

Regular Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District was held on Monday evening, June 1, 2009, beginning at 6:30 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, Mr. Stephen V. Waldenburg, Jr., Mrs. Karen Wills

Members absent: Dr. Kay Hutchins Sato

Also present: Dr. Marylou McDermott, Superintendent of Schools

1. President Munson called the meeting to order.

Motion was made by Trustee Dragone, seconded by Trustee Wills, to convene in Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to an individual employee.

Unanimously carried by those present.

At 7:40 p.m., motion was made by Trustee Waldenburg, seconded by Trustee Arthur, to reconvene in public session in the library at Northport High School.

Unanimously carried by those present.

Public attendance: There were approximately 85 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 Waldenburg, seconded by Trustee Ingraham, to approve all items under 4.1:

- 4.1 Minutes
 - 4.1.1 Public Hearing, May 11, 2009
 - 4.1.2 Special Meeting, May 11, 2009
 - 4.1.3 Special Meeting, May 19, 2009

Unanimously carried by those present.

Motion was made by Trustee Meyerowitz, seconded by Trustee Arthur, to approve all items under 4.2:

- 4.2 Treasurer's Report and Monthly Summary of Receipts and Disbursements:
 - 4.2.1 Treasurer's Report for the period April 1 - April 30, 2009
 - 4.2.2 Monthly Summary of Receipts and Disbursements for April 2009

Unanimously carried by those present.

4.2.3 For Information: Claim's Auditors Report for Warrants and Schedule of Claims for periods ending April 2, April 3, April 15, April 17, and April 30, 2009.

5. SPECIAL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

5.1 Accomplishments of Staff and Students

5.1.1 Mr. Peter Falotico, Director of Art, Media, Computer and Technology, introduced senior Spyros Korsanos, the Technology Department Student of the Month. Mr. Falotico stated that Spyros has been a member of the Technology Honor Society and is the current President. Spyros has taken a total of eight technology courses including courses in the power lab, drafting lab and all of the electricity courses. Mr. Falotico stated that Spyros is currently the head engineer on the project to create the first solar powered guard house. Mr. Falotico noted that Spyros' work consistently demonstrates a deep understanding of the topic at hand and his classmates will use his design solutions as the benchmark of success. Mr. Falotico stated that Spyros has been a huge asset to the Honor Society and his presence, knowledge and character traits will be greatly missed. Spyros will attend Cooper Union in the fall majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

The President of the Board and the Superintendent congratulated Spyros on his fine accomplishments and presented him with a commendation from the Board.

5.1.2 Mrs. Barbara Falotico, Bellerose Avenue School Principal, introduced 5th Grader, Jack McGlone, who placed second in the Suffolk Reading Council 2008-2009 Creative Writing and Art Cover Contest.

5.1.3 Mr. Scott Pellegrino, Elementary Science Coordinator, introduced the following elementary student Science Fair Award winners:

Brookhaven National Laboratory Elementary School Science Fair

Christopher Cooney, 1st Grade, *"Should You Wave Your Arms Around Above Your Head if You're Drowning?"*

Garrett Schilling, 1st Grade, *"Don't Rock the Boat"*

Joshua Tanzer, 2nd Grade, *"What Do Ants Like?"*

Jennie Dworkin, 3rd Grade, *"Lefty-Righty"*

Nicholas Millkey, 3rd Grade, *"Catching the Wind with Wings and Flippers"*

Aidan Dwyer, 5th Grade, *"Man v. Wild Nature!"*

5.1.4 Mr. Bryan Horan, Science Research Coordinator, introduced the following Northport Middle School Science Fair winners and the Society for Science & The Public Middle School Fair winner:

Northport Middle School Science Fair

Joseph Wetzel, 6th Grade, *"Will the Density of a Liquid Affect a Ball's Speed?"*

Alexander Santoro, 7th Grade, *"Guitars Wavelength Frequencies"*

Kristopher Fuller, 8th Grade, *"Colored Filters and Solar Panels"*

Society for Science & the Public Middle School Fair

Devin Dwyer, 8th Grade, *"Strouhal Number"*

5.1.5 Mr. Daniel Drance, Chairperson of Mathematics K-12, introduced the following Mathematics Award Winners:

Math Fair

East Northport Middle School - Justin Riggs, Joshua Williams, Alexzandrea Richards

Northport Middle School - Alexander Borger, Brian Liu, Catherine MacLeod, Connor Powers, Melissa Wing, Brian Eyring, Benjamin Maritato, Kean Amidi-Abraham, David Hatch, Matthew Nicolai

Northport High School - Molly Baron, John Barry, Ellen Choe, Matthew Dannenberg, Lia Estrada, James Lauria, Scarlett Nawrocki, Kevin Ross, Chloe Rubel, Kelley Stanford, Brent Bomkamp

Suffolk County Math Tournament

Third Place (Lower Division Team): Matthew Dannenberg, Eli Doris, Samuel Kessler, Ian Montague, Caleb Zulawski

First Place/Suffolk County Champions (Upper Division Team) - Max Curran, Peter Kahng, Glen Meyerowitz, Daniel Ronde, Michael Ross

First Place Individual Competition/County Champion (Grade 9) - Matthew Dannenberg

Third Place Individual Competition (Grade 10) - Eli Doris

Fifth Place Individual Competition (Grade 11) - Max Curran

Fourth Place Individual Competition (Grade 12) - Daniel Ronde

Third Place Individual Competition (Grade 12) - Glen Meyerowitz

First Place Individual Competition/County Champion - Michael Ross

Suffolk County Math Contest

Second Place (Level III) - Matthew Dannenberg

Fifth Place (Level IV) - tie - Max Curran, Christina Seong, Caleb Zulawski

Mathletes

New York State Mathematics League (NYSMIL) All Stars - Max Curran, Peter Kahng, Michael Ross

Third Place in Suffolk County (Jr. High Math Team) - Matthew Dannenberg, Ian Montague, Justin Fazel

Rensselaer Medal

Max Curran

At 8:15 p.m. the President of the Board announced a five minutes recess.

5.2 For Information: Review of School Conduct and Discipline Policies for grade K-5 and 6-8 as set forth in the Elementary and Middle School Handbooks.

Trustee Wills requested that language referring to handicapped students in the School Conduct and Discipline Policies be replaced with “students with special needs.” Trustee Wills also requested that the language “or their sexual orientation” be added to the end of the sentence in the first paragraph of Board of Education Policy 4116.13/4216.13/5145.5, and also language be added requesting students to wear seatbelts on buses so equipped.

Dr. McDermott stated that she will discuss the requested changes with counsel.

5.3 The President of the Board announced the upcoming Board of Education meetings of June 15th, July 6th, and August 31st, 2009.

Dr. McDermott stated that the grade 2-6 elementary class size report for the 2009-2010 school year will be presented at either the June 15th or July 6th Board meeting and the K-1 class size report will be presented at the August 31st Board meeting.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

6.1 Email from Mr. Albert Prisco, received May 21, 2009, re: Budget Vote.

Dr. McDermott stated that she will speak with Mr. Prisco regarding his concerns about parking at Fifth Avenue School during the Budget Vote.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Karen Wills Board Member	Commented she was proud to state that the District received a glowing report from the State Audit Report on Compliance with Education Law for Individualized Education Programs and that the report is a testament to how the program is run in the District.

In response to a question, Mr. John Lynch, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Services, stated that District will be utilizing software support from the IEP direct system that is currently in use to comply with the new state requirement to report attendance of IEP related service activities. Mr. Lynch noted that the District will be in full compliance starting in September.

Dr. McDermott commended Special Education Administrators Christina Pulaski and Allie Giaimo on their excellent job under the outstanding leadership of Assistant Superintendent Lynch.

Jeanne Dowling Parent	Urged the Board to consider the needs of all children and use one of the unallocated teaching positions to provide smaller class size at Fifth Avenue School. Ms. Dowling stated that she is a special education administrator at a neighboring district and has seen the positive impact of smaller class sizes.
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8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, GENERAL - FOR BOARD ACTION

Motion was made by Trustee Meyerowitz, seconded by Trustee Gannon, to approve all items under 8., including Supplemental 8.1.1 (Schedule A, #25-26):

- 8.1 Personnel Schedules, each dated June 1, 2009, and each attached and made part of the official minutes:
- 8.1.1 Schedule A - Certified Staff (including Supplemental A #25-26)
 - 8.1.2 Schedule B - Non-Instructional Staff
 - 8.1.3 Schedule D - Extra Pay
 - 8.1.4 Schedule J - Committee on Special Education
 - 8.1.5 Schedule L - PDC UTN
 - 8.1.6 Schedule M - Tenure
- 8.2 Approving a request to the State for an exemption from the requirement for a breakfast program.
- 8.3 Receiving for a second reading and adopting the following policy:
- 8.3.1 Policy #9511 - *“Continuing Education and Recreation Teachers and Temporary, Substitute and Student Non-Instructional Employees”*

8.4 Receiving for a first reading the following policy:

8.4.1 Policy #4510 - *“Instructional Services - Instructional Materials”*
(new numbering system - old number 6161.3)

8.5 Receiving for a first reading the following textbooks:

8.5.1 Introduction to Comparative Politics
Kesselman et al. Wadsworth AP Comparative Politics

8.5.2 Cultural Anthropology
Gary Ferraro Wadsworth IB Social & Cultural Anthropology

Vote on Trustee Meyerowitz’s motion to approve all items under 8., including Supplemental 8.1.1 (Schedule A #24-25) was unanimously carried by those present.

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

Motion was made by Trustee Meyerowitz, seconded by Trustee Dragone, to approve all items under 9.:

9.1 Taking specified action on the following BIDS:

EDUCATIONAL

9.1.1 Award - Musical Department Equipment

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

9.1.2 Award - Hollow Metal Doors and Associated Hardware

9.2 Authorizing the administration to apply for the “New York State Bar Foundation and the NY State Bar Association Grant”

9.2.1 \$11,168 to be used to support the expenses related to the 2009 Law and Civic Education Summer Institute to be held at Northport High School June 29th through July 2nd, 2009.

9.3 Approving transfer of general fund appropriations in the 2008-2009 budget.

Vote on Trustee Meyerowitz’s motion to approve all items under 9. was unanimously carried by those present.

10. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT - FOR INFORMATION ONLY

10.1 Student Activity Account Reports for April 2009 from:

10.1.1 Northport High School

10.1.2 East Northport Middle School

10.1.3 Northport Middle School

10.2 Schedule H - Use of Facilities

10.3 Schedule I - Home Instruction

10.4 Investment Report for April, 2009

10.5 Monthly Revenue & Budget Status Report as of April 2009

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
12. NEW BUSINESS

President Munson read a letter from Mr. Andrew Rapiejko of the Suffolk County Department of Health Services stating that SCHDS will be installing and sampling temporary groundwater monitoring wells in the vicinity of Waterside Avenue and Norwood Road in Northport beginning the week of June 8, 2009 to be completed on or before June 19, 2009.

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

Unanimously carried by those present.

At 8:50 p.m., the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Beth M. Nystrom
District Clerk

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