

Special Meeting

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District was held on Monday evening, March 10, 2014, beginning at 6:03 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, 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 Topel, to convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the employment history of particular persons.

Unanimously carried.

At 7:25 p.m. the Board reconvened in public session in the Cafeteria at the William J. Brosnan School.

Public attendance: There were approximately 50 persons present.

2. Mr. Waldenburg led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance; and
3. Pointed out the emergency exits.

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Sabia, to approve all items under 4.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 4.01.1 Public Hearing, February 10, 2014
- 4.01.2 Regular Meeting, February 10, 2014
- 4.01.3 Special Meeting, February 24, 2014

Unanimously carried.

Dr. Marylou McDermott, Superintendent of Schools, stated that there were enough snow days built into this year's school calendar, therefore, no school days need to be made up.

5. DISCUSSION OF SUPERINTENDENT'S PROPOSED 2014-2015 BUDGET

Dr. McDermott presented the 2014-2015 Preliminary Draft Budget stating that the proposed 2014-2015 budget totaled \$158,885,342. The projected budget to budget increase is 1.46%, projected Tax Levy is increase 2.15%, NYS Allowable Levy Limit is 2.18%, Estimated Tax Rate for 2014-2015 is 2.51%, Average Prior 5-Year Tax Levy Increase 1.68% and Average Prior 5-Year Tax Rate Increase 1.79%. Dr. McDermott reviewed the 2014-2015 Projected Revenue including Tax Levy, State Aid, Assigned Fund Balance, Restricted Reserves (Retirement, Workers Compensation, EBALR and Unemployment) and Miscellaneous Revenue. Dr. McDermott discussed the Fund Balance, Restricted Reserves and the Use of Restricted Reserves.

Dr. McDermott highlighted the following elements of the 2014-2015 Proposed District Budget: Maintains Class Size in grades k-12; maintains all existing programs at all instructional levels; increases mandated IEP services for special needs population; continues exceptional Art, Music and Athletic Programs; continues support for the International Baccalaureate, NAF Academies, Project Lead the Way, Advanced Placement and Dual-enrollment (college level) classes at NHS; introduces Common Core Mathematics series in Geometry Classes; expands Interactive Science program in grades 6, 7 & 8; continues AIS Support Labs in ELA and mathematics; supports curriculum writing and collegial circles to support instructional and curricular advancements; supports the High School Science Research program, Social and Emotional Learning Programs and assemblies; Compass Learning's Odyssey tutorials and assessments for all curricular areas, k-12, with access from both home and school; upgrade of District Network Operations Center as part of six-year replacement cycle; continuation of netbook computer deployment in elementary schools; and football stadium scoreboard and continuation of AED replacement cycle.

The District-wide capital projects were discussed including those completed, in-progress and scheduled, as well as capital projects to consider for 2014-2015. Dr. McDermott noted that discussion of 25% of the preliminary draft budget will take place this evening include Board of Education, Administration, Curriculum/Instruction, Transportation, Buildings and Grounds, Security, Special Education and BOCES. At the March 17<sup>th</sup> Board meeting the budget discussion will include 75-80% of the preliminary draft budget which includes Personnel Salaries and Benefits. On March 24<sup>th</sup> the Board will discuss the remainder of the preliminary draft budget including Revenue, Reserves and Fund Balance.

The Board reviewed the following budget function codes:

<u>Function Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
1040	District Clerk
1060	District Meeting
1240	Chief School Administrator
1310	Accounting
1311	Business Administration
1320	Auditing
1325	Treasurer

In response to a question, Ms. Kathleen Molander, Assistant Superintendent for Business, stated that the budgeted amount in the Energy Performance Contract included procurement of bonds and preparation of paperwork.

1345	Purchasing
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Ms. Molander stated that an inventory appraisal is done every four years as required in the GASB34 financial statement.

1420	Legal
1430	Human Resources

Ms. Molander stated ACA Consultants are consultants for the Affordable Care Act.

1480	Public Information and Services
1620	Operation of Plant

There was a brief discussion regarding the utilities and the possible dollar reduction after the Energy Performance Contract is finished.

1621	Maintenance of Plant
1660	Central Warehouse
1670	Central Printing and Mailing

1680	Central Data Processing
1910	Insurance
1920	School Association Dues
1930	Judgment and Claims
1981	BOCES Administrative Costs
2010	Curriculum Development and Supervision

At 10:00 p.m. the Board President requested a five minute recess.

2020	Supervision – Regular School
2040	Supervision – Special School
2060	Research, Planning and Evaluation
2070	In-Service Training – Instruction
2110	Teaching – Regular School
2250	Programs for Students with Disabilities
2280	Occupational Education
2310	Continuing Education School
2320	Summer School
2610	School Library and Audio Visual
2630	Computer Assisted Instruction
2810	Guidance
2815	Health Services
2822	Education Related Support Services
2825	Social Work Services
2850	Co-Curricular Activities
2855	Interscholastic Athletics
5510	District Operated Transportation
5540	Contract Transportation
7140	Community Recreation

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

Unanimously carried.

8060	Community – Civic Activities
9710	Serial Bonds – Public Library
9711	Serial Bonds – School Construction
9760	Tax Anticipation Notes
9785	Installment Purchase Debt
9901	Transfer to Special Aid Fund and School Lunch Fund
9950	Transfer to Capital Projects Fund

6. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT, GENERAL – FOR BOARD ACTION

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

7.01 Motion was made by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Sabia, to approve the following resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with Board Policy and State Regulation, the Board of Education approve the appointment of Mr. Jerome Schad to serve as Impartial Hearing Officer for the purpose of conducting an impartial hearing in accord with Policy 4321, Program for Students with Disabilities Under IDEA”

Unanimously carried.

7.02 Motion was made by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Binger, to approve the following resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District to enter into contract with KSA Events, Inc. for school travel services in accordance with the terms of a written agreement and Rider for the trip scheduled for March 12, 2014 – March 16, 2014”

Unanimously carried.

8. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Vice President Thompson read the draft letter to Commission King regarding the transmission of confidential and sensitive student data.

There was a brief discussion by the Board and they requested the letter be added to the agenda of the March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting to receive public input.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Trustee Rapiejko, seconded by Trustee Topel, to adjourn the meeting.

Unanimously carried.

At 10:40 p.m. the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

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Beth M. Nystrom  
District Clerk

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