

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 7, 2010, beginning at 6:30 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 (arrived at 7:35 p.m.), Mrs. Donna McNaughton, Dr. Kay Hutchins Sato, Mrs. Jennifer Thompson, Mr. Stephen V. Waldenburg, Jr., Mrs. Karen Wills

Members absent: None

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.

Motion was made by Trustee Wills, seconded by Trustee McNaughton, to convene in Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to individual employees.

Unanimously carried.

At 7:25 p.m., motion was made by Trustee Sato, seconded by Trustee Thompson, to reconvene in public session in the Cafeteria at the William J. Brosnan School.

Unanimously carried by those present.

Public attendance: There were approximately 200 persons present.

2. Mr. Waldenburg 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 Ingraham, seconded by Trustee Sato, to approve all items under 4.1:

- 4.1 Minutes
  - 4.1.1 Public Hearing, May 10, 2010
  - 4.1.2 Special Meeting, May 10, 2010
  - 4.1.3 Special Meeting, May 18, 2010
  - 4.1.4 Special Meeting, May 24, 2010

Unanimously carried by those present.

5. SPECIAL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT
  - 5.1 Accomplishments of Staff and Students

Dr. Marylou McDermott, Superintendent, announced that Relay for Life held at the high School on June 5<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>, lead by Mr. David Storch, IB Coordinator, raised \$180,000.

Dr. McDermott also announced that the 51<sup>st</sup> Art and Music Festival was held at the high school on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Dr. McDermott thanked Mr. Peter Falotico and Mr. Izzet Mergen for putting together an outstanding program.

5.1.1 Mr. Scott Pellegrino, Elementary Instructional Coordinator, introduced the following Elementary Student Science Fair Award Recipients:

Brookhaven National Laboratory Elementary School Science Fair

Amelia Lau, Kindergarten, "*Balloons Don't Like Winter*"

Peyton Schilling, Kindergarten, "*Leave it to Beaver*"

Erin Navas, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, "*The Stroop Effect: Kids v. Adults*"

Ryan Wagner, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, "*Pine Cone Predictions*"

Grace Hoenscheid, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, "*Will ELL Students Learn French Faster than non-ELL Students?*"

Erin Tittmann, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, "*Magnet Power*"

Madeline Chupick, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, "*Rooftop Garden*"

Nicholas Holfester, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, "*How Mass Affects Flight*"

5.1.2 Mr. Bryan Horan, Science Research Coordinator, introduced the following Middle School Science Fair Award Recipients:

Middle School Science Fair 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners

Katherine Eyring, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, "*Bounce It*"

Joseph Wetzel, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, "*Does Density Affect the Speed of Light in Liquids?*"

Matthew Nelson, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, "*Vitamin C Content in Different Types of OJ*"

Society for Science & The Public Middle School Fair Participants

Katherine Eyring, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, "*Bounce It*"

Elizabeth Carr, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, "*The Effect of Man-Made Ingredients on Mold Growth*"

Aidan Dwyer, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, "*Battle of the Ages: The Evolution of Wings*"

Joseph Wetzel, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, "*Does Density Affect the Speed of Light in Liquids?*"

Matthew Nelson, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, "*Vitamin C Content in Different Types of OJ*"

Cathryn Spears, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, "*The Effect of Chemical Pigments on the Rate of Candle Burning*"

Society for Science & The Public Middle School Fair Winners

Matthew Nelson, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, "*Vitamin C Content in Different Types of OJ*"

Katherine Eyring, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, "*Bounce It*"

Elizabeth Carr, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, "*The Effect of Man-Made Ingredients on Mold*"

5.1.3 Mr. Andrew Manzo, Social Studies Chairperson K-12, introduced the following Social Studies Award Recipients:

Johns Hopkins 2010 High Honors Mathematics and High Honors Reading

Michael Barry, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Johns Hopkins 2010 High Honors Quantitative and High Honors Verbal

Cameron Cacic, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Joseph Barry, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Johns Hopkins High Honors Verbal

Jasper Petronella, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

“Honoring Our Future Leaders” Competition Recognition

Alexa Magrane, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Lindsey Lefeber, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

“Anti-bullying” Petition Recognition

Sarah Zittel, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

5.1.4 Ms. Trisha Schmitt, English Chairperson K-12, introduced the following English Award Recipients:

Huntington Youth Writers Contest

Brennan Fee – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Poetry Grade 4-5, “*Obvious*”  
Maya Dengler, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Essay Grade 4-5, “*Happy Feet*”  
Arden Tully, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Short Story, Grade 6-8, “*In the Pyramid*”  
Elizabeth Allacco, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Short Story, Grade 9-12, “*A Werewolf Story*”

Fairfield University Book Award

Emily Powers

Dartmouth College Book Award

Dylan Stevens

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

Math Fair – East Northport Middle School

Ameer Basrai – Bronze, Daniel Puttre – Bronze, Kurt Widmaier – Bronze, Joshua Williams – Silver

Math Fair – Northport Middle School

Kean Amidi-Abraham – Bronze, Jason Choi – Bronze, Nicholas DelGaudio – Bronze, Rudolph Lukats – Bronze, Matthew Modelewski – Bronze, Connor Powers – Bronze, Joseph Wing – Bronze, Natasha Albanese – Silver, Elyssa Jozefowski – Silver, Nicole Hawkins – Gold

Math Fair – Northport High School

Molly Baron – Bronze, John Barry – Bronze, Brent Bomkamp – Bronze, Kristen Bomkamp – Bronze, Eliza Brine – Bronze, Matthew Dannenberg – Bronze, Brian Eyring – Bronze, Danielle Ferstler – Bronze, Michelle Ma – Bronze, Melissa Wing – Bronze, David Hatch – Silver, Corrie Kavanaugh – Silver, Brian Liu – Silver, Benjamin Maritato – Silver, Justin Riggs – Silver

Suffolk County Math Tournament

*Fourth Place* (Lower Division Team): Matthew Dannenberg, Brian Liu, Caroline Lovaglio, Ian Montague, Justin Riggs

*Third Place Individual* (tie, Grade 11): Caleb Zulawski

Suffolk County Math Contest

*Fifth Place* (Level E) – Connor Montgomery

*First Place*, Suffolk County Champion (Level C+) – Max Curran

Mathletes

*New York State Mathematics League* (NYSML) All Star – Max Curran

5.1.6 Mr. Peter Falotico, Art Chairperson K-12, introduced the following Art Award Recipients:

Peter Terian Scholarship Student Art Exhibition  
Terence Corrigan

Congressman Steve Israel 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Congressional Art Awards  
Terence Corrigan – First Runner Up Congressional Award

Art-trium Gallery High Arts Showcase, Huntington Arts Council  
Taylor Sadlowski – Blue Ribbon Award of Excellence

Cornell University Fiber Science and Apparel Design Award Competition  
Lindsey Fauser – Gold  
Deanna Mollica – Gold  
Dana Liu – Silver

Long Island Arts Alliance Scholar Artist  
Emily Green

20<sup>th</sup> Annual Huntington Camera Club High School Photography Competition  
Sydney Monahan – Best in Show

*Patterns Category:*

Sydney Monahan – 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Deanna LaMantia – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Charles Golonkiewicz – 4<sup>th</sup> Place  
Antonio Bever – 7<sup>th</sup> Place

*Touch of Red Category:*

Deanna LaMantia – 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Joseph Corrigan – 6<sup>th</sup> Place

*Open Category*

Nicolas Bruno – 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Place  
Kellyann Walley – 5<sup>th</sup> Place

New York State Art Teachers Association, The Zara B. Kimmey Scholarship  
Katie Atkinson

Educational Testing Service, The Division of Assessment Development  
Apryl Connolly

23<sup>rd</sup> Annual South Bay Art Association Student Art Exhibition  
Terence Corrigan – South Bay Art Association Scholarship and Brookhaven National Laboratory Award  
Kayla Forman – Brookhaven National Laboratory Award and Special Recognition  
Emily Green – South Bay Art Association Scholarship  
Paulina Stewart – South Bay Art Association Scholarship

Young Artists at the Heckscher Museum, Long Island's Best 2010  
Paulina Stewart – Renzo Bianchi Scholarship

Art Portfolio Exhibition Art League of Long Island  
Terence Corrigan – Honorable Mention

5.1.7 Mr. William Esner, Science Chairperson K-12, introduced the following Physics Award Recipients:

Long Island Physics Olympics – 1<sup>st</sup> Place

*1<sup>st</sup> Place Physics Olympiad Team* - Max Curran, Cassandra Dragone, Peter Florio, Isaac Goddard, Chloe Rubel

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

5.3 For Information: Proposed 2010-2011 school hours for the District's nine schools as well as Trinity Regional School and Long Island Lutheran Elementary School

5.4 The President of the Board reviewed the upcoming Board of Education meetings scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup>, July 7<sup>th</sup>, and August 30<sup>th</sup>. President Waldenburg noted that the Annual Organization Meeting will be held on July 7<sup>th</sup> where the Board will elect officers and make annual appointments for 2010-2011.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

6.1 Email from Mr. Albert Prisco, received May 25, 2010, re: teacher negotiations and 403b.

Mr. Prisco congratulated the Board on the passage of the budget. Mr. Prisco inquired about current teacher contract negotiations and suggested that the Board use the 403b as leverage in the negotiations.

President Waldenburg thanked Mr. Prisco for his suggestions and comments and stated that as publicly elected official the Board members are entrusted with the management of the District. Mr. Waldenburg noted that negotiations are confidential and the Board acts within the best interest of the community.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Dana Liu Student	Stated that the Art Department has created countless opportunities for students in a warm, loving and creative environment. Ms. Liu stated that she hoped the same opportunities would be available for upcoming students.
Kathleen Mahoney Fristensky Parent	Stated that her daughter had a wonderful experience in Holocaust class through the passion of the devoted teacher. Ms. Fristensky stated that this course teaches compassion, caring for others and standing up for what is right. Ms. Fristensky asked the Board to reconsider the decisions being made and consider the impact the program has on the community.
Fred Trudwig Parent	Inquired about the definition of steroids listed in the school conduct and discipline policies
Mr. John Lynch, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Services,	stated that the school nurse needs to be notified of any prescription medication taken by students during the school day.
Beth Atkinson Parent	Stated she was concerned about the number of art teachers being let go and where those students would be placed.

Dr. McDermott stated that no decisions were made randomly and that the administration had to first look at the required classes and the maximum number of students that could be served. Dr. McDermott noted that it has been very challenging and the administration is trying to do the best they can.

Rob Ingraham  
Board Trustee

Stated that he was deeply concerned about the changes to the high school schedule as a result of the budget cuts. Mr. Ingraham was concerned about the proposed eight period day for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders, the severe shortage of opportunities for art, business, family and consumer science, and technology students, and what opportunities exist for students who are shut out of an elective. Mr. Ingraham stated that the Board needs to address these issues right now and make reallocations for restorations to programs.

There was a long discussion among the Board members regarding the information they received about the proposed high school master schedule. Several Board members stated that they knew the 2% budget imposed would result in draconian cuts and the loss of hundreds of opportunities for students. All the Board members were concerned about the impact of an eight period day and study halls for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders. Trustee Ingraham suggested the Board hold an emergency meeting to further discuss the high school master schedule. Several Board members asked that the impact of the reductions to all students, K-12, be looked at for possible reallocation and restoration of programs. Dr. McDermott requested additional time to meet with the cabinet from the high school and central office to look at the high school master schedule and to look at restorations across the board, and have that information available for the June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Tim Madden  
Board Trustee

Inquired about the evaluation of the new elementary report card and invited Board trustees to review the exit polls from the May 18, 2010 budget vote.

Mr. Matthew Nelson, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Administration, stated that he met with the report card committee and changes were suggested by teachers and parents, and additions were suggested for special area performance indicators. Mr. Nelson stated that the committee will meet again in September to review the mocked up changes.

Motion was made by Trustee Dragone, seconded by Trustee Sato, to approve all items under 8. and 9., including Supplemental 8.1.2 (Schedule B #7-8), Supplemental 9.10 and Supplemental 9.11, and excluding severed item 8.1.1 (Schedule A)

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

8.1 Personnel Schedules, each dated June 7, 2010, and each attached and made part of the official minutes:

- 8.1.1 Schedule A - Certified Staff - SEVERED
- 8.1.2 Schedule B - Non-Instructional Staff
- 8.1.3 Schedule D - Extra Pay
- 8.1.4 Schedule J - Committee on Special Education

8.2 Receiving for a first reading the following textbooks:

- 8.2.1 Principles of Computer Security Computer Security and Forensics  
Wm. Arthur Conklin, et. al. Technology Dept., Grades 10-12  
McGraw Hill

8.2.2 The Attitude Advantage AOF/AOIT Summer Internship  
Fruehlin & Moore Grades 11-12  
Goodheart-Willcox

8.3 Approving a request to the State for an exemption from the requirement for a breakfast program.

8.4 Receiving for a second reading and adopting revisions to the following policy:

8.4.1 Policy #1500 – “*Use of District Facilities*” – replaces current Policy #1330 – “*Use of Facilities by Outside Groups*”

8.5 Receiving for a first reading revisions to the following policy:

8.5.2 Policy #5405 – “*Wellness Policy*”

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

9.1 Taking specified action on the following BIDS:

EDUCATIONAL

- 9.1.1 Award – Art Supplies & Equipment
- 9.1.2 Award – Technology Supplies & Equipment
- 9.1.3 Award – Athletic Supplies & Equipment
- 9.1.4 Award – Physical Education Supplies & Equipment
- 9.1.5 Award – Music Department Equipment
- 9.1.6 Award – District-wide Printing
- 9.1.7 Award – Musical Instrument Sanitizing

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

- 9.1.8 Award – Uniforms
- 9.1.9 Award – Hollow Metal Doors & Accessories

CAPITAL PROJECT

- 9.1.10 Award – New Irrigation System at Northport High School

9.2 Approving the following donations to the District:

9.2.1 A drum set from Mr. Robert Parker to Northport Middle School, value estimated to be approximately \$300

9.2.2 A drum set from Mr. Robert Gartner to Northport Middle School, value estimated to be approximately \$300

9.2.3 \$800.00 in gift cards from the Heart Links Project affiliated with the Department of Family Medicine at the State University at Stony Brook to be used to support the school district’s purchases pertaining to wellness concerns

9.3 Receiving a \$50 grant from Astoria Federal Savings to be used for art classroom materials at Ocean Avenue Elementary School

9.4 Approving disposition of outdated and/or badly worn library books at East Northport Middle School

9.5 Approving an Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Answer Vending, Inc.

9.6 Approving an Instructional Service Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and The Martin C. Barell School

9.7 Approving an Instructional Service Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Julia Dyckman Andrus Memorial, Inc.

9.8 Approving a Service Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and The Daytop Preparatory School

9.9 Approving transfer of general fund appropriations in the 2009-2010 budget

9.10 Approving a Western Suffolk BOCES Multi-Year Service Agreement (2010-1592) between Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Western Suffolk BOCES

9.11 Approving a 2010-2011 resolution agreement for special education services for an elementary student

Vote on Trustee Dragone's motion to approve all items under 8. and 9., including Supplemental 8.1.2 (Schedule B #7-8), Supplemental 9.10 and Supplemental 9.11, and excluding severed item 8.1.1 (Schedule A) was as follows:

YES: Mrs. Dragone, Mr. Gannon, Mr. Ingraham, Mr. Madden, Mrs. McNaughton, Dr. Sato, Mr. Waldenburg, Mrs. Wills

ABSTAIN: Mrs. Thompson

Motion passed.

Motion was made by Trustee McNaughton, seconded by Trustee Sato, to approve item 8.1.1 (Schedule A) including Supplemental 8.1.1 (#111-117)

8.1 Personnel Schedules, each dated June 7, 2010, and each attached and made part of the official minutes:

8.1.1 Schedule A - Certified Staff (Including Supplemental 8.1.1 #111-117)

Vote on Trustee McNaughton's motion to approve item 8.1.1 (Schedule A) including Supplemental 8.1.1 (#111-117) was as follows:

YES: Mr. Gannon, Mr. Ingraham, Mr. Madden, Mrs. McNaughton, Dr. Sato, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Waldenburg, Mrs. Wills

ABSTAIN: Mrs. Dragone

Motion passed.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - FOR INFORMATION ONLY

10.1 Student Activity Account Reports for March 2010 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

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Wills asked if the administration could contact Suffolk County Water Authority to discuss their interest in property located at Northport High School and William J. Brosnan School for placement of wells. All Board members agreed that they were not interested in SCWA placing wells on the property at Fifth Avenue Elementary School that was discussed in the Public Work Session on January 25, 2010.

Ms. Anne Whooley, Dickinson Avenue School Principal, commented that the budget process was extremely arduous for everyone involved and asked that when the Board looks at reallocations to give consideration to the K-12 experience.

Trustee Wills stated that Vice President Dragone received a Certificate of Appreciation from New York State School Boards Association for her years of service on their Executive Committee.

12. NEW BUSINESS

12.1 Motion was made by Trustee Dragone, seconded by Trustee McNaughton, to approve the following resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that an employee of the instructional staff be examined for the purpose of determining her mental capacity to perform employment duties and responsibilities for the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District in accordance with the provisions of Education Law, Section 913; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the employee be examined by Dr. Allen Reichman, at his office located at 190 Willis Avenue, Suite 114, Mineola, N.Y. 11501 on June 17, 2010 at 12:30 p.m.”

Vote on Trustee Dragone’s motion was unanimously carried.

At 10:10 p.m., there being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Trustee Sato, seconded by Trustee Gannon, to adjourn the public meeting and reconvene in Executive Session in the Board Conference Room at the William J. Brosnan School to discuss matters pertaining to contract negotiations.

Unanimously carried.

At 1:00 a.m., motion was made by Trustee Sato, seconded by Trustee Dragone, to reconvene in public session and immediately adjourn.

Unanimously carried.

At 1:00 a.m., the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

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Beth M. Nystrom  
District Clerk

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