

**Northport-East Northport Union Free School District Regular Meeting - Northport High School
(Thursday, January 23, 2020)**

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Members present

David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Members absent

None

Also present

Mr. Robert Banzer, Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Irene McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

Dr. Dana Boshnack, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning

Mr. Robert Howard, Assistant Superintendent for Business

Public Attendance: Approximately 100 people

1. CALL TO ORDER – President Badanes called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. IF NECESSARY, THE CHAIR MAY ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION - Note: It is anticipated that the Board will meet in public at 6:00 p.m. in the Faculty Dining Room at Northport High School to act upon a resolution, upon majority vote, to immediately convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the employment history of particular persons and matters pertaining to current litigation.

Action: 2.01 Motion to convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the employment history of particular persons and matters pertaining to current litigation.

Motion by David Stein, second by Thomas Loughran.

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C. Noonan, David Stein

At 7:12 p.m. the Board reconvened in public session in the Auditorium at Northport High School.

3. Mr. Badanes led those present in the **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**; and

4. Pointed out the **EMERGENCY EXITS**

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: 5.01 Minutes

There were no minutes for approval.

6. STUDENT AND STAFF RECOGNITION/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

President Badanes read the following statement:

On behalf of my Board of Education colleagues, I would like to reiterate our full support of Mr. Banzer's recommendation to close Northport Middle School for the remainder of the year. The issues surrounding Northport Middle School have spanned decades and although we have been assured to date that the building meets the standards for occupancy, new test results and ongoing testing left us with many unanswered questions. Those unanswered questions led us to unanimously support the decision made by Mr. Banzer.

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to Mr. Banzer, the administrative team and all of the faculty and staff who came together within the past few days to ensure that a solid plan was in place to welcome students at their new buildings today. They dedicated tireless hours to preparing the new classrooms, reviewing schedules and working out the fine details of the transition. This was no small undertaking so on behalf of the Board, we thank you for your work.

As a Board, we realize that this is a difficult time for many of our families and that the situation has been unsettling for Northport Middle School students. I thank you for your patience, understanding and cooperation as we work through this transition process. I was proud to see that everyone – including administrators, teachers, staff members and students – made Northport Middle School students feel welcomed as they arrived at school today. That is the true spirit of the Northport-East Northport community.

With that said, I would like to turn it over to Mr. Banzer, who will share his thoughts and provide us with an update on how today went.

Superintendent Banzer read the following statement:

Good evening and thank you for being here with us tonight.

I realize that there have been many feelings running through out community over the last several days, given the information that our families have been asked to absorb. What we are experiencing is highly stressful and emotional for many, and I fully recognize how this decision may affect all involved. However, we believe it was in the best interest of our students and staff that the decision be made to close Northport Middle School. We realize that this is a substantial undertaking, and it is our main goal to minimize the disruption to our students and staff to the furthest extent possible.

As many of you here know, there is a long history of concerns at Northport Middle School dating back decades. Despite those concerns, assurances by our consultant and the NYS Department of Health unequivocally stated that NMS met standards for school occupancy, and yet those questions remained. Those questions led to the creation of a subcommittee that has been charged with defining and advising what type of testing will be done at NMS and conducting a comprehensive review of all district assessments, testing and information to date.

At our January 9th meeting, the Testing Plan was presented to the Board and Community. Recent test results from that plan showed elevated levels of mercury and benzene in the sediment samples that were taken during the initial testing phase. Both findings are at actionable levels per the Suffolk County Department of Health Services and will require remediation. In addition to the soil sampling, PWGC conducted preliminary air testing which indicated no observable detection of VOCs (volatile organic compounds) inside the building or from the cesspool & leaching sediment samples.

We also realize that the full testing picture is in development and different tests are/were happening simultaneously. For instance, what was not known – and is not yet known – are the results of the air quality tests and moisture tests, which were being conducted at the same time – and what they might reveal. We also know that further testing is underway, and a full report will not be made available to us

until late March/early April. This causes a great deal of anxiety for everyone associated with the building as we await the results.

Base on a review of the history of issues surrounding NMS, ongoing testing, preliminary results and remediation that has yet to take place, and my consultation with our Board of Education, I felt that the most prudent action to take was to close the school for the remainder of the year. I know it has been disruptive. I want to thank you for your patients and flexibility as we make this transition.

I'd like to thank the Board for their support. And on behalf of the Board we would like to thank the administration, faculty and staff who have worked tirelessly and unceasingly, since Saturday, on behalf on our students and community. I don't know if I can accurately express the level of commitment, dedication, time and attention to detail that the administrative staff, our faculty, our buildings & grounds and maintenance crews have put in over the last five days. It is truly inspiring and I want to thank them from the bottom of my heart.

7. SPECIAL REPORTS

Presentations: 7.01 Northport Middle School Relocation Update

Mr. Banzer stated that today was day one of the relocation of students and overall it went pretty well. There are a tremendous amount of logistics that had to be worked out and the more challenging was transportation. Bus routes were already in place and now buses that were traveling to one school now had to travel to three schools. There are still some pieces of transportation that need to be refined. The students and staff at the high school, East Northport Middle School and Norwood Avenue School welcomed the faculty and students from Northport Middle School. It is a dynamic process and the district will continue to work through it.

Mr. Paul Boyce of PWGC gave an overview of the information provided regarding the testing at Northport Middle School. Benzene was found in septic tanks on the southern and eastern sides of the school. It was found in the septic tanks which have a solid bottom and top. They do overflow into leaching pools which have not been sampled yet. It was found in the solid samples inside the tanks. They do not know the source, how it got into the tank or how long it has been there. They did not find toluene so he does not suspect it is gasoline. Mr. Boyce stated it is a low level even though it's above the county action level. They did not find organic vapors. The samples were taken out of the tank and no vapors were found. It is highly organic in nature and found in many septic systems. The southern tank is located approximately 20 feet from the building and the eastern tank is located approximately 20-40 feet from the east side of the gym. The depth is approximately 10-12 feet. They were screening with field instruments for VOCs as well and there was no detection. They screened every room inside the building with the same instruments and no VOCs were detected. Mr. Boyce stated that he did not recommend that the building be closed.

In response to a question about a pathway for contamination into the building, Mr. Boyce stated that there is a potential but have not confirmed or denied it and they are investigating. They have performed indoor air quality testing, collected sub slab vapor testing, and summa canister testing. The summa canisters were placed Thursday into Friday and then Friday into Saturday. They did seven control samples. So instead of doing all 50 when the staff and students were out, they did 7 samples, two outside, five inside while the students and staff were occupying the building. That was Thursday night into Friday, a 24 hour sample. They did get those results back and they did not see anything noticeable, nothing jumped off the page, nothing that exceeded any type of standards. Benzene was non-detect in all of them. Anything they did see was in the single digits essentially, mcg/cubic meter which is very low.

Mr. Boyce stated that the full report should be available sometime in March.

Superintendent Banzer stated that questions will be taken from Northport Middle School parents only at this time.

Julie Hendricks-Atkins
Parent

Stated that everyone on the Northport Middle School staff have been wonderful and supportive. It's been a rollercoaster of emotions and students are feeling shock and sadness over the loss of the school and anxiety over uncertainty. Asked that remediation be conducted swiftly and completely and open the school in September so the kids can go back to Northport Middle School.

Moriah Heuer
Parent

Stated that she applauds Superintendent Banzer as well as the Board of Education. She continues to be upset that it was necessary to close Northport Middle School and thanked the Superintendent for finding a way to have the 6th graders in the same building. Asked what would be exposure to benzene when pumping gas at a gas station, what the Board plans to do about news crews showing up at an elementary school, and if there is a plan in place to deal with parents who show up at elementary school dressed in hazmat suits.

President Badanes stated that the media has every right to go on public property and that there will be increased security at the school. Mr. Badanes noted that one of the hardest decisions was to close the school.

Laura Petronella
Parent

Stated that her children went to Northport Middle School and one is in 8th grade now. They were unfairly uprooted from school unexpectedly and it is quite upsetting to all parents. Asked why 660 students were uprooted before a full report was completed. There were no VOCs, nothing determined in the air, and this doesn't seem to be an immediate health effect on students. Ms. Petronella stated the students don't have a science lab at the high school, no lockers and they feel like prisoners in H wing.

Mr. David Storch, District Chairperson of Science and Technology, stated that they are working on a schedule with every science teacher to get students in the labs and there will be no difference in the delivery of the curriculum.

Mr. Dan Danbusky, Principal Northport High School, stated that H wing does have lockers and Dr. Hoss is working to get the students lockers.

Katie Lessig
Parent

Commended the hard work the Board, Administration and staff put into making the transition as smooth as possible. Her son is 5th grader now and preparing for graduation from elementary school and asked if that will continue. Asked if there was any possibility that if PWGC comes back in March and says school is clear, would school be opened again.

Mr. Banzer stated that to disrupt everyone again would be tremendous. The moving up ceremonies will not change. The Future Study Committee is working on how we could deliver the programs more efficiently and from that study there could be changes in the buildings. We do not have answers yet.

Michael Ciszek
Parent

Stated that the efforts by teachers and administrators was herculean. Asked what is going to be done to address children's issues. The 7th grade had a very difficult lunch period with overcrowding. Is there a process for feedback and things come up.

Mr. Banzer stated that they should let the building principal know of any issues and they are working to refine things.

Phyllis Clements
Parent

Stated that she is stunned to hear that there was zero detection of any toxins or VOCs that would affect children and that the closure has had a tremendous impact on the children. Her children's lives have been completely uprooted and they have been profoundly impacted by this decision. Stated that she is extremely concerned about the social emotional health of the students and asked what the District is going to do to alleviate stress on students.

Dr. Timothy Hoss, Northport Middle School Principal, stated that he understands the challenges and sees the impact it is having on the kids. Dr. Hoss stated there is much to celebrate and kids are so resilient. The 7th graders are going to Greenkill, there are many other assemblies planned, and a canteen is coming up next week. We have to make it work and show the kids we can make it work.

A parent asked if students who live close to the William J. Brosnan School could walk instead of taking the bus. Mr. Banzer asked her to let Dr. Hoss know that is going to happen.

Presentations: 7.02 2020-2021 Budget Overview

Superintendent Banzer presented the 2019-2020 Budget Overview. Mr. Banzer stated that the budget priorities are to present a budget that supports the mission, vision, core beliefs and priorities of the district.

Mr. Banzer reviewed the budget development calendar:

January 23rd – budget overview

March 5th – budget discussion on buildings & grounds and transportation

March 12th – budget discussion on instruction, technology, BOCES and Special Education

March 19th – budget discussion on personnel & benefits

March 26th – budget discussion on revenue, fund balance and reserves. Preliminary public hearing to receive public input on budget

April 7th – committee of the whole to consider and discuss public input at Preliminary Hearing and reconvene into public session to finalize budget

May 7th – hearing on finalized budget.

May 19th – budget vote.

Mr. Banzer reviewed the prior budget history: In 2014-2015 the budget was \$159,109,341, a 1.60% increase. In 2015-2016 the budget was \$159,588,325, a 0.30% increase. In 2016-2017 the budget was \$161,380,833, a 1.12% increase. In 2017-2018 the budget was \$163,306,840, a 1.19% budget increase. In 2018-2019 the budget was \$166,810,381, a 2.15% increase. In 2019-2020 the budget was \$171,077,688, a 2.56% increase.

The budget expenditures for 2019-2020 are made up of personnel costs (53%), benefits (24%), and combined categories (23%) which includes Buildings and Grounds, Security, Special Education, BOCES, Instructional Technology and Central Administration.

Expenditure considerations for the 2020-2021 budget:

- Salaries are rolled over at this point in the process. Retirements/efficiencies will be factored in throughout the process.
- Contract negotiations with multiple bargaining units.
- TRS Employer Contribution is expected to increase from 8.86% to (9.25% - 10.25%).

- Health Insurance increase was lower than expected but health insurance retirement incentive and potential overcorrections in premiums are anticipated cost drivers.
- Increase to debt service.
- Anticipated increases to energy costs.

The revenue history was reviewed from 2015-2016 to present. In the 2019-2020 budget the sources of revenue comprised of the following: Tax Levy \$149,717,642 (88%), State Aid \$16,130,805 (10%), Assigned Fund Balance \$2,375,000 (1%), Use of Reserves \$336,721 (0.1%), and Miscellaneous Revenue \$2,517,500 (1%) - Interest Earnings, Rentals, Fees, Tuition, Health Services, etc.)

The tax levy revenue source history was reviewed. In 2014-2015 the tax levy increase was 1.99% (allowable tax levy limit was 2.18%). In 2015-2016 the tax levy increase was 1.15% (allowable tax levy limit 1.81%). In 2016-2017 the tax levy increase was 0.50% (allowable tax levy limit 0.55%). In 2017-2018 the tax levy increase was 1.46% (allowable tax levy limit 1.67%). In 2018-2019 the tax levy increase was 2.10% (allowable tax levy limit 2.38%). In 2019-2020 the tax levy increase was 2.56% (allowable tax levy limit 3.22%). The 2020-2021 tax levy is to be determined.

The Governor's executive proposal for 2020-2021 includes state aid of \$16,238,006. The tax cap (levy limit) growth factor is 1.81%.

Mr. Robert Howard, Assistant Superintendent for Business, stated that debt service is driving the increases and a lot of the budget is in the bond anticipation notes. State Aid is approximately a \$100,000 increase from last year.

Mr. Banzer stated that the budget planning could be impacted by LIPA, declining enrollment and future study recommendations. There are pretty significant challenges facing the district. The tax certiorari law suit has concluded. Negotiations between the Town and LIPA and the school district are ongoing. Mr. Banzer stated that he is unable to discuss anything further regarding the negotiations. The trial between the Town and LIPA has concluded but no decision has been made as of yet. The District is actively looking at solutions for the program of study and how to deliver that.

There was a discussion regarding State Aid, TRS, LIPA, core values and beliefs, recommendations of future study committee, building aide, impact of LIPA settlement on programs.

8. COMMUNICATIONS - Please Note: This is the opportunity for persons who had written letters to the Board to speak to the Board regarding the issues raised in their communications. Speakers are asked to keep their comments brief, and to speak no longer than 5 minutes.

There were no communications to the Board requiring Board action.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT/PARTICIPATION - Please Note: Community members are invited to share their questions, comments, or concerns with the School Board. When speaking, citizens should state their name and address for the record and limit their presentation to 5 minutes. Where possible, the Board will answer factual questions immediately. A written response may be provided when information is not available. If a response would involve discussion of Board Policy or decisions which might be of interest to citizens not present at the meeting, the Board may place the item on a future meeting agenda.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Denise Filaski Resident	Asked if the contract with PWGC was available to the public and if any part of the request of the environmental company include water backing up into the middle school.

Alex Seaton
Parent Stated that she has a 7th grader at Northport Middle School and was disappointed in the decision to close the school. She stated that it is absurd that no one listened to the facts. She hopes the school reopens in September.

Julie O'Connor
Parent Asked what the plan is for September for the current 5th graders at Bellerose going into 6th grade and zoned for Northport Middle School, and for all 6th grades for next year.

Mr. Banzer stated that they are looking into everything in terms of reconfiguration and will have a better understanding of what things will look like in the spring.

Diane Motchkowitz
Former Resident Stated that the Board did the right thing to close the school. Twenty years ago she stood in front of the Board with her concerns about Northport Middle School. She had her child transferred to East Northport Middle School because he was sick. It has been a sick building for over twenty years and needs to be wiped from the face of the earth.

Warner Frey
Parent Thanked the Board and Superintendent for the hard work done and special thanks to the Northport Middle School staff and families. The main goal is to find out what is going on, remediate it and get the building open again. Facts come first and emotions need to come secondary. There has been enough rhetoric spewed on this subject.

Nicole Raganella
Parent Asked if the decision to close Northport Middle School was based on emotions or facts, when will the public have an opportunity to address questions regarding the testing, and if there is a special process for the public to submit questions to the testing company.

President Badanes stated that there were many factors in Mr. Banzer's decision to close the school. He informed the Board of his decision and there was not disagreement to his decision. There was no formal motion by the Board. The public will have an opportunity to address questions to the testing company when they present their final report.

Mr. Howard stated that there is an email address to submit questions to the subcommittee.

Denise Schwartz
Parent Thanked the Board for making the right decision to move the students and staff out of Northport Middle School while the testing was going on. Agreed that not allowing the public to ask questions of the testing company was not fair. The benzene actionable benzene level is frightening and asked if the subcommittee and board received any other testing results.

Trustee Licopoli stated that it was requested by PWGC to not fully disclose all the findings until the full report is presented.

Christine Zarko
Parent Thanked the Board for giving the Northport Middle School parents an opportunity to speak first. Asked what is the plan to retain middle school teachers and staff.

Mr. Banzer stated that there will be no change in staffing this year. There may be other issues and factors that may plan into staffing in budgeting for next year.

Tammie Topel
Resident Asked what other chemicals were found in the septic tanks, what were the levels. Asked why they were not able to ask questions of the environment firm and there is a lack of transparency.

Trustee Licopoli stated that when the Superintendent consulted with the Board regarding closing Northport Middle School he did it professionally. PWGC found benzene and did further air testing and grab samples with nothing detected.

Bethany Watts
Parent Stated that Northport Middle School is a public school. The buildings and grounds are owned by the public, owned by the people who send their children to the school. There has been a legacy of issues. She strongly urged the Board of Education not to create further harm to the community by making offhanded and hurtful statements and pushing it under the rug. In April 2017 air tests in K wing came up with benzene and triethylbenzene. What makes now different than three years ago when her child was still getting sick when there was benzene in the air.

Mr. Banzer stated that the Suffolk County Department of Health inspected the basement and subsequent testing showed no detect of benzene. The materials were removed, students were moved, and the wing was closed down and remediated.

Marianne Maltese Stated her children go to Commack schools and she is running for New York State Assembly. Asked if the NYSDEC has made an appointment to come and test the site. Stated that there is no charge to the school to do the testing and have environmental impact statement.

Mr. Banzer stated that the district has engaged the Suffolk County Department of Health and the New York State Department of Health.

Leigh Boodoo
Parent Asked about the Ocean Avenue air testing, why the boiler was removed and replaced, the source of lead and benzenes.

Mr. Banzer stated that the final report was uploaded to the District's website, the boiler was replaced because it was old and inefficient, and a source may not be found.

Kristen Valenti
Resident Asked about the letter that was sent out last week regarding the New York State Department of Health reaching out regarding the schools and stated that all schools should be tested.

Mr. Banzer stated that the New York State Department of Health reached out to inform him that they were expanding a cancer study specifically related to leukemia that they had received some information. It was reported that a number of graduates from 2016, in and around that class, had been diagnosed with leukemia. They had the information and wanted to take a deeper look. They are looking at the entire community. Mr. Banzer stated that this is separate from what is going on in the middle school.

Mr. Banzer stated that the District engaged the New York State Department of Health and the Suffolk County Department of Health back in 2017 when they were ready to reopen the K-wing. They shared the plan with the DOH and the results with the DOH. The DOH stated that it was ok for occupancy. The NYSDOH was just informing the District that they were going to expand their study. At Ocean Avenue, a maintenance worker was working on the sump pump and smelled No. 2 heating oil that prompted him to report it. The contents of the sump pump were removed and placed in barrels and JC Broderick tested the leaching pool. It is in the remediation phase now and it will be retested under guidance of the Suffolk County Department of Health. In addition, they did testing above and around the leaching pool and there were no detects of any VOCs.

Action: Extend Meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Recommendation to extend the meeting.

Motion by Allison C Noonan, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Michelle Coggins Parent Asked if there is a contingency plan, especially with the issue at Northport Middle School and having to create a plan in a very short amount of time.

Mr. Banzer stated that there is a districtwide safety management plan in the case of an emergency. There are also building level plans which, according to New York State Regulations, are not available to the public.

Patricia Polenz Resident Asked when the mercury came out how come action wasn't taken when those results came out. Stated there are 60 cases of leukemia and blood disorders of kids who went through Northport Middle School. These are serious matters that the district needs to be transparent about.

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

Action: 10.01 Personnel Actions Report

Recommendation to approve the attached Personnel Actions Report.

Motion by David Badanes, second by Thomas Loughran.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 10.02 Schedule of Voting Details

Recommendation to approve the Schedule of Voting Details for the Budget Vote and Election of Trustees to be held on May 19, 2020

Motion by David Badanes, second by Thomas Loughran.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 10.03 2020-2021 School Calendar

Recommendation to adopt the proposed 2020-2021 School Calendar

Motion by David Badanes, second by Thomas Loughran.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 10.04 Foreign/Overnight Travel with Student

Recommendation to approve the following Overnight Travel with Students:

10.04.1 ESPN Wide World of Sports, Orlando, FL - February 5, 2020 - February 10, 2020 - Varsity Cheerleading

Motion by Allison C Noonan, second by Thomas Loughran.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Abstain: David Badanes

11. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, FINANCIAL - FOR BOARD ACTION

Action: 11.01 Omnia Partners

Recommendation to approve the following resolution to authorize the use of Omnia Partners Contract # R180201 for food service equipment, small wares, parts, design and/or installation:

"WHEREAS, OMNIA Partners has made available to other municipalities a contract for food service equipment, small wares, parts, design and/or installation; and

WHEREAS, said contract for food service equipment, small wares, parts, design and/or installation was let for bid consistent with the requirements of General Municipal Law, section 103; and

WHEREAS, the Northport-East Northport U.F.S.D. is permitted to utilize said contract in accordance with the terms and conditions of the bid and requirements of General Municipal Law, section 103; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the purchase of food service equipment, small wares, parts, design and/or installation from OMNIA Partners contract #R180201 in accordance with the requirements of General Municipal Law, section 103."

Motion by Thomas Loughran, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.02 Urban Studies Field Trip Donation

Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby gratefully accepts a donation of \$825 from Northport-East Northport residents, for the purposes of covering the cost of transportation for the Northport High School Urban Studies class field trip to New York City on December 19, 2019 and increase the 2019-2020 budget code A2110.4161.30.2903 by \$825 for this purpose.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2019-2020 budget by \$825 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of donations from Northport-East Northport residents."

Motion by Thomas Loughran, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.03 Judith Tracy Memorial Scholarship Fund Donation

Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$1,000.00 from Mark Tracy to the Judith Tracy Memorial Scholarship Fund"

Motion by Thomas Loughran, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.04 Lt. Commander Christopher C. Tragna Memorial Scholarship Fund Donation
Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$500.00 from Charles and Barbara Tragna to the Lt. Commander Christopher C. Tragna Memorial Scholarship Fund."

Motion by Thomas Loughran, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.05 Alto Sax Donation
Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a donation of a Jean Baptiste Alto Saxophone, Serial #286AL3B0058, from community member, Ms. Tracey Bernson. The instrument is valued at approximately \$450.00."

Motion by Thomas Loughran, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.06 Lt. Commander Christopher C. Tragna Memorial Scholarship Donation
Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$250.00 from Robert Schildkraut to the Lt. Commander Christopher C. Tragna Memorial Scholarship Fund"

Motion by Thomas Loughran, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.07 Outboard Motors Donation
Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept a donation of various size outboard motors from Centerport Boatworks, Inc. The outboard motors are valued at approximately \$1,200.00"

Motion by Thomas Loughran, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.08 Motivational Media
Recommendation to approve a Supplemental Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Motivational Media for "The Good Life" I-max like digital theater presentation that challenges and inspires students to be kinder, more respectful, smarter in making healthy decisions and more determined to overcome their struggles in life, in the amount of \$899 (ENMS)

Motion by Thomas Loughran, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.09 Health Services Contracts

Recommendation to authorize the Board President to sign contracts with the following districts to provide Health Services for Northport-East Northport students attending school in that district during the 2019-2020 school year:

11.09.1 Huntington Union Free School District, fourteen (14) students attending St. Patrick's School @635.36, totaling \$8,895.04

11.09.2 West Islip School District, five (5) students attending St. John the Baptist @ \$878.05, totaling \$4,390.25

Motion by Thomas Loughran, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.10 United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Suffolk, Inc.

Recommendation to approve a 2019-2020 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Suffolk, Inc. (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Thomas Loughran, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.11 McCarney Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a McCarney Tours

Recommendation to approve Riders to Agreements between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and McCarney Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a McCarney Tours (Contract #20556 and #20557) (NHS)

Motion by Thomas Loughran, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.12 McCarney Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a McCarney Tours

Recommendation to approve a Rider to Agreement between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and McCarney Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a McCarney Tours (Contract #20343) (NHS)

Motion by Thomas Loughran, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.13 WITHDRAWN

Action: 11.14 Change Orders

Recommendation to approve the following Change Orders:

- 11.14.1 Change Order No. 1, SED No. 58-04-04-03-0-007-020, Ocean Avenue Elementary School, increase in the amount of \$17,262.12
- 11.14.2 Change Order No. 1, SED No. 58-04-04-03-0-002-020, Dickinson Avenue Elementary School, increase the amount of \$1,087.81
- 11.14.3 Change Order No. 3, SED No. 58-04-04-03-0-010-035, Northport High School, decrease in the amount of \$2,423.91
- 11.14.4 Change Order No. 2, SED No. 58-04-04-03-0-019-018, Bellerose Avenue Elementary School, decrease in the amount of \$780.42

Motion by Thomas Loughran, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.15 Treasurer's Report and Monthly Summary of Receipts and Disbursements

Recommendation to approve the Treasurer's Report and Monthly Summary of Receipts and Disbursements:

- 11.15.1 Treasurer's Report for the period November 1, 2019 through November 30, 2019
- 11.15.2 Monthly Summary of Receipts and Disbursements for November 2019

Motion by Thomas Loughran, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.16 Schedule of Investments

Recommendation to approve the Schedule of Investments as of November 30, 2019

Motion by Thomas Loughran, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.17 Collateral Schedule

Recommendation to approve the Collateral Schedule as of November 30, 2019

Motion by Thomas Loughran, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.18 Bank Reconciliation

Recommendation to approve the Bank Reconciliation Report for the Month Ended November 30, 2019

Motion by Thomas Loughran, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.19 General Fund Projected Cash Flow Statement

Recommendation to approve the General Fund Projected Cash Flow Statement for the year ending 2019-2020, Actual Data July 1, 2019 - November 30, 2019, Estimated Data December 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

Motion by Thomas Loughran, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.20 School Lunch Profit and Loss

Recommendation to approve the School Lunch Profit and Loss Statement for the period September 1, 2019 through November 30, 2019.

Motion by Thomas Loughran, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.21 Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report - Special Aid Fund

Recommendation to approve the Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report - Special Aid Fund for the Month Ending November 30, 2019

Motion by Thomas Loughran, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.22 Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report - General Fund

Recommendation to approve the Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report - General Fund for the Month Ending November 30, 2019

Motion by Thomas Loughran, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.23 Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report - Capital Fund

Recommendation to approve the Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report - Capital Fund for the Month Ending November 30, 2019

Motion by Thomas Loughran, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.24 Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report - School Lunch Fund

Recommendation to approve the Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report - School Lunch Fund for the Month Ending November 30, 2019

Motion by Thomas Loughran, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.25 Non-Resident Tuition Charges

Recommendation to approve the 2018-2019 actual non-resident tuition charges and the 2019-2020 estimated non-resident tuition charges, identifying the amounts that will be charged to other school districts for any of their students who are enrolled in our District.

Motion by Thomas Loughran, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.26 Quarterly Student Activity Account Reports

Recommendation to approve the following Quarterly Student Activity Account Fund Reports for the period of July 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019:

11.26.1 Northport High School

11.26.2 East Northport Middle School

11.26.3 Northport Middle School

Motion by Thomas Loughran, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.27 Transfer of General Fund Appropriations

Recommendation to approve Transfer of General Fund Appropriations in the 2019-2020 fiscal year (\$169,975.00)

Motion by Thomas Loughran, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.28 Transfer of Capital Fund Appropriations

Recommendation to approve Transfer of Capital Fund Appropriations in the 2019-2020 fiscal year (\$15,000.00)

Motion by Thomas Loughran, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Information: 12.01 Budget Transfers for the period December 20, 2019 through December 31, 2019 - As per Board Policy #6150 all transfers between salary codes up to \$25,000 and transfers between all other codes up to \$10,000 are to be reported to the Board of Education as an information item

Information: 12.02 Schedule H - Use of Facilities

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion: 13.01 HPV Advocacy Letter

Vice President Noonan asked the Board to consider writing a letter to legislators regarding the proposed bills regarding HPV and flu vaccines which would make them mandated for students to enter school and require the school to administer them without parental consent.

Mr. Joseph Centamore stated that their children are being denied access to a free and public education. Northport is one of the largest communities in the state with unvaccinated children. The Board needs to advocate for these children to get back in school and reach out to Senator Gaughran.

There was a brief discussion by the Board and they agreed to draft a letter regarding the proposed bills.

Action: Direct Superintendent to draft a letter opposing the proposed HPV and Flu vaccine bills.

Motion by David Stein, second by Allison C Noonan.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Trustee Buscareno requested that the Board add to the next agenda advocacy for the students unable to attend school because of the religious exemption for vaccines.

14. NEW BUSINESS

15. ADJOURNMENT - Board policy requires adjournment by 10:30 pm, unless meeting is extended by vote.

Information: 15.01 Upcoming Meetings

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, February 6, 2020

7:00 p.m.

William J. Brosnan School

SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED BUDGET

Buildings & Grounds, Transportation, Security

Thursday, March 5, 2020

7:00 p.m.

William J. Brosnan School

SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED BUDGET

Instruction, Technology, BOCES, Special Education

Thursday, March 12, 2020

7:00 p.m.

William J. Brosnan School

SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED BUDGET

Personnel & Benefits

Thursday, March 19, 2020

7:00 p.m.

William J. Brosnan School

SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED BUDGET

Revenue, Fund Balance, Reserves

PRELIMINARY PUBLIC HEARING

to receive additional input from Public on Proposed Budget
Thursday, March 26, 2020
7:00 p.m.
William J. Brosnan School

Action: 15.02 Adjournment
Recommendation to adjourn the meeting

Motion by Allison C Noonan, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

At 11:13 p.m. the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth M. Nystrom
District Clerk