

Regular Meeting

A Meeting of the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District was held on Monday evening, November 4, 2013, 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: Mr. David Badanes, Ms. Julia Binger, Mr. James Maloney, Mrs. Lori McCue, Mr. Andrew Rapiejko, Mr. Joseph Sabia, Mrs. Jennifer Thompson, Mrs. Tammie Topel, Mr. Stephen V. Waldenburg, Jr.

Members absent: None

Also present: Dr. Marylou McDermott, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Kathleen Molander, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Mr. Matthew Nelson, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Administration
Ms. Rosemarie Coletti, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Mr. Christopher Powers, Esq., Ingerman Smith, LLP, District Counsel
Ms. Carrie-Anne Tondo, Esq., Ingerman Smith, LLP, District Counsel

1. President Waldenburg called the meeting to order.

Motion was made by Trustee Sabia, seconded by Trustee Topel, to convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the discipline of a particular person and matters pertaining to potential litigation.

Unanimously carried.

At 7:15 p.m. the Board reconvened in public session in the Cafeteria at the William J. Brosnan School.

Public attendance: There were approximately 100 persons present.

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

The Northport High School Tour Choir performed the National Anthem and a moving rendition of the Battle Hymn of the Republic in honor of Veterans Day. The choir received a standing ovation for their performance.

President Waldenburg reordered the agenda, moving item 5.01 up.

5.01 Accomplishments of Staff and Students

Dr. Izzet Mergen, Director of Music, stated that the Northport High School Tiger Marching Band participated in several exciting activities including the Newsday Marching Band Festival held at Hofstra University. Dr. Mergen congratulated the following students on an incredible season: Matthew Nelson - Tiger Marching Band President; Will Barrie, Jennifer Black, Lindsey Dannenberg and Katie Kippley - Tiger Marching Band Officers; Peter Reiss, Alexandra Smith and James Woodall - Tiger Marching Band Drum Majors; Victoria Chin, Isabel Karp and Jamie Lastihenos - Tigrette Captains; and Chelsea Cirruzzo and Julia Power - Flagline Captains.

President Waldenburg and Superintendent McDermott congratulated the students on their accomplishments and presented them with commendations from the Board.

Motion was made by Trustee Sabia, seconded by Trustee McCue, to approve all items under 4.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.01 Minutes

- 4.01.1 Regular Meeting, October 7, 2013
- 4.01.2 Special Meeting, October 16, 2013
- 4.01.3 Public Work Session, October 21, 2013
- 4.01.4 Special Meeting, October 28, 2013

Trustee Badanes requested a revision to the minutes of the October 21st Public Work Session. Mr. Badanes asked that the response to his question regarding the narcotic detection dogs be corrected to say “Principal McLaughlin responded that there was no empirical evidence indicating that the narcotic detection dogs had any effect on drug use at the high school.”

Trustees Thompson and Sabia questioned the fairness of Trustee Badanes question since there have only been one or two sweeps by the dogs.

Trustee Rapiekjo and President Waldenburg stated that the minutes are not verbatim but a summary of what happened at the meetings and felt that the minutes should be left as is.

Vote on Trustee Sabia’s motion to approve all items under 4. was unanimously carried.

5. SPECIAL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

5.02 For Information: Upcoming Meetings

President Waldenburg reviewed the upcoming Board meetings of November 18th and December 9th

Dr. Marylou McDermott, Superintendent of Schools, announced that Tuesday is Superintendent’s Conference Day and there is no school for students but faculty and staff will attend professional development workshops.

The Superintendent announced that Senator Flanagan is hosting a school forum at Ward Melville High School. The invitation was extended to the twelve school districts in his senatorial district and 50 members from each community can attend. Dr. McDermott stated that members of the Board, administration, teachers and PTA will be invited to attend.

Dr. McDermott announced that the New York State Education Department has approved the renovations to the three secondary auditoriums and the District is hoping to get the timeline approved by the architects to start the work at East Northport Middle School in December and at Northport High School on June 1st.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications to the Board.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

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

Motion was made by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Sabia, to approve item 8.01, severing Section G.

8.01 Personnel Action Report, dated November 4, 2013, attached and made part of the official minutes.

Vote on Trustee Thompson's motion to approve item 8.01, severing Section G, was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Maloney, seconded by Trustee Sabia, to approve item 8.01, Section G.

Vote on Trustee Maloney's motion to approve item 8.01, Section G was as follows:

YES: Mr. Badanes, Ms. Binger, Mr. Maloney, Mrs. McCue, Mr. Rapiejko, Mr. Sabia, Mrs. Topel,
Mr. Waldenburg

ABSTAIN: Mrs. Thompson

Motion passed.

Motion was made by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Sabia, to approve items 8.02 through 9.41

8.02 Schedule J – Committee on Special Education, dated November 4, 2013, attached and made part of the official minutes

8.03 Approving request for travel for students to countries outside of the United States during the 2013-2014 school year:

- Quebec & Montreal – April 11 – April 15, 2014

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

9.01 Declaring the attached vehicle owned by the School District, that is no longer cost effective to repair, as surplus and sold.

9.02 Approving the following donations to the District:

9.02.1 To the Robert and Marjorie Krueger Scholarship Fund: \$25.00 from Leslie Darland; \$25.00 from Jill and Roger Shellabarger Mueller; \$50.00 from Joyce and Mark Schweibish; \$100.00 from Beverly and Robert Kissam; \$100.00 from Karla and Gregory Good; \$100.00 from Janet Unyoung Sun; \$100.00 from Kimberly, Lisa, Paul and Kevin Silvi; \$25.00 from Carl and Christa Wanamaker; \$75.00 from James and Debra Koziarz; \$25.00 from Jeffery Kurland and Suzanne Schultz; \$50.00 from Barry and Shari Mohr; \$50.00 from David and Marla Clark; \$50.00 from Stephen and Judy Bundra; \$100.00 from Kenneth Fishbain and Nancy Grossman; \$25.00 from Diana Cherryholmes; \$25.00 from Gene Wandel; \$25.00 from Lois Elsinger

9.03 Approving Treasurer's Report and Monthly Summary of Receipts and Disbursements:

9.03.1 Treasurer's Report for the period August 1, 2013 through August 31, 2013

9.03.2 Monthly Summary of Receipts and Disbursements for the month ending August 31, 2013

- 9.04 Approving the Schedule of Investments as of August 31, 2013
- 9.05 Approving the Collateral Schedule as of August 31, 2013
- 9.06 Approving the Bank Reconciliation Report for the Month ended August 31, 2013
- 9.07 Approving the General Fund Projected Cash Flow Statement for the year ending 2013-2014, Actual Data July 1, 2013 – August 31, 2013, Estimated Data September 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014
- 9.08 Approving the Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report – School Lunch Fund for the months ending July 31, 2013 and August 31, 2013
- 9.09 Approving the Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report – Capital Fund for the months ending July 31, 2013 and August 31, 2013
- 9.10 Approving the Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report – Special Aid Fund for the months ending July 31, 2013 and August 31, 2013
- 9.11 Approving the Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report – General Fund for the months ending July 31, 2013 and August 31, 2013
- 9.12 Approving the School Lunch Profit and Loss Statement for the month ending June 30, 2013 and the Comparative School Lunch Fund Statement for the fiscal years 2012 and 2013
- 9.13 Approving the Quarterly Budget Transfer Report for the period April 1, 2013 – June 30, 2013
- 9.14 Approving the Trial Balance Reports for the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2013
- 9.15 Approving the 2012-2013 Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report – School Lunch Fund
- 9.16 Approving the 2012-2013 Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report – Capital Fund
- 9.17 Approving the 2012-2013 Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report – Special Aid Fund
- 9.18 Approving the 2012-2013 Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report – General Fund
- 9.19 Approving the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby gratefully accepts a donation of \$95.00 from a Northport-East Northport resident whose name is more fully set forth in the attached document, for registration fees for a Northport High School Music Student's participation in the New York State School Music Association Conference and increase the 2013-2014 budget code A2110.4010.30.2100 by \$95.00 for this purpose.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2013-2014 budget by \$95.00 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of a donation from a Northport-East Northport resident."

9.20 Approving the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$849.76 toward the purchase of supplies for Bellerose Avenue Elementary School and increase the 2013-2014 budget code A2110.5030.17.0200 by \$849.76 for this purpose.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2013-2014 budget by \$849.76 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of the Bellerose Avenue Elementary School participation in the Stop and Shop A+ School Rewards Program."

9.21 Approving the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$132 toward the purchase of supplies for Fifth Avenue Elementary School and increase the 2013-2014 budget code A2110.5030.12.0200 by \$132 for this purpose.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2013-2014 budget by \$132 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of Fifth Avenue Elementary School's participation in the 'Give with Target' Program."

9.22 Approving the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$311.24 toward the purchase of supplies for Northport Middle School and increase the 2013-2014 budget code A2110.5030.23.0300 by \$311.24 for this purpose.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2013-2014 budget by \$311.24 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of Northport Middle School's participation in the Target Take Charge of Education Program."

9.23 Approving a 2013-2014 Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Clifford S. Trotter Associates (Student Support Services)

9.24 Approving a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and DLG Music Inc. (IB)

9.25 Approving a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and DLG Music Inc. (OAS)

9.26 Approving a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and DLG Music Inc. (DAS)

9.27 Approving a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Traveling Wilderness Experience Inc (BAS)

9.28 Approving a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Toby Walker (ENMS)

9.29 Approving a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Paul Failla (NMS)

9.30 Approving a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Paul Failla (ENMS)

9.31 Approving a 2013-2014 Instructional Services Contract between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and South County Central School District (Special Education)

9.32 Approving a 2013-2014 Contract for Services between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and The Center for Development Disabilities (Special Education)

9.33 Approving a 2013-2014 Managed Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Centris Group/Eastern Suffolk BOCES MSA (Special Education)

9.34 Approving a Rider to Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Alert Coach Lines, Inc. (NMS)

9.35 Approving a "Power to Learn" Cablevision Grant in the amount of \$500 to be used as seed money for a social awareness/community service project "Empty Bowls" that will be completed by the Northport High School Art Club

9.36 Approving the Claims Auditor's Reports for Warrants and Schedule of Claims for payments dated:

August 2013 (Wire Transfer Report), August 2, 2013 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), August 15, 2013 (Accounts Payable Warrant), August 16, 2013 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), August 30, 2013 (Accounts Payable Warrant), August 30, 2013 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), August 2013 (Claims Audit Report)

9.37 Approving the Claims Auditor's Reports for Warrants and Schedule of Claims for payments dated:

September 2013 (Wire Transfer Report), September 13, 2013 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), September 16, 2013 (Accounts Payable Warrant), September 27, 2013 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), September 30, 2013 (Accounts Payable Warrant), September 2013 (Claims Audit Report)

9.38 Approving Claims Auditor's Report – Payroll Audit for the Payroll Distribution/Audit dated September 27, 2013 (PRS)

9.39 Approving the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby gratefully accepts a donation of \$1,868.25 from Northport-East Northport residents whose names are more fully set forth in the attached document, for the purposes of covering the cost of a Northport High School Health Class field trip and increase the 2013-2014 budget code A2110.4161.30.2903 by \$1,868.25 for this purpose.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2013-2014 budget by \$1,868.25 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of donations from Northport-East Northport residents."

9.40 Recommendation to approve a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and David Levine (NMS)

9.41 Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District publicly requested proposals for a "District-wide Energy Project" (The "Project") on May 31, 2012;

WHEREAS, the School District received proposals from energy performance contracting firms in response to its request for proposals, which were opened by the School District on August 2, 2012;

WHEREAS, the School District Administration and the School District's Engineer, ECG Engineering, P.C. ("ECG") reviewed and evaluated the proposals submitted by the energy performance contracting firms in connection with the Project;

WHEREAS, based upon said review and evaluation of the proposals, Johnson Controls, Inc. ("JCI") was requested to perform a detailed Energy Performance Audit of the School District's facilities;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education authorized JCI to perform a detailed Energy Performance Audit at no cost to the District at its public Board meeting held on October 1, 2012;

WHEREAS, JCI subsequently performed a Detailed Energy Performance Audit for the proposed energy performance project at the School District;

WHEREAS, JCI submitted said Energy Audit to the School District in or about February 2013;

WHEREAS, based upon the School District Administration's review of the Energy Project, the Detailed Energy Audit submitted by JCI and the recommendation of ECG Engineering, P.C. in connection with its review and examination of the Energy Project and the Detailed Energy Audit, the School District Administration recommends that the Board of Education enter into the energy performance contract with JCI in accordance with the terms and conditions of the energy performance agreement attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that it is in the best interest of the School District to enter into an energy performance contract with JCI;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District authorizes the Board of Education to enter into an energy performance contract with JCI, for the purpose of improving the efficiency of the School District's energy systems in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the attached energy performance contract; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said energy performance contract between the Board of Education and JCI."

Several Trustees stated that they were very pleased with the hard work of the Operations and Maintenance Committee on the Energy Performance Contract. Board Counsel Carrie-Anne Tondo gave a brief description of what the Energy Performance Contract involves.

Vote on Trustee Thompson's motion to approve items under 8.02 through 9.41, was unanimously carried.

10. SUPERINTENDENT' REPORT – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

10.01 Schedule H – Use of Facilities

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Maloney inquired about the status of the letter regarding high stakes testing to the Governor and State Education Commissioner.

Dr. McDermott stated that she met with the APPR Committee and will be meeting with administration tomorrow to review the final draft of the letter which will be presented to the Board on November 18th. In

response to a question, Dr. McDermott stated that the letter from the 18 component Western Suffolk BOCES districts has been completed and will be signed by Dr. Mensch. The letter will be shared with the community and Board once it is sent to the State.

12. NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made by Trustee Badanes, seconded by Trustee Sabia, to approve the following resolution:

‘BE IT RESOLVED, that upon reviewing the appeal of a student discipline matter, the Board of Education affirms the decision of the Superintendent of Schools in all respects, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk shall notify the parents, in writing, of the Board’s determination”

Vote on Trustee Badanes’ motion was as follows:

YES: Mr. Badanes, Ms. Binger, Mr. Maloney, Mrs. McCue, Mr. Rapiejko, Mr. Sabia, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Waldenburg

ABSTAIN: Mrs. Topel

Motion passed.

13. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:09 p.m., motion was made by Trustee Sabia, seconded by Trustee Binger, to adjourn the regular meeting and convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to current litigation.

Unanimously carried.

At 9:40 p.m. the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Beth M. Nystrom
District Clerk