

Regular Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District was held on Monday evening, August 25, 2014, beginning at 6:00 p.m., in the Cafeteria at the William J. Brosnan School, 158 Laurel Avenue, Northport, New York, with Ms. Julia R. Binger, Chairperson, opening the meeting and presiding.

Members present: Mr. David Badanes, Ms. Julia Binger, Mr. James Maloney, Mrs. Lori McCue, Mrs. Donna McNaughton, Mrs. Regina Pisacani, Mr. Andrew Rapiejko, Mrs. Jennifer Thompson, Mr. Stephen V. Waldenburg, Jr.

Members absent: None

Also present: Dr. Marylou McDermott, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Kathleen Molander, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Mr. Matthew Nelson, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Administration
Ms. Rosemarie Coletti, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Mr. Christopher Venator, Esq. Board Counsel, Ingerman Smith LLP

1. President Binger called the meeting to order.

Motion was made by Trustee Waldenburg, seconded by Trustee Badanes, to convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the employment history of particular persons.

Unanimously carried.

At 7:20 p.m. the Board reconvened in public session in the Cafeteria at the William J. Brosnan School.

Public attendance: There were approximately 40 persons present.

2. Ms. Binger led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance; and
3. Pointed out the emergency exits.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Waldenburg, to approve all items under 4.01

4.01 Minutes

- 4.01.1 Annual Organization Meeting, July 2, 2014
- 4.01.2 Regular Meeting, July 2, 2014
- 4.01.3 Special Meeting, August 4, 2014
- 4.01.4 Special Meeting, August 12, 2014

Trustee Waldenburg noted some revisions to the minutes of August 4th and August 12th.

Vote on Trustee McCue's motion to approve all items under 4.01 was unanimously carried.

5. SPECIAL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. McDermott stated that Wednesday, September 3rd is the first day of school and Superintendent's Conference Day will be held on Tuesday, September 2nd. The High school auditorium is scheduled to be finished by mid-September along with the auditorium at East Northport Middle School. The auditorium at

Northport Middle School is scheduled to be renovated next summer.

Dr. McDermott announced that four District schools have been named Reward Schools by New York State. They are Bellerose Avenue Elementary School, Ocean Avenue Elementary School, Fifth Avenue Elementary School, and Northport High School.

Dr. McDermott stated that after consulting with Bellerose Avenue Principal Beekman, looking at the profile of the 4th Grade class and hearing the concerns from parents, she is recommending that an additional 4th grade section be added to Bellerose Avenue Elementary School.

Mr. Matthew Nelson, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Administration, New York State testing data that was released by the state including proficiency data and growth data. Mr. Nelson stated that the data on an individual level will be helpful but the overall data is less helpful. Mr. Nelson noted that there was a lot of non-participation. Mr. Nelson stated that the data is unreliable in the aggregate.

There was a discussion regarding NWEA assessments, educating parents on the testing for encourage participation, and how intervention is determined for individual students.

President Binger stated that the District is sending out an RFP looking for firms to help in the search for a new superintendent.

5.01 The President of the Board reviewed the upcoming Board of Education meetings scheduled for September 8th, September 22nd, October 6th and October 20th.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

6.01 Communications to the Board

Communications received regarding naming of high school auditorium:

- 6.01.1 E-mail from Ms. Barbara Bouchard Sposato, received July 28, 2014
- 6.01.2 E-mail from Ms. Linda Ihle, received July 28, 2014
- 6.01.3 E-mail from Mr. Jason Black, received July 28, 2014
- 6.01.4 E-mail from Mr. Bob Spampinato, received July 28, 2014
- 6.01.5 E-mail from Ms. Sue Epstein, received July 28, 2014
- 6.01.6 E-mail from Ms. Pamela Ihle, received July 28, 2014
- 6.01.7 E-mail from Ms. Rebecca Gibson, received July 28, 2014
- 6.01.8 E-mail from Rev. Mary Konopka, received July 28, 2014
- 6.01.9 E-mail from Mr. and Mrs. Manfred Schober, received July 28, 2014
- 6.01.10 E-mail from Ms. Melissa Lambros Cogliati, received July 29, 2014
- 6.01.11 E-mail from Ms. Cathy King Murray, received August 11, 2014
- 6.01.12 E-mail from Mr. Brian Diechl, received August 13, 2014
- 6.01.13 E-mail from Mr. Bruce Diechl, received August 13, 2014

Ms. Susan Epstein, Mrs. Pamela Dayton, Mr. Donald Sherman addressed the Board urging the Board to consider naming the auditorium after a man responsible for instilling the love of music in so many people in the District and community. Mrs. Dayton stated that her father was the Director of Music for 28 years and he continued his work within the community after he retired.

Trustee Badanes asked to find out if there were any legal ramifications to naming the auditorium after Mr. Krueger.

Trustee McCue stated that she is in favor of this and suggested that the discussion be formally added to the next Board agenda for additional public input before the Board makes a decision.

6.01.14 E-mail from Mr. Armand D'Accordo, received July 29, 2014, re: District goals.

Mr. D'Accordo addressed the Board and stated that for the next superintendent there should be a clear statement of the goals and objectives of the District that the superintendent will achieve. Mr. D'Accordo stated that it should be a transparent process.

6.01.15 E-mail from Ms. Nicole O'Rourke, received August 5, 2014, re: Bellerose Avenue incoming 4th Grade

Ms. O'Rourke thanked Dr. McDermott and the Board for listening to the parents' concerns and adding another section to the Bellerose Avenue 4th Grade.

6.01.16 Letter from Ms. Patricia Gardiner, received August 18, 2014, re: Athletic Advisory Committee

Ms. Gardiner addressed the Board and stated that she would like the Board to move ahead with her proposal for an Athletic Advisory Committee to assess all the athletic facilities to determine what upgrades are necessary.

Trustee Thompson stated that the Board needs to review its policies and determine what type of committee this is going to be. There was a discussion regarding the current Board policies on committees and what the charge of the committee would be.

Trustee Pisacani volunteered to work with Ms. Gardiner to come forward with a proposal for the athletic advisory committee.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Rebecca Gibson Parent	Asked the Board to vote on the additional 4 th Grade section at Bellerose Avenue Elementary School
Liz Everitt Parent	Stated that she appreciated the recommendation to add another 4 th Grade section at Bellerose Avenue Elementary School
Joseph Sabia Resident	Stated that on July 27 th he received two phone calls regarding a missing Hobart mixer at the high school. Mr. Sabia called Trustee Maloney regarding the mixer and asked to find out exactly what happened. Mr. Sabia that there is a Board policy #6900 on the disposal of school property.

Mr. Andrew Bromm, School Lunch Director, stated that the high school has three mixers. One mixer has not been working for several years and when the other one needed repairs, the parts from the broken one were used to rebuild the mixer in need of repair.

Danielle McQuade Parent	Asked when the Board is going to vote on the additional 4 th Grade section at Bellerose Avenue Elementary School
Carl Litt Resident	Stated that the Board needs to fund the capital reserve funds which are now at bare bones. Mr. Litt stated that there are approximately \$12 to \$14

million of capital projects that should be done. Mr. Litt requested that the Board direct someone on the Board or in administration to task legal for a boilerplate document RFP for the ESCO. Mr. Litt stated that the Operations and Maintenance Committee was told that they could not move forward with this until an RFP was sent out and also noted that a quarter million in savings could be reaped this winter. Mr. Litt noted that there is a health and safety concern regarding the walking paths along Middleville Road down to Rinaldo and Fox Hollow Riding to Route 25A. Mr. Litt stated that both paths are overgrown and the students cannot safely walk along them.

There was a discussion regarding funding of the capital reserves.

David Badanes
Trustee Asked the Board to consider an amendment to policy to recognize students in the top 1%, 5% etc.

Motion was made by Trustee Waldenburg, seconded by Trustee Thompson, to approve all items under 8.

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

8.01 Personnel Actions Report, dated August 25, 2014, attached and made part of the official minutes.

Trustee Waldenburg announced the retirement of Ann Dentrone from Norwood Avenue Elementary School after twenty-eight years of service.

8.02 Schedule J – Committee on Special Education

8.03 Receiving for a first reading the following textbooks:

8.03.1 College Algebra, 3rd Corrected Edition, Stitz and Zeager, Open Source, College Prep Advanced Algebra, Grade 12

8.03.2 College Trigonometry, 3rd Corrected Edition, Stitz and Zeager, Open Source, College Prep Advanced Algebra, Grade 12

8.04 Receiving as a second reading and adopting revisions to the following policy:

8.04.1 Policy #4710 – “Middle and High School Reporting Policy”

Trustee Waldenburg recommended changes to the rank-in-class section regarding cohorts before and after September 2014.

Vote on Trustee Waldenburg’s motion to approve all items under 8.0 with recommended changes to 8.04.1 was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Waldenburg, seconded by Trustee Maloney, to approve all items under 9.0.

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

9.01 Taking specified action on the following BIDS:

TRANSPORTATION:

9.01.1 AWARD: Transportation for District Students with Disabilities

and District Students Attending Out-of-District Schools

SCHOOL LUNCH:

9.01.2 AWARD: Bagels

9.02 Declaring the attached list of software materials and textbooks, no longer in use by students, as surplus and approving disposal in accordance with Board Policy

9.02.1 Master Guru Grade 4 (32 cd's), Master Guru Grade 5 (32 cd's), Master Guru Grade 3 (32 cd's)

9.02.2 Gantert, Ann X., Geometry. New York: Amsco School Publications, 2007

9.03 Approving Nassau-Suffolk School Board Association, Inc. 2014-2015 Annual Membership dues in the amount of \$3,825.00

9.04 Approving the following donations to the District:

9.04.1 \$50.00 from Ellen and John Mertens to the David A. Trachtenberg Memorial Scholarship

9.04.2 \$25.00 from Mr. Jon Gregurich to the Michael Kauffman Memorial Scholarship

9.04.3 Photographic equipment (one Cannon EOS ELAN II 28.80 MM Ultrasonic Zoom Camera, one 75-300Cannon Ultrasonic Zoom lens, one Camera bag with instructions for camera and lenses, one Tiffen 58 MM Sky 1-A filter, one 58 MM Polarizing filter, one 58 MM UV filter, one Hollywood heavy duty tripod) from Mr. James Zima to the Northport High School Visual Arts Department, value estimated by the donor to be approximately \$1,250.00

9.05 Authorizing the Board President to execute an Agreement between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Youth Directions and Alternatives C.Y.A., Inc. in the amount of \$32,000 for the 2014-2015 school year (\$4,000.00 for general services as stated in the contract, and \$28,000.00 for the employment of a full time street worker/youth worker)

9.06 Approving a 2014-2015 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and the Henry Viscardi School

9.07 Approving an Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Deborah Seltzer

9.08 Approving a 2014-2015 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Ferncliff Manor

9.09 Approving a 2014-2015 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Homecare Therapies d/b/a Horizon Healthcare Staffing

9.10 Approving a Business Associate Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Homecare Therapies d/b/a/ Horizon Healthcare Staffing

9.11 Approving a 2014-2015 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and The Long Island Home d/b/a/ South Oaks Hospital

9.12 Approving a 2014-2015 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Islip Tutoring Services, Inc.

9.13 Approving a 2014-2015 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and St. James Tutoring, Inc.

9.14 Approving a 2014-2015 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Helping Hands Children Services

9.15 Approving a 2014-2015 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and George Wurzer

9.16 Approving a Business Associate Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Home Care for Children

9.17 Approving a 2014-2015 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Home Care for Children

9.18 Approving a 2014-2015 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and JNC Services, Inc./Top Grade

9.19 Approving a 2014-2015 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Reach for the Stars Tutoring

9.20 Approving a 2014-2015 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Bilinguals d/b/a/ Achieve Beyond

9.21 Approving a 2014-2015 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Center for Developmental Disabilities

9.22 Approving a 2014-2015 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Elwood Union Free School District

9.23 Approving the Type A lunch prices for 2014-2015 at \$2.35 for elementary (grades K-5) and \$2.60 for secondary (grades 6-12)

9.24 Approving the Claims Auditor's Report for Warrants and Schedule of Claims for payments dated:

May 9, 2014 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), May 15, 2014 (Accounts Payable Warrant), May 23, 2014 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), May 30, 2014 (Accounts Payable Warrant), May, 2014 (Claims Audit Report)

9.25 Approving the Claims Auditor's Report – Payroll Audit for the Payroll Distribution/Audit dated May 9, 2014 (BAS)

9.26 Approving a 2013-2014 Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and St. James Tutoring, Inc./Education at Mather (Spec. Ed.)

9.27 Approving 1 2014-2015 Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Health Training/Consulting Inc. (SSS)

9.28 Approving a 2014-2015 Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the

Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Education, Inc. (Spec. Ed.)

9.29 Approving a 2014-2015 Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Global Compliance Network, Inc. (HR)

9.30 Approving a Production Contract for Seussical Jr. between Music Theatre International and the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District (OAS)

9.31 Renewing a Contract with Twin County Driving School for the 2014-2015 school year for In-Car Driver Instruction at the current rate of \$335.00 per pupil.

9.32 Approving the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$641.89 toward the purchase of classroom supplies for East Northport Middle School and increase the 2014-2015 budget code A2110.5030.221.0300 by \$641.89 for this purpose.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2014-2015 budget by \$641.89 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of the East Northport Middle School participation in the Stop and Shop A+ School Rewards Program"

9.33 Approving the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$585.43 toward the purchase of classroom supplies for Northport Middle School and increase the 2014-2015 budget code A2110.5030.23.0300 by \$585.43 for this purpose.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2014-2015 budget by \$585.43 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of the Northport Middle School participation in the Stop and Shop A+ School Rewards Program"

9.34 Approving the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$1,711.11 toward the purchase of classroom supplies for Fifth Avenue Elementary School and increase the 2014-2015 budget code A2110.5030.12.0200 by \$1,711.11 for this purpose.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2014-2015 budget by \$1,711.11 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of the Fifth Avenue Elementary School participation in the Stop and Shop A+ School Rewards Program"

9.35 Approving the Western Suffolk BOCES AS-7 Final Contract for the 2013-2014 school year

9.36 Approving transfer of general fund appropriations in the 2014-2015 budget.

9.37 Approving the following resolution to designate a Child Safety Zone in Accordance with §3635-B of NYS Education Law:

"WHEREAS, the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District has an interest in student safety; and

WHEREAS, there is increasing interest in promoting and providing safe transport of students to and from the school campus each day that school is in session for students; and

WHEREAS, the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District received a petition from the parents of a K-8 child at 5 Layne Way, Northport, New York, which is located below the minimum distance required by District policy to qualify for K-8 transportation to and from this child's school; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District had conducted an investigation by retaining a transportation consultant with Eastern Suffolk BOCES to determine if a hazardous zone exists within the District and within the area encompassed by the petition, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District has found that a hazardous zone does exist with respect to at least part of the area encompassed by the petition; and

WHEREAS, a child safety zone would advance the interests of child safety to and from school; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a child safety zone would reasonably alleviate the concerns pertaining to the Eastern Suffolk BOCES' study's findings; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District considered factors such as the nonexistence of sidewalks and walkways in particular locations near school, along with width of roads and shoulders, the volume and average speed of traffic, density of population, nonexistence of traffic safety features and traffic patrols in compliance with the mandates of The Regulations of the Commission of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the transportation of students living within the child safety zone recommended by the Eastern Suffolk BOCES' study would not result in any additional cost to the taxpayer beyond that which is already authorized to be expensed as the bus stop to be designated for 5 Layne Way is already on an existing school bus route;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the area encompassed by the petition is hereby designated as a child safety zone by the Board of Education and the Board hereby resolves to provide transportation to a student residing at 5 Layne Way, Northport, New York"

Vote on Trustee Waldenburg's motion to approve all items under 9.0 was unanimously carried.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - FOR INFORMATION ONLY

10.01 State Education Department Income Eligibility Guidelines for free and reduced price meals or free milk for 2014-2015 school year

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Waldenburg stated that the Board must decide what reserves the Board wants to appropriate the fund balance of approximately \$943,000 from 2013-2014 to.

Motion was made by Trustee Waldenburg, seconded by Trustee Badanes, to appropriate \$500,000 of the June 30, 2014 Fund Balance to the ERS Reserve and the balance into the 2012 Capital Reserve Fund.

Vote on Trustee Waldenburg's motion was as follows:

YES: Mr. Badanes, Mr. Waldenburg

NO: Ms. Binger, Mr. Maloney, Mrs. McCue, Mrs. McNaughton, Mrs. Pisacani, Mr. Rapiejko, Mrs. Thompson

Motion failed.

There was additional discussion regarding which reserves to appropriate the funds to and how much should be appropriated to them.

Motion was made by Trustee McNaughton, seconded by Trustee Maloney, to appropriate 60% of the June 30, 2014 Fund Balance to the 2012 Capital Reserve Fund and 40% to the ERS Fund.

Vote on Trustee McNaughton's motion was as follows:

YES: Mr. Badanes, Ms. Binger, Mr. Maloney, Mrs. McCue, Mrs. McNaughton, Mr. Rapiejko, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Waldenburg

NO: Mrs. Pisacani

Motion passed.

12. NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made by Trustee Waldenburg, seconded by Trustee McNaughton, to authorize the administration to add a new section at the 4th grade at Bellerose Avenue Elementary School.

Unanimously carried.

13. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:45 p.m., motion was made by Trustee Waldenburg, seconded by Trustee Rapiejko, to convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the appointment of a particular corporation.

Unanimously carried.

At 12:00 a.m., the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Beth M. Nystrom
District Clerk

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