

Regular Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District was held on Monday evening, February 28, 2011, beginning at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Conference Room at the William J. Brosnan School, 158 Laurel Avenue, Northport, New York, with Mr. Stephen V. Waldenburg, Jr., Chairperson, opening the meeting and presiding.

Members present: Ms. Julia Binger, Mr. Joe Gannon, Mrs. Lori McCue, Mrs. Donna McNaughton, Mr. Andrew Rapiejko, Mrs. Jennifer Thompson, Mr. Stephen V. Waldenburg, Jr., Mrs. Karen Wills

Members absent: None  
One board seat vacant

Also present: Dr. Marylou McDermott, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Terry Bouton, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources  
Ms. Kathleen Molander, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
Mr. Matthew Nelson, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Administration

1. President Waldenburg called the meeting to order.

Motion was made by Trustee Gannon, seconded by Trustee Binger, to convene in Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to teacher aide, clerical, food service workers and per diem substitute contract negotiations, the discussion of which in public would impact the negotiations.

Unanimously carried.

At 7:35 p.m., the Board reconvened in public session in the cafeteria at the William J. Brosnan School.

Public attendance: There were approximately 150 persons present.

2. Mr. Waldenburg led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance; and
3. Pointed out the emergency exits.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT AND MONTHLY SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Gannon, to approve all items under 4.01

4.01 Minutes

- 4.01.1 Regular Meeting, January 24, 2011
- 4.01.2 Regular Meeting, February 7, 2011

Trustee Rapiejko requested confirmation of information on the Solar Energy presentation in the minutes of January 24, 2011.

Motion was made by Trustee Rapiejko, seconded by Trustee McNaughton, to table item 4.01.1, Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 24, 2011.

Unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Gannon, to approve item 4.01.2, Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 7, 2011

Unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Wills, seconded by Trustee Thompson, to approve all items under 4.02

4.02 Treasurer's Report and Monthly Summary of Receipts and Disbursements:

4.02.1 Treasurer's Report for the period December 2, 2010 through December 31, 2010

4.02.2 Treasurer's Report for the period of January 1, 2011 through January 31, 2011

4.02.3 Monthly Summary of Receipts and Disbursements for December 2010

4.02.4 Monthly Summary of Receipts and Disbursements for January 2011

Unanimously carried.

4.03 For Information: Claims Auditor's Report for Warrants and Schedule of Claims for payments dated:

December 2010 (Wire Transfer Report), December 15, 2010 (Accounts Payable Warrant), December 3, 2010 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), December 30, 2010 (Accounts Payable Warrant), December 17, 2010 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), December 30, 2010 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), December 2010 (Claims Audit Report), January 2011 (Wire Transfer Report), January 15, 2011 (Accounts Payable Warrant), January 14, 2011 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), January 30, 2011 (Accounts Payable Warrant), January 28, 2011 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), January 2011 (Claims Audit Report)

5. SPECIAL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

5.01 Review of Instructional Initiatives in the following areas:

5.01.1 Art Education

Mr. Peter Falotico, Chairperson of Art, highlighted student achievements in art for the 2009-2010 school year stating that results at open and highly competitive art competitions were fantastic, and the College Board AP results were spectacular, with section averages in drawing of 4.50 and in 2D design of 4.58. Mr. Falotico stated that the 2010-2011 Art Initiatives are to: facilitate a community of student artists by expanding exhibition opportunities at the elementary, middle school and high school levels; construct and design interactive activities and resources using the *Moodle* content management system; develop differentiated learning experiences in art that accommodate students' levels of readiness, interest and learning styles; and create professional development opportunities which focus on enhancing techniques and skills in the fine arts, applied arts, and media arts.

President Waldenburg and Dr. McDermott thanked Mr. Falotico for his report and commended the staff and students in the art department.

5.01.2 Technology Education

Mr. Robert McGrath, Chairperson of Science and Technology, stated that the 2010-2011 technology instructional initiatives are to: increase the use of the *Moodle* management system in formalizing curriculum in each of the Technology programs in grades 6-12; implement the Technology Department

Virtual Open House and on-line Technology Honor Society Forum; investigate the introduction of an Academy of Engineering program that merges with the well-established Academy of Information Technology; and begin coordination and implementation of Project Lead the Way's Gateway To Technology program at the middle school level. Mr. McGrath also noted the initiative of on-going departmental collaboration to develop effective methods of differentiating instruction and measuring students' academic growth.

President Waldenburg thanked Mr. McGrath for his very informative report.

5.02 The President of the Board reviewed the upcoming Board of Education meetings of March 7<sup>th</sup>, March 21<sup>st</sup>, and March 28<sup>th</sup>.

## 6. COMMUNICATIONS

6.01 Letter from Mrs. Joan Johnson, Clerk of Western Suffolk BOCES, received February 3, 2011, re: nominations for component boards of education which must be submitted by March 29, 2011.

## 7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Karen Wills Board Trustee	Thanked all the audience members for coming out to the Board meeting
Fred Trudwig Resident	Asked if anyone was scrutinizing the BOCES proposed budget and if there was discussion of salary freezes this year.
Trustee McNaughton stated that she is attending the April 7 <sup>th</sup> BOCES meeting and has requested information on their budget and will have more information for the April 28 <sup>th</sup> BOCES vote. Mrs. McNaughton noted that the Board only votes on the administrative portion of the BOCES budget.	
Denise Summers Mumm UTN-EN	Requested that the board form committees for community members as mentioned in the UTN-EN platform. Ms. Mumm also stated that she was disappointed to see that administrators took a pay freeze this year and will get a 3.5% increase next year and the health care contribution will be reduced.
Dr. McDermott stated that NASA was one of a few groups willing to open up their contract for the good of the district and that health care contributions are going up not down. Dr. McDermott stated she would get the correct information.	
President Waldenburg requested that all budget related conversations be held until the next Board meeting which will begin the line by line budget review.	
Joe Sabia Resident	Requested that the Board not allow students to address the Board during the budget hearing meetings but meet with them in an assembly to address their questions.
Joann Loring Resident	Stated that she was disappointed that the teachers were still without a contract noting that they are professionals in the community with advanced degrees and they deserve a contract.

Albert Prisco  
Resident

Stated that presenters should refer to the District as Northport-East Northport, not just Northport. Mr. Prisco asked if anyone from the District attended a meeting with the Elwood School District to explore the possibility of a merger. Mr. Prisco stated that the Board should invite members of the surrounding Districts to a meeting to discuss and explore a merger.

President Waldenburg stated that the Board only received an exploratory letter from Elwood School District.

Joe Stewart  
Resident

Inquired about the status of UTN negotiations.

President Waldenburg stated that both sides declared an impasse and the first mediation session is set up for March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Nina Dorata  
Resident

Stated that she recalled Superintendent Scordo sending a letter to surrounding communities entertaining the thought of a merger and asked why the District has not responded.

Superintendent McDermott stated that she did call Superintendent Scordo at the direction of the Board president to follow-up on the letter.

Motion was made by Trustee Wills, seconded by Trustee Gannon, to approve all items under 8.0 and 9.0, including Supplemental 8.01.1 (Schedule A #21)

## 8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, GENERAL - FOR BOARD ACTION

8.01 Personnel Schedules, each dated February 28, 2011, and each attached and made part of the official minutes:

- 8.01.1 Schedule A - Certified Staff (including Supplemental A #21)
- 8.01.2 Schedule B - Non-Instructional Staff
- 8.01.3 Schedule C - Salary Transfers
- 8.01.4 Schedule D - Extra Pay
- 8.01.5 Schedule K - PDC NASA
- 8.01.6 Schedule L - PDC UTN

8.02 Authorizing the administration to survey the community to determine the extent of need for a school breakfast program for the 2011-2012 school year

## 9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, FINANCIAL - FOR BOARD ACTION

9.01 Approving the following resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 6-p for the 2010-2011 fiscal year in the amount of \$8,063.88 and to increase the appropriations A9089-1600-00-6001 by \$3,512.54 and A9089.1601.00.6001 by \$4,551.34”

9.02 Approving a 2010-2011 Special Education Services Contract between Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Port Washington Union Free School District

9.03 Approving a 2010-2011 Special Education Services Contract between Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District

9.04 Approving an Owner Contractor Agreement between Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Arrow Steel Window Corporation, Bid #110-110C, for partial window replacement at Ocean Avenue Elementary School and East Northport Middle School

9.05 Approving the Corrective Action Plan for the June 30, 2010 external audit

9.06 Approving 2010-2011 estimated non-resident tuition charges and the 2009-2010 actual non-resident tuition charges, identifying the amounts that will be charged to other school districts for any of their students who are enrolled in our district

9.07 Establishing the 2010-2011 health service charge for out-of-district students attending district non-public schools at \$676.55 per pupil and that the Superintendent be authorized to execute contracts with the school districts indicated in the attached memorandum in the amounts specified

9.08 Approving transfer of general fund appropriations in the 2010-2011 budget

Vote on Trustee Gannon's motion to approve all items under 8. and 9., including Supplemental 8.01.1 (Schedule A #21) was unanimously carried.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - FOR INFORMATION ONLY

2011 10.01 Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report as of December 2010 and January

10.02 Student Activity Account Reports for December 2010 and January 2011 from:

- 10.02.1 Northport High School
- 10.02.2 East Northport Middle School
- 10.02.3 Northport Middle School

10.03 Investment Report for December 2010 and January 2011

10.04 Collateral Schedule for December 2010 and January 2011

10.05 Bank Reconciliation Report for December 2010 and January 2011

10.06 School Lunch Profit and Loss Report for the Months Ending September 30, 2010, October 31, 2010, November 30, 2010 and December 31, 2010

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12. NEW BUSINESS

13. ADJOURNMENT INTO PUBLIC WORK SESSION TO DISCUSS BOARD POLICIES

At 8:50 p.m., there being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Trustee Wills, seconded by Trustee Gannon, to adjourn the public meeting and convene into Public Work Session to Discuss Board Policies.

13.01 Policies reviewed:

6700 Purchasing Policy

Recommendation was made to add revised policy to next Board agenda for first reading.

6670 Petty Cash/Petty Cash Accounts (New Policy)

Recommendation was made to add the new policy with revisions to next Board agenda for first reading.

3260 Disposal of Surplus Property

Recommendation was made to add revised policy to next Board agenda for a first reading.

5210 Student Organizations (New Policy)

Recommendation was made to add new policy to next Board agenda for a first reading.

5252 Student Activities Fund Management (New Policy)

Recommendation was made to add new policy to next Board agenda for a first reading.

4710 Middle and High School Reporting Policy

After discussion on the policy, it was requested that the administration make recommendations on specific sections of the policy to be extracted into individual policies.

14. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:30 p.m. motion was made by Trustee Gannon, seconded by Trustee McCue to adjourn the Public Work Session and enter into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to collective bargaining. This information contains confidential information which may compromise our position in such matters.

Unanimously carried

At 12:00 a.m. the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

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Beth M. Nystrom  
District Clerk

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