

Public Work Session

A Public Work Session of the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District was held on Monday evening, January 25, 2010, beginning at 9:30 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: Mrs. Liz Dragone, Mr. Joe Gannon, Mr. Rob Ingraham, Mr. Tim Madden, Mrs. Donna McNaughton, Mrs. Arlene S. Munson, Dr. Kay Hutchins Sato, Mr. Stephen V. Waldenburg, Jr., Mrs. Karen Wills

Members absent: None
One vacant board seat

Also present: Dr. Marylou McDermott, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. John Lynch, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Services
Dr. Terry Bouton, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Ms. Kathleen Molander, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Mr. Matthew Nelson, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Administration

1. President Waldenburg called the meeting to order.

Public attendance: There were 3 persons present.

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

4. Suffolk County Water Authority representatives Joseph Pokorny, Chief Engineer, and Steven Colabufo, Lead Hydrologist, were present. Mr. Pokorny stated that SCWA is proposing a facility on the District's property at Fifth Avenue Elementary School. The proposed layout runs 176' adjacent to Pulaski Road, with a 20' wide access to the school, and 215' towards the school, approximately 0.84 acres. The layout includes two wells and a chemical treatment building with an asphalt driveway. Mr. Pokorny provided a schematic diagram of the well field layout. Mr. Pokorny stated that the dimensions are flexible and it is a free standing facility which would have no impact on the water or electric system. Mr. Pokorny stated that the estimated current land value in the Northport area is approximately \$250,000 an acre. Mr. Pokorny discussed various revenue options such as an outright purchase of \$250,000, making payments over a 25 year period of approximately \$16,860, crediting the annual District water bill of approximately \$12,000 per year with a return balance to the District of \$4,800 in the form of a check. Mr. Pokorny stated that these options are all based on the land value of one acre of land and that the proposed area is 0.84 acre so the actual dollar figures would be less. Mr. Pokorny stated that the entire contract would be subject to a test boring to see if the site would provide a good source of water. The test boring takes approximately four months to complete, drilling of the wells would take approximately six months, and the total drilling and construction of the facility would take approximately a year and a half. Mr. Pokorny stated that if the District decided to move forward they would obtain an appraiser and put together a contract of sale or lease.

There was discussion regarding the noise level from the pumps, background checks and fingerprinting of SCWA employees, consideration of other properties, current use of the proposed property, reduction of the physical size of the well field, and a public meeting regarding the proposal.

President Waldenburg stated the Board is not making any decisions today and will review Mr. Pokorny's proposal. Mr. Waldenburg stated the Board would like guidance from counsel as to the different revenue options proposed and would also want to hold a public session.

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

At 10:30 p.m., the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Beth M. Nystrom
District Clerk

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