

Special Meeting

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday evening, September 24, 2008, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in the Library at Northport High School, 154 Laurel Hill Road, Northport, New York, with Mrs. Arlene S. Munson, President, opening the meeting and presiding.

Members present: Mr. Joe Gannon, Mr. Rob Ingraham, Mr. Steven A. Meyerowitz, Mrs. Arlene S. Munson, Mr. Stephen V. Waldenburg, Jr., Mrs. Karen Wills

Members absent: Mr. Warren S. Arthur, Mrs. Liz Dragone, Dr. Kay Hutchins Sato

Also present: Dr. Marylou McDermott, Superintendent of Schools

Public attendance: There were two people present.

1. President Munson called the meeting to order.
2. Mrs. Munson led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance; and
3. Pointed out the emergency exits.
4. VOTE ON BOND RESOLUTION

Motion was made by Trustee Gannon, seconded by Trustee Ingraham, to approve the following Bond Resolution, amended with the language "environmentally safe artificial turf", to be placed before the voters on November 18, 2008:

RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHPORT-EAST NORTHPORT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK, ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 24, 2008, CALLING A SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEYS FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES AND THE LEVY OF A TAX THEREFOR.

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE NORTHPORT-EAST NORTHPORT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District, in the County of Suffolk, New York (the "District"), shall be held within the District, on Tuesday, November 18, 2008, at 6:00 o'clock A.M. (Prevailing Time) at the following voting places: (1) Fifth Avenue School, East Northport, New York, for those persons residing in Election District No. 1; (2) Dickinson Avenue School, East Northport, New York, for those persons residing in Election District No. 2; and (3) William J. Brosnan School (Laurel Avenue), Northport, New York, for those persons residing in Election District No. 3; as provided in the Notice calling said Special District Meeting as hereinafter substantially prescribed. The voting at such Special District Meeting shall be by voting machine, as provided by the Education Law, and the polls shall remain open from 6:00 o'clock A.M. to 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on said day and as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters, then present, to cast their votes.

Section 2. The business to be acted upon at said Special District Meeting shall be as stated in the Notice thereof, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause the Notice of said Special District Meeting to be published in "*The Observer*" and "*The Record*," two newspapers each having a general

circulation within the District, such publications to be made four (4) times within the seven (7) weeks next preceding such Special District Meeting, the first publication to be at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of said Special District Meeting.

Section 3. Said Notice of Special District Meeting shall be in substantially the following form:

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING  
NORTHPORT-EAST NORTHPORT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT,  
IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK**

**NOVEMBER 18, 2008**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District, in the County of Suffolk, New York, adopted on September 24, 2008, a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of said School District will be held on

**Tuesday, November 18, 2008,**

from 6:00 o'clock A.M. to 9:00 o'clock P.M.(Prevailing Time), at the following voting places: (1) Fifth Avenue School, East Northport, New York, for those persons residing in Election District No. 1; (2) Dickinson Avenue School, East Northport, New York, for those persons residing in Election District No. 2; and (3) William J. Brosnan School (Laurel Avenue), Northport, New York, for those persons residing in Election District No. 3; for the purpose of voting upon the following Bond Proposition:

**BOND PROPOSITION**

**RESOLVED:**

(a) That the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District, in the County of Suffolk, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to construct athletic and recreation area improvements at various school sites (the "Revised Project") substantially as described in a revised plan dated September 22, 2008 entitled "Field & Athletic Facilities," developed by the District with the assistance of Retnauer Design Associates, LLC (the "Revised Plan"), which Revised Plan is on file and available for public inspection at the office of the District Clerk, including the installation of new environmentally safe synthetic turf fields, including related cooling/cleaning system equipment; the construction of new running tracks, bleachers, press box and concession stand; the replacement of tennis courts; irrigation, drainage, lighting and fencing system enhancements/improvements; the installation/construction of various athletic event structures, including goal posts, high/long jump event areas, batting cage, and pole vault event area; and the reconstruction of various playing fields, including regrading and re-sodding; all of the foregoing to include the original equipment, machinery, apparatus and ancillary or related site, demolition, field investigation, preparation and surveying, and other work required in connection therewith; and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not exceeding the estimate total cost of \$8,190,000; provided that the detailed costs of the components of the Revised Project as set forth in the Revised Plan may be reallocated among such components if the Board of Education shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interests of the District;

(b) that a tax is hereby voted in the amount of not to exceed \$8,190,000 to finance such cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and

(c) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the amount of not to exceed \$8,190,000 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

Such Bond Proposition shall appear on the ballot label to be inserted in the voting machines used for voting at said Special District Meeting in substantially the following condensed form:

BOND PROPOSITION

YES

NO

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District, in the County of Suffolk, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to construct athletic and recreation area improvements at various District school sites, and to expend therefor an amount not to exceed \$8,190,000; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the amount of not to exceed \$8,190,000 to finance such cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts the Board of Education shall determine; and © that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the amount of not to exceed \$8,190,000 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

The voting will be conducted by ballot on voting machines as provided in the Education Law and the polls will remain open from 6:00 o'clock A.M. to 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) and as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters then present to cast their ballots.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Board of Registration shall meet on Thursday, November 13, 2008, from 3:00 o'clock P.M. to 8:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) at the William J. Brosnan School (Laurel Avenue), for the purpose of preparing a register of the qualified voters of the school district for said Special District Meeting, at which time any person shall be entitled to have his name placed upon such register, provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration he is known or proven to the satisfaction of such Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at said Special District Meeting. (In accordance with the provisions of §2014(2) of the Education Law, registration is also conducted between the hours of 8:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) of each school day at the office of the district clerk; and at each district school between 9:00 o'clock A.M. and 3:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) whenever school is in session).

The Register prepared for the June 24, 2008 Special District Meeting will be used as a basis for the Register or Registers to be used at said Special District Meeting to be held on November 18, 2008. Such Register will also include all persons who shall have (1) voted at any Annual or Special District Meeting or Election during the previous four calendar years, or (2) registered during the last Annual Meeting held on May 20, 2008, or (3) registered at any school house in the district since the last budget vote and election. Such register will also include those persons who registered and remain qualified to vote at general elections in this school district pursuant to the provisions of Article 5 of the Election Law, as amended.

No person will be entitled to vote at said Special District Meeting whose name does not appear on the register of the school district prepared for such Special District Meeting, or on the register for general elections prepared pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law, as amended.

Such Register will be filed in the office of the clerk of the district, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the district between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) upon completion and during the five days prior to the date of the Special District Meeting except Sunday, and on Saturday, November 15, 2008 when it may be inspected between the hours of 11:00 o'clock A.M. and 12:00 o'clock Noon (Prevailing Time) by prior appointment.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. If the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the completed application must be received by the District Clerk no later than November 11, 2008. If the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter at the office of the District Clerk, the completed application must be received by the District Clerk no later than November 17, 2008.

A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the District Clerk during regular business hours on each of the five (5) days prior to the day of the election, except Saturdays and Sundays. Such list will also be posted in a conspicuous place at the polling places during the election.

The boundaries of the election districts are designated as being those areas as follows:

**ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 1** - On the south by the School District boundary; on the east by the School District boundary; on the north by the center line of Pulaski Road; and on the west by the School District boundary.

**ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 2** - On the south by the center line of Pulaski Road; on the east by the School District boundary; on the north by the center line of Route 25A; and on the west by the School District boundary.

**ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 3** - On the south by the centerline of Route 25A; on the east by the School District boundary; on the north by the School District boundary; and on the west by the School District boundary.

BY THE ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dated: September 24, 2008

BETH NYSTROM  
District Clerk

Section 4. The vote upon the Bond Proposition to be submitted to the qualified voters shall be by ballot on voting machines, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to have the necessary ballot label printed for the said voting machines, in form corresponding as nearly as may be with the requirements of the Education Law.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Vote on Trustee Gannon's motion was unanimously carried by those present.

Trustee Ingraham stated now that the Board has come together, he hoped that they will work together as one body to communicate to the community their support of passing this referendum.

President Munson stated that the Board supports this proposition wholeheartedly and will be speaking forth in that voice to the community in hoping that they will join us in supporting our schools and children.

There being no further business to discuss at this time, motion was made by Trustee Meyerowitz, seconded by Trustee Wills, to adjourn the meeting.

Unanimously carried by those present.

At 6:35 p.m., the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

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Beth M. Nystrom  
District Clerk

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