

Mary Gilmore
Parent

Ms. Gilmore requested that the school district resume paying for the cultural arts assemblies at the elementary level. Ms. Gilmore stated that the PTA agreed to take over the costs a few years ago, now the finances have shrunk and the PTA is having to fundraise all year to pay for the cultural arts costs. Ms. Gilmore asked the Board to find \$36,000 in the budget to distribute \$6,000 to each elementary school.

Dr. McDermott stated that the budget has already been set but she will meet with Ms. Molander, Assistant Superintendent for Business, and will discuss what Ms. Gilmore proposed.

Patti Schoonmaker
Parent

Stated that she received a letter from transportation stating that her children were not entitled to busing because they lived .74 miles from the school and the cutoff is .75 miles. Ms. Schoonmaker stated that four online mileage calculators came up with the distance as over .75 miles and it was even calculated with a distance measuring wheel and the mileage exceeded the .75 cutoff. Ms. Schoonmaker stated that she is only asking for what they are entitled to.

Dr. McDermott stated that the transportation department calculates the mileage the same way throughout the District and that she will meet with Ms. Molander, Assistant Superintendent for Business, and Ms. McGrane, Transportation Supervisor, tomorrow and will contact Ms. Schoonmaker.

Dr. McDermott announced that at the request of the Drug and Alcohol Task Force, the District has setup a dedicated security phone line for the community to use to report any incidents of concern happening on school property. The 486-7037 number will be available from 3-11 pm throughout the summer.

President Waldenburg requested that signs be put up at each building notifying the community of the security number.

Antoinette Blanck
UTN President

Stated that she had the opportunity to attend the Board of Regents meeting in Albany. Two items of concern discussed were the essay required of students as part of their ELA Regents exam and the value added measure of assessments as part of the teacher evaluation under APPR. Ms. Blanck stated that Commissioner King wanted the value added measure to begin in the 2012-2013 school year. The alignment of state assessments to the common core was another area of concern. Ms. Blanck stated that the NYSUT directors reached out to Board of Regents Member Roger Tilles who assured that the value added measure would not kick in until the 2014-2015 school year. President Blanck stated that the June 8th One Voice Rally showed that testing is not fair across the board, students are being over tested and there is too much reliance on testing which is not necessarily fair or valid. The other area of concern regarding the essay requirement of the ELA Regents exam was discussed and the Board of Regents realized that many districts already have a research paper requirement in place. It was decided to amend the commissioner's regulation in September to make the essay a graduation requirement and not part of the ELA Regents exam if a district can prove they already have an established research paper.

Dave Ambro
The Observer

Asked if the District has been provided with information about the legislation passed regarding LIPA and if it has been analyzed in any way.

President Waldenburg said that a letter was received by the town and other jurisdictions and the town attorneys are still looking at the document as well as the district. Superintendent McDermott stated that the information is still conflicting and after Ingerman Smith meets with the town attorneys they will meet with the Board of Education to discuss what the accurate information is.

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Sabia, to approve all items under 8.01, including Supplemental 8.01.1 (Schedule A #12-20), Supplemental 8.01.2 (Schedule B #30-31), Supplemental 8.01.3 (Schedule D, Page 6-7), and excluding withdrawn item 8.01.6

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

8.01 Personnel Schedules, each dated July 1, 2013, and each attached and made part of the official minutes:

- 8.01.1 Schedule A – Certified Staff (including Supplemental 8.01.1 #12-20)
- 8.01.2 Schedule B - Non-Instructional Staff (including Supplemental 8.01.2 - #30-31)
- 8.01.3 Schedule D - Extra Pay (Including Supplemental 8.01.3, Page 6-7)
- 8.01.4 Schedule J - Committee on Special Education
- 8.01.5 Schedule K – PDC NASA
- 8.01.6 Withdrawn

Vote on Trustee McCue's motion to approve all items under 8.01, including Supplemental 8.01.1 (Schedule A #12-20), Supplemental 8.01.2 (Schedule B #30-31), Supplemental 8.01.3 (Schedule D, Page 6-7), and excluding withdrawn item 8.01.6 was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Rapiejko, seconded by Trustee Binger, to approve item 8.02

8.02 Receiving for a second reading and adopting revisions to the following policy:

8.02.1 Policy #5160 – Student Attendance

Northport High School Principal Irene McLaughlin recommended a few revisions to the policy. The Board discussed receiving and adopting the policy without the revisions and the timeline for implementing the policy if it was received as a first reading and adopted at the August 26th meeting.

Vote on Trustee Rapiejko's motion was as follows:

YES: Mrs. McCue, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Topel

NO: Mr. Badanes, Ms. Binger, Mr. Maloney, Mr. Rapiejko, Mr. Sabia, Mr. Waldenburg

Motion failed.

Motion was made by Trustee Sabia, seconded by Trustee Topel, to receive item 8.02, Policy #5160 – Student Attendance with revisions, as a first reading.

Unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Sabia, to reaffirm the following Board of Education Policies which are required to be reviewed annually:

- 8.03.1 Policy #1900 – Title I Parental Involvement
- 8.03.2 Policy #5300 – Code of Conduct

- 8.03.3 Policy #6240 – Investments
- 8.03.4 Policy #6700 – Purchasing

Unanimously carried.

8.04 Motion was made by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Maloney, to approve the following resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District having received and reviewed the Settlement Agreement concerning a member of the instructional staff hereby approves such Settlement Agreement and directs the Superintendent of Schools and the Board President to execute such Settlement Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education”

Unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Topel, to approve all items under 9.0, including Supplemental 9.02 (Additional Surplus Equipment – Pages 13-49)

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

9.01 Taking specified action on the following BIDS:

TRANSPORTATION:

9.01.1 AWARD: Transportation for District Students Attending Out-of-District Schools

EDUCATIONAL:

9.01.2 AWARD: Musical Instrument Lease/Purchase

CAPITAL PROJECT:

9.01.3 AWARD: Electrical Switchgear Replacement & Field Reconstruction/Irrigation at Northport Middle School

9.02 Declaring as surplus and recycling the attached list of equipment owned by the School District that is no longer cost effective to repair

9.03 Renewing a Contract with Twin County Driving School for In-Car Driver Instruction for 2013-2014 at the rate of \$335.00 per pupil

9.04 Receiving the following donations to the District:

- 9.04.1 \$25.00 from Daniel and Susan Torpey to the David Trachtenberg Memorial Scholarship
- 9.04.2 \$100.00 from Helga Schwedhelm to the Happy School Bus Scholarship Fund
- 9.04.3 \$250.00 from Mark D. Petrone to the Michael C. Kauffman Memorial Scholarship Fund
- 9.04.4 \$200.00 from Sabrina Kauffman to the Michael C. Kauffman Memorial Scholarship Fund
- 9.04.5 \$500.00 from Northport High School Urban Studies Annual Fruit and Vegetable Market Fundraiser to the David Trachtenberg Memorial Scholarship

9.05 Approving the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$500 from the Suffolk Association of School Business Officials to provide a scholarship to a deserving 2014 Northport High School business student graduate”

9.06 Approving the following resolution;

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$1,427.37 toward the purchase of educational supplies for Ocean Avenue Elementary School and increase the 2013-2014 budget code A2110.5030.15.0200 by \$1,427.37 for this purpose.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2013-2014 budget by \$1,427.37 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of Ocean Avenue Elementary School participation in the Stop and Shop A+ Bonus Bucks Program”

9.07 Approving the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$616.68 toward the purchase of educational supplies for Northport High School and increase the 2013-2014 budget code A2110.5030.30.2303 by \$616.68 for this purpose.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2013-2014 budget by \$616.68 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of Northport High School’s participation in the Stop and Shop A+ Bonus Bucks Program”

9.08 Approving the following Change Order:

9.08.1 Change Order No. 1, dated May 30, 2013, SED Project #58-04-04-03-0-003-020, Boiler Replacements & Field Irrigation at East Northport Middle School, reduction in the amount of \$10,000.00

9.09 Authorizing the Board President to execute an Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Youth Directions and Alternatives C.Y.A. Inc. in the amount of \$32,000.00 for the 2013-2014 school year (\$4,000.00 for general services as stated in the contract, and \$28,000.00 for the employment of a Streetworker/YouthWorker)

9.10 Approving an Agreement with The OMNI Group as third party administrator of the District’s 403(b) Plan, as recommended by Eastern Suffolk BOCES in response to its RFP #2011-034-0421, for the 2013-2014 school year

9.11 Approving a 2013-2014 Service Agreement between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Achieve Beyond (formerly known as “Bilinguals, Inc.”)

9.12 Approving a 2013-2014 Service Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Metro Therapy, Inc.

9.13 Approving transfer of general fund appropriations in the 2012-2013 budget

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9.15 Approving the renewal of transportation contracts with Acme Bus Corporation, Baumann & Sons Buses, Inc., Brookset Bus Corporation, Educational Bus Transportation, Inc., Huntington Coach Corporation and Towne Bus Corporation at an increase equal to the 2013-2014 Consumer Price Index (CPI)

9.16 Approving a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and RLR Advertising, Inc. for the 2013-2014 school year

Vote on Trustee Thompson's motion to approve all items under 9.0, including Supplemental 9.02 (Additional Surplus Equipment – Pages 13-49) was unanimously carried.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - FOR INFORMATION ONLY

10.01 Schedule H – Use of Facilities

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Sabia requested an update on the information requested by the Board regarding studies on closing a school, redistricting and full day kindergarten.

Ms. Kathleen Molander, Assistant Superintendent for Business, stated that she obtained the names of three firms that do demographic or redistricting studies or both. Applied Data Services does enrollment, school closing and full day kindergarten studies, and Beckmann Appraisals only does redistricting. Ms. Molander stated that she is still waiting to hear back from BOCES and noted that it might be possible to go through BOCES for ADS.

There was a brief discussion regarding contacting other districts who have had the studies done and setting up a committee. Dr. McDermott stated that the Board will receive the information from the firms in Update.

12. NEW BUSINESS

12.01 Motion was made by Trustee Rapiejko, seconded by Trustee Badanes, to appoint Mr. Mark Clare and Mr. Thomas Lavin to the Audit Committee for a two year term beginning July 1, 2013.

Unanimously carried.

Dr. McDermott asked the Board to reconsider sending home the school calendars to all District residents.

There was a brief discussion regarding the budget deliberations and the Board's decision to reduce the number of issues of Our Schools and eliminate mailing the District calendars to residents. Several Board members stated that the budget had been set and the decision made not to mail the calendars and that the Board should stick to that decision.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Trustee Rapiejko, seconded by Trustee Sabia, to adjourn the meeting.

At 9:50 p.m., the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Beth M. Nystrom
District Clerk

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