

Regular Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District was held on Monday evening, October 4, 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: Ms. Julia Binger, Mr. Joe Gannon, Mr. Tim Madden, Mrs. Lori McCue, Mrs. Donna McNaughton, Mr. Andrew Rapiejko, Mrs. Jennifer Thompson, Mr. Stephen V. Waldenburg, Jr., Mrs. Karen Wills

Members absent: None

Also present: Dr. Marylou McDermott, Superintendent of Schools
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 McCue, seconded by Trustee Thompson, to convene in Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to individual employees.

Unanimously carried.

At 7:40 p.m., the Board reconvened in public session in the cafeteria at the William J. Brosnan School.

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 Gannon, seconded by Trustee McCue, to approve all items under 4.01.

- 4.01 Minutes
 - 4.01.1 Regular Meeting, September 13, 2010
 - 4.01.2 Special Meeting, September 27, 2010

Trustee McCue requested corrections to the minutes of September 13, 2010, page 2, paragraph 3 under Special Reports/Announcements from the Superintendent, line 5 to "fund balance each year of approximately 3 million dollars", and page 3, paragraph 2, line 3 to "increased to approximately 850 in English Language Arts".

A member of the UTN-EN requested that the minutes of the Special Meeting held on September 27th include their minutes. After discussion, Trustee Gannon noted that the two members of the UTN-EN left before the Board meeting officially started and requested that the minutes from the September 27, 2010 Special Meeting be corrected to state that there were no community members present.

Trustee Gannon revised his previous motion to approve all items under 4.01 with corrections, and with the exception of severed item 4.01.2. Trustee Gannon's revised motion was seconded by Trustee McCue.

Vote on Trustee Gannon's motion as unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Gannon, seconded by Trustee McCue, to approve item 4.01.2 with correction to public attendance.

Vote on Trustee Gannon's motion was as follows:

YES: Ms. Binger, Mr. Gannon, Mrs. McCue, Mrs. McNaughton, Mr. Rapiejko, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Waldenburg, Mrs. Wills

NO: Mr. Madden

Motion passed.

5. SPECIAL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Marylou McDermott, Superintendent of Schools, stated that the Community Drug and Alcohol Task Force will be hosting a special parent meeting at the high school on Wednesday, October 6th with Dr. Stephen Dewey, a neuroscientist, presenting a program on "The Effects of Drugs of Abuse on the Human Brain".

Dr. McDermott stated that due to the challenging weather conditions on Friday, October 1st, there were some unexpected emergencies, and the Superintendent commended the principals for their leadership and all staff on behalf of the children's safety.

5.01 The President of the Board reviewed the upcoming Board of Education meetings of October 25th, November 1st, November 15th, and November 29th.

President Waldenburg noted that the Northport Marching Band will be participating in the Newsday Marching Band Festival being held at Hofstra University on Thursday, October 21st.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

6.01 Communications were postponed to the October 25, 2010 Meeting.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

7.01 Public Participation was suspended until the October 25, 2010 Meeting.

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Rapiejko, to approve all items under 8., including Supplemental 8.01.1 (Schedule A #33-52), Supplemental 8.01.4 (Schedule D #1), Revised 8.01.5 (Schedule J), and Supplemental 8.01.6 (Schedule K).

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

8.01 Personnel Schedules, each dated October 4, 2010, and each attached and made part of the official minutes:

8.01.1 Schedule A - Certified Staff (including Supplemental A #33-52)

In response to a question, Dr. McDermott stated that it was determined in conjunction with the leadership at the high school, that there was a need for an Interim Chairperson of Art and that the funds would come from the retirement of two staff members who will not be replaced.

- 8.01.2 Schedule B - Non-Instructional Staff
- 8.01.3 Schedule C - Salary Transfers
- 8.01.4 Schedule D - Extra Pay (including Supplemental D #1)
- 8.01.5 Schedule J - Committee on Special Education (Revised)
- 8.01.6 Schedule K - PDC NASA (including Supplemental K)
- 8.01.7 Schedule L - PDC UTN

8.02 Approving requests for travel for students to countries outside of the United States during the 2010-2011 school year

- Nicaragua (Chacraseca) – February 16 – February 26, 2011
- Nicaragua (Chacraseca) – April 13 – April 25, 2011
- Spain (Madrid, Cordoba, Sevilla) – February 18 – February 26, 2011
- London – June 24 – June 30, 2011

8.03 Approving a Memorandum of Agreement, dated September 16, 2010, between the United Teachers of Northport, Northport-East Northport Teacher Aids Association and the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District

In response to a question, Dr. Terry Bouton, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, stated that the memorandum of agreement is in regard to teacher aides and teaching assistants doing overtime work with various one to one special education students at after school clubs.

There was a brief discussion regarding contract negotiations. A community member stated that the taxpayers should have input and know what is negotiated before a contract is agreed upon. President Waldenburg stated that the Board is acting in the public's behalf and takes all concerns into consideration in the negotiations process.

Vote on Trustee McCue's motion to approve all items under 8., including Supplemental 8.01.1 (Schedule A #33-52), Supplemental 8.01.4 (Schedule D #1), Revised 8.01.5 (Schedule J), and Supplemental 8.01.6 (Schedule K) was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Gannon, seconded by Trustee Thompson, to approve all items under 9., including Supplemental 9.04.

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

9.01 Taking specified action on the following BIDS:

9.01.1 Award – Musical Instrument Lease-Purchase

9.02 Approving the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$950.10 toward the purchase of supplies for Fifth Avenue Elementary School and increase the 2010-2011 budget code A2110.5030.12.0200 by \$950.10 for this purpose

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2010-2011 budget by \$950.10 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of Fifth Avenue Elementary School's participation in the Target Take Charge of Education Program"

9.03 Approving a 2010-2011 Service Agreement between Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Harmony Heights

9.04 Approving the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$19,600 from the Classes of 2009 and 2010 to purchase a large LED sign to be placed on the corner of Elwood Road and Laurel Hill Road and increase the 2010-2011 budget code A2020.2050.30.2803 by \$19,600 for this purpose

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2010-2011 budget by \$19,600 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of a donation from the Classes of 2009 and 2010"

Vote on Trustee Gannon's motion to approve all items under 9., including Supplemental 9.04, was unanimously carried.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - FOR INFORMATION ONLY

10.01 Schedule H – Use of Facilities

10.02 Schedule I – Home Instruction

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11.01 President Waldenburg stated that at the Annual Organization meeting on July 7th, Dr. Kay Hutchins Sato was temporarily appointed as an Audit Committee Member until October 4, 2010. President Waldenburg stated that there were concerns and questions from the public specifically regarding the Board's policy. After counsel's review of the documents and policy, the Board's original proposal is completely permissible and President Waldenburg is requesting that the Board follow through with the resolution originally proposed to appoint Dr. Sato to the Audit Committee until May 31, 2011. There was a brief discussion regarding staggered membership, the audit committee application process, and audit committee executive sessions.

Motion was made by Trustee Gannon, seconded by Trustee McNaughton, to continue the appointment of Dr. Kay Hutchins Sato to the Audit Committee with a term expiration of May 31, 2011, and to post the opening of audit committee membership on December 15, 2010 with receipt of applications due by January 31, 2011.

Unanimously carried.

12. NEW BUSINESS

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

"BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the decision rendered by hearing officer Robert Simmelkjaer, dated September 13, 2010, in SED Case No. 11,175, the respondent employee shall be suspended without pay for forty-five (45) calendar days commencing October 6, 2010; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon completion of the above referenced suspension, respondent employee is hereby directed to return to the position he held with the District prior to the initiation of the referenced proceeding"

Unanimously carried.

12.2 Motion was made by Trustee Wills, seconded by Trustee McNaughton, to approve the following resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes and approves an agreement with an employee identified in a written agreement executed by said employee on September 17, 2010; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of said employee, effective as of October 13, 2010”

Unanimously carried.

At 9:00 p.m., there being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Trustee McNaughton, seconded by Trustee McCue, to adjourn the meeting and immediately convene into Executive Session to discuss negotiations.

At 11:50 p.m., the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Beth M. Nystrom
District Clerk

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