

Special Meeting

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District was held on Tuesday evening, April 27, 2010, beginning at 7:30 p.m., in the Cafeteria 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, Dr. Kay Hutchins Sato, Mr. Stephen V. Waldenburg, Jr., Mrs. Karen Wills

Members absent: None
One board seat vacant

Also present: Dr. Marylou McDermott, Superintendent
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 10 persons present

2. Mr. Waldenburg led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance; and
3. Pointed out the emergency exits.
4. Western Suffolk BOCES 2010-2011 Administrative Budget

Motion was made by Trustee McNaughton, seconded by Trustee Sato, to vote on the proposed Western Suffolk BOCES Administrative Budget for 2010-2011

Unanimously carried.

Trustee McNaughton stated that she spoke with Dr. Mensch from BOCES and told him that she could not support the budget since there was no attempt to request a salary freeze from BOCES employees as the District had asked of its employees. Mrs. McNaughton stated that the programs BOCES offers are invaluable but she was disappointed that more wasn't done to reduce costs. Several Board members agreed with Trustee McNaughton and stated that they could not support the BOCES budget for the same reason.

Dr. McDermott stated that she also had a conversation with Dr. Mensch and he explained that they are looking for long term solutions to the economic problems by asking employees to increase contributions to health insurance and requesting salary increases from bargaining units of no more than 5% including step with clericals receiving a percent increase. In addition, the tuition has been reduced to 3% this year, specifically 2.4% for special education and 2.94% for BOCES tech. Dr. McDermott stated that these will all continue to lower costs. Dr. McDermott noted that Dr. Mensch stated that they didn't ask for a salary freeze because BOCES employees are generally not paid as well as the 18 component district employees.

Several Board members suggested that for future BOCES budgets the District ask representatives from BOCES to come to a Board meeting to make a presentation on their proposed budget.

Vice President Dragone stated that BOCES provides wonderful programs for the children and shared services which save the District money. Both President Waldenburg and Vice President Dragone urged passage of the BOCES budget.

Vote on the Proposed Western Suffolk BOCES Administrative Budget for 2010-2011 was as follows:

YES: Mrs. Dragone, Dr. Sato, Mr. Waldenburg

NO: Mr. Gannon, Mr. Ingraham, Mr. Madden, Mrs. McNaughton, Mrs. Wills

Vote on the Western Suffolk BOCES 2010-2011 Administrative Budget failed.

5. Vote for three Trustees to the BOCES Board

Trustee Dragone moved to cast ballots for incumbents, Mrs. Mildred Browne, Mrs. Ilene Herz, and Mrs. Maryann Zumpano.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Sato.

Unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Sato, seconded by Trustee Gannon, to adjourn the special meeting and to convene into a special meeting to consider business items.

Unanimously carried.

At 8:04 p.m. the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Beth M. Nystrom
District Clerk

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