

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 1, 2015, beginning at 5:30 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 (arrived at 7:22 p.m.), 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. Thomas Caramore, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Rosemarie Coletti, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Ms. Kathleen Molander, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Mr. Matthew Nelson, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Administration

1. President Binger called the meeting to order.

Motion was made by Trustee McNaughton, seconded by Trustee Thompson, to convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the appointment of particular persons and matters pertaining to contract negotiations.

Unanimously carried by those present.

At 7:06 p.m. the Board reconvened in public session in the Cafeteria at the William J. Brosnan School.

Public attendance: There were approximately 45 persons present.

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

There were no minutes for approval.

5. SPECIAL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

5.01 For Information: Upcoming Meetings

President Binger reviewed the upcoming meetings scheduled for June 15th, July 1st and August 27th.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications to the Board requiring Board action.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Maile Beatty Parent	Stated that currently the 7 th grade students have to choose between Regents Science or Regents Art Elective for the next year's course selection. Ms. Beatty stated that she feels this is unfortunate and that students should be able to take both courses.

Dr. Thomas Caramore, Superintendent of Schools, stated that there is not a nine period day at the middle school level and zero period cannot be given as credit as it is outside of the normal school day. Dr. Caramore stated that this is an important issue that needs to be discussed and there is not a simple solution. Parents are making choices in 7th grade that impact the students in high school. Dr. Caramore stated that if you want to raise standards academically you have to increase rigor and push more kids into advanced science and math in the middle school grades.

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

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

8.01 Approving the Personnel Actions Report dated June 1, 2015 attached and made part of the official minutes.

President Binger announced the following retirements: Victoria Shepherd, Reading, Lynn Smith, Teaching Assistant at Pulaski Road School, and Sandra Schumacher, School Media Specialist at Dickinson Avenue School.

Dr. Thomas Caramore, Superintendent of Schools, congratulated the following administrators and teachers on their appointment on tenure: Pasquale DeStefano, Patricia Essinfeld, Tara Gaiss, Robin Rann, Daniel Danbusky, Nicole Blanco, Nicole Caputo, Allison Coulson, Marie DiGennaro, and Danielle Milazzo.

There was a twenty minute recess for congratulatory cake.

8.02 Approving Schedule J

8.03 Appointed the following community members to serve on the Athletic Facilities Citizens Advisory Committee:

Robert P. Brady, Deborah Brockwell, Michael Brunone, Veronica Cusack, Patrick Finnegan, Joe Florio, Michael F. Gorney, Carl Litt, Brian Loeber, Nancy Hosie Pierce, Matthew Power, Christopher Robinson, Russell Tietjen, Ray Teiner, Jacqueline Weber

Vote on Trustee Thompson's motion to approve all items under 8. was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Maloney, seconded by Trustee Thompson, to approve all items under 9., including Supplemental 9.45

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

9.01 Taking specified action on the following BIDS:

EDUCATIONAL

9.01.1 AWARD: Musical Instrument Accessories

9.01.2 AWARD: District Wide Printing

9.01.3 AWARD: Driver Education In-Car Instruction

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

9.03 Approving a Multi-Year Lease between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Western Suffolk BOCES under Co-SER 501 through Western Suffolk BOCES

9.04 Approving a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement between the Town of Huntington and the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District for the use of Town Property (BAS)

9.05 Receiving the following donations to the District:

9.05.1 The following musical instruments from Maryflorencia & Bob Breannan: 5 piece Pearl Forum Series Drumset, value estimated by the donor to be approximately \$450; Zildjian ZBT set of cymbals, value estimated by the donor to be approximately \$350; Bach TR300H2 Student Model Trumpet, value estimated by the donor to be approximately \$450; Selmer AS500 Alto Sax, value estimated by the donor to be approximately \$450.

9.05.2 \$20.00 from Gregory and Beatrice Guido to the David Trachtenberg Memorial Scholarship

9.05.3 \$250.00 from Charles and Barbara Tragna to the Lt. Commander Christopher Tragna Memorial Scholarship

9.06 Approving an Agreement and Release between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and the parents of a special education student for 2015-2016 tuition and transportation

9.07 Approving a 2015-2016 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and NSSA/The Martin C. Barell School

9.08 Approving a 2015-2016 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Ferncliff Manor

9.09 Approving a 2015-2016 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Helping Hands Children Services

9.10 Approving a 2015-2016 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Harmony Heights

9.11 Approving a 2015-2016 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Maryhaven

9.12 Approving a 2015-2016 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Developmental Disabilities Institute

9.13 Approving a 2015-2016 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Bilinguals d/b/a Achieve Beyond

9.14 Approving a 2015-2016 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and St. James Tutoring, Inc.

9.15 Approving an Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Little Flower Union Free School District

9.16 Approving a 2015-2016 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Cleary School for the Deaf

9.17 Approving a Rider to Agreement between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Schoolman Transportation System, Inc. d/b/a Classic Coach (NHS)

9.18 Approving a 2015-2016 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and JNC Services, Inc./Top Grade

9.19 Approving a Business Associate Agreement in Compliance with Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Home Care for Children

9.20 Approving a 2015-2016 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Home Care for Children

9.21 Approving a 2015-2016 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Creative Tutoring, Inc.

9.22 Approving a 2015-2016 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and ASCENT: A School for Individuals with Autism

9.23 Approving a Reservation and Contract for Services between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Sweetbriar Nature Center (DAS)

9.24 Approving a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Karen Torres

9.25 Approving a 2015-2016 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Henry Viscardi School

9.26 Approving the following change orders:

9.26.1 Change Order #1, Northport High School, SED #58-04-04-03-0-01-027, increase in the amount of \$3,410.00

9.26.2 Change Order #1, Dickinson Avenue Elementary School, SED #58-04-04-03-0-002-014, decrease in the amount of \$5,000.00

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

April 10, 2015 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), April 15, 2015 (Accounts Payable Warrant), April 24, 2015 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), April 30, 2015 (Accounts Payable Warrant), April 2015 (Claims Audit Report)

9.28 Approving the Claims Auditor's Report – Payroll Audit for Payroll Distribution/Audit dated April 24, 2015 (NMS)

9.29 Approving the Treasurer's Report and Monthly Summary of Receipts and Disbursements

9.29.1 Treasurer's Report for the period March 1, 2015 through March 31, 2015

9.29.2 Monthly Summary of Receipts and Disbursements for March 2015

9.30 Approving the Schedule of Investments as of March 31, 2015

9.31 Approving the Collateral Schedule as of March 31, 2015

9.32 Approving the Bank Reconciliation Report for the Month Ended March 31, 2015

9.33 Approving the General Fund Projected Cash Flow Statement for the year ending 2014-2015, Actual Data July 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015, Estimated Data April 1, 2015 – June 30, 2015

9.34 Approving the Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report, School Lunch Fund for the month ending March 31, 2015

9.35 Approving the Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report, Special Aid Fund for the month ending March 31, 2015

9.36 Approving the Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report, General Fund for the month ending March 31, 2015

9.37 Approving the Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report, Capital Fund for the month ending March 31, 2015

9.38 Approving the School Lunch Profit and Loss Statement for the month ending March 31, 2015

9.39 Approving the Quarterly Budget Transfer Report for the period January 1, 2015 to March 31, 2015

9.40 Approving the Quarterly Trial Balance Report for All Funds for the quarter January 1, 2015 to March 31, 2015

9.41 Approving the Quarterly Student Activity Account Reports for the period January 2015 – March 2015 for:

9.41.1 Northport High School

9.41.2 East Northport Middle School

9.41.3 Northport Middle School

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

9.43 Approving the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, the Board of Education owns a portable/modular classroom located at Fifth Avenue Elementary School (hereinafter referred to as the "Modular Classroom"):

WHEREAS, a visual inspection of the Modular Classroom was conducted on or about March 14, 2015;

WHEREAS, said inspection revealed that the Modular Classroom is over forty years old and in poor and unusable condition;

WHEREAS, the Administration has advised the Board of Education that the Modular Classroom is no longer in use by the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that it is in the best interest of the District to dispose of said Modular Classroom.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares the Modular Classroom obsolete;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to dispose of said Modular Classroom in accordance with Board Policy 6900."

9.44 Approving the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby gratefully accepts a donation of \$34,839.13 from the East Northport Parents Charitable Foundation, for the purpose of the Dickinson Avenue Elementary School trip to Washington D.C. and increase the 2014-2015 budget code A2110.4010.00.2901 by \$34,839.13 for this purpose.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2014-2015 budget by \$34,839.13 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of donations from the East Northport Parents Charitable Foundation."

9.45 Approving the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHPORT-EAST NORTHPORT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK (THE "SCHOOL DISTRICT") DECLARING THE FINDINGS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSALS RECEIVED FOR THE TAX EXEMPT FINANCING OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACT WITH JOHNSON CONTROLS, INC. AND MAKING CERTAIN OTHER DETERMINATIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

"THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE NORTHPORT-EAST NORTHPORT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by a majority vote of all the members of said Board) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District (the "School District") has received proposals from two (2) firms to provide financing for the cost of implementing certain energy conservation measures pursuant to the Energy Performance Contract that the School District has heretofore entered into with Johnson Controls, Inc. (the "Agreement").

Section 2. Following a discussion of the Board of Education of the School District, and based upon the written recommendation received from Munistat Services, Inc., the School District's Financial Advisor, it is hereby determined that the proposal of TD Equipment Finance, Inc., (18-year callable option) or one of its affiliates (the "Lessor"), which represents the lowest responsible proposal in the best interest of the School District, and is hereby accepted.

Section 3. The President of the Board of Education, the Vice President of the Board of Education, the Superintendent of Schools and/or the Assistant Superintendent for Business (collectively the "Authorized Representatives" and individually, the "Authorized Representative") acting on behalf of the School District and with the advice of counsel, are hereby authorized to negotiate, enter into, execute, and deliver one or more lease purchase agreements (the "Equipment Lease") with the Lessor. The Authorized Representatives are hereby further authorized with the advice of counsel to negotiate, enter into, execute, and deliver such other documents relating to the Equipment Lease (including, but not limited to, escrow agreements) as the Authorized Representatives deem necessary and appropriate. All other related contracts and agreements necessary and incidental to the Equipment Lease are hereby authorized, and such documents shall be filed in the office of the District Clerk and made available for public inspection.

Section 4. The aggregate original principal amount of the Equipment Lease shall not exceed the \$12,965,659 and shall bear interest as set forth in the Equipment Lease and shall contain such options for prepayment as set forth therein.

Section 5. The School District's obligations under the Equipment Lease shall be subject to annual appropriation or renewal by the Board of Education of the School District as set forth in each Equipment Lease and the School District's obligations under the Equipment Lease shall not constitute a general obligation of the School District or indebtedness under the Constitution or laws of the State of New York.

Section 6. The proceeds of the Equipment Lease may be applied to reimburse the School District for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said proceeds are authorized, or on or prior to such date if the Board of Education of the School District has adopted a prior statement of intent to issue bonds for such purpose. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

Section 7. The Authorized Representatives are hereby authorized with the advice of counsel to take any and all other actions necessary in connection with the Agreement, the Equipment Lease, and all matters related thereto.

Section 8. This resolution shall take effect immediately."

Vote on Trustee Maloney's motion to approve all items under 9., including Supplemental 9.45 was unanimously carried.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

10.01 Schedule H – Use of Facilities

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11.01 Discussion of formulating letter regarding state testing.

Trustee McNaughton stated that a conversation should be started with the stakeholders regarding what the goals are and what we are going to do as a District with regards to the state testing.

Dr. Caramore stated that he attended a meeting with Senator Marcellino and Mr. Tilles from the Board of Regents, and they felt that in spite of the feelings of many in New York State that the legislature and Board of Regents rushed the whole process of testing and accountability on the part of both students and teachers, it will not change substantively by the June 30th.

Motion was made by Trustee Pisacani, seconded by Trustee McNaughton, to form a common core committee.

There was a long discussion regarding the objective and makeup of the committee.

Motion was made by Trustee Pisacani, seconded by Trustee McNaughton, to table the motion to form a common core committee until the specifics of the committee are clearly outlined.

Unanimously carried.

Dr. Caramore shared with the Board an online petition to suspend and amend the New York State Education Transformation Act of 2015.

Motion was made by Trustee Badanes, seconded by Trustee McNaughton, to support the Suspend and Amend the New York State Transformation Act of 2015.

Unanimously carried.

The Board requested that letters be sent to local legislators, the Board of Regents and Governor Cuomo along with posting a link to the petition on the District's website.

12. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Pisacani stated that the Board received a letter from a community member regarding mailing of report cards and that she would like the District to discontinue mailing them which would result in a savings of approximately \$12,000 with each mailing.

Motion was made by Trustee Pisacani, seconded by Trustee Badanes, to amend policy #4710 to discontinue mailing report cards in the 2016-2017 school year.

Motion was made by Trustee Pisacani, seconded by Trustee Badanes, to table Trustee Pisacani's motion to amend policy #4710.

It was recommended to add Policy #4710 to the next Policy Committee Meeting for discussion.

Trustee Badanes inquired about live streaming the Board and Audit Committee meetings.

Trustee Badanes inquired about the cheerleading coaches.

Trustee McCue stated that the New York State School Boards Association Convention is in October and noted that early bird registration ends on June 30th.

Trustee Waldenburg announced that the Art and Music Festival will take place on Sunday in the Northport Village Park.

Trustee McNaughton suggested that the Board should discuss which members will be attending employee retirements.

Dr. Caramore stated that the Memorandum of Agreement with the UTN was signed today and the teachers will vote to ratify it on June 12th.

11. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:45 p.m., motion was made by Trustee Waldenburg, seconded by Trustee McNaughton, to adjourn into executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the employment history of particular persons.

Unanimously carried.

At 11:30 p.m. the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Beth M. Nystrom
District Clerk

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