/month. While he understands, every dollar counts to each household, he also realizes that when he hears comments in the community to “spend the District’s money as you would your own money”, which he believes is a valid request, and one which he also believes he is doing by arguing against sacrificing the future for the present. He equates that to dipping into your own IRA to meet a small expense now. He feels we need to consider what this means going forward as the tax levy that is set now, will also set us up going forward for future tax levies. Although the projection shows what can/should happen in the next two years, we do not know what will happen with utilities thereafter. He said he feels with a budget less than a 2% increase we need to think about what a small shift now will mean and consider a little more in taxes and using a little less in reserves. Trustee Mosca agreed that the 5-year projection shows very clearly that in the 28-29 budget the direct assessments from LIPA could end and cause us to lose \$8.4M in one year if the agreement is not renewed. She said we need to plan now for that possibility. Trustee Cashman added that we are also planning to use the remainder \$1.25M in settlement money from LIPA which will also be gone for the following year. She feels the conversations need to continue and we need to see how the community feels. Trustee Ludmar agreed, in these talks with the community they need to let the administration and Board know what they want, and if a 4% tax levy increase is something they would consider. Dr. Zublionis also agreed that using \$4M of reserves, which is a large amount, and is a one-time payment from ourselves, puts us in a hole for 2025/26. He added we will have to keep going back to reserves knowing we have this cliff on the horizon.

President Macari thanked the administration, the principals and directors and community members who have been writing and are attending the budget meetings.

Comments from the Public

Lisa Vizza, Glen Head asked about the \$50,000 decrease in the budget line for special education staff development. Ms. Vizza commended the Board for the therapy dog program. She asked that Dr. Zublionis elaborate on the Excel program at the middle school. Finally, Ms. Vizza suggested that going to the tax cap would be risky in the current economic environment and might risk failure of the budget. Dr. Zublionis explained that he spoke with Mr. Marino and Dr. Smyth about how they cover staff development throughout the District. This is covered under the supervision of instruction staff development code. Some funds have been left in the special education code and between the two, they do not feel it will not have an effect. President Macari added the grant that Dr. Smyth has applied for will service the special education population as well. Dr. Zublionis explained that the Excel program is a high school program based on a program Dan Doherty ran at Herricks and is extra support for students who are not classified but may be at risk.

Mike Conklin, Greenvale, thanked the Board and administration for all of the work that has gone into the budget. He said he has looked at other school district's budgets and noticed they are proposing layoffs; Amityville 47 teacher/staff layoffs, Riverhead 40 teacher layoffs. While other districts are proposing much higher budget increases; Port Washington 6.8%, Carle Place 4.72%. He remarked that he feels this administration has done a good job with a 1.9% budget increase, and although they may not make everyone happy, there are those in the community who appreciate the work that has gone into it. He said there may be layoffs in 2027-2028, but he feels we should get through this year first. President Macari said the school district is the largest employer in this community, many teachers and staff also live in the community, and the longer we can put off layoffs the better for everyone.

10:20 p.m.

Prior to approval, Dr. Zublionis congratulated music teacher, and resident, Jodie Larson on her retirement. Dr. Zublionis praised Ms. Larson for her contributions to the many students she taught over the years, for her high standards, and her hard work. He said he learned that music instruction can inform good classroom instruction. He said her students adore her and she will be dearly missed. President Macari also praised her for her high standards and knowing her students well. Trustee Cashman added her congratulations to Ms. Larson. She remarked how Ms. Larson is part of the Sea Cliff Community and during the pandemic gave instrument lessons to Sea Cliff students from her home through her widow. She said it is a big loss to the North Shore Community and wished her well.

Dr. Zublionis then recognized Bob Considine, a custodian at Sea Cliff School, who is also retiring. He said Bob is a kind, warm and caring person who is also adored by the Sea Cliff faculty and will surely be missed. Trustee Mosca also added her thanks to Bob who helped with the Sea Cliff School Garden.

President Macari added this speaks to how precise and how careful we need to be about the budget. She said these are real human beings who we want to cherish and value and want to protect.

Trustee Ludmar remarked this organization is made great by the individuals who, on their own, bring greatness to what they do.

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

Personnel

Resignation for Retirement Purposes - Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts the resignation for retirement purposes of Jodie Larson, Music, effective June 30, 2024

Amendment to Appointment - Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby amends the December 14, 2023 appointment of Cara Duffy as follows:

Cara Duffy, Elementary, is hereby appointed through April 5, 2024

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 March 15, 2024 through April 5, 2024

Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave of Absence

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District approve an unpaid Family and Medical Leave Act (“FMLA”) leave of absence for a period of twelve (12) weeks that will run concurrently with any available paid leave, for employee, Brittany Drucker, Teacher, that includes the period February 12, 2024 through May 10, 2024

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District approve an unpaid Family and Medical Leave Act (“FMLA”) leave of absence for a period of twelve (12) weeks that will run concurrently with any available paid leave, for employee, Kristen Hill, Teacher, that includes the period February 5, 2024 through May 3, 2024

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District approve an unpaid Family and Medical Leave Act (“FMLA”) leave of absence for a period of twelve (12) weeks that will run concurrently with any available paid leave, for employee, Luis Torre, Teacher Aide, that includes the period April 29, 2024 through June 30, 2024

Teacher Overages

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

Teacher	Subject	Overage	Effective Dates
Margaret Casey	Special Education	.1	2/13/24-3/15/24
Sandra Maciel	Special Education	.25	2/6/24-3/15/24

Amendment of Appointment - Non-Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby amends the February 29, 2024 appointment of Maureen McAree, Food Service Worker as follows: Maureen McAree is hereby appointed effective March 1, 2024

Resignation for Retirement Purposes - Non-Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts the resignation for retirement purposes of Robert Considine, Custodian, effective March 30, 2024

Leave of Absence - Non-Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves a leave of absence for Alfredo Montero, Custodian, for the purpose of accepting a provisional promotional appointment to Head Custodian I, effective March 15, 2024

Appointment - Non-Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the provisional promotional appointment of Alfredo Montero, Head Custodian I, Glenwood Landing School, on Step 20 of the Head Custodian I salary schedule, effective March 15, 2024 with a 26 week probationary period

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the appointment of Tyler Lyons, Cleaner at Glenwood Landing School, on Step 5 of the Cleaner salary schedule, effective March 18, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the appointment of Ramon Velasquez, Part-time Cleaner, Glenwood Landing School, effective March 15, 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
Erica Prush	Teacher Substitute
Grace Ledden	Teacher Aide Substitute
Kenneth Andres Mady Aguiar	Teacher Substitute

Extra-Curricular Activity Coach

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

Sport	Coach	Step
MS Girls Lacrosse	Sophia Macchia*	1

*replacing Grace Beshlian

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

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

Resolution for the Annual School District Budget Vote and Election

WHEREAS, the Annual School District Budget Vote and Election (Annual Meeting) of the North Shore Central School District will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Gymnasium of the North Shore Senior High School; and

WHEREAS, the qualified voters shall elect two (2) members to the Board of Education, each for a term of (3) years, to commence on July 1, 2024, and expire on June 30, 2027.

BE IT RESOLVED that the vote be taken by voting machine, or, if voting machines be unavailable, by paper ballot; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Proposition on the 2024-2025 School Budget shall read as follows:

RESOLVED, that the School District budget for the school year 2024-2025 proposed by the Board of Education in accordance with Section 1716 of the Education Law shall be approved and the necessary taxes be levied therefore on the taxable real property of the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School District Budget for the 2024-2025 school year will be completed and presented at a public hearing to be held on May 9, 2024 at 7:45 p.m. and will be available for inspection at each of the schoolhouses of the District during business hours during the 14 days preceding the election, together with the text of any resolution which will be presented to the voters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Registration will meet to register qualified voters on Saturday, May 11, 2024, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Registration will be held at the North Shore Schools Administrative Offices, 112 Franklin Avenue, Sea Cliff, New York; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Clerk be and hereby is authorized and directed to publish such notice of said Annual Budget Vote and Election in the Glen Cove Record Pilot and Sea Cliff/Glen Head Herald Gazette as shall be required by law, which said notice shall be substantially

in the form hereto annexed as Addendum A, which said Addendum is deemed to be part of this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following persons be appointed to serve as Election Inspectors and/or Poll Workers of the Annual Election:

Yvonne Haff	Elizabeth Sadowski	Patricia Cano	Megan McIntosh
Richard Miller	Russell Lerch	Marissa Holden	Eric Haglund
Lois Straber	Donna Henderson	Patricia Lerch	Elizabeth Falcone
Mary Lou Martin	Katherine Miller	Sophia Kulikowsky	Beata Markasevic
Sara Ryan			

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Clerk be and hereby is empowered to publish any and all necessary notices and appoint substitute Inspectors and Poll Workers should any of the above-named persons fail to serve; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately

Approval of a Resolution to Change the Date of a Board Meeting

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District is scheduled to meet on Thursday, April 18, 2024, to consider and approve the district's 2024-25 budget to be presented to the public at the annual district meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education must meet on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, for the purpose of considering and adopting the proposed 2024-25 BOCES budget;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the date of the regular Board of Education meeting be changed from Thursday, April 18, 2024 to Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 7:45 p.m to consider the 2024-25 BOCES budget and to consider and approve the 2024-25 District budget to be presented to the public.

The Board decided to act simultaneously on action items 13, 14, 15 and 16

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

Approval of Pit Musician

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves Georgia Shehas as a pit musician for the high school musical (replacing Jessie Englander-previously approved), at a rate of \$100/rehearsal and \$150/performance

Prior to the acceptance of donations, the Board thanked all of the organizations for their generous gifts. Dr. Zublionis explained that the Viking Foundation's donation is assisting the technology department purchase equipment that had been cut from the budget. The donation from CASA is providing privacy and iPads to the Middle School Wellness Center. He thanked CASA for their collaboration. Dr. Smyth explained that the donation from the Glen Head PTO is supporting the literacy coaches' work in the science of reading by supplying students with decoding texts.

Acceptance of a Grant from the Viking Foundation to the North Shore High School

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts a grant of \$10,000 from the Viking Foundation for the purpose of purchasing technology equipment (Joiner Machine, Drill Press, Bandsaw Machine, Jet Planer) for the North Shore High School Technology Department, to allow students to complete more challenging projects with a higher degree of efficiency.

Acceptance of a Donation from North Shore Coalition Against Substance Abuse (CASA) to the North Shore Middle School

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts a donation of \$3,000 from North Shore Coalition Against Substance Abuse (CASA) to the North Shore Middle School to be used to purchase supplies and materials for the Middle School Wellness Center

Acceptance of a Donation from the Glen Head PTO to the Glen Head Elementary School

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts a donation of \$1,905.32 from the Glen Head PTO to the Glen Head Elementary School to be used for literacy materials for students in grades K-2

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
2	Printers	High School
1	Tablet	High School
1	Projector	High School
1	Jack	Transportation

Prior to approval, Trustee Ludmar noted that he supports the approval of the costumer contract, however he feels the cost has increased substantially. He suggested an advanced approval system so the Board has a mechanism for knowing what the cost for costumes will be prior to the play being in production. Trustee Russo remarked that it is difficult to find a costumer at this level. She suggested working with one of the local universities for an internship possibility.

Dr. Zublionis explained that this production is costume intensive which is the driver here. He also noted that Ms. Rodriguez had already negotiated some cuts prior to presenting this contract. He will look into other options going forward.

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 High School Musical production of "The Prom" as per the terms and conditions set forth in the attached agreement at a total fee of not to exceed \$9,954.50 effective March 15, 2024 through June 30, 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 an Agreement between the North Shore CSD and All Care, Inc.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an agreement between the School District and All Care, Inc. to provide Behind-The-Wheel Training and In-Car Observation components of a NYS-DTSE course for North Shore High School Students under the terms and conditions set forth in the attached agreement during the period March 22, 2024 through June 5, 2024; and

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

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

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

Approval of Agreement Between the North Shore CSD and Linda LaMarca

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the Agreement between the School District and Linda S. LaMarca to provide neuropsychological and diagnostic evaluation services during the period September 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 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 said Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

Approval of a Special Education Tuition Agreement between the North Shore Central School District and Oyster Bay-East Norwich School District

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an Agreement with the Oyster Bay-East Norwich CSD to provide individualized instruction to resident students in accordance with the IEP at the tuition rate set by the New York State Commissioner of Education, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 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.

Unfinished Business—10:35 p.m.

Trustee Russo asked that the Board discuss how they will address committee reports. She suggested circulating written reports to the Trustees. Trustee Colacioppo said she feels giving a report at the meetings is preferable so the public can hear it. President Macari agreed that she prefers hearing about each committee's activities but she would like the reports kept short with the focus on the highlights of the meeting.

New Business

Trustee Cashman requested that her fellow Trustees make an effort to bring their own water bottles, and to avoid plastic water bottles, at future Board meetings to support the project that SGO president Ava DiFeo brought up earlier in the meeting.

Adjournment

At 10:40 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Ciampi
District Clerk