

Regular Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District was held on Thursday evening, October 8, 2015, beginning at 6:03 p.m., in the Board Conference Room at the William J. Brosnan School, 158 Laurel Avenue, Northport, New York, with Mr. Andrew Rapiejko, Chairperson, opening the meeting and presiding.

Members present: Mr. David Badanes, Mrs. Lori McCue, Mrs. Donna McNaughton, Mrs. Regina Pisacani, Mr. Andrew Rapiejko, Mr. David Stein, Mrs. Jennifer Thompson, Mrs. Tammie Topel

Members absent: Ms. Julia Binger (excused)

Also present: Mr. Robert Banzer, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Kathleen Molander, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Mr. Matthew Nelson, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Administration
Mr. Lou Curra, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Ms. Diana Cannino, Esq., Ingerman Smith, LLP, Board Counsel

1. President Rapiejko called the meeting to order.

Public attendance: There were approximately twenty-five persons present.

2. Motion was made by Trustee Badanes, seconded by Trustee McCue, to immediately convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to contract negotiations.

Unanimously carried by those present.

At 7:15 p.m. the Board reconvened in Public Session.

3. Mr. Rapiejko led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance; and
4. Pointed out the emergency exits.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes for approval.

6. STUDENT AND STAFF RECOGNITION/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

6.01 President Rapiejko reviewed the upcoming meetings of October 22nd, November 5th, November 19th and December 10th.

Mr. Robert Banzer, Superintendent of Schools, stated that he attended all the open houses at the elementary schools, middle schools and high school and noted that they were very well attended.

Mr. Banzer stated that the Board has discussed having student representation at the Board meeting and would propose a pilot program to test out for a few months. A student would report at the first meeting of each month on the events at the high school from a student perspective.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications to the Board requiring Board action.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT/PARTICIPATION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Andrea Mercer School Lunch Employee	Addressed the Board about rumors that the District would be outsourcing the school lunch program after the abrupt resignation of the school lunch director and asked if their jobs were in jeopardy.

Mr. Banzer stated that the Board received the director's resignation, it is part of the personnel actions report, and there is no preconceived notion about what is going to happen to the lunch program.

President Rapiejko stated that if there are any changes to the lunch program they would involve a lot of discussion at the Board level and that the Board would want to make a decision based on good, factual information.

Sara Abbass Parent	Read a letter to the Board stating that she spoke at previous meetings about the lack of, and inconsistency of, field trips and creating opportunities for more parental involvement in the classroom. Ms. Abbass also stated that the children should be outside more.
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Emily Faltings Student	Stated that she would like the District to consider adding American Sign Language to the foreign language courses offered. Ms. Faltings stated that ASL is the third most spoken language in the United States. Children with disabilities use it to communicate and it's important to involve it in the District.
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Mr. Banzer stated that it is certainly something the District can look into.

Rachel Friedman Parent	Stated that the obvious solution is to introduce ASL to the elementary school students in the after school program and to also inform students about ASL so they can make an informed decision.
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Cathie Josephson Parent	Stated that she has addressed the Board every year for six years regarding the District adding ASL to the courses offered.
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9. SPECIAL REPORTS

There were no special reports.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, GENERAL – FOR BOARD ACTION

Motion was made by Trustee McNaughton, seconded by Trustee Badanes, to approve items 10.01 through 10.03, including the addendum 10.01 Personnel Actions Report.

10.01 Approving the Personnel Actions Report dated October 8, 2015, including addendum 10.01, attached and made part of the official minutes.

10.02 Schedule J – Committee on Special Education

10.03 Receiving for a second reading and adopting the following policies:

10.03.1	Policy #6010 – “Fiscal Controls”
10.03.2	Policy #6100 – “Annual Budget”
10.03.3	Policy #6110 – “Administration of the Budget”
10.03.4	Policy #6150 – “Budget Transfers”

- 10.03.5 Policy #6510 – “On-Line Banking Services”
- 10.03.6 Policy #6600 – “Fiscal Accounting and Reporting”
- 10.03.7 Policy #6650 – “Claims Auditor”
- 10.03.8 Policy #6660 – “Independent/External Audits”
- 10.03.9 Policy #6680 – “Internal Audit Function”
- 10.03.10 Policy #6800 – “Fixed Asset Accounting”
- 10.03.11 Policy #6810 – “Payroll Procedures”

Vote on Trustee McNaughton’s motion to approve items 10.01 through 10.03, including addendum 10.01 Personnel Actions Report was unanimously carried by those present.

Motion was made by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Topel, to table items 10.04.1, 10.04.2, 10.04.3, 10.04.4 and 10.04.5, and approve items 10.04.6, 10.04.7 and 10.04.8

10.04 Receiving for a first reading the following policies:

- 10.04.1 Tabled
- 10.04.2 Tabled
- 10.04.3 Tabled
- 10.04.4 Tabled
- 10.04.5 Tabled
- 10.04.6 Policy #8140 – “Unsafe School Transfer Choice”
- 10.04.7 Policy #8630 – “Computer Resources and Data Management”
- 10.04.8 Policy #6415 – “Wire Transfers”

Vote on Trustee Thompson’s motion to table items 10.04.1, 10.04.2, 10.04.3, 10.04.4, 10.04.5 and approve items 10.04.6, 10.04.7, and 10.04.8 was unanimously carried by those present.

Motion was made by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee McNaughton, to approve all items under 11.

11. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT, FINANCIAL – FOR BOARD ACTION

11.01. Taking specified action on the following BIDS:

SCHOOL LUNCH

11.01.1 AWARD: Uniforms – School Lunch

TRANSPORTATION

11.01.2 AWARD: Transportation for District Students with Disabilities and District Students Attending Out-of-District Schools

11.02 Approving a 2015-2016 Tuition Contract for Special Education Services between the Board of Education of the Commack Union Free School District and the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District

11.03 Approving a Rider to Agreement between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and the Larkfield Manor (ENMS)

11.04 Approving a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and St. James Tutoring, Inc./Education at Mather

11.05 Approving a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Iron Mountain Information Management, Inc. (HR)

11.06 Approving a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and NCS Pearson, Inc. (AIS/RTI)

11.07 Approving a Program Confirmation and Invoice between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary & Audubon Center (FAS)

11.08 Approving a Fire Island Lighthouse School Visitation Application between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Fire Island Lighthouse Preservation Society (DAS)

11.09 Approving a Contract between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Suffolk County Vanderbilt Mansion/Museum/Planetarium (DAS)

11.10 Approving the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$50.00 toward the purchase of classroom supplies for Dickinson Avenue Elementary School and increase the 2015-2016 budget code A2110.5030.11.0200 by \$50.00 for this purpose.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2015-2016 budget by \$50.00 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of the Dickinson Avenue Elementary School participation in Target “Thanks a Billion” Program.”

11.11 Approving the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$951.71 toward the purchase of classroom supplies for Dickinson Avenue Elementary School and increase the 2015-2016 budget code A2110.5030.11.0200 by \$951.71 for this purpose.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2015-2016 budget by \$951.71 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of the Dickinson Avenue Elementary School participation in the Stop and Shop A+ School Rewards Program.”

11.12 Approving the Treasurer’s Report and Monthly Summary of Receipts and Disbursements

11.12.1 Treasurer’s Report for the period June 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015

11.12.2 Monthly Summary of Receipts and Disbursements for June 2015

11.13 Approving the Schedule of Investments as of June 30, 2015

11.14 Approving the Collateral Schedule as of June 30, 2015

11.15 Approving the Bank Reconciliation Report for the Month Ended June 30, 2015

11.16 Approving the General Fund Projected Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ending 2014-2015, Actual Data July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

11.17 Approving the School Lunch Profit and Loss Statements for the Month Ending June 30, 2015

11.18 Approving the Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report – School Lunch for the Month Ending June 30, 2015

11.19 Approving the Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report – Special Aid Fund for the Month Ending June 30, 2015

11.20 Approving the Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report – General Fund for the Month Ending June 30, 2015

11.21 Approving the Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report – Capital Fund for the Month Ending June 30, 2015

11.22 Approving the Quarterly Student Activity Account Reports for the period April 2015 – June 2015 for:

11.22.1 Northport High School

11.22.2 East Northport Middle School

11.22.3 Northport Middle School

11.23 Approving the Quarterly Trial Balance Report for All District Funds for the period July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

11.24 Approving the Quarterly Budget Transfer Report for the period April 1, 2015 – June 30, 2015

11.25 Approving the Claims Auditor’s Report for Warrants and Schedule of Claims for payments dated:

August 7, 2015 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), August 14, 2015 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), August 17, 2015 (Accounts Payable Warrant), August 28, 2015 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), August 31, 2015 (Accounts Payable Warrant), August 2015 (Claims Audit Report)

11.26 Approving the following resolutions to Appropriate Reserves, Confirm Budget and Set Tax Levy for 2015-2016:

11.26.1 “RESOLVED, that pursuant to voter approval on May 19, 2015 of Proposition No. 1, the 2015-2016 Budget Appropriations shall be, Proposition 1, Annual School District Budget \$159,588,325; Total Budget Appropriation \$159,588,325”

11.26.2 “RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 1318, Subdivision 1, of the Real Property Tax Law, the District shall retain \$6,379,374 of its 2014-2015 total unassigned fund balance, said amount being 4.00% of the voter approved budget and shall apply to the 2015-2016 tax levy the sum of \$2,600,000, the remainder of the 2014-2015 total unassigned fund balance.”

11.26.3 “RESOLVED, that pursuant to Subdivision 12 of Section 1604 of the Education Law, the estimated receipts, including the application of the remaining unassigned fund balance as determined above in 11.26.2 and the required tax levy of taxes for school district purposes, be established as follows:

Estimated Receipts: \$19,369,016; Tax Levy (includes estimated STAR reimbursement of \$9,500,000): \$140,219,309.”

11.26.4 “RESOLVED, that pursuant to 259 and Subdivision 5(a), Section 1804 of the Education Law, the following additional tax levy also be established:

For the School District Library as requested by the Library Trustees: \$9,607,400.”

11.26.5 “RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 8 of the Suffolk County Tax Act and based upon the assessed valuation which has been certified to the District by the Town Assessor, the following computed tax rate per \$100 of assessed valuations be adopted and order certified to the Supervisor of the Town, together with the dollar amounts to be raised by the President of the Board:

For Regular School Purposes: Amount to be levied \$140,219,309; Estimated Tax Rate/100 AV \$174.278
For School District Public Library Amount to be levied \$9,607,400; Estimated Tax Rate/100 AV \$11.941”

11.27 Approving an Agreement between Adelphi University’s High School Program and Northport High School

11.28 Receiving the following donation to the District:

11.28.1 \$100.00 from Agatha and Santo Tantillo to the Michael C. Kauffman Memorial Scholarship

11.29 Approving the Treasurer’s Report and Monthly Summary of Receipts and Disbursements:

11.29.1 Treasurer’s Report for the period July 1, 2015 through July 31, 2015

11.29.2 Monthly Summary of Receipts and Disbursements for July 2015

11.30 Approving the Schedule of Investments as of July 31, 2015

11.31 Approving the Collateral Schedule as of July 31, 2015

11.32 Approving the Bank Reconciliation Report for the Month Ended July 31, 2015

11.33 Approving the General Fund Projected Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ending 2015-2016, Actual Data July 1, 2015 – July 31, 2015, Estimated Data August 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

11.34 Approving Transfer of General Fund Appropriations in the 2015-2016 budget

11.35 Approving Transfer of General Fund Appropriations in the 2015-2016 budget

11.36 Approving Transfer of Capital Fund Appropriations in the 2015-2016 budget

11.37 Approving Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report – School Lunch Fund for the Month Ending July 31, 2015

11.38 Approving Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report – General Fund for the Month Ending July 31, 2015

11.39 Approving Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report – Capital fund for the Month Ending July 31, 2015

Vote on trustee McCue’s, motion to approve all items under 11. was unanimously carried by those present.

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

12.01 Schedule H – Use of Facilities

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. NEW BUSINESS

14.01 Discussion of the New York State School Boards Association 2015 Annual Business Meeting Proposed By-Law Amendments and Resolutions

The Board reviewed the 2015 Proposed Resolutions discussed at the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association Annual Resolutions Dinner Meeting attended by Trustee Pisacani and Trustee Topel.

The Board voted as follows:

Proposed Bylaw Amendment Recommended for Adoption

1. Adjust NYSSBA membership dues increases to CPI – Support
2. Technical change in NYSSBA Area designations – Support

Proposed Resolutions recommended for Adoption

1. Authorization/funding for extension of academic year or school day – Support
2. Scheduling/frequency of state administered standardized assessments – Support
Amendment 1 – Oppose
Amendment 2 – Support
3. Sharing of programs/services with public colleges/municipalities – Support
4. NYS assume costs for tuitions of students at state schools for blind and deaf – Support
5. Prohibit governor from including non-fiscal measures in Executive Budget – Support
6. Modify ACA penalties on employers for health insurance premiums that exceed benchmarks – Support
7. Reform current legal notice publication requirements – Support
8. Grant public schools same exemptions from law/regulation as given charter schools – Oppose
9. Delay effective dates of new laws and regulation – Support
Amendment 1 – Support
10. Require design of APPR process that informs instruction and promotes student learning – Support
Amendment 1 – Oppose
11. Permit board of education and voters to establish voting wards – Oppose
12. NYS subsidize veterans property tax exemptions – Support
13. State intervention in schools deemed to be financially mismanaged – Oppose
14. Oppose raising charter school cap – Support
15. Require charter schools to enroll/retain ELL and special needs students at comparable rate – Support
16. Expand access to AP, IB, other enrichment programs through online delivery – Support
17. Oppose expansion of mayoral control beyond NYC – Support
18. Funding to expand career and technical education programs – Support
19. Incorporate prekindergarten into operational school aid formula(s) – Oppose
20. Aid prekindergarten transportation to same extent as K-12 – Support

Proposed Resolutions not recommended for Adoption

21. Require NYSSBA to dissolve Student Achievement Institute – Oppose
22. Deny NYSSBA acceptance of targeted funding without prior membership approval – Oppose
23. NYSSBA employee compensation be considered public information – Support
24. NYSSBA make public names of all donors and amounts of donations – Support

25. NYSSBA/member boards express “no confidence” in NYS testing system(s) – Oppose
26. NYSSBA/member boards express “no confidence” in NYS APPR system – Oppose
27. Support parental right of refusal for 3-8 ELA, Math and field tests – Support
28. NYSSBA work with lawmakers, NYSED on research-based educational policies – Oppose
29. NYSSBA give elected officials a “report card” based on support for public education – Oppose
30. NYSSBA invite state, federal candidates to annual convention – Oppose

Trustee Stein stated that he would like to see the Board consider going paperless. Mr. Stein stated that the current tablets the District offers the Board Trustees are not working well and he would like the administration to explore other possibilities. Mr. Stein stated that the cost the District spends on paper delivery of the Board agendas outweighs the cost of providing an electronic device.

There was a brief discussion among the Board and several Trustee stated that they preferred having a hard copy in front of them. Trustee Badanes stated that he was vehemently against the District providing any kind of electronic device to Board Members.

15. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:05 p.m., motion was made by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Topel, to adjourn the regular meeting and convene into Executive Session to discuss current litigation.

Unanimously carried by those present.

At 10:40 p.m., the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Beth M. Nystrom
District Clerk

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