

Regular Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District was held on Monday evening, October 3, 2011, beginning at 6:30 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, Mrs. Kristen Gavin, Mrs. Lori McCue, Mrs. Donna McNaughton (arrived at 6:45 p.m.), 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
Dr. Terry Bouton, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Ms. Kathleen Molander, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Mr. Matthew Nelson, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Administration
Ms. Carrie-Anne Tondo, Board Counsel

1. President Waldenburg called the meeting to order.

Motion was made by Trustee Rapiejko, seconded by Trustee Thompson, to convene in Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to a current criminal investigation and matters pertaining to the discipline of a particular person.

Unanimously carried by those present.

At 7:50 p.m., the Board reconvened in public session in the cafeteria at William J. Brosnan School.

Public attendance: There were approximately 35 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 Rapiejko, to approve all items under 4.01

- 4.01 Treasurer's Report and Monthly Summary of Receipts and Disbursements

- 4.01.1 Treasurer's Report for the period August 1, 2011 through August 31, 2011

- 4.01.2 Monthly Summary of Receipts and Disbursements for August 2011

Unanimously carried.

- 4.02 For Information: Claims Auditor's Report for Warrant and Schedule of Claims for payments dated:

August 2011 (Wire Transfer Report), August 1, 2011 (Accounts Payable Warrant), August 15, 2011 (Account Payable Warrant), August 12, 2011 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), August 31, 2011 (Accounts Payable Warrant), August 26, 2011 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), August 2011 (Claims Audit Report)

5. SPECIAL REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

5.01 The President of the Board reviewed the upcoming meetings of October 17th, November 7th and November 21st.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no letters of communication.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Joe Dragone FRIENNDS	Mr. Dragone stated that he wanted to take this opportunity to invite the members of the Board and the members of the Community to the 2011 FRIENNDS Gala on Wednesday, October 19 th at 6:00 p.m. at the John W. Engeman Theater for a production of Camelot. Mr. Dragone noted that proceeds will be donated to the Community Drug and Alcohol Task Force in support of their efforts to protect our children. Mr. Dragone stated that tickets are \$75 per person and thanked Patty Gardiner, Matt Nelson, Julia Binger and Donna McNaughton for their efforts in organizing this gala.

Motion was made by Trustee McNaughton, seconded by Trustee Topel, to approve all items under 8. and 9., including Supplemental 8.01.1 (Schedule A #29-47), and Supplemental Resolutions 8.03, 8.04 and 8.05.

8. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT, GENERAL

8.01 Personnel Schedules, each dated October 3, 2011, and each attached and made part of the official minutes:

- 8.01.1 Schedule A – Certified Staff (including Supplemental #29-47)
- 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

President Waldenburg announced the retirements of Ms. Patricia Majewski, Mr. Peter Geremia and Ms. Sharon Coburn.

The Board requested background information regarding the clubs including a listing of all clubs running, the attendance of the clubs and descriptions of the clubs.

8.02 Approving requests for travel for students to countries outside of the United States during the 2011-2012 school year:

Portugal and Spain – June 24, 2012 – July 3, 2012

8.03 Approving the following resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with Board Policy and State Regulation, the Board of Education approve the appointment of Ms. Janice Orland to serve as Impartial Hearing Officer for the purpose of conducting an impartial hearing in accord with Policy 4321, Program for Students with Disabilities under IDEA”

8.04 Approving the following resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with Board Policy and State Regulation, the Board of Education approve the appointment of Mr. Gary Peters to serve as Impartial Hearing Officer for the purpose of conducting an impartial hearing in accord with Policy 4321, Program for Students with Disabilities under IDEA”

8.05 Approving the following resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District to enter into an agreement with Lunch Byte Systems, Inc. for the purpose of school meal account prepayments, subject to mutually agreeable terms and conditions to be reviewed and approved by District Counsel;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education”

9. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT FINANCIAL

9.01 Taking specified action on the following BIDS:

TRANSPORTATION

9.01.1 Award – Transportation for District Students and District Students with Disabilities attending Out of District Schools

9.02 Receiving the following donation to the school district:

9.02.1 A cherry tree from student Sarah Connor, to be placed in the courtyard of the Ocean Avenue Elementary School, value estimated by the donor to be approximately \$200.00

9.03 Approving a Special Education Services Contract between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and the Commack Union Free School District for the 2011-2012 school year

9.04 Approving the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$500 to provide a scholarship to a deserving 2012 Northport High School business student graduate”

Trustee Thompson asked for additional discussion regarding agenda item 8.01.1 Schedule A line item #15 and item 9.05.

Motion was made by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Sabia to sever item 8.01.1 Schedule A line item #15 and item 9.05

Vote on Trustee Thompson’s motion to sever item 8.01.1 Schedule A line item #15 and item 9.05 was as follows:

YES: Mrs. Gavin, Mrs. McCue, Mrs. McNaughton, Mr. Rapijko, Mr. Sabia, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Waldenburg

NO: Ms. Binger, Mrs. Topel

Motion passed.

Vote on Trustee McNaughton's motion to approve all items under 8. and 9., excluding severed items 8.01.1 Schedule A line item #15 and item 9.05 was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee McNaughton, to approve item 8.01.1 Schedule A line item #15.

Trustee Thompson inquired about the rate of pay paid to the sign language interpreter. Dr. Terry Bouton, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, stated that \$80 is the rate of pay paid to BOCES and that all foreign language interpreters get paid the same rate.

Vote on Trustee McCue's motion to approve item 8.01.1 Schedule A line item #15 was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Binger, to approve item 9.05

9.05 Approving the following change orders:

9.05.1 Change Order Number 1, dated February 25, 2011, SED Project #58-04-04-03-0-007-015, Ocean Avenue Elementary School, increase in the amount of \$3,278.00

9.05.2 Change Order Number 1, dated February 25, 2011, SED Project #58-04-04-03-0-003-0017, East Northport Middle School, increase in the amount of \$8,200.00

9.05.3 Change Order Number 2, dated June 15, 2011, SED Project #58-04-04-03-0-003-0017, East Northport Middle School, increase in the amount of \$19,500.00

9.05.4 Change Order Number 3, dated June 17, 2011, SED Project #58-04-04-03-0-003-0017, East Northport Middle School, increase in the amount of \$6,000.00

There was a discussion regarding where the responsibility lies for the change orders and the items that were missing from the bid. Ms. Kathleen Molander, Assistant Superintendent for Business, stated that the architects are responsible for the bidding documents. The Board requested information from the architects as to why the changes were necessary and a review of the bidding documents.

Vote on Trustee McCue's motion to approve item 9.05 was as follows:

YES: Ms. Binger, Mrs. Gavin, Mrs. McCue, Mrs. McNaughton, Mr. Rapiejko, Mrs. Topel, Mr. Waldenburg

NO: Mr. Sabia, Mrs. Thompson

Motion passed.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

10.01 Schedule H – Use of Facilities

10.02 Schedule I – Home Instruction

10.03 Student Activity Account Reports for August 2011 from:

10.03.1 Northport High School

10.03.2 East Northport Middle School

10.03.3 Northport Middle School

- 10.04 Investment Report for August 2011
- 10.05 Collateral Schedule for August 2011
- 10.06 Bank Reconciliation Report for August 2011

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Waldenburg stated that the Board requested clarification from Board Counsel regarding an agreement with an outside District on establishing a central pickup point outside of the District for transportation of a district student to the Stony Brook School.

Board Counsel Carrie-Anne Tondo stated that the Board does not have the authority to establish a central pickup point outside of its boundaries.

President Waldenburg stated that policy and law makes the agreement moot. Mr. Waldenburg noted that the only other option would be to accept or deny the request for transportation to the family with a residency over the 15 mile limit.

Motion was made by Trustee Topel, seconded by Trustee Binger, to transport this student from a centralized pickup point within 15 miles of the school.

Vote on Trustee Topel's motion was as follows:

YES: Mrs. Topel
NO: Ms. Binger, Mrs. Gavin, Mrs. McCue, Mrs. McNaughton, Mr. Rapiejko, Mr. Sabia, Mr. Waldenburg
ABSTAIN: Mrs. Thompson

Motion failed.

Trustee Topel requested that the Board revisit this on a policy issue. Ms. Carrie-Anne Tondo, Board Counsel, stated that it would require a careful look at transportation routes if the Board wished to established a centralized pickup point for transportation to non-public schools

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

“WHEREAS, Board Policy Number 1500, Use of District Facilities, provides that the “use of the District’s facilities shall not be issued for the use of athletic fields prior to 11:00 a.m. on any Sunday, with the exception of the High School fields which can be used beginning 9:00 a.m. on Sundays”;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to suspend this provision of Board Policy Number 1500 for the use of the District’s athletic fields, except for the Fifth Avenue Elementary School athletic fields, on Sunday, October 9, 2011 only;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby suspends paragraph twelve located at page six of seven of Board of Education Policy Number 1500 for all School District athletic fields on Sunday, October 9, 2011, except for the athletic fields located at Fifth Avenue Elementary School”

Unanimously carried.

12. NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Topel, to approve the following resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the settlement of a matter between RLI Insurance Company and the District in connection with the Northport High School Plumbing Contract #03-119C between the District and Smith Haven Mechanical, Inc. in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement between the District and RLI Insurance Company attached hereto; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate said settlement.”

Unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Sabia, to have personnel files of a certain individual accessible for review by the Board of Education.

Unanimously carried.

There being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Trustee McNaughton, seconded by Trustee Sabia, to adjourn the meeting.

Unanimously carried.

At 9:15 p.m. the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Beth M. Nystrom
District Clerk

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