

Regular Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District was held on Thursday evening, December 10, 2015, beginning at 6:02 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, Ms. Julia Binger, Mrs. Lori McCue, Mrs. Donna McNaughton, Mrs. Regina Pisacani, Mr. Andrew Rapiejko, Mr. David Stein, Mrs. Jennifer Thompson

Members absent: Mrs. Tammie Topel (excused)

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

1. President Rapiejko called the meeting to order.

Public attendance: There were approximately fifty persons present.

2. Motion was made by Trustee Badanes, seconded by Trustee McNaughton, to immediately convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the employment history of particular persons and matters pertaining to contract negotiations.

Unanimously carried by those present.

At 7:25 p.m. the Board reconvened in Public Session.

3. Mr. Rapiejko led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance

Superintendent Banzer asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Robert Stokes, a District employee who passed away.

4. Mr. Rapiejko pointed out the emergency exits.

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee McNaughton, to approve item 5.01

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.01 Minutes

- 5.01.1 Regular Meeting – November 5, 2015
- 5.01.2 Regular Meeting – November 19, 2015
- 5.01.3 Special Meeting – November 23, 2015

Unanimously carried by those present.

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

Superintendent Banzer stated that he just got word that Governor Cuomo is going to give a four year moratorium on linking APPR and test scores to teacher evaluations.

President Rapiejko stated that the Federal Government also signed a law giving control of a lot of the education components back to the States and away from the Federal Government.

6.01 Student Representative Report

Northport High School Student Representatives, Chase Cetta and Zach Melchione, updated the Board on the activities happening at the high school. Social events included well decorating for the homecoming dance, variety show, law club trivia night, multicultural night, creation of the newspaper website, and computer club game tournaments. Charitable activities were performed at the local and national level with food drives, Future Educators of America PJ drive, National Junior Honor Society Boots on the Ground, PE Leaders Toys for Tots, Interact Club Toy Drive, Fashion Club clothing donation, Empty Bowls for the food pantry, and the United Students of Northport prom raffle and scholarship contributions. Community outreach was initiated with many groups including the Business Honor Society with a faculty breakfast, Future Educators of America, Chess Club, Grandfriends, Academy of Information Technology and Academy of Finance trade shows, and the DECA craft fair. Trips included students going to England, Switzerland, Belgium, German, Italy, Denver, Albuquerque and Washington, D.C.. Conferences attended by students included LGBT at Stony Brook University and DECA competitions regionally, statewide and nationally. Chase and Zack informed the Board of the big events happening including the SADD RAP Week, Challenge Day, SHARE, NHS Blood Drives, AMND, Relay for Life, Marching Band and Senior Prom.

The Board and Superintendent thanked Chase and Zach for their informative report.

6.02 President Rapiejko reviewed the upcoming meetings of January 14th, January 28th and February 11th.

Mr. Banzer stated that there are some foreign field trips coming up and that the District is monitoring the situation throughout the world very closely and that the health and safety of the students is a priority.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications to the Board requiring Board action.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT/PARTICIPATION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Nicole Mulholland Parent	Stated her concerns about the proposed Del Vino Vineyard next to Norwood Avenue Elementary School. She asked the Board to continue to fight against it and to continue to speak up.

President Rapiejko stated that several Board members and the Superintendent attended the Town Planning Board Hearing and Board Counsel spoke regarding the concerns of the District.

9. SPECIAL REPORTS

9.01 Athletic Facilities Citizen Advisory Committee Report

Trustee Pisacani, Committee Chairperson, along with committee members Chris Robinson, Russ Tietjen, Rocco Collucci, Paul Klimuszko and Patricia Gardiner, presented the findings of the Athletic Facilities

Citizen Advisory Committee. Mrs. Piscani stated that the goal of the committee was to advise the Board of Education on the current conditions and potential improvements needed to the athletic fields and facilities throughout the District. The committee created a 5-year, comprehensive action plan, which includes recommendations for fields and facilities improvements. The committee consulted with buildings and grounds staff, community members, as well as with the architects and engineers for the District. The committee was able to include estimated costs for each proposed project. The committee met at least twice a month since June 2015, reviewing the 2008 bond proposal, visiting all the District's fields and facilities (inside and out), discussing current events, reaching out to coaching staff and physical education teachers, and discussing how local districts handle field and facility usage with regard to fees, security deposits, frequency and applications for usage. The committee met with a variety of individuals including the Athletic Director from Manhasset Public School, various synthetic and natural turf representatives, Ed Parrish from the Town of Huntington Buildings and Grounds, alternative fill representatives, and BBS Engineering and Architecture firm. After many months of focused discussions, the committee formulated an extensive list of improvements for the fields and facilities and then narrowed down the list of suggestions to create the 5-year plan.

The committee recommended the following repairs to be completed during the 2015-2016 school year:

Northport High School: Fix water leak in main gym, refinish repaired floor in south gym to match existing floor color, update award boards located outside cardio room and replace handwritten signs with printed ones, replace/repair shower area and add new mirrors in girls' locker room, replace light in boys' locker room shower, remove all debris located at the back corner of Sweeney field, paint/repair stairway entrance to wrestling room, paint and clean bottle filling station area, evaluate air conditioning units installed in 2000 but never used, evaluate the heating and ventilation units for loud continuous humming noise, replace filters and inspect insulation around units, and replace lighting in team locker room

East Northport Middle School: Replace containers by gym, repair field hockey field (eliminate trench), replace asphalt to long jump area/clean up area, repair/replace broken tiles in locker rooms, and repair storage room door in locker room.

Norwood Avenue and Fifth Avenue Elementary Schools: Repair termite damaged sections of gym floors.

Fifth Avenue Elementary School: Remove climber from lower primary play area (purple/yellow section), add fibar underneath one swing set, and replace 2 basketball backboards.

All School Playing Fields: In need of ongoing geese protection program.

Year 1 of the 5-Year Plan (2016-2017) recommendations (\$5,625,000 - \$5,925,000):

Northport High School:

Main Stadium: Replace playing field with synthetic turf using alternative infill (not crumb rubber fill), install new track, add stadium lighting, replace sound system, install partial safety netting

Construct outdoor concession stand/restrooms, replace or resurface asphalt area by long jump/pole vault area, replace tennis courts and fencing.

Year 2 of the 5-Year Plan (2017-2018) recommendations (\$6,709,000 to \$6,999,000):

Northport High School:

Sweeney Field: Replace playing field with synthetic turf using alternative infill (other than crumb rubber), add protective fencing. Varsity Baseball Field: New natural grass field with irrigation. Junior Varsity Baseball Field: New natural grass field with irrigation. Varsity Softball Field: Erect new backstop with

increased overhang extension. Practice Softball Field: Add new backstop extension wings, review grading of infield, define proper baselines. Wrestling Room: Install ventilation system, replace ceiling and lighting.

Northport Middle School:

Track: Install all-weather track, add new long jump pit. Softball Field: Regrade field, define baselines. Gymnasium: Replace ceiling and lighting

Northport Middle School and East Northport Middle School Baseball Fields: Regrade fields, define baselines.

East Northport Middle School:

Track: Replace asphalt to long jump area, install all-weather track.

Bellerose Avenue Elementary School Gymnasium: Install new lighting, add new ventilation system, add air conditioning unit

Year 3 of the 5-Year Plan (2018-2019) recommendations (\$1,720,000)

Northport High School:

Girls and Boys Locker Rooms: Redo bathroom area, replace ceiling
Main Gym: Install air conditioning

Northport Middle School:

Girls and Boys Locker Rooms: Install new lockers, install new windows, replace univents or replace covers, redo bathrooms, add additional storage areas.

East Northport Middle School:

Larkfield Multipurpose Field: Pave pathway to field, add irrigation.

Year 4 of the 5-Year Plan (2019-2020) recommendations (\$340,000):

Northport High School:

Resurface tennis courts, resurface handball courts, install new fencing around tennis/handball courts

William J. Brosnan School:

Resurface tennis courts, install new fencing around tennis courts

Pulaski Road Elementary School:

Add irrigation to main field

Year 5 of the 5-Year Plan (2020-2021) recommendations (\$2,374,500):

Northport High School:

Redesign and construct new entry way to gym area for teams and spectators

William J. Brosnan School:

Install natural grass on full size multipurpose field, install irrigation system, install full size all-weather track.

Bellerose Avenue Elementary School:

Create driveway and path to back field, add steps for student access, add an irrigation system

There was a brief discussion regarding finance of the proposal, timeframe, building aide, and including other building improvements.

Mr. Michael Hawkins, parent, addressed the Board and stated that the improvements need to be done sooner rather than later and that funding should be in the budget for maintenance.

The Board thanked Trustee Pisacani and all the members of the Athletic Facilities Citizens Advisory Committee for all their hard work in putting together the report.

Motion was made by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Pisacani, to approve all items under 10., including addendum 10.01.1, severing items 10.04.2 and 10.04.4, and tabling item 10.03.3

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

10.01 Approving the Personnel Actions Report dated December 10, 2015, including addendum 10.01, attached and made part of the official minutes.

President Rapiejko announced the retirement of Geraldine Capps, Physical Education Teacher.

10.02 Approving Schedule J – Committee on Special Education

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

10.03.1 Policy #5140 – “Concussion Management”

10.03.2 Policy #5710 – “Violent and Disruptive Reporting”

10.03.3 Policy #8414 – TABLED

10.03.4 Policy #8505 – “Charging School Meals” (replaces policy #5141.5 – Offer vs. Serve Policy in School Lunch Program)

10.04 Receiving for a first read the following policies:

10.04.1 Policy #4112 – “School Calendar and School Day” (replaces current policy #6111 – School Calendar)

10.04.2 Policy #4200 – SEVERED

10.04.3 Policy #4327 – “Homebound Instruction” (replaces current policy #6113.1 – Home Instruction)

10.04.4 Policy #4730 – SEVERED

10.04.5 Policy #4770 – “Graduation Requirements” (replaces current policies #5127 – Graduation at Northport High School, #5127.2 – Special Programs in Recognition of Students Completing 5th and 8th Grades, #5127.3 – Student Requirements and Standards)

10.05 Approving disposition of the following out of date textbooks at the high school level:

- Earth Science (156 books)
- Earth Science: The Physical Setting (82 books)
- Earth Science: A Study of Changing Planet (22 books)
- Teacher’s Edition: Modern Earth Science (1)
- Teacher’s Edition: Earth Science (1)

10.06 Approving the following resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with Board Policy and State Regulation, the Board of Education approve the appointment of Ms. Judith Schneider, 243 West 99th Street, 6A, New York, NY 10025 to serve as Impartial Hearing Officer for the purpose of conducting an impartial hearing in accord with Policy 4321, Programs for Students with Disabilities Under IDEA and Article 89”

Vote on Trustee Thompson’s motion to approve all items under 10., including addendum 10.01.1, severing items 10.04.2 and 10.04.4, and tabling item 10.03.3 was unanimously carried by those present.

Motion was made by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee McNaughton, to table items 10.04.2 and 10.04.4.

Unanimously carried by those present.

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Stein, to approve all items under 11.

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

11.01 Taking specified action on the following BIDS:

EDUCATION:

11.01.1 AWARD: Hardcover and Paperback Books

11.01.2 AWARD: Kindergarten through Twelfth Grade Supplies

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

11.01.3 AWARD: Hardware and Automotive Parts & Service

11.02 Approving the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby gratefully accepts a donation of \$91.00 from a Northport-East Northport resident, in order to defray the cost of transportation for the Northport High School Dance class trip to New York City for the 2015-2016 school year and increase the 2015-2016 budget code A2110.4161.30.2903 by \$91.00 for this purpose.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2015-2016 budget by \$91.00 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of a donation from a Northport-East Northport resident."

11.03 Approving the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby gratefully accepts a donation of \$750 from Northport-East Northport residents whose names are more fully set forth in the attached document, for the purposes of covering the cost of transportation for the Northport High School Urban Studies class field trip on October 29, 2015 and increase the 2015-2016 budget code A2110.4161.30.2903 by \$750 for this purpose.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2015-2016 budget by \$750 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of donations from Northport-East Northport residents."

11.04 Approving the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the rebate of \$500 from the CollegeBoard and increase the 2015-2016 budget code A2810.5030.30.3202 by \$500.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2770 of the 2015-2016 budget by \$500 with the understanding that this CollegeBoard rebate is intended to be used to purchase educational supplies in order to facilitate the administration of future AP exams."

11.05 Approving the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby gratefully accepts a donation \$880.00 from the Northport Middle School Student Activity Account, for the purpose of transportation for students attending the Western Suffolk BOCES Great South Bay Investigation field trip on September 22, 24 and 25, 2015, and increase the 2015-2016 budget code A5540.4151.23.2902 by \$880.00 for this purpose.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2015-2016 budget by \$880.00 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of donations from the Northport Middle School Activity Account."

11.06 Approving the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby gratefully accepts a donation of \$60.00 from a Northport-East Northport resident whose name is set forth in the attached document, for the purpose of covering the cost of the 6th Grade Field Trip to Captree State Park and Fire Island Lighthouse on September 28 and 29, 2015 and increase the 2015-2016 budget code A2060.4900.00.2804 by \$60.00 for this purpose.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2015-2016 budget by \$60.00 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of a donation from a Northport-East Northport resident."

11.07 Approving a Reservation between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Suffolk County Vanderbilt Mansion/Museum/Planetarium, Reservation #10351944 in the amount of \$420.00 (FAS)

11.08 Approving a Rider to Agreement between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and North Fork Express (Contract #2052695 NMS)

11.09 Approving a Rider to Agreement between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and North Fork Express (Contract #2052696 NMS)

11.10 Approving a 2015-2016 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and David Krolikowski to provide services in the area of augmentative communication (Spec. Ed.)

11.11 Approving a 2015-2016 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Millenium Children's Therapy for speech/language therapy (Spec. Ed.)

11.12 Approving a Rider to Agreement between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and New York YMCA Camp Greenkill Outdoor Education Center (NMS)

11.13 Approving a Rider to Agreement between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Interstate Management Company, LLC as agent for CREA-DC Properties LLC d/b/a Hamilton Crowne Plaza Washington (DAS)

11.14 Approving a Rider to Agreement between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Schoolman Transportation System, Inc. d/b/a/ Classic Coach (Charter #42987 NHS)

11.15 Approving a Rider to Agreement between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Schoolman Transportation System, Inc. d/b/a Classic Coach (Charter #42986 NHS)

11.16 Approving the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby gratefully accepts a donation of \$885 from Northport-East Northport residents whose names are more fully set forth in the attached document, for the purposes of covering the cost of transportation for the Northport High School Urban Studies class field trip on November 24, 2015 and increase the 2015-2016 budget code A2110.4161.30.2903 by \$885 for this purpose.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2015-2016 budget by \$885 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of donations from Northport-East Northport residents."

11.17 Receiving the following donation to the District:

11.17.1 \$500.00 from The Home Depot Foundation Matching Gift Program to the Lt. Commander Christopher Tragna Memorial Scholarship

11.18 Approving a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Dennis Oehler/Disabilities Unlimited Inc. for a presentation to students "Changing Hearts and Minds", in the amount of \$800.00 (ENMS)

11.19 Approving the Claims Auditor's Report for Warrants and Schedule of Claims for payments dated:

October 9, 2015 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), October 15, 2015 (Accounts Payable Warrant), October 23, 2015 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), October 30, 2015 (Accounts Payable Warrant), October 2015 (Claims Audit Report)

11.20 Approving the Claims Auditor's Report – Payroll Audit for Payroll Distribution/Audit dated October 9, 2015 (Pulaski Road Elementary School)

11.21 Approving the Treasurer's Report and Monthly Summary of Receipts and Disbursements

11.21.1 Treasurer's Report for the period October 1, 2015 through October 31, 2015

11.21.2 Monthly Summary of Receipts and Disbursements for October 2015

11.22 Approving the Schedule of Investments as of October 31, 2015

11.23 Approving the Collateral Schedule as of October 31, 2015

11.24 Approving the Bank Reconciliation Report for the Month Ended October 31, 2015

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

11.26 Approving the School Lunch Profit and Loss Statement for the Month Ending September 30, 2015

11.27 Approving the School Lunch Profit and Loss Statement for the Month Ending October 31, 2015

11.28 Approving the Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report – School Lunch Fund for the Month Ending September 30, 2015

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

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

11.31 Approving the Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report – Special Aid Fund for the Month Ending October 31, 2015

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

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

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

11.35 Approving the Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report – Capital Fund for the Month Ending October 31, 2015

11.36 Approving the Quarterly Student Activity Account Reports for the period July 2015 – September 2015 for:

11.36.1 Northport High School

11.36.2 East Northport Middle School

11.36.3 Northport Middle School

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

11.38 Approving a Rider to Agreement between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and the John W. Engeman Theater (FAS)

11.39 Approving a Presentation Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and the National Alliance for Youth Development d/b/a Motivational Media Assemblies (NMS)

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

12.02 Budget Transfers – As per Board Policy #6150, all transfers between salary codes up to \$25,000 and transfers between all other codes up to \$10,000 are to be reported to the Board of Education as an information item

Motion was made by Trustee McNaughton, seconded by Trustee Thompson, to table all items under 13.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13.01 Update from Board Members who attended the New York State School Boards Association Annual Meeting and Convention held October 18th – 20th in New York, NY – TABLED

13.02 Assessment Letter - TABLED

Vote on Trustee McNaughton’s motion to table all items under 13. was unanimously carried by those present.

14. NEW BUSINESS

15. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:13 p.m., motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Badanes, to adjourn the public meeting and to convene into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations and a particular personnel matter.

Unanimously carried by those present.

At 10:35 p.m., the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Beth M. Nystrom
District Clerk

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