

Public Work Session and Special Business Meeting

A Public Work Session of the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District was held on Monday evening, September 23, 2013, beginning at 6:04 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: Mr. David Badanes, Ms. Julia Binger, Mr. James Maloney, Mrs. Lori McCue Mr. Andrew Rapiejko, Mr. Joseph Sabia, Mrs. Jennifer Thompson, Mrs. Tammie Topel (arrived at 6:06 p.m.), 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

1. President Waldenburg called the meeting to order.

Motion was made by Trustee Sabia, seconded by Trustee Badanes, to convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the employment history of particular persons and matters involving current litigation.

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 20 persons present.

2. Mr. Waldenburg led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance; and
3. Pointed out the emergency exits.
4. SPECIAL REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Marylou McDermott, Superintendent of Schools, read a note from Mrs. Jean Baron and family expressing her gratitude to District staff and the Board of Education for all their kind words and support during their difficult time.

Dr. McDermott stated that Homecoming was held this past weekend and Assistant Superintendent Coletti was in attendance at the football game and other events. Ms. Coletti stated that it was a spectacular day, the students were incredibly well behaved and conducted themselves in an utmost sportsmanlike manner, and the community was there in full force.

4.01 Presentation of the District Technology Plan by Mr. Matt Nelson, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Technology and Ms. Judy Proscia, Administrator of Technology.

Mr. Nelson review the State and Federal Requirements noting that every school district that received funding from the E-rate program must have a NYSED approved technology plan. Mr. Nelson and Ms. Proscia reviewed the 2010-2013 Tech Plan accomplishments to network, cable and bandwidth, IP telephones and wireless, Data and Power Backup Systems, E-mail System and Security, Technicians, Computers and Whiteboards, Applications, Professional Development and Parent Workshops.

The 2013-2016 Technology Plan Goals include completing six-year computer replacement cycle for all District machines, increasing the number of student devices, increasing software licenses, preparing for additional student devices at three secondary schools, increasing wireless density, remote access for staff and students, continuing to incorporate video streaming resources, expanding instructional opportunities beyond the traditional classroom, expanding the number of outsourced technical personnel, power backup for network services, upgrading centralized network and storage and update service virtualization for flexibility and redundancy.

Mr. Nelson reviewed the Fiscal Resource Budget and Projected Budget Increases for the 2013-2016 Technology Plan. Mr. Nelson stated that the District's Technology Plans are located on the District website under District tab on the District Technology page.

There was a discussion regarding the technology lease, virtual field trips, computer technicians, bandwidth network support, current usage and maintenance of smart board, netbook carts, and recycle plan.

#### 4.02 Discussion of the 2009 BOCES Long Range Planning Study

Trustee Rapiejko stated that the question on whether there is a need to close a school is a complex question involving enrollment, space utilization, transportation and redistricting. Mr. Rapiejko stated that the Board needs to look at data on that information and also look at the current use of space within the District. Mr. Rapiejko stated that the information from the 2009 report was clear in that there was a significant issue with space at the elementary level and the report was done with the old class sizes. Mr. Rapiejko recommended that the prudent thing to do would be to update the study with the changes since 2008 including the different class cap sizes, AIS and support services. Mr. Rapiejko stated LIPA is not an issue to consider in the discussion of closing a school. Mr. Rapiejko recommended putting money in next year's budget to update the study.

Trustee Sabia stated that he would like to get the ball rolling and get the study revamped now.

In response to a question, Ms. Kathleen Molander, Assistant Superintendent of Business, stated that the prior study was done by BOCES and she would have to do more investigation to give the Board an actual dollar amount to update the study.

#### 4.03 Board discussion of the following Board of Education Policies:

Vice President Thompson stated that the Policy Committee met on September 16<sup>th</sup> with Board Counsel Mary Anne Sadowski and recommended that the Board review the following policies.

##### SECTION 4000 – Instructional

#4321 – *“Programs for Students with Disabilities Under the IDEA and New York’s Education Law Article 89”*

#4321.1 – *“Allocation of Space for Special Education Programs and Services”*

#4321.2 – *“Confidentiality and Access to Individualized Education Programs and Individualized Education Services Programs”*

#4321.3 – *“Availability of Alternative Format Instructional Materials for Students with Disabilities”*

#4321.4 – *“District-wide and Statewide Assessments of Students with Disabilities”*

#4321.5 – *“Impartial Hearing Officer Appointment and Compensation”*

#4321.6 – *“Public Report on Revisions to District Policies, Practices and Procedures Upon a Finding of Significant Disproportionality”*

#4321.7 – *“Special Education Personnel”*

#4321.8 – *“School-wide Pre-referral Approaches and Interventions”*

The Board requested that Board Counsel review the suggested revisions to Policy #4321.1 – *“Allocation of Space for Special Education Programs and Services”* and Policy #4321.5 – *“Impartial Hearing Officer*

*Appointment and Compensation*". After Board Counsel review, the Section 4000 policies will be presented as a whole for a first reading.

At 10:30 p.m., motion was made by Trustee Sabia, seconded by Trustee Maloney, to extend the meeting.

Unanimously carried.

At 10:30 p.m. the Board took a five minute recess.

SECTION 6000 – FISCAL MANAGEMENT  
#6700 – *"Purchasing Policy"*

SECTION 9000 – PERSONNEL AND NEGOTIATIONS  
#9511 – *"Pay Rates for: Continuing Education and Recreation Teachers and Temporary, Substitute and Student Non-Instructional Employees"*

Trustee McCue stated that after reviewing the financial information the Board received regarding Community Services and Continuing Education she would recommend that the hourly rate for the Continuing Education Instructors remain at \$20. The Board recommending removing the Substitute Teaching Assistant and Registered Nurses from the policy since they are covered under the collective bargaining agreement.

4.03 For Information: Upcoming Meetings

The President of the Board reviewed the upcoming meetings of October 7<sup>th</sup>, October 21<sup>st</sup>, November 4<sup>th</sup> and November 18<sup>th</sup>.

5. ADJOURN PUBLIC WORK SESSION AND CONVENE INTO SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING

At 11:30 p.m. the Board adjourned the Public Work Session and convened into a Special Business Meeting.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications to the Board

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Badanes, to receive the following policies for a first reading as amended:

Policy #6700 – *"Purchasing Policy"*

Policy #9511 – *"Pay Rates for: Continuing Education and Recreation Teachers and Temporary, Substitute and Student Non-Instructional Employees"*

Unanimously carried.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, FINANCIAL

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Sabia, to approve item 8.01

8.01 Approving the following Personnel Schedules:

8.01.1 Schedule D – Extra Pay

Unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Topel, to approve item 8.02

8.02 Approving the Revised District Technology Plan (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2016)

Unanimously carried.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Trustee Sabia, seconded by Trustee Topel, to adjourn the Special Business Meeting.

Unanimously carried.

At 11:40 p.m. the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

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Beth M. Nystrom  
District Clerk

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