

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

NORTH SHORE ACADEMY

760 Red Oak Lane, Highland Park, Illinois 60035

7:00 PM, July 17, 2012

7:05 PM Superintendent Tim Thomas introduced the North Shore Academy (NSA) Principal Doug Bolton, and they began the tour of the new NSA facilities.

CALL TO ORDER

The Open Session of the regular Board of Education meeting was called to order by President David Handler at 7:35PM.

ROLL CALL

Board Members

Present: David Handler
Jeffrey Silver
Mary Crowe-Richards
Bob Spector
Shel Leshner
Bonnie Schoenberg
Mike Berkowitz

District Administration

Present: Dr. Alexandra Nicholson, Superintendent of Schools
Cathy Lauria, Director of Business Services

A quorum of the Board was confirmed by President Handler.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

President Handler shared a thank you note from Katie Marshall for the baby gift.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Member Schoenberg made a motion to approve items a through v of the Consent Agenda. Member Leshner seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call 7:0.

ACTION ITEMS

Superintendent Nicholson summarized the presentation that Mr. Miller, Band Teacher, gave to the Board in June. She reviewed the suggestions Mr. Miller made to improve the band program. After further discussion, the Board agreed to approve five program improvements as described in the motion below.

Member Schoenberg made a motion to approve the following:

- to purchase the middle option of uniforms so that students will wear black pants, vest, tie, and white shirt
- to audition for the University of Illinois SuperState Band Festival
- to take the band to the IMEA state convention
- to purchase new instruments according to a schedule within a five year period
- to have at least one addition clinician work with the band each year

Member Leshener seconded the motion. On a roll call the motion passed 7:0.

Member Silver asked if the District has researched selling the Violins that are in storage. Principal Murphy stated that they are getting appraisals.

Superintendent Nicholson summarized the 2012-2013 Strategic Plan. She explained that goals and objectives for five years were developed by the Strategic Plan Team and that each summer the Administrative Council chooses specific goals and objectives from these and develops corresponding activities. The Strategic Plan serves as the District's formal goals for that school year, and the Board has the option of adding goals. After further discussion, Member Silver made a motion to approve the 2012-2013 Strategic Plan as presented. Member Berkowitz seconded the motion. The motion passed 7:0.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Cathy Lauria reported on the student scholarships for extra-co-curricular activities that were funded by the PTC / Education Foundation major donor campaign and awarded during the 2011-2012 school year. \$10,000 was given to the District of which \$3,600 was used for 35 such scholarships during the 2011-2012 school year. Director Lauria asked the Board for approval to use the remaining funds for 2012-2013 student scholarships. The Board agreed to continue giving students scholarships for extra-co-curricular activities during the 2012-2013 school year using the remaining major donor drive scholarship funds.

Director Lauria stated that year-end budget adjustments are being made to prepare the 2012-2013 budget. A brief summary will be given to the Board prior to the August Board meeting, and a tentative budget will be included in the August Board packet.

Director Lauria summarized the improvements Quest made to the student lunch program during the 2011-2012 school year. Quest is asking to increase the cost of lunch by \$0.10 for 2012-2013 making lunches \$3.65. After further discussion, the Board agreed that due to more fresh food being served to the students, an increase of \$0.10 is a fair request from Quest. Quest is willing to add more organic food for an additional increase of \$0.20, making lunches \$3.85. The Board asked the administration to survey the parents on the additional \$0.20. The Board also asked the administration to review the time students have for lunch at Winkelman. Superintendent Nicholson will observe the lunchtime at Winkelman and report back to the Board.

Board Reports

Member Silver stated that there are two North Cook Division meetings, one is September 19, 2012 and one is March 20, 2013.

Member Crowe-Richards distributed a cash flow balance report from NSSSED. The report shows how much NSSSED should have in reserves. The NSSSED Finance Committee is making a recommendation that it maintain reserves between 15% and 18%.

Policies

Field Principal Erin Murphy summarized the first read policies for the following:

- *Student Social Emotional Development*
- *Acceleration to a Higher Grade*

Enrollment

Superintendent Nicholson summarized the 2012-2013 projected student enrollments as of July 2012.

Director Lauria stated that she is still working with the County on the confirmation of the return of the crossing guards.

Freedom of Information Act

Ms. Lauria briefly summarized the FOIA request from Gregory E. Moy for our Social and Emotional Development Policy.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENENCE

None

ACTION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION OR PERFORMANCE OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES

Member Schoenberg made a motion to approve the tenure of Kelley Couvreur. Member Crowe-Richards seconded the motion. The motion passed 7:0.

Member Crowe-Richards made a motion to approve the leave of absence request from Stacey Geller as requested. Member Leshner seconded the motion. The motion passed 7:0.

ADJOURN MEETING

Member Schoenberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Crowe-Richards seconded the motion. The motion was passed 7:0. The Board adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Board President

Board Secretary

Date