

Special Meeting to Vote on BOCES Budget

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District was held on Thursday evening, April 28, 2011, beginning at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Conference Room at 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 McNaughton, to convene in Executive Session to discuss matters leading to the appointment of a particular person and matters pertaining to potential litigation.

Unanimously carried.

At 7:55 p.m., the Board reconvened in public session in the large cafeteria at William J. Brosnan School.

Public attendance: There were approximately 25 persons present.

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

President Waldenburg asked for a moment of silence in memory of former Trustee and Board President Richard "Dick" Manning.

4. PROPOSED WESTERN SUFFOLK BOCES ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FOR 2011-2012

4.01 Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Gannon, to approve the proposed Western Suffolk BOCES Administrative Budget for 2011-2012

Vice President Wills stated that the entire proposed Western Suffolk BOCES budget was presented to the Superintendent in March and then forwarded to each trustee. Mrs. Wills and Trustee McNaughton attended the April 7th meeting, met the BOCES candidates and listened to the budget presentation. Mrs. Wills noted that the BOCES budget is split into two components, the administrative and capital portion and shared services portion. Mrs. Wills stated that the Board only votes upon the administrative and capital portion. Mrs. Wills stated that she is in favor of the proposed BOCES budget noting that it is prudent and fiscally responsible and urged fellow trustees to support it.

Trustee McNaughton stated that BOCES has begun contract negotiations discussions and Dr. Mensch has waived his contractual increase. Mrs. McNaughton noted that the increase in the administrative support is only \$1,123.

There was a brief discussion regarding special education and vocational services provided by BOCES.

Vote on Trustee McCue's motion to approve the proposed Western Suffolk BOCES Administrative Budget for 2011-2012 was unanimously carried.

5. CANDIDATES FOR THREE YEAR TERMS ON THE WESTERN SUFFOLK BOCES BOARD OF EDUCATION

5.01 Motion was made by Trustee Wills, seconded by Trustee Gannon, to approve the following candidates to three year terms on the Western Suffolk BOCES Board of Education:

5.01.1 Mrs. Jeannette Santos (Amityville USFD)

5.01.2 Mr. Peter Wunsch (Commack UFSD)

Unanimously carried.

Dr. Marylou McDermott, Superintendent, stated that at around 11:00 a.m. East Northport Middle School Principal Joann Kroon was informed about writing on a boys' bathroom wall saying there was a bomb in the school. Immediately a plan was put into action to relocate all students to the Trinity Regional School. Transportation Director Maryellen Johnson provided buses to transport the students. All students were safe and pizza was provided for lunch. Mrs. Kroon sent a Connect-Ed message to her parents and Dr. McDermott sent a Connect-Ed message to all parents in the District. Dr. McDermott stated that at all times the students were safe. The police were brought in and nothing was found in the building. Dr. McDermott stated that school will reopen in the morning. Dr. McDermott thanked Monsignor Dreasen at St. Anthony's who welcomed the students.

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

Motion was made by Trustee Gannon, seconded by Trustee McNaughton, to approve all items under 6., including Supplemental 6.01.2, Schedule A (#1-2).

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

6.01.1 Schedule L – PDC UTN

6.01.2 Schedule A – Certified Staff

6.02 Adopting the Calendar of 2011-2012 Board of Education Meetings

Unanimously carried.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, FINANCIAL – FOR BOARD ACTION

Motion was made by Trustee McNaughton, seconded by Trustee McCue to approve items 7.01 and 7.02.

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

7.02 Approving the following resolution to authorize the execution of an Inter-Municipal Agreement with Suffolk County for the procurement of natural gas:

“WHEREAS, sub-division (c) of section (1) of Article IX of the New York State Constitution provides that “Local governments shall have power to agree, as authorized by act of the legislature, with the federal government, a state or one or more other governments within or without the

state, to provide cooperatively, jointly or by contract any facility, service, activity, or undertaking which each participating local government has the power to provide separately....” and

WHEREAS, sub-division (1) of § 119-o of Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law provides, in part, that “In addition to any other general or special powers vested in municipal corporations and districts for the performance of their respective functions, powers or duties on an individual, cooperative, joint or contract basis, municipal corporations and districts shall have power to enter into, amend, cancel and terminate agreements for the performance among themselves or one for the other of their respective functions, powers and duties on a cooperative or contract basis or for the provision of a joint service....” and

WHEREAS, paragraph (d) of sub-division (2) of § 119-O of Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law authorizes agreements relating to “purchasing and making of contracts subject to general laws applicable to municipal corporations and school districts;” and

WHEREAS subdivision (a) of §119-n of Article 5-G provides that “The term ‘municipal corporation’ means a county outside the city of New York, a city, a town, a village, a board of cooperative educational services, fire district or a school district”; and

WHEREAS, Northport-East Northport Union Free School District is an educational/municipal corporation and

WHEREAS, Northport-East Northport Union Free School District has determined that, in the interest of realizing cost savings, it is to its advantage to participate, through Suffolk County’s Department of Public Works, in Suffolk County’s bidding and award procedures for the procurement of natural gas, by including the demand for natural gas of Northport-East Northport Union Free School District in the County’s request for bidders; and

WHEREAS, it is in the mutual interest of Suffolk County to include Northport-East Northport Union Free School District’s demand for natural gas in its request for bidders for natural gas for County facilities, in order to maximize purchasing value and obtain a more favorable price, which will amount to a cost savings for Suffolk County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with Suffolk County, in a form acceptable to the Board attorney, pursuant to § 119-0 of the General Municipal Law, to promote efficient and economical purchasing opportunities for natural gas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such agreement shall provide that Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and any of its affiliates, successors, and assigns shall be solely responsible for payments due the successful contractor or vendor for their individual purchases”

Unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Binger, to approve all items under 7.03.

7.03 Receiving the following donations to the District:

7.03.1 Ninety-seven (97) paperback copies of the Merriam-Webster Dictionary from the East Northport Rotary Club to Fifth Avenue Elementary School, value estimated by the donor to be approximately \$630.50

7.03.2 \$100.00 from Charles and Anna Hernandez to the Lt. Commander Christopher C. Tragna Memorial Scholarship Fund

7.03.3 \$250.00 from Lawrence and Vaughan Kusko to the Lt. Commander Christopher C. Tragna Memorial Scholarship Fund

7.03.4 \$500.00 from Matthew J. Weismantle to the Lt. Commander Christopher C. Tragna Memorial Scholarship Fund

7.03.5 \$100.00 from Santo Tantillo and Agatha Tantillo to the Michael C. Kauffman Memorial Scholarship

7.03.6 \$200.00 from Sabrina Kauffman to the Michael C. Kauffman Memorial Scholarship

7.03.7 \$100.00 from Sonia Padgett to the Robert P. Padgett Memorial Scholarship

7.03.8 \$100.00 from Rebecca Padgett to the Robert P. Padgett Memorial Scholarship

7.03.9 \$50.00 from Donald and Donna McNaughton to the Robert and Marjorie Krueger Scholarship

7.03.10 \$250.00 from various donors contributed at the 21st Annual Faculty Scholarship Concert to the Dora Clarke Memorial Scholarship

7.03.11 \$355.00 from various donors contributed at the 21st Annual Faculty Scholarship Concert to the Garland Butts Memorial Scholarship

7.03.12 \$200.00 from various donors contributed at the 21st Annual Faculty Scholarship Concert to the James J. Cassara Scholarship

Vote on Trustee McCue's motion to approve all items under 7.03 was as follows:

YES: Ms. Binger, Mr. Gannon, Mrs. McCue, Mr. Rapiejko, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Waldenburg, Mrs. Wills

ABSTAIN: Mrs. McNaughton

Motion passed.

Motion was made by Trustee Gannon, seconded by Trustee Rapiejko, to approve all items under 7.04 and 7.05.

7.04 Authorizing the Board President to sign a contract with the following school districts to provide Health Services for Northport-East Northport students attending school in that district for the 2010-2011 school year:

7.04.1 Smithtown Central School District, six (6) students attending Harbor Country Day School and fifteen (15) students attending Smithtown Christian School @ \$744.23, totaling \$15,628.83

7.04.2 West Islip Union Free School District, ten (10) students attending St. John the Baptist High School @ \$653.24, totaling \$6,532.40

7.04.3 Patchogue-Medford Union Free School District, one (1) student attending Sappo School @ \$603.31, totaling \$603.31

7.04.4 Westbury Union Free School District, one (1) student attending Holy Child Academy @ \$869.32, totaling \$869.32

7.04.5 Huntington Union Free School District, three (3) students attending St. Patrick School @ \$755.28, totaling \$2,265.84

7.04.6 Manhasset Public Schools, one (1) student attending Our Lady of Grace and one (1) student attending St. Mary's High School @ \$856.16, totaling \$1,712.32

7.05 Approving the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the appropriation code A5540.4162.00.1501 (Athletic Trips – Boys Athletics) by \$550.00 with the understanding that this increase in appropriations is the result of unanticipated expenses associated with transportation of the boy's lacrosse team to Madison, CT to participate in the Daniel Hand Lacrosse Tournament.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 (Gifts and Donations) of the 2010-2011 budget by \$550.00 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of a donation from the Northport Lacrosse Booster Club”

Vote on Trustee Gannon's motion to approve all items under 7.04 and 7.05 was unanimously carried.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

8.01 Schedule I – Home Instruction

8.02 Proposed 2011-2012 school hours for the District's nine schools as well as Trinity Regional School and Long Island Lutheran Elementary School

9. ADJOURNMENT INTO PUBLIC WORK SESSION TO DISCUSS BOARD POLICIES

At 8:15 p.m., there being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Trustee Gannon, seconded by Trustee Thompson, to adjourn into Public Work Session to Discuss Board Policies

Unanimously carried.

9.01 Policies for review:

6145.11 Admission Fees Inter-Scholastic Activities

Recommendation to add language to the policy regarding limited seating availability to the District's website upon review of counsel, and implementation of voluntary donations without changing the policy.

6145/6145.2 Athletic Activities

Recommendation to update policy to new numbering system.

5210 Selection/Classification Procedures and Standards for Interscholastic Sports Programs

Recommendation to table for further input from administration.

1500 Use of District Facilities

Recommendation to have Board Counsel review language relating to page 5, section 5, regarding Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Recommendation for administration to prepare regulations regarding a fee schedule and procedures for collecting fees.

2250 Board Committees

Recommendation to have Board Counsel review additional language relating to “except those required by law”.

2260 Citizens Advisory Committees

No changes recommended.

9141 School Community Advisory Committees

Recommendation to have Board Counsel review policy and update number to new system.

4116.24 Personnel – Duties and Responsibilities

Recommendation to place on next agenda to rescind.

9410 Date of Board Elections

Recommendation to place on next agenda to rescind.

9510/9520 Absentee Ballots/Disabled Voters

Recommendation to place on next agenda to rescind.

Vice President Wills requested that the administration formulate language for a policy on student weighting.

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

Unanimously carried.

President Waldenburg reviewed the upcoming meetings of May 9th, the Budget Vote and Election of Trustee on May 17th, the Special Meeting to Accept the Voting Returns on May 17th, and the Regular Meetings on June 6th and June 20th.

At 9:45 p.m. the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Beth M. Nystrom
District Clerk

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