North Shore Schools Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes June 26, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Andrea Macari at 8:00 a.m. in the Central Administration Office Conference Room. Present were Trustees Cashman, Colacioppo, Hanley, Ludmar, and Svendsen. Trustee Mosca was absent. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Christopher Zublionis and Assistant Superintendents Dr. Carol Smyth and Mr. James Pappas.

## Pledge of Allegiance

President Macari led the public in the pledge of allegiance.

Prior to voting, President Macari thanked everyone for the process that was used for selecting the legal firm. She noted that the discussions were open and collaborative and is a good model for going forward.

On motion of Trustee Cashman and seconded by Trustee Svendsen and all in favor, it was: <u>Appointment of District Counsel</u>

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby appoints the firm of Bond Schoeneck and King as District Counsel for the School District for a period of three (3) years, effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028 and approves retainer agreements for General Counsel and Labor Counsel

Prior to voting, Mr. Pappas explained that this litigation needs to be filed prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>. Frazer Feldman has been working on it for a few days already. This has to do with the foster care facility, St. Christopher. The city is claiming they paid us for students who are not our responsibility, and the litigation will sort out which school district has the responsibility for the students. Dr. Zublionis added that an introductory meeting with the new attorneys has been scheduled, and he will speak about this litigation during that meeting.

On motion of Trustee Cashman and seconded by Trustee Colacioppo and all in favor, it was: Approval of a Resolution to Commence Legal Action

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the North Shore Central School District hereby directs that legal action be commenced against the Central Islip Union Free School District, the Wyandanch Union Free School District, the Suffolk County Department of Social Services, the Board of Cooperative Education of Nassau County, and any other related or necessary parties, to recover sums due and owing the District in relation to special education services and associated costs rendered for a nonresident student attending nonpublic schools in the District during the 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes its attorneys, FRAZER & FELDMAN, LLP, and the administration to commence litigation as set forth above and to take all steps necessary in furtherance thereof.

## **Executive Session**

At 8:15 a.m. on motion of President Macari and seconded by Trustee Cashman and all in favor, the Board convened an executive session to consider matters leading to the appointment or employment of a particular person or persons.

## <u>Adjournment</u>

At 9:05 a.m. on motion of Trustee Colacioppo and seconded by Trustee Ludmar and all in favor, the Board came out of executive session and the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Ciampi District Clerk