

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 17, 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, Mr. Stephen V. Waldenburg, Jr.

Members absent: Mrs. Tammie Topel

Also present: Dr. Marylou McDermott, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Matthew Nelson, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Administration  
Ms. Rosemarie Coletti, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

1. President Waldenburg called the meeting to order.

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

Unanimously carried by those present.

At 7:15 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. Mr. Waldenburg 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. DISCUSSION OF SUPERINTENDENT'S PROPOSED 2014-2015 BUDGET

Ms. Rosemarie Coletti, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, stated that the proposed 2014-2015 budget maintains academic excellence at all levels. Ms. Coletti reviewed the following key staffing drivers: Student Enrollment (District-wide enrollment at all levels, high school course selection), Staff Attrition (retirements, resignations, redeployment of staff), and Scheduling Efficiencies (full-time employees = full day schedules, redeployment of staff). The projected 2014-2015 student enrollment using registration office data as of March 13, 2014, shows a decline of approximately 256 students at the elementary level, a decline of 90 students at the middle school level, and a decline of three students at the high school level. Ms. Coletti noted that the proposed 2014-2015 budget maintains the "McDermott" elementary class size caps. Ms. Coletti reviewed the current 2013-2014 salaries and benefits of \$122,079,063, current 2013-2014 FTEs of 1,030.15, projected 2014-2015 salaries and benefits of \$123,833,784, projected 2014-2015 FTEs of 997.60, projected dollar increase of \$1,754,721 and a projected FTE reduction of 32.55. The proposed 2014-2015 benefits budget was reviewed including ERS, TRS, FICA, Health Insurances, Workers' Compensation and Other Insurance Benefits, showing an increase of \$3,644,229 equaling 9.4%.

There was a discussion regarding the methodology used for estimating student enrollment, an enrollment study to determine the possibility of closing a school, reduction of FTEs through attrition and enrollment decreases.

5.01 Discussion of Personnel Service Costs (salaries, benefits) in the following Budget Function Codes:

<u>Function Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
1040	District Clerk
1240	Chief School Administrator
1310	Accounting
1311	Business Administration
1320	Auditing
1325	Treasurer
1345	Purchasing
1430	Human Resources
1480	Public Information and Services
1620	Operation of Plant
1621	Maintenance of Plant
1660	Central Warehouse
1670	Central Printing and Mailing
2010	Curriculum Development and Supervision
2020	Supervision – Regular School
2040	Supervision – Special School
2070	In-Service Training – Instruction
2110	Teaching – Regular School
2250	Programs for Students with Disabilities
2310	Continuing Education School
2320	Summer School
2610	School Library and Audio Visual
2630	Computer Assisted Instruction
2805	Attendance
2810	Guidance
2815	Health Services
2820	Psychological Services
2822	Education Related Support Services
2825	Social Work Services
2850	Co-Curricular Activities
2855	Interscholastic Athletics
5510	District Operated Transportation
7140	Community Recreation
8060	Community – Civic Activities
9010	ERS
9020	TRS
9030	Social Security
9040	Workers' Compensation
9045	Life Insurance
9050	Unemployment Insurance
9055	Disability Insurance
9060	Health Insurance
9087	Extended Sick Leave
9088	Accrued Leave Payout
9089	Other Employee Benefits

Dr. Marylou McDermott, Superintendent of Schools, stated that the District is mandated to administer the State assessments at various grade levels within the District. The assessments are used to gather information about students and use that information to improve the educational program. Dr. McDermott stated there are some parents and students who feel they are not able to participate in the testing and they questioned what the District's guidelines are when a student refuses to take a State exam. Dr. McDermott stated that the District does not participate in "sit and stare" and that after an exam is placed before the student, there will be an alternate setting within the classroom or in another setting, based upon the capacity of the various schools, where the student can read, draw or work quietly.

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

Motion was made by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Maloney, to reorder the agenda and bring item 9. forward.

Unanimously carried by those present.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion was made by Trustee Badanes, seconded by Trustee Sabia, to approve item 9.01

9.01 Approving a letter to Dr. John B. King, Commissioner of Education, re: Controversial data sharing program

There was a discussion regarding the protection of student information and assigning numbers to students without providing confidential student data to the State.

Unanimously carried by those present.

Motion was made by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Sabia, to approve all items under 7., excluding severed item 7.10

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

7.01 Approving the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby gratefully accepts a donation of \$420.00 from Northport-East Northport residents whose names are more fully set forth in the attached document, for the purposes of covering the cost of transportation for a Northport High School Urban Studies class field trip on February 25, 2014 and increase the 2013-2014 budget code A2110.4161.30.2902 by \$420.00 for this purpose.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2013-2014 budget by \$420.00 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of donations from Northport-East Northport residents"

7.02 Approving the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby gratefully accepts a donation of \$4,500 from the East Northport Parents Charitable Foundation, for the purpose of the Dickinson Avenue Elementary School trip to Washington D.C. and increase the 2013-2014 budget code A2110.4010.00.2901 by \$4,500 for this purpose.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2013-2014 budget by \$4,500 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of donations from the East Northport Parents Charitable Foundation"

- 7.03 Receiving the following donations to the District:
- 7.03.1 \$50.00 from Karen and Douglas Dongvort to the Jesse Warren Scholarship (JTG)
  - 7.03.2 \$200.00 from Mark Petrone to the Michael Kauffman Memorial Scholarship
  - 7.03.3 \$200.00 from Sabrina Kauffman to the Michael Kauffman Memorial Scholarship
  - 7.03.4 \$80.00 from Eloise Mohr and Mohr Family Living Trust to the Robert and Marjorie Krueger Scholarship

7.04 Approving a Group Sales Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Select Tours (BAS)

7.05 Approving a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and George Wurzer (Spec. Ed.)

7.06 Approving a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Horizon Healthcare Staffing (Spec. Ed.)

7.07 Approving an Addendum to Contract and Rider to Agreement between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Gerber Tours, Inc. (PRS)

7.08 Approving an Addendum to Contract and Rider to Agreement between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Gerber Tours, Inc. (FAS)

7.09 Approving a Rider to Agreement between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and the John W. Engeman Theater (BAS)

7.10 Severed

Vote on Trustee Thompson's motion to approve all items under 7., excluding severed item 7.10 was unanimously carried by those present.

Motion was made by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Maloney, to approve item 7.10.

7.10 Approving a Consultant Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and the Long Island Center for Arts and Sciences (OAS, PRS)

Vote on Trustee Thompson's motion to approve item 7.10 was as follows:

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

Motion passed.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

10. ADJOURNMENT

President Waldenburg reviewed the upcoming meetings of March 24<sup>th</sup>, April 7<sup>th</sup> and April 24<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Trustee Rapiejko, seconded by Trustee Sabia, to adjourn the meeting.

At 8:36 p.m. the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

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Beth M. Nystrom  
District Clerk

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