

North Shore Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Minutes
February 27, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Vice-president Lisa Colacioppo at 6:30 p.m. in the Middle School Cafeteria. Present were Trustees Cashman, Dillon, Ludmar, Mosca and Svendsen. President Andrea Macari 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 Cashman and seconded by Trustee Mosca and all in favor, the Board convened an executive session in the Middle School Library to consider matters leading to the appointment or employment of a particular person or persons and collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law).

At 7:45 p.m. on motion of Trustee Dillon and seconded by Trustee Ludmar and all in favor, the Board came out of executive session and resumed the regular meeting in the cafeteria. There were approximately 35 people in the audience.

Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-president Colacioppo led the public in the pledge of allegiance and an ASL student signed the pledge.

Approval of Minutes

The reading of the draft minutes of the meeting of February 6, 2025, 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 Vice-president Colacioppo that the minutes of the meeting of February 6, 2025 were approved.

The Board acted simultaneously on action items 4 & 5

Approval of Treasurer's Report

On motion of Trustee Cashman and seconded by Trustee Dillon 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 January 1, 2025 through January 31, 2025

Prior to voting it was noted that once again there were zero exceptions in the report with 507 checks processed totaling over \$6M.

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, 2025 as reviewed and submitted by Claims Auditor, Denise Longboardi

Report from the SGO

SGO President Kaitlin Ho reported on events and activities at the high school. Kaitlin reported that the bathrooms have been noticeably cleaner, and students appreciate the efforts in maintaining a better environment by the custodians. Sports Night, a cherished North Shore tradition, will be taking place next Friday, March 7, at 5 PM in the high school gym. Kaitlin offered

congratulations to Maria Michael for being named the Kiwanis Student of the Month and gave a welcome back to all our international travelers from France, Spain, and Italy who all returned safely.

Kaitlin reported on sports; the Varsity Girls Basketball team will compete in the Semi-Final Playoff game vs. Wantagh on Thursday, March 6, at Farmingdale State at 8 PM. The Varsity Girls Winter Track team will compete in the NYS Championship on Saturday, March 8, at Ocean Breeze, Staten Island, at 9 AM. She congratulated Deniz Ucku, who will represent our Varsity Boys Swim team at the NYS Championship from March 7–8 at Ithaca College. JV and Varsity Spring Sports kick off on March 17 for lacrosse, spring track, softball, and baseball, while golf and boys' tennis begin on March 24.

Kaitlin next addressed a concern from the student body regarding the midterm and final grade policy. She explained that there has been confusion, as some faculty have provided conflicting information. To clarify, if a student's final exam grade is higher than their midterm exam grade, the final grade will replace the midterm. This policy applies strictly to exams, regular coursework, projects, and other assignments are not included in this replacement.

Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Zublionis reported that the policy on exams is correct. In working with Mr. Contreras on this policy, the notation was the possibility to use the final exam grade to replace the mid-term exam grade to create a more progressive approach and reward mastery learning over the course of the year. He said they are very proud of that, and they continue to look at it. Dr. Zublionis reported that this has been a busy week with international trips returning from Europe. He explained that some of the trips were exchanges and some were tours. Dr. Zublionis also reported that he was informed by an administrator from his home district, who happened to be on the plane with our students from Italy, that they were so impressed with the students' behavior. Dr. Zublionis thanked the teachers who accompanied the students on the trip. Dr. Zublionis also explained that they will be working on trip schedules and alternating trips, so kids don't miss out on the music tours.

Dr. Zublionis reported that he and LAC Chairperson James Versocki were up in Albany meeting with legislators to advocate for funding due to the loss of funds from LIPA, to ask them to support North Shore, and pay attention to utilities in our area in general.

Dr. Zublionis reminded the public that budget information sessions will be held in April and "What Makes Us, Us", public information meetings, will be held before the budget is adopted by the Board to give them a chance to hear from stake holders while everything is still in play. He explained that tonight the budget is presented, then the Board will review the budget line-by-line, and finally the budget is adopted.

Dr. Zublionis reported on upcoming events; Girls Varsity Basketball Team semi-final playoff game against Wantagh at SUNY Farmingdale on March 6; Girls Varsity Winter Track NYS Championship March 8; High School Spring Musical *Mamma Mia* March 14 & 15.

Dr. Zublionis reminded the public that the Traffic and Transportation Survey is due by March 6. He explained that this is a big historical issue. A civil engineering survey was done in 1953 before most parents drove their children to school. He said they are trying to make the traffic situation better, short of major construction.

Dr. Zublionis next addressed the proposed utility development projects in the area. He explained that, as noted in his earlier message to the community, there have been several months of ongoing discussion regarding new utility developments withing the North Shore community. Currently there is a moratorium by the Town of Oyster Bay and the Town of North Hempstead on a lithium battery storage system. He explained that they are the governing bodies that approve these projects and set zoning requirements. A second more extensive electric transmission project, Propel, is governed by NYS and specifically the Public Service Commission (PSC). The District has

secured special counsel and has gained “party status” which gives the District ability to voice concerns about the project, ask questions, and submit testimony. The District remains concerned about the health and safety of students, as well as the impact to the community. Dr. Zublionis will communicate information as he receives it.

Regular Business

2025-2026 Budget Presentation – 8:16 p.m.

Dr. Zublionis and Mr. Pappas gave a presentation as an overview of the proposed 2025-2026 budget. Dr. Zublionis explained that as they began the process of formulating the budget they kept in mind ‘What Makes Us, Us, What Keeps Us, Us’, starting with The North Shore Journey; Meaningful Learning & Academic Growth, Positive Relationships; Interests & Strengths, Wellness. These tie into the SVOs and “The North Shore Learner”. The essential question throughout the budget planning process was “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?” Dr. Zublionis reviewed the effects of the LIPA settlement and beyond noting the 2027-2028 potential loss could be \$8.4M. Mr. Pappas reviewed the tax class share, which for homeowners (Class I) in 2025 will be 82.67% and for utilities (Class III) will be 9.18%. He then reviewed how the adjusted base proportions, set by Nassau County, has impacted Class 1 (Homeowners) over time. He explained that the District has no control over this, it is set by Nassau County Assessor’s Office. Dr. Zublionis further explained that for now there seems to be some stability in areas such as enrollment, number of class sections, programs, staffing, tax base/share, revenue loss, mandated costs and inflation. He reviewed the long-term strategic thinking regarding LIPA Taxes vs. LIPA Direct Assessment noting the possible total loss could be over \$45M. He also explained that overall cuts for 2023-24 and 2024-25 include 29 teachers, 7 teaching assistants, 3 administrators, 10 paraprofessionals, 2 clericals for a total of 51 and \$5.2M. Some of the cuts were from attrition (retirements/resignations and non-replacement). The budget development process was reviewed. 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 3.195%, however, the proposed tax levy increase is 2.992% which is under the tax cap limit by \$187,472.52. The total budget-budget increase is \$2,986,947.36 or a 2.435% increase. Dr. Zublionis reviewed a chart indicating North Shore’s tax rate is actually lower than several neighboring districts. Dr. Zublionis explained some of the key takeaways in the proposed budget including: preserves all programs and courses; includes the implementation of new literacy curriculum; maintains class sizes; will allow for the conversion of an existing positions into additional support for ENL and Special Education students, as well as create an additional dedicated groundskeeper position; includes capital projects funding for the press box, new science research room and other outdoor projects and possible future small bond; \$500,000 in personnel cuts. Finally, Dr. Zublionis spoke about next steps and explained how each incremental cut to the budget would equate to the number of teaching positions eliminated and how that would affect the tax levy.

The Board discussed the presentation and the following sections of the budget: Superintendent’s Overview, Enrollment, Fund Balance, Revenue Projections. It was noted that Trustees are elected to review the budget and provide oversight. Some questions/comments

included: concern that the Coop/Condo share of taxes is shrinking even with the addition of the Glen Harbor properties; a status of the meeting with the assessor's office was requested as well as information on the development of the Lundy and Engineers Country Club properties; last year it was decided to remain under the tax cap by \$1.6M as sensitivity to tax payer, if the Board went to the cap last year, what would that have done to the cap this year; is there a potential list of capital projects; what will the new groundskeeper's role be; is the athletic uniform problem finally solved; it was noted that the Engineers development proposes some Class 1 homes; clarification on the difference between capital projects, bond projects, capital reserve funding, and how it is determined which projects identified for which fund was requested; have efforts been made to update the demographic study; it was noted that the instructional narratives are very strong; clarity on 5 year projection was requested; it was noted that through lobbying efforts there was an increase in a bullet grant (from \$250,000 to \$600,000) and through the EPC, and the solar panel work, a substantial rebate was received which could result in a higher fund balance (this year \$1.2M from fund balance was returned to the taxpayer); is there a mechanism to save the EPC rebate, possibly for the 2027-28 year; it was requested that the ENL enrollment be added to the enrollment report.

Dr. Zublionis and Mr. Pappas responded to questions. If the District had gone to the cap last year, this year's cap would be around \$97M. Dr. Zublionis will get a full list of capital projects for the Board. The groundskeeper position will be more of a beautification position, constant maintenance on the outside. Dr. Zublionis explained that he has heard a lot from the community about the conditions of the grounds. The person would report to the new facilities director and would be part of the custodial unit. Regarding athletic uniforms, the athletic department is aware there is support for this and will institute an electronic inventory process. Dr. Zublionis explained the different ways of funding capital projects. All three ways involve voting, whether the project is included in the budget, through a bond (one vote) or through a capital reserve (2 votes – vote to establish/fund and vote to expend). In all three cases, it is not permissible to spend more than the budget). Dr. Zublionis is researching companies to conduct a demographic study. He explained that there is a worst case scenario (WCS) built in the budget until there is more clarity on some of the unknowns. Mr. Pappas explained that the unrestricted fund balance is capped at 4% and although it has been discussed at the state level, there is no mechanism to save for 2027-28.

Vice-president Colacioppo thanked the administration for their efforts on the presentation and all that went into preparing and presenting the budget.

Comments from the Public – 9:45 p.m.

Christine Panzeca, Glen Head, said she was speaking at the request of concerned residents regarding the Town of Oyster Bay moratorium on the plans for a Lithium Battery Storage that is expiring in about a month. Residents are requesting that the school district officially come out against the proposed battery storage facility and formally support the BESS moratorium. They are requesting that the school district join the community in conversations with Town officials as other school districts have done in their communities. They request that the school district issue a letter to the Town of Oyster Bay and come to the meeting on the moratorium.

The following residents requested that the school district support the community's efforts in stopping the battery storage facility by sending a letter to the Town of Oyster Bay:

Doug Augenthaler, Glen Head

George Pombar, Glen Head, representing GH/GWL Civics

Tom McGillicuddy, Glen Head, GWL Fire Department member

Rob Mazzella, Glen Head

Joan Mathews, Glen Head

Maryann Hojnowski, Glen Head
Jennifer Sparozic Koo, Glen Head
Matt Papiro, Glen Head
Katie O'Neil, Glen Head
Radhika Khale, Glen Head

Vice-president Colacioppo thanked all for coming out and sharing their concerns. She said the Board understands their frustration, takes their concerns very seriously and are continuously monitoring the situation. The Board has been speaking with special counsel about the moratorium and will keep the community informed of their next steps.

Dr. Zublionis also thanked the residents for coming to the meeting to voice their concerns and said he hears their frustration. He noted that the District was formed around LIPA in 1953 and what has happened over the last 20 years with the loss of funding is tragic. He explained that hundreds of hours have been spent researching these issues and becoming a party to the Propel project. He further explained that they will further research, with counsel, what the District's legal options are, however he hopes the community understands that the District cannot move at the speed of individuals.

Public comments period was closed at 10:37 pm

The Board decided to act simultaneously on Action Items 10 (a-g), 11, 12 and 13
On motion of Trustee Mosca and seconded by Trustee Svendsen and all in favor, it was:

Personnel

Resignation - Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts the resignation of Bridget Pomilla, World Languages (Italian), effective June 30, 2025

Resignation - Non-Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts the resignation of Domenica Langone, School Monitor, effective February 14, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby accepts the resignation of Hugo Perez, Part-time Cleaner, effective February 7, 2025

Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Leave of Absence

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District approves 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, Karl Tretter, Teacher, that includes the period March 3, 2025 through May 30, 2025

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District approves 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, Lawrence Filippone, Cleaner, that includes the period February 24, 2025 through May 15, 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 Elizabeth Longhway, Special Education, on Step 5 of the MA salary schedule, effective February 25, 2025 through March 21, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves a regular substitute (leave replacement) appointment for Colin Dunn, Social Studies, on Step 1 of the MA salary schedule, effective February 28, 2025 through March 13, 2025

Appointment - Non-Certified

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the appointment of Marjorie Marshall, Part-time Bus Driver, effective March 3, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the appointment of Bibi Khan Quail, School Monitor at Sea Cliff Elementary School, effective February 28, 2025

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
Heather Arena	Teacher Aide Substitute
Margaret Gallagher	Teacher Aide Substitute
Nicholas Pascarella	Teacher Substitute
Nicole Dusold	Teacher Aide Substitute
Henry Polo	Part-time Cleaner Substitute

Extra-Curricular Activity Advisors

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

High School Club Level 3	Advisor	Step
Mock Trial	Maya Tagaris*	1

*co-advisor with Tara Fabiilli

High School Coach		
Sport	Coach	Step
JV Boys Lacrosse	Nick Capuana	1

Approval of Pit Musician for High School Musical

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves Elias Assimakopoulos as a Pit Musician for the high school musical at a rate of \$100/rehearsal and \$150/performance

Adoption of Revised Policy #5500 (Student Records)

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby adopts revised policy #5500 (Student Records), as discussed at their meeting of February 27, 2025, effective February 27, 2025, as permitted per Board Policy #2410

Approval of Spring 2025 Community Education Instructors

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves the following community education instructors for the spring 2025 semester:

Course	Instructor
Northwinds Symphonic Band	Helen Bauer
North Shore Community Chorus	Stephen Goldstein
Yoga	Yolanda Vozzolo
Yoga in the Afternoon	Yolanda Vozzolo
Tai Chi	Theo Kyrkostas
Residential Landscape Design	Steve Dougherty
Watercolor Painting	Charles Van Horn
Basic Drawing	Leonard Antinori
Advanced Volleyball	Kenny Liu
Basketball	Sacha Jean-Louis/ Luke McAuliffe
Beginner/Intermediate Tennis	J. Jerome Vivona
Intermediate/Advanced Pickleball	J. Jerome Vivona
Curvebreakers SAT Prep	Qazi Ali

Prior to voting, Trustee Ludmar asked Mr. Pappas to clarify the difference between the capital fund and capital reserve fund as he believes there is some confusion in the community. Mr. Pappas explained the capital fund is out of the general ledger (general fund). This is where expenditures are made from. When voters approve expenditures from the capital reserve the funds must be moved out of the capital reserve and into the capital fund where it remains until contractors are paid. Once all of the projects are done, any remaining funds must be transferred back to the capital reserve, where they originally came from. This is a procedural movement of funds and is reviewed by the internal auditors.

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

Approval of a Resolution to Transfer Balance to 2016 Capital Reserve from Capital Fund

WHEREAS, the North Shore Central School District received authorization on June 15, 2018 to appropriate and expend from the Capital Reserve Fund an amount not to exceed \$3,484,911.91 for the purpose of undertaking certain school building improvement projects as authorized by the voters (“Capital Reserve Projects”) and, in accordance therewith, transferred said amount into its Capital Fund to fund the Capital Reserve Projects; and

WHEREAS, the North Shore Central School District received authorization on June 9, 2020 to appropriate and expend from the Capital Reserve Fund an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 for the purpose of undertaking certain school building improvement projects as authorized by the voters (“Capital Reserve Projects”) and, in accordance therewith, transferred said amount into its Capital Fund to fund the Capital Reserve Projects, of which an unexpended portion of said appropriation in the amount of \$1,000,000 was returned from the Capital Fund back to the Capital Reserve Fund by Board authorization on April 20, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the North Shore Central School District received authorization on May 16, 2023 to appropriate and expend from the Capital Reserve Fund an amount not to exceed \$1,600,000 for the

purpose of undertaking certain school building improvement projects as authorized by the voters (“Capital Reserve Projects”) and, in accordance therewith, transferred said amount into its Capital Fund to fund the Capital Reserve Projects; and

WHEREAS, as of the date hereof, the current remaining balance in the Capital Fund associated with said appropriations from the Capital Reserve Fund is \$1,122,810.15; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Reserve Projects have reached completion and will not require the expenditure of the full amount of said appropriation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes a transfer of an unexpended portion of said appropriation in the amount of \$1,122,810.15 from the Capital Fund back to the Capital Reserve Fund to be used for the purposes for which it was established, in accordance with Education Law section 3651.

Prior to voting, Trustee Cashman noted that these renovations were previously approved by the taxpayers but were postponed; they are badly needed repairs on buildings that the District owns. She also noted that the Board was not obligated to do a review, or separate approval, but did so for complete transparency for the community. In addition, she noted that a public comment period is also not an obligation but is their privilege. Trustee Ludmar commended the administration and the Board for the extra step of a complete review before approval to keep the process transparent for the community.

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

Approval of Administration Building Renovations

WHEREAS, the District’s voters heretofore approved a capital bond proposition for the construction of improvements and alterations to District buildings and sites and the issuance of not to exceed \$39,899,786 serial bonds to be expended for that purpose (“2019 Capital Bond”); and

WHEREAS, by resolution dated December 12, 2019, the Board of Education authorized the District to undertake said construction projects, including among other things, certain renovations to the Administration Building; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that sufficient unexpended funds remain from the 2019 Capital Bond to undertake and complete the renovations to the Administration Building; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby reaffirms and reauthorizes the expenditure of available remaining funds from the 2019 Capital Bond for the purpose of undertaking and completing the renovations to the Administration Building, as heretofore approved by the District’s voters.

The Board decided to act simultaneously on action items 16, 17, 18 and 19

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

Approval to Dispose of Inventory

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves of the disposal of the following inventory items:

Quantity	Description	School
2	Chromebooks	High School
1	Laptop	High School

Approval of an Agreement between the North Shore Central School District and Elija Farm, 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 The Elija Farm, Inc. for a one-day field trip to the farm for students to participate in an agriculture program; 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 of Education.

Approval of an Agreement between the North Shore Central School District and Richard Black Studio

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an agreement between the School District and Richard Black Studio to provide live streaming of the North Shore High School graduation ceremony as specified per the terms and conditions set forth in the attached agreement for a total cost of \$3,050, effective June 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025; 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 April 30, 2025 and May 20, 2025, for a total fee of \$4,200, 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 Health Services Contract 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 UFSD for 2 students residing within the North Shore School District and attending non-public schools within the Hicksville UFSD for the 2024-25 school year at a cost of \$1,300.24 per student as provided under the Education Law of the State of New York

Approval of an Agreement between the North Shore Central School District and Alyssa Resnick

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an Agreement between the School District and Alyssa Resnick, MA, BCBA, LBA-NY, to provide behavior assessment services, behavior therapy and parent training services, in connection with student IEPs, as per the terms and conditions set forth in the attached agreement during the period February 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025; 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 of Education.

Approval of an Agreement between the North Shore CSD and Sharone N. Gilbert

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby approves an agreement between the School District and Sharone N. Gilbert, to provide neuropsychological evaluation services as per the terms and conditions set forth in the attached agreement effective February 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025; and

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

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

Approval of Special Education Services (IEP)

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

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business discussed.

New Business

Trustee Ludmar noted that the Board has faced many difficult issues during his years on the Board, and it is understandable that the residents were frustrated tonight when there was that degree of concern. He agreed these are very concerning issues and the Trustees realize that as well. He noted that one of the privileges and one of the frustrations of being on the Board is it's deliberative nature. He also noted that they cannot function as an entity and cannot operate with the same degree of speed and directness that individuals can. As fiduciaries of the District, they must act deliberately and cannot make decisions on the spot. As an example, funding the work approved tonight took years and many discussions. This is deliberative work and takes much effort, he hopes the community can come to understand that. Vice-president Colacioppo added the number one priority of the Board is the safety of students; that is always first and foremost on their minds when making decisions. Trustee Cashman said she understands the frustration of residents when they don't get an immediate answer, however, she noted that Trustees do not opine on the agenda as it is formulated except on a rotating basis. Ultimately, she hopes the community will be satisfied with the Board's response. Trustee Mosca noted that she shares the frustration from being on the other side of the room before being a Trustee. She said it is difficult to understand the operation of the Board and suggested the Board's purview be defined for the community.

Adjournment

At 10:57 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Ciampi
District Clerk