

Regular Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District was held on Monday evening, September 22, 2008, beginning at 7:00 p.m., in the Library at Northport High School, 154 Laurel Hill Road, Northport, New York, with Mrs. Arlene S. Munson, President, opening the meeting and presiding.

Members present: Mr. Warren S. Arthur, Mrs. Liz Dragone, Mr. Joe Gannon, Mr. Rob Ingraham, Mr. Steven A. Meyerowitz, Mrs. Arlene S. Munson, Dr. Kay Hutchins Sato, Mr. Stephen V. Waldenburg, Jr., Mrs. Karen Wills

Members absent: None

Also present: Dr. Marylou McDermott, Superintendent of Schools

1. President Munson called the meeting to order.

Motion was made by Trustee Gannon, seconded by Trustee Ingraham, to convene in Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue.

Unanimously carried.

At 7:50 p.m., motion was made by Trustee Dragone, seconded by Trustee Sato, to reconvene in public session in the library at Northport High School.

Unanimously carried.

Public attendance: There were approximately 35 persons present.

2. Mrs. Munson 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 Meyerowitz, seconded by Trustee Sato, to approve all items under 4.1.

- 4.1 Minutes
 - 4.1.1 Regular Meeting, August 25, 2008
 - 4.1.2 Regular Meeting, September 8, 2008
 - 4.1.3 Special Meeting, September 11, 2008

Unanimously carried.

5. SPECIAL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT
 - 5.1 Report on 2008 Summer Programs
 - 5.1.1 Summer Elementary School Report

Ms. Sandy Dobise, Elementary Summer School Principal, presented her report to the Board and stated that 368 students were identified as being in need of academic intervention in English language arts, and/or

mathematics and received instructional support for 20 days in the summer. Students are identified for remediation through standardized tests, criterion referenced tests and teacher recommendation.

Ms. Dobise stated that continued consultation with district staff will enhance efforts toward the improvement of the Elementary Summer School program. The District is convening a committee to review the current practices of the program, including entry criteria, and will make instructional recommendations for enhancement.

Dr. Marylou McDermott, Superintendent of Schools, thanked Ms. Dobise for her informative report.

5.1.2 Academic Summer School

Ms. Josephine Imwalle, Coordinator of Community Services and Academic Summer School Principal, presented her report to the Board and stated that the 2008 Western Suffolk BOCES Regional Academic Summer School session consisted of twenty-four days of instruction and two days for Regents and Regents Competence examinations for grades 6-12. The program was held at Northport High School and has a Middle School AIS program.

The Western Suffolk BOCES Regional Summer High School was registered and approved by the New York State Education Department. Registration was open to Northport-East Northport students and non-resident students. The library was opened and staffed for the entire program.

There was a brief discussion about improving student attendance. Dr. McDermott stated that Ms. Imwalle and Ms. Allyson Giaimo, academic summer school assistant principal, were in constant contact with parents regarding attendance issues. The Superintendent commended Ms. Imwalle and Ms. Giaimo on doing an excellent job with the academic summer school.

5.1.3 Summer Camp Report

Ms. Imwalle stated that the 2008 Recreational Summer Camp was held at the East Northport Middle School for a total of twenty-five days. The camp was divided into five sections or weeks and enrollment was on a week-to-week basis allowing for flexibility in scheduling taking into consideration the specific needs of each family and child. The camp is designed to provide campers in grades 1-8 with a rich mix of activities. The Counselor-In-Training Camp is designed for students in grades 9-11 in preparation for becoming a counselor. Ms. Imwalle stated that the campers enjoyed an enriched and structured program which combined recreational and educational activities.

The Superintendent thanks Ms. Imwalle for her very thorough report.

5.1.4 Summer Music Program

Mr. Izzet Mergen, Director of Music Education K-12, stated that the Music Department operated eleven separate programs with a total of 1,859 student participants. Mr. Mergen noted that due to an increase in in-district staffing, there was a 20% increase in the enrollment of the continuing instrument lessons to 371 students. Mr. Mergen also noted that the Choral Clinic had the largest amount of student participants this year at 110 students. The Northport High School Tiger Marching Band, Flagline and Tigerettes attended the annual Long Island Summer Workshop at SUNY Farmingdale.

The President of the Board and the Superintendent thanked Mr. Mergen for his report.

5.2 The President of the Board announced the upcoming Board of Education meetings: October 6, October 20, November 3, and November 17

6. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no letters of communication.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Conrad Rybicki Community Member	Mr. Rybicki asked the Board to include a skateboard park in the upcoming athletic field bond referendum.

Trustee Ingraham commented that phase two of the Town of Huntington plan at Veterans Park included a new skate park and that he would check with the town and get back to Mr. Rybicki.

Bill Elkins Parent	Mr. Elkins stated that the county was surveying the property at Elwood Road and Pulaski Road over the summer and asked if the District had any information regarding that.
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Dr. McDermott stated that the District was not notified of any proposed widening and that a call would be placed to the county regarding the surveying.

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

Motion was made by Trustee Meyerowitz, seconded by Trustee Sato, to approve items 8.1.1 through 8.1.5 including Supplemental Schedule A (#46-47) and Supplemental Schedule B (#17):

8.1 Personnel Schedules, each dated September 22, 2008, and each attached and made part of the official minutes:

- 8.1.1 Schedule A - Certified Staff (including Supplemental A)
- 8.1.2 Schedule B - Non-Instructional Staff (including Supplemental B)
- 8.1.3 Schedule C - Salary Transfers
- 8.1.4 Schedule D - Extra Pay
- 8.1.5 Schedule K - PDC NASA

Unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Meyerowitz, seconded by Trustee Sato, to approve item 8.1.6, excluding item #20:

- 8.1.6 Schedule L - PDC UTN

Unanimously carried.

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

Motion was made by Trustee Meyerowitz, seconded by Trustee Sato, to approve all items under 9., including amended 9.2.1:

- 9.1 Taking specified action on the following BIDS:

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

- 9.1.1 Award - Ceiling Replacement and Lighting at Various Schools
- 9.2 Approving the following change orders:
 - 9.2.1 Change Order No. 1, Northport Middle School, SED No. 58-04-04-03-0-00-018, increase in the amount of \$11,497, Stalco Construction
 - 9.2.2 Change Order No. 1, HVAC Alterations at Northport High School, SED No. 58-04-04-03-0-010-021, decrease in the amount of \$4,000, Ahrens Associates Inc.
- 9.3 Receiving the following donations to the District:
 - 9.3.1 A consul piano, from Ms. Dana Butler, value estimated by the donor to be approximately \$1,500.
 - 9.3.2 A Compaq Presario, model # PC129A, Serial # MXM424029T, and two Wenger music stands, from Mr. Kenneth Schwartzmann, value estimated by the donor to be approximately \$1,560.
- 9.4 Approving a transfer of general fund appropriations in the 2008-2009 budget.
- 9.5 Authorizing the administration to apply for the following Target Grant:
 - 9.5.1 \$800 to be used to offset Fifth Avenue Elementary School's fifth grade students trip to Gettysburg, PA.

Ms. Patricia Gardiner questioned the consistency between elementary schools and funding for their fifth grade trips.

Dr. McDermott stated that she would look into this and get back to Ms. Gardiner at the PTA Council meeting.

Vote on Trustee Meyerowitz's motion was unanimously carried.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- 10.1 Student Activity Reports for May and June 2008 from:
 - 10.1.1 Northport High School
 - 10.1.2 East Northport Middle School
 - 10.1.3 Northport Middle School

- 10.2 Schedule I - Home Instruction

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 11.1 Athletic fields bond proposition

At 9:30 p.m., motion was made by Trustee Wills, seconded by Trustee Arthur, to convene into committee-of-the-whole to discuss informally the athletic fields bond proposition that will be presented to the voters on November 18, 2008.

Unanimously carried.

At 10:50 p.m., motion was made by Trustee Meyerowitz, seconded by Trustee Dragone, to come out of Committee-of-the-Whole and convene back into the regular meeting.

Unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Meyerowitz, seconded by Trustee Gannon, to revise the proposed athletic field bond proposition to the amount of \$8,190,000, which includes all the work to be done at the two middle schools and at the high school including the lights but not the tennis courts, and no work to be done at the William J. Brosnan School except for the two tennis courts.

Unanimously carried.

There was a brief discussion by the Board as to what date to hold the bond proposition vote. It was decided to hold the vote on Tuesday, November 18, 2008 and therefore a special meeting of the Board of Education would be held on Wednesday, September 24, 2008 to vote on the resolution to meet publishing requirements of the legal notice.

At 11:00 p.m. motion was made by Trustee Sato, seconded by Trustee Waldenburg, to extend the meeting.

Unanimously carried.

12. NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made by Trustee Meyerowitz, seconded by Trustee Wills, to authorize Trustee Dragone to vote on the resolutions at the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association Resolutions Dinner on September 23, 2008, in accordance with the executive and legislative positions that the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association has taken.

Unanimously carried.

There being no further business to discuss at this time, motion was made by Trustee Meyerowitz, seconded by Trustee Sato, to adjourn the meeting.

Unanimously carried.

At 11:05 p.m., the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Beth M. Nystrom
District Clerk

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