

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 6, 2014, beginning at 6:05 p.m., in the Board Conference Room 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 (arrived at 6:07 p.m.), Mrs. Regina Pisacani (arrived at 6:08 p.m.), 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 Powers, Esq., Board Counsel, Ingerman Smith LLP

1. President Binger called the meeting to order.

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

Unanimously carried by those present.

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 200 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 Regular Meeting, September 22, 2014
- 4.01.2 Special Meeting, September 23, 2014

Unanimously carried.

5. SPECIAL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Marylou McDermott, Superintendent of Schools, stated that on October 10th the district-wide emergency sheltering drill will take place and all school will be released 15 minutes early. Dr. McDermott noted that the information is on the District's website.

Dr. McDermott stated that the Northport High School Tiger Marching Band will perform at the Newsday Marching Band Festival on Thursday, October 16th. The location of the festival was moved to the Mitchel Field Athletic Complex.

Board Counsel Christopher Powers gave an update on the high school mixer. Counsel Powers stated that he was charged with the responsibility of investigating the circumstances of the Hobart mixer to see if there was any evidence of criminality. Mr. Powers stated that he conducted the investigation and reviewed documents and based upon his review there is absolutely no evidence of criminality. Mr. Powers stated that there was a policy violation that needs to be tightened up.

5.01 For Information: Upcoming Meetings.

The President of the Board reviewed the upcoming Board of Education meetings scheduled for October 20th, November 3rd, and November 17th.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications to the Board.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Joseph Sabia Resident	Stated that he waited 30 days to receive information regarding his FOIL request on documentation of the Hobart mixer and that the document he received had no date, appeared to have two different writing and there was no signature. Mr. Sabia stated that there is a Board policy that should be followed regarding disposal of school equipment and that he was very disappointed in the school board.

Counsel Powers stated that the two mixers in question are very old, one made in 1956 and one in 1966. The approximate value of the parts was between \$100 and \$150. Mr. Powers stated that the analysis was that there was no evidence of criminality but there was a policy violation.

Robyn Carlson Parent	Stated that she still has a bus issue and was granted a ride along on the bus. Ms. Carlson stated that the bus did not stop at the correct entrance which in the regulation is Dogwood Road and the school entrance sign at entrance drive. Ms. Carlson stated that the bused children are getting bused to the inner circle. Ms. Carlson requested that her children be allowed on the bus.
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Dr. McDermott stated that another ride along will be arranged.

Antoinette Blanck UTN President	Stated that she is there along with a few hundred members of the UTN not as a sign of protest but as a sign of unity. Ms. Blanck stated that the UTN feels very strongly about the education programs of the District and many are concerned community members. They are here to support the District, the education programs and the children and asked the Board for their support of the UTN.
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Joann Cosgun Parent	Stated that she received the documentation from the transportation department for a child safety zone but the petition must be filed by March to be considered in September of 2015. Ms. Cosgun stated that the
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District has repeatedly stated that safety is the number one priority but the entrance her son has to use to get to East Northport Middle School is on a dead end street and is not safe. Ms. Cosgun requested her son be allowed to take the bus.

Dr. McDermott stated that she spoke with Principal DeStefano and that personnel will be assigned to the back entrance of the school.

Pat Gardiner
NHS PTSA Asked if there was a clear path from the back entrance to the school at East Northport Middle School and asked if there was guest wifi access at all schools.

Trustee Waldenburg requested that the administration make sure the rear entrance path to East Northport Middle School is secure and cleared.

Mr. Nelson stated that there is guest wifi access at all schools.

Ellen Baxter Hatch
PTA Council Co-President Inquired how large scale events such as concerts, plays and sporting events will be handled with the new entry procedures at the secondary Level and asked why a ConnectEd call has not gone out about the district-wide emergency sheltering drill.

Security Supervisor Nolan Briggs stated that he is presently in conversations with the secondary principals to come up with procedures for events that happen after the school day. Mr. Briggs noted that the ConnectEd call regarding the emergency sheltering drill was scheduled for Wednesday but will be sent on Tuesday instead.

Kelly Clark Asked what the procedure is for deciding on policies with regards to handling large events at the secondary schools.

Dr. McDermott stated that each building has a safety team and this issue will be discussed.

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

Motion was made by Trustee Waldenburg, seconded by Trustee Badanes, to approve item 8.01

8.01 Personnel Actions Report, dated October 6, 2014, attached and made part of the official minutes.

President Binger announced the retirements of Mary Taylor, Dickson Avenue Elementary School Teacher, Katherine DeAngelo, Dickinson Avenue Elementary School Teacher Aide, and Mary Ann Previte, Districtwide Bus Driver.

Vote on Trustee Waldenburg's motion to approve item 8.01 was as follows:

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

ABSTAIN: Mrs. McNaughton

Motion passed.

Motion was made by Trustee Waldenburg, seconded by Trustee Badanes, to approve items 8.02 and 8.03

8.02 Approving Schedule J, Committee on Special Education

8.03 Appointing the following staff members to serve as chairpersons for the Committee on Special Education (CSE) during the 2014-2015 school year:

Michael Comiskey, Noreen Digiose, Elizabeth Dragone, Melanie Fisher, Allyson Giaimo, Erin Girardin, Kristen Karkota, Karrie Kruger, Mary Christine Moser, Christina Pulaski, Lisa Quartararo, Corinne Scheidt, Martha White

Vote on Trustee Waldenburg's motion to approve items 8.02 and 8.03 was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Waldenburg, seconded by Trustee Maloney, to approve all items under 8.04

8.04 Receiving for a second reading and adopting the following policies:

8.04.1 #2200 – “Annual Meeting and Election”

8.04.2 #4010 – “Equivalence in Instruction Staff and Materials”

8.04.3 #4321.7 – “Special Education Personnel”

8.04.4 #4321.10 – “Public Report on Revisions to District Policies, Practices and Procedures Upon a Finding of Significant Disproportionality”

8.04.5 #4321.20 – “District-wide and Statewide Assessments of Students with Disabilities”

8.04.6 #4321.30 – “Availability of Alternative Format Instructional Materials for Students with Disabilities”

8.04.7 #4326 – “Limited English Proficiency Instruction”

8.04.8 #9141 – “Staff Complaints and Grievances”

Trustee McCue noted that the title of Assistant Superintendent for Personnel in the policy should be changed to Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources.

8.04.9 #9320 – “Drug/Alcohol-Free Workplace”

Vote on Trustee Waldenburg's motion to approve all items under 8.04 was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Maloney, to approve all items under 8.05

8.05 Receiving for a first reading the following policies:

8.05.1 #7100 – “Facilities Planning”

8.05.2 #7120 – “Enrollment Projections”

8.05.3 #7130 – “Development and Land Use”

8.05.4 #7320 – “Developing Educational Specifications for Facilities”

8.05.5 #7810 – “Retirement or Closing of Facilities”

8.05.6 #8111 – “Reporting of Hazards”

8.05.7 #8130 – “School Safety Plans and Teams”

8.05.8 #8134 – “Emergency Closings”

8.05.9 #8220 – “Buildings and Grounds Maintenance and Inspection”

8.05.10 #8415 – “Alcohol and Drug Testing of Bus Drivers”

8.05.11 #8900 – “Energy Management”

Several minor revisions to the policies were recommended.

Motion was made by Trustee Waldenburg, seconded by Trustee Badanes, to table item 8.05.5 Policy #7810 to await further review by Board Counsel.

Vote on Trustee Waldenburg's motion was as follows:

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

Motion passed.

Motion was made by Trustee Rapiejko, seconded by Trustee McCue to table item 8.05.7 Policy #8130 to await further review by Board Counsel.

Vote on Trustee Rapiejko's motion to table item 8.05.7 was as follows:

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

Motion passed.

Vote on Trustee Thompson's motion to approve all items under 8.05 with recommended revisions, with the exclusion of tabled items 8.05.5 Policy #7810 and 8.05.7 Policy #8130, was unanimously carried.

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

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

9.01 Taking specified action on the following BIDS:

SCHOOL LUNCH

9.01.1 RESCIND: Bagels

9.02 Declaring the following outdated software material, no long in use by students, as surplus and approving disposal in accordance with Board policy:

9.02.1 The Print Shop Ensemble III (7 cd's)

9.02.2 Classroom Jeopardy Game Cartridge (7 cd's)

9.03 Approving the following resolutions to Appropriate Reserves, Confirm Budget and Set Tax Levy for 2014-2015:

9.03.1 "RESOLVED, that, pursuant to voter approval on May 20, 2014 of Proposition No. 1, the 2014-2015 Budget Appropriations shall be

Proposition 1: Annual School District Budget - \$159,109,341; Total Budget Appropriation - \$159,109,341"

9.03.2 "RESOLVED that, pursuant to Section 1318, Subdivision I, of the Real Property Tax Law, the District shall retain \$6,364,079 of its 2013-2014 total unassigned fund balance, said amount being 4.00% of the voter approved budget and shall apply to the 2014-2015 tax levy the sum of \$2,825,000, the remainder of the 2013-2014 total unassigned fund balance."

9.03.3 “RESOLVED that, pursuant to Subdivision 12 of Section 1604 of the Education Law, the estimated receipts, including the application of the remaining unassigned fund balance as determined above in 9.03.2, and the required levy of taxes for school district purposes, be established as follows:

Estimated Receipts - \$20,486,174

Tax Levy (includes estimated STAR reimbursement of \$9,925,000) - \$138,623,167”

9.03.4 “RESOLVED that, pursuant to 259 and Subdivision 5(a), Section 1804 of the Education Law, the following additional tax levy also be established:

For School District Library as requested by Library Trustees – \$9,469,300”

9.03.5 “RESOLVED that, pursuant to Section 8 of the Suffolk County Tax Act and based upon the assessed valuation which has been certified to the District by the Town Assessor, the following computed tax rate per \$100 of assessed valuations be adopted and order certified to the Supervisor of the Town, together with dollar amounts to be raised by the President of the Board:

For Regular School Purposes: Amount to be levied - \$138,623,137; Estimated Tax Rate/\$100 AV - \$171.851

For School District Public Library: Amount to be levied - \$9,469,300; Estimated Tax Rate/\$100 AV \$11.739”

9.04 Receiving the following donations to the District:

9.04.1 \$5,000.00 from Alex Spanko to the Leslie Spanko Memorial Scholarship

9.04.2 \$100.00 from Anthony and Nancy Mupo to the Leslie Spanko Memorial Scholarship

9.04.3 An Education Work Station 24” Full Color Poster and Banner Printing System, laminating film, mounting film, adhesive film, quick dry photo gloss film, delivery, installation and training from the Dickinson Avenue PTA to Dickinson Avenue Elementary School, value estimated by the donor to be \$4,894.94

Motion was made by Trustee Rapiejko, seconded by Trustee Thompson, to table item 9.04.3.

Unanimously carried.

9.05 Approving the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the rebate of \$1,000 from the CollegeBoard and increase the 2014-2015 budget code A2810.5030.30.3202 by \$1,000.00

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2770 of the 2014-2015 budget by \$1,000 with the understanding that this CollegeBoard rebate is intended to be used to purchase educational supplies in order to facilitate the administration of future AP exams”

9.06 Approving the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$1,292.31 toward the purchase of classroom supplies for Pulaski Road School and increase the 2014-2015 budget code A2110.5030.16.0200 by \$1,292.31 for this purpose.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2014-2015 budget by \$1,292.31 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of Pulaski Road School participation in the Stop and Shop A+ School Rewards Program.”

9.07 Approving the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$1,006.08 toward the purchase of classroom supplies for Pulaski Road School and increase the 2014-2015 budget code A2110.5030.16.0200 by \$1,006.08 for this purpose.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2014-2015 budget by \$1,006.08 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of Pulaski Road School participation in Target Take Charge of Education Program”

9.08 Approving the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$353.87 toward the purchase of classroom supplies for East Northport Middle School and increase the 2014-2015 budget code A2110.5030.21.0300 by \$353.87 for this purpose.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2014-2015 budget by \$353.87 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of the East Northport Middle School participation in Target Take Charge of Education Program”

9.09 Approving the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$937.96 toward the purchase of classroom supplies for Fifth Avenue School and increase the 2014-2015 budget code A2110.5030.12.0200 by \$937.96 for this purpose.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2014-2015 budget by \$937.96 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of the Fifth Avenue School participation in Target Take Charge of Education Program”

9.10 Approving the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$771.81 toward the purchase of classroom supplies for Bellerose Avenue School and increase the 2014-2015 budget code A2110.5030.17.0200 by \$771.81 for this purpose.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2014-2015 budget by \$771.81 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of the Bellerose Avenue School participation in Target Take Charge of Education Program”

9.11 Approving a Lemelson-MIT InvenTeam Grant Program science research grant application in the amount of \$10,000 which will be used to invent technological solutions to real-world problems of their own choosing

9.12 Approving a 2014-2015 Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and St. James Tutoring, Inc./Education at Mather (SSS)

9.13 Approving a 2014-2015 Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Islip Tutoring Services, Inc. (SSS)

9.14 Approving a Hearing Officer Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Spirn & Spirn, Counsellors at Law

9.15 Approving a 2014-2015 Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Horizon Intertainment (NHS)

9.16 Approving a 2014-2015 Special Education Services Contract between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and the Board of Education of the Commack Union Free School District

9.17 Approving a 2014-2015 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Eden II School for Autistic Children, Inc.

9.18 Approving a July 1, 2014 through August 30, 2014 Tuition Contract for Special Education Services between the Board of Education of the Commack Union Free School District and the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District

9.19 Approving a 2014-2015 Tuition Contract for Special Education Services between the Board of Education of the Commack Union Free School District and the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District

9.20 Approving the Quarterly Budget Transfer Report for the period April 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014

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

9.22 Approving the End of Year Transfer of Funds to balance the 2013-2014 budget

Vote on Trustee Waldenburg's motion to approve all items under 9.0, with the exception or tabled item 9.04.3, was unanimously carried.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - FOR INFORMATION ONLY

10.01 Schedule H – Use of Facilities

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Badanes commended Northport High School Principal Irene McLaughlin for an outstanding high school open house.

Trustee Maloney inquired about the Operations and Maintenance Committee Meeting schedule.

Assistant Superintendent for Business Kathleen Molander stated that the first meeting is proposed for October 28th. There will be four meetings throughout the year and those dates are in the process of being formalized.

12. NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent McDermott stated that the District received an e-mail from the Northport Fire Department requesting the use of the District's snow fencing for the 125th celebration of the Fire Department.

There was a brief discussion among the Board regarding community use of school equipment and use of equipment when District groups are performing outside the District. It was noted that the high school marching band is marching in the 125th fire department celebration parade.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Trustee Rapiejko, seconded by Trustee Thompson, to adjourn.

Unanimously carried.

At 10:20 p.m., the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Beth M. Nystrom
District Clerk

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