

Regular Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District was held on Thursday evening, January 14, 2016, 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, Ms. Julia Binger, Mrs. Lori McCue, Mrs. Donna McNaughton, Mrs. Regina Pisacani, Mr. Andrew Rapiejko, Mr. David Stein, Mrs. Jennifer Thompson, Mrs. Tammie Topel

Members absent: None

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 thirty persons present.

2. Motion was made by Trustee Badanes, seconded by Trustee Topel, 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.

At 7:10 p.m. the Board reconvened in Public Session.

3. Mr. Rapiejko led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Mr. Rapiejko pointed out the emergency exits.

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.01 Minutes

5.01.1 Regular Meeting – December 10, 2016

Unanimously carried.

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

6.01 Accomplishments of Staff and Students

6.01.1 Dr. Patricia Schmitt, District Chairperson of English Language Arts, introduced Sara Krivacsy, English Language Arts Department Student of the Month.

Dr. Schmitt stated that Sara's performance in the field of English, academic aspirations, service to community, and scholarship reflect her commitment to the study of English Language arts as well as her empathy for others. Sara's academic history demonstrates the highest level of rigor. Sara is an IB candidate and her impressive grades over the past four years attest to her tenacity and penchant for scholarship. Last year Sara received a perfect score on the Common Core English Regents Assessment.

Sara balances her intense academic schedule with her extra-curricular activities and humanitarian services. As a member of the cheerleading team, Sara embodies the attributes of a model athlete and role model. She earned the UCA All American Award and an invitation to perform in London's New Year's Eve Parade. Sara volunteers at a local hospital and participates in Students for 60,000.

Dr. Schmitt stated that Sara's aspirations for her future include attending college in pursuit of a degree in the field of medicine.

President Rapijko and Superintendent Banzer congratulated Sara on her fine accomplishments and presented her with a commendation from the Board.

6.01.2 Ms. Robin Rann, District Chairperson of Mathematics, introduced Emily LaBruna, Mathematics Department Student of the Month

Ms. Rann stated that Emily is a dedicated, intelligent, and insightful mathematician and one of the most genuine, unassuming and kindest individuals you will ever meet. As an International Baccalaureate diploma candidate, Emily has challenged the high school's most rigorous curriculum, including the BC Calculus pathway and AP statistics. Throughout her high school experience, Emily has been a committed and vital member of varsity Mathletes and the Academic Team. Emily has extended her mathematical studies to include STEM-oriented pursuits. She conducted research for five continuous weeks this past summer under the direction of three talented neuroscientists at Johns Hopkins University. Emily is currently writing an IB extended essay about her research and will present a poster at the Long Island Science and Engineering Fair (LISEF), a high level regional science competition, in February.

Emily is a member of the varsity softball team and earned a second degree black belt in Jiu-Jitsu after five years of training. She participates in National Honor Society service, Relay for Life Committee and Schools for Schools.

President Rapijko and Superintendent Banzer congratulated Emily on her fine accomplishments and presented her with a commendation from the Board.

6.01.3 Ms. Robin Rann, District Chairperson of Mathematics, introduced Ian Buitenkant, Mathematics Department Student of the Month

Ms. Rann stated that Ian is a National Merit Commended Scholar who has never deviated from the path he has known is his destiny from a very young age. Ian's talent and intrinsic motivation to excel have been evident in the extremely rigorous course of study he has embarked upon. He has enrolled in ten Advanced Placement classes, as well as several Project-Lead-the-Way electives. Ian has a natural penchant for mathematics and sees his future in the arena of computer science. He joined the Academy of Information Technology (AOIT) as a freshman where he began learning about the Information Technology field and branched out to Computer Programming and AP Computer Science.

Ian is a mathematic, logician, and strategist outside of his classroom studies as well. He was honored as high scorer among all Mathletes in Suffolk County. He also shares his knowledge base as the president of the Chess Club, and was named the Suffolk County High School Chess champion in 2013.

President Rapiejko and Superintendent Banzer congratulated Ian on his fine accomplishments and presented him with a commendation from the Board.

6.02 President Rapiejko reviewed the upcoming meetings of January 28th, February 11th, March 3rd, March 10th, March 17th, and March 31st.

President Rapiejko noted that the Board will discuss the 2016-2017 budget beginning February 11th through March 31st.

President Rapiejko stated that the Northport Tiger Marching Band went to Florida to perform at the Outback Bowl.

Superintendent Banzer congratulated students Jeanette Wells and Kayla Dotero, who took first and third place at the Suffolk County High School Art Competition, and their teacher Ms. Margaret Minardi. Mr. Banzer noted that both middle schools had winter concerts which were outstanding. Mr. Banzer congratulated the boys and girls basketball teams. Mr. Banzer noted that administratively there have been a lot of visits to all of the schools.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications to the Board requiring Board action.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT/PARTICIPATION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Diane Smith District Greeter	Stated that she was concerned about the lack of health benefit coverage for the school greeters and asked the Board to consider offering it to them.

Mr. Banzer stated that Ms. McLaughlin has brought this issue to his attention and it was discussed with the Board. Ms. McLaughlin will be reaching out to the greeters in about a week to meet with them.

9. SPECIAL REPORTS

9.01 Ms. Robin Rann, District Chairperson of Mathematics, presented the 2015-2016 Mathematics Instruction Initiatives.

Ms. Rann reviewed the 2014-2015 Mathematics Department Initiatives and Accomplishments which involved using data to inform instruction, providing a learning environment that promoted complex critical thinking and patient problem solving, designing and delivering instruction that lead to deep understanding and mastery, providing and engaging in professional development that supported the continued implementation of the Common Core Standards, and providing and engaging in professional development that supported the continued implementation of the Common Core Standards.

The following are the 2015-2016 Mathematics Department Instructional Initiatives: Encourage and facilitate low risk peer observation to promote collaboration and collegial conversations, and to provide professional development to teachers. Build teacher leadership within the department. Teacher leaders serve many important roles: resource providers, instructional specialists, learning facilitators, mentors, school leaders, data coaches, learners, professional developers, and catalysts for change. Through professional development, increase exposure to practices (workshop models, conceptual approaches, differentiation, formative assessment, test design) and content that will enhance the Math Program and promote student growth. Develop and present parent workshops to articulate new initiatives; create a curriculum pamphlet for secondary mathematics (6-12) for sharing pathways and expectations with parents.

Ms. Rann reviewed the following Assessment Data: 2015 NWEA National Norm Table, Spring 2012-2015 NWEA Math RIT, Cohort 2023 Kindergarten Fall 2014 to Spring 2015 NWEA Math RIT Scores, Cohort 2022 Spring 2014 to Spring 2015 NWEA Math RIT Scores, Cohorts 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, and 2015 Spring 2013 to Spring 2015 NWEA Math RIT Scores.

Ms. Rann discussed the implementation of the Common Core in Grades 3 through 8 and at the High School level.

Ms. Rann reviewed the Grade 3 through Grade 8 Math Assessments, the grade 7 Algebra BC Common Core Algebra RE Performance, Grade 8 Accelerated Students Common Core RE Performance, Math Regents Participation by Cohort, Math Regents % Passing of All Tested, Advanced Placement Performance, and the International Baccalaureate Performance.

There was a discussion regarding Go Math, Professional Development, Teacher Leaders, NWEA, ACT/SAT, accelerated classes, tutoring, Common Core, Parent Workshops and Algebra II statistics.

The Board thanked Ms. Rann for her very informative report.

Motion was made by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Pisacani, to approve all items under 10., including revised Page 4 and addendum 10.01.

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

10.01 Approving the Personnel Actions Report dated January 14, 2016, including addendum 10.01, attached and made part of the official minutes.

President Rapiejko announced the following retirements: Angela Angermaier, Elementary/NMS; Danielle DePonte, Languages Other Than English; Robert Feinstein, English/HS; Anne Griffith, Special Education/NMS; Robert Owen, Languages Other Than English; Stephen Paysen, Music/Norwood/NMS; Suzanne Travis, English/HS; Martha White, Psychology/Pulaski

10.02 Approving Schedule J – Committee on Special Education

10.03 Approving the Corrective Action Plan to the June 30, 2015 External Audit

Trustee McCue stated that the Audit Committee met on December 17th and unanimously recommended that the Board approve the Corrective Action Plan.

10.04 Appointing the following members to the Districtwide School Safety Team:

David Stein (Board Trustee), Irene McLaughlin (Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources), Nolan Briggs (Districtwide Security Supervisor), Anthony Resca (Superintendent for Buildings and Grounds), Patricia McGrane (Transportation Supervisor), Paul Klimuszko (Director of Physical Education and Athletics), Lori Beekman (Elementary Principal), Shannon Dantuono (High School Assistant Principal), Stacey Weisberg (Elementary Teacher), Antoinette Blanck (Secondary Teacher), Lisa Olofson (School Nurse)

10.05 Adopting the 2016-2017 Schedule of Voting Details

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

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

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

10.06.3 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)

10.06.4 Policy #8414 – “Idling of Vehicles”

Vote on Trustee Thompson’s motion to approve all items under 10., including revised Page 4 and addendum 10.01.1 was unanimously carried.

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

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

11.01 Taking specified action on the following BIDS:

SECURITY:

11.01.1 AWARD: Uniforms - Security

11.02 Approving the attached list of equipment, owned by the School District that is no longer cost effective to repair, as surplus and approve disposal in accordance with Board Policy

11.03 Receiving the following donation to the District:

11.03.1 \$50.00 from Carol Haufman to the Lt. Commander Christopher Tragna Memorial Scholarship

11.04 Approving the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby gratefully accepts a donation of \$225 from the Northport Middle School Student Activity Account, for the purpose of covering the cost of the 6th Grade Field Trips to Vanderbilt Museum on March 1, 8 and 22, 2016, and increase the 2015-2016 budget code A2110.4161.23.2902 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 \$225 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of donations from the Northport Middle School Activity Account."

11.05 Approving the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby gratefully accepts a donation of \$1,005 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 December 21, 2015, and increase the 2015-2016 budget code A2110.4161.30.2903 by \$1,005 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 \$1,005 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of donations from Northport-East Northport residents."

11.06 Approving the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby gratefully accepts a donation of \$960

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 December 9, 2015, and increase the 2015-2016 budget code A2110.4161.30.2903 by \$960 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 \$960 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of donations from Northport-East Northport residents."

11.07 Approving a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Homecare Therapies dba Horizon Healthcare Staffing in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 (SSS)

11.08 Approving a 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

11.09 Approving a Rider to Agreement between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and North Fork Express (Contract #2052044 NHS)

11.10 Approving a 2015-2016 Special Education Services Contract between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and the Board of Education of the West Islip Union Free School District

11.11 Approving a Rider to Agreement between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Hampton Jitney (Charter #14913 DAS)

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

November 6, 2015 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), November 13, 2015 (Accounts Payable Warrant), November 20, 2015 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), November 30, 2015 (Accounts Payable Warrant), November 2015 (Claims Audit Report)

11.13 Approving the Claims Auditor's Report – Payroll Audit for Payroll Distribution/Audit dated November 6, 2015 (Norwood Avenue Elementary School)

11.14 Approving the Quarterly Trial Balance Report – All Funds, for the period July 2015 – September 2015

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

Vote on Trustee Thompson's, motion to approve all items under 11. was unanimously carried.

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

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

Trustee Stein, Trustee Thompson, Trustee McCue and Trustee McNaughton provided information on the workshops they attended at the New York State School Boards Association Annual Meeting and Convention. Trustee Stein attended a workshop on the Committee on Open Government. Trustee Thompson attended workshops on goal setting and time management. Trustee McCue attended workshops on graduation rate culture change, preventing school violence, evaluating the superintendent, goal setting, and cultivating a health board/superintendent relationship. Trustee McNaughton stated she attended workshops on vocational education, changing the culture in schools, community engagement, ethics and school leadership.

13.02 Assessment Letter

Superintendent Banzer stated that the frame of reference for the assessment letter has changed and the current draft letter addresses the changes. Mr. Banzer stated that a letter was sent to Governor Cuomo from the Nassau, Suffolk and Lower Hudson Superintendent's Associations enumerating their concerns.

There was a brief discussion regarding the assessment letter.

President Rapiejko tasked the Superintendent to develop a letter to the Governor in a similar format to the letter from the three superintendent groups and to develop a second letter to the community that speaks to those things.

14. NEW BUSINESS

15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Trustee McNaughton, seconded by Trustee Stein, to adjourn the meeting.

Unanimously carried.

At 9:34 p.m., the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Beth M. Nystrom
District Clerk

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