

Regular Meeting

A Meeting of the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District was held on Monday evening, December 9, 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, Mr. Stephen V. Waldenburg, Jr.

Members absent: Mrs. Tammie Topel

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
Mr. Adam Kleinberg, Esq., Sokoloff Stern, LLP

1. President Waldenburg called the meeting to order.

Motion was made by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Sabia, to convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the employment history of particular persons and matters pertaining to litigation.

Unanimously carried by those present.

At 7:19 p.m. the Board reconvened in public session in the Cafeteria at the William J. Brosnan School.

Public attendance: There were approximately 75 persons present.

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

President Waldenburg reordered the agenda, moving item 5.01 up.

5.01 Accomplishments of Staff and Students

5.01.1 Bellerose Avenue Fifth Grade Students presented a skit from their musical "The Granny Awards"

5.01.3 Mr. Timothy Hoss, Northport Middle School Principal, introduced Ms. Kerry Hager, Northport Middle School Social Studies Teacher, who presented a high level student class project entitled "JFK – We Hardly Knew You".

5.01.2 Mr. Timothy Hoss, Northport Middle School Principal, introduced Mr. Michael Friess, Northport Middle School Social Studies Teacher, and Ms. AnnMarie Jenkins, Northport Middle School Librarian, who presented an innovative curriculum-based project on racism in America using a Common Core text. Ms. Candace Reeder, the Young Adult Librarian for the Northport-East Northport Public Library was recognized for her involvement in this project.

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, November 4, 2013

4.01.2 Public Work Session, November 18, 2013

Unanimously carried by those present.

5. SPECIAL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

5.02 For Information: Upcoming Meetings

President Waldenburg reviewed the upcoming Board meetings of January 13th and January 27th.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications requiring Board action.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Nora Beck Norwood PTA	Asked what the process is for students “opting” out of tests.

Mr. Matt Nelson, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Administration, stated that there is no procedure for opting out of required state tests. The students are not punished for not taking the test. The students must sit with the test and are not given an alternative instructional assignment. Mr. Nelson stated that if the District does not participate it will have a hard time saying that it objects to the testing. Mr. Nelson noted that the tests are used to see where a student is struggling and where instructional needs are.

There was a discussion of academic intervention services, student state test scores, NWEA testing, student growth and monitoring, and the annual professional performance review.

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

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Sabia, to approve all items under 8.

8.01 Personnel Action Report, dated December 9, 2013, attached and made part of the official minutes.

8.02 Schedule J – Committee on Special Education, dated December 9, 2013, attached and made part of the official minutes

Vote on Trustee McCue’s motion to approve all items under 8.0 was unanimously carried by those present.

At 8:35 p.m., motion was made by Trustee Badanes, seconded by Trustee Sabia, to convene into Executive Session to discuss agenda item 9.18, an agreement between the District and the parents of a Special Education Student.

Unanimously carried by those present.

At 8:39 p.m. the Board reconvened in public session.

Motion was made by Trustee Badanes, seconded by Trustee Maloney, to approve all items under 9.0 with the exception of severed item 9.21

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

9.01 Taking specified action on the following BIDS:

EDUCATIONAL

9.01.1 AWARD: Hardcover and Paperback Books

9.01.2 AWARD: Kindergarten through Fifth Grade Supplies

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

9.01.3 AWARD: Hardware & Automotive Parts and Service

9.02 Approving the following donations to the District:

9.02.1 A 1973 upright Steinway Piano from Mr. Michael Hoss, value estimated by the donor to be approximately \$1,000.00

9.02.2 \$25.00 from the Twiss Family, \$100.00 from P. Clark, and \$25.00 from Lillian and Franklin LaBarbara to the Robert and Marjorie Krueger Scholarship

9.03 Approving annual membership dues in the New York State School Boards Association in the amount of \$11,546.00 for 2014

9.04 Approving the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, Eagle Scout John Paul Stevenson has designed and built two picnic tables along with the help of his fellow Eagle Scouts;

WHEREAS, John Paul Stevenson has generously offered to donate the two picnic tables and their installation at the Pulaski Road School to the School District; and

WHEREAS the School District desires to accept John Paul Stevenson's donation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the School District, without consideration, accepts the gift of two picnic tables and their installation from Eagle Scout John Paul Stevenson"

9.05 Approving the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$66.00 toward the purchase of supplies for Bellerose Avenue Elementary School and increase the 2013-14 budget code A2110.5030.17.0200 by \$66.00 for this purpose.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2013-14 budget by \$66.00 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of Bellerose Avenue Elementary School's participation in the Target Take Charge of Education Program."

9.06 Approving the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$127.00 toward the purchase of supplies for Pulaski Road Elementary School and increase the 2013-2014 budget code A2110.5030.16.0200 by \$127.00 for this purpose.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2013-2014 budget by \$127.00 with the understanding that this increase is the result of Pulaski Road Elementary School's participation in the Target Take Charge of Education Program."

9.07 Approving the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby gratefully accepts a donation of \$705.00 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 a Northport High School Urban Studies class field trip on November 21, 2013 and increase the 2013-2014 budget code A2110.4161.30.2903 by \$705.00 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 \$705.00 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of donations from Northport-East Northport residents."

9.08 Approving the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby gratefully accepts a donation of \$525.00 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 a Northport High School Urban Studies class field trip on October 29, 2013 and increase the 2013-2014 budget code A2110.4161.30.2903 by \$525.00 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 \$525.00 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of donations from Northport-East Northport residents."

9.09 Approving the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby gratefully accepts a donation of \$412.50 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 Marine Science class field trip on November 27, 2013 and increase the 2013-2014 budget code A2110.4161.30.2903 by \$412.50 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 \$412.50 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of donations from Northport-East Northport residents."

9.10 Approving the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby gratefully accepts a donation of \$12,000.00 from the United Students of Northport for the purposes of covering the cost of the "Challenge Day" program and increase the 2013-2014 budget code A2630.4900.30.3202 by \$12,000.00 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 \$12,000.00 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of donation from the United Students of Northport."

9.11 Approving the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby gratefully accepts a donation of \$3,600 from Northport-East Northport residents whose names are more fully set forth in the attached document, for the purpose of the Northport High School Orchestra trip to Boston and increase the 2013-2014 budget code A2110.4010.00.2100 by \$3,600 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 \$3,600 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of donations from Northport-East Northport residents."

9.12 Approving the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby gratefully accepts a donation of \$6,272.00 from Northport-East Northport residents whose names are more fully set forth in the attached document, for the purpose of the Northport High School Introduction to Dance, Musical Theatre and Tri-M trip to New York City on March 12, 2014 and increase the 2013-2014 budget code A2110.4161.30.2903 by \$6,272.00 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 \$6,272.00 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of donations from Northport-East Northport residents."

9.13 Approving an Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Suffolk County Vanderbilt Mansion, Planetarium and Museum (NAS)

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

9.15 Approving a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and The Long Island Matrix of Science and Technology (BAS)

9.16 Approving a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Threshold Dance Projects Inc. (dba Buglisi Dance Theatre) (IB)

9.17 Approving a Contract between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Suffolk County Vanderbilt Mansion, Museum and Planetarium (PRS)

9.18 Approving an Agreement and Release between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and the parents of a Special Education Student for 2013-2014 tuition and transportation

9.19 Approving a 2013-2014 Special Education Services Contract between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Commack Union Free School District

9.20 Approving a Rider to Agreement between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and New York YMCA Camp Greenkill Outdoor Education Center (NMS)

9.21 Severed

9.22 Approving a Consultant Agreement between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Ryan's Story Presentation Ltd.

9.23 Approving an Agreement between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and DJF Events, Inc. (NMS)

9.24 Approving transfer of general fund appropriations in the 2013-2014 budget

9.25 Approving an Engagement Letter between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP for services related to the examination by the Internal Revenue Service of Tax Anticipation Notes for 2011-2012 Taxes

9.26 Approving the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the appropriation A2855.4010.00.1501 (Contract Services - Boys' Athletics) by \$16,750 and an increase in the appropriation A2855.4010.00.1501 (Contract Services - Girls' Athletics) by \$43,250 with the understanding that these increases in appropriations are the result of a grant-in-aid to support general expenses.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A3289 (Other State Aid) of the 2013-2014 budget by \$60,000 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of a grant-in-aid from The State Education Department."

9.27 Approving the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District hereby rescinds its November 4, 2013 award of the energy performance contract to Johnson Controls, Inc."

9.28 Approving the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District desires to embark upon an energy performance contract for energy related capital improvements at the District's facilities, including the installation of lighting fixture retrofit and ceiling replacements, lighting fixture controls, building envelope improvements, energy management system upgrades, steam trap replacements, heating system upgrades, computer power management software, water conservation, vending machine controls, air conditioner compressor controllers, transformer replacement, refrigeration compressor controllers, refrigeration upgrades, destratification fans, building envelope improvements - attic insulation and unit ventilator mechanical refurbishment in connection with an energy performance project (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, said capital improvements are subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, the *replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, or the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes* is classified as a Type II Action under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Section 6 N.Y.C.R.R. 617.5(c)(2)); and

WHEREAS, the SEQR Regulations declare Type II Actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, as the only involved agency, has examined all information related to the energy performance project and has determined that, based on recommendation from the District's Engineer for the Energy Performance Contract, ECG Engineering, P.C., in connection with its review and examination of the energy performance project, that such Project is classified as a Type II Action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(2) of the SEQRA Regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby declares itself lead agency in connection with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby declares that the energy performance project is a Type II Action, which requires no further review under SEQRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby shall forward an official copy of this Resolution to the New York State Education Department together with a copy of the correspondence from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in connection with its request for approval of the listed project from the New York State Education Department."

9.29 Approving 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."

9.30 Approving the Corrective Action Plan to the 2012-2013 Internal Audit Report on Cash Management

9.31 Approving the Corrective Action Plan to the 2012-2013 Internal Audit Risk Assessment Update Report

9.32 Approving the Corrective Action Plan to the June 30, 2013 External Audit

9.33 Approving the Corrective Action Plan to the 2012-2013 Internal Audit Report on Extraclassroom Activity Fund

Vote on Trustee Badanes' motion to approve all items under 9.0 with the exception of severed item 9.21 was unanimously carried by those present.

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Sabia, to approve item 9.21

9.21 Approving a Consultant Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Long Island Center for Arts and Sciences for Various Presentations for the 2013-2014 School Year

Vote on Trustee McCue's motion was as follows:

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

ABSTAIN: Mr. Waldenburg

Motion passed.

10. SUPERINTENDENT' REPORT – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

10.01 Schedule H – Use of Facilities

10.02 State Education Department Income Eligibility Guidelines for free and reduced price meals or free milk for 2013-2014 school year

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12. NEW BUSINESS

12.01 Letter to Governor Cuomo regarding support of the Suffolk County School Superintendents Association's letter to Commissioner John King.

Motion was made by Trustee Badanes, seconded by Trustee Sabia, to approve a letter to Governor Cuomo regarding support of the Suffolk County School Superintendents Associations' letter to Commissioner John King and authorizing the Board President to sign the letter on behalf of the Board.

Unanimously carried by those present.

Dr. McDermott announced that staff is wearing blue in honor of National Day of Action to Reclaim the Promise of Public Education. Antoinette Blanck, United Teachers of Northport President, stated that this day provides an opportunity to raise our voices in unison to the governing bodies including United States Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, in support public education in New York State and the growing national movement. The Northport-East Northport School Community stands united in support of fair funding for public schools, proper implementation of curriculum and a renewed focus on teaching and learning, not testing.

Vice President Thompson stated that the Policy Committee met on Monday, December 2nd and as requested, additional policy committee meeting dates will be added to the calendar.

13. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:55 p.m., motion was made by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Maloney, to adjourn the regular meeting and convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to current LIPA litigation.

Unanimously carried by those present

At 9:55 p.m. the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Beth M. Nystrom
District Clerk