

Regular Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District was held on Monday evening, January 9, 2012, beginning at 6:30 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: Ms. Julia Binger, Mrs. Kristen Gavin, Mrs. Lori McCue, Mrs. Donna McNaughton, 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
Dr. Terry Bouton, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Ms. Kathleen Molander, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Mr. Matthew Nelson, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Administration

1. President Waldenburg called the meeting to order.

Motion was made by Trustee Topel, seconded by Trustee Sabia, to convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the employment history of particular persons. The Board convened into Executive Session because discussion of such matters in public may compromise privacy rights.

Unanimously carried.

At 7:55 p.m., the Board reconvened in public session in the cafeteria at William J. Brosnan School.

Public attendance: There were approximately 150 persons present.

2. Mr. Waldenburg led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance; and
3. Pointed out the emergency exits.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT AND MONTHLY SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee McNaughton, to approve all items under 4.01

4.01 Minutes

- 4.01.1 Special Meeting (Public Work Session), December 5, 2011
- 4.01.2 Regular Meeting, December 12, 2011

Unanimously carried.

5. SPECIAL REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Marylou McDermott introduced Mr. Matt Nelson, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Administration, who read a press release regarding the Suffolk County Mathematics Tournament. Mr. Nelson stated that the annual tournament, which is one of the most prestigious and rigorous mathematics competitions on Long Island, took place at Suffolk County Community College on January 6, 2012. Hundreds of the best and brightest math students participated in the tournament in the upper division, consisting of 11th and 12th graders, and in the lower division, consisting of 9th and 10th graders, and answered rigorous questions throughout the day. Mr. Nelson announced that Northport High School's

entrants earned remarkable results and recognition. The Upper Division Team was the Suffolk County Tournament Champion. The team consisted of Matthew Dannenberg, Ian Montague, Caroline Lovaglio, Brian Liu and Justin Riggs. This is the second time in the past four years that Northport High School has been named overall tournament champion. Individual recognition also went to students Matthew Dannenberg and Justin Riggs. Mr. Nelson stated that the tournament teams are coached by Mr. Anthony Perico. Mr. Nelson congratulated the high school math team.

5.01 Accomplishments of Staff and Students

5.01.1 Mr. Drew Cronin, District Chairperson of Physical Education and Athletics K-12, introduced Bryce Paganas, Physical Education Department Student of the Month. Mr. Cronin stated that Bryce is an impressive young lady whose high level of participation in Physical Education demonstrates her desire to be a leader and role model to her peers. Her standout performance is seconded only by her willingness to assist those who might be having difficulty with a task or assignment. Mr. Cronin noted that Bryce has demonstrated consistent dedication and enthusiasm. Bryce has made the Honor Roll since 2008 and is a member of both the World Language Honor Society and the Future Educators of America. Bryce's guidance counselor, Mrs. Keuchler, commented that "Bryce is a bright, caring, polite young lady who has continued to grow academically, athletically and personally." Mr. Cronin stated that Bryce is a true team player in every sense of the word and has earned the Scholar Athlete Award as a sophomore, junior and senior during the volleyball season as well as when she was a junior on the basketball team. Bryce has been accepted to and will be attending East Stroudsburg University where she will pursue a degree in nursing.

President Waldenburg and Superintendent McDermott congratulated Bryce on her achievements and presented her with a commendation from the Board.

5.01.2 Ms. Tracey Braun, Lead Health Teacher, introduced Alexandra Pagnotta, Health Department Student of the Month. Ms. Braun stated that Alexandra is a very well-rounded student who has made a name for herself both academically and through her endeavors serving the community. Alexandra was the Physical Education Student of the Month her junior year and is a member of the Spanish Club, Art Honor Society, Relay for Life and Photo Club. She was recently inducted into the World Languages Honor Society and has been a member of the Natural Helpers program "Share" since 9th grade. Ms. Braun stated that while being involved in numerous school activities, Alexandra has been able to maintain over a 90 average through her entire high school career. Alexandra aspires to be an athletic trainer or physician's assistant and has taken both sports medicine elective classes and was chosen to work with Mr. Scattergood as a student athletic trainer. Ms. Braun stated that Alexandra is truly a wonderful, well-rounded student who the Health Education Department is confident will be very successful in the years to come. Alexandra will either be attending James Madison University, Sacred Heart or Cortland next year.

President Waldenburg and Superintendent McDermott congratulated Alexandra on her achievements and presented her with a commendation from the Board.

5.02 Mr. Drew Cronin presented an update on the renovations to the District Fields. Mr. Cronin stated that sod had been replaced after the fall season on many of the high school fields, especially in the goal creases. The high school baseball field was regraded and resodded in an area where there was a drainage problem. Mr. Cronin stated that the irrigation system has helped tremendously with the condition of the fields over the summer and noted that well water is used for watering. Mr. Cronin also noted that a new scoreboard has been installed at the field hockey field and one will also be installed at the softball field.

5.03 The President of the Board reviewed the upcoming meetings of January 23rd, February 6th and February 27th.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

6.01 E-mail from Ms. Frances LaDuca to Members of the Board, received December 8, 2011.

Ms. LaDuca addressed the Board and stated that she wanted to respond to issues that were discussed at the meeting between the United Teachers of Northport and the Board and Superintendent held on Monday, December 5th. Ms. LaDuca stated that the Superintendent's goals, objectives and strategies require long range planning. Ms. LaDuca stated that the lack of communication between Central Office and the teaching staff is evident in the letter to the Board signed by 531 teachers requesting involvement in curriculum development and long range planning. Ms. LaDuca stated that she hopes the Board members and Administrators will open real dialogue with the teaching staff and will honestly collaborate to develop plans to improve the learning environment and opportunities available to the children of the District.

President Waldenburg stated that the meeting on December 5th was an effort to listen to the concerns being expressed by the teachers and an effort to improve communications in all aspects of relations in the District. Mr. Waldenburg stated that a lot of things were discussed and the Board has asked the Superintendent to look into and verify certain items. President Waldenburg stated that the Board wants the best things for the District.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Frances LaDuca Resident	Asked to clarify her question regarding the administrators pay freeze for the 2010-2011 year and if their salary increase included increments. Ms. LaDuca also inquired about the teacher contract negotiations.

Dr. McDermott stated that the administrators took a hard freeze for one year and their contract has a percent increase as well as step increase. Dr. McDermott stated that they are working very hard and very diligently to try to come to a point of agreement with the UTN.

President Waldenburg stated that the Board has regular communications with the negotiating staff and knows precisely what is going on in the meetings. Mr. Waldenburg stated that the negotiating staff takes direction from the Board.

Tina Holihan Parent	Stated that she has concerns about language diminishing more in the education of students. Ms. Holihan stated that her daughter wants to take German but students are not given the option of taking it. Ms. Holihan asked why testing cannot be done to accommodate students who want to take German and give them the opportunity to take it. Ms. Holihan noted that there is a teacher at the high school who is teaching German.
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Mr. Matt Nelson stated that there is not enough student interest in German for the course to be offered. Mr. Nelson stated that if Ms. Holihan is confident that her daughter could succeed in German 2R at the high school, her placement would be considered. Mr. Nelson noted that language offerings are based on student interest.

Carrie Ann Iurka (on behalf of Amy DeMeo)	Stated that she is in support of full day kindergarten in the school district and hoped that the Board of Education is continuing to look into implementation of full day kindergarten. Ms. Iurka stated that she will provide a url address to the Board of an online petition for full day kindergarten.
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Carrie Ann Iurka
Parent

Stated that she had serious concerns regarding the 8th grade science program if the District is considering pushing high school level coursework down to the middle schools. Ms. Iurka had concerns regarding the appropriateness for all middle learners. Ms. Iurka stated that she hoped the District would look for a more progressive approach for reaching Common Core Learning Standards.

Dr. McDermott stated that the District is looking to offer more opportunities to children, not force them on students, and to encourage every student to participate in a greater opportunity.

Albert Prisco
Resident

Mr. Prisco was not available. President Waldenburg stated that Mr. Prisco's e-mail to the Board stated that he would like to invite Commissioner of Education John B. King to the District to discuss the topic of school mergers.

President Waldenburg stated that if the Board is interested, it may at a future date present an informative meeting by District Counsel to the public on the merits of consolidation.

Scott Schutka
Science Teacher

Stated that the teachers found out about the proposed changes to the 8th grade science curriculum only in September. Mr. Schutka also stated that students do have an opportunity to take an IB or AP course in the high school by sacrificing in other areas.

Mr. Nelson stated that as part of a sequence there is no opportunity for students to take an IB or AP course.

Trustee McCue stated that she looks forward to hearing about the results of conversations regarding ideas expressed at the December 5th meeting.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, GENERAL

Motion was made by Trustee Waldenburg, seconded by Trustee Thompson, to approve item 8.01.1 Schedule A, including Supplemental 8.01.1 (Schedule A #41-62)

8.01 Personnel Schedules, each dated January 9, 2012, and each attached and made part of the official minutes:

8.01.1 Schedule A – Certified Staff (including Supplemental A #41-62)

President Waldenburg announced the retirements of Dr. Terry Bouton, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Mr. Daniel Drance, District Chairperson of Mathematics; Mrs. Josephine Imwalle, Administrator of AIS and Reading; Mrs. Joanne Kroon, Principal, East Northport Middle School, and Ms. Anne Whooley, Principal, Dickinson Avenue Elementary School. Mr. Waldenburg thanked them for their years of service to the district.

Vote on Trustee Waldenburg's motion to approve item 8.01.1 Schedule A, including Supplemental 8.01.1 (Schedule A #41-62) was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee McNaughton, seconded by Trustee McCue, to approve all remaining items under 8.0, including Supplemental 8.01.2 (Schedule B #6-10) and Supplemental 8.05.

Motion was made by Trustee Sabia, seconded by Trustee Topel, to sever item 8.01.4 (Schedule D – Extra Pay)

Vote on Trustee Sabia's motion to sever item 8.01.4 (Schedule D – Extra Pay) was unanimously carried.

- 8.01.2 Schedule B – Non-Instructional Staff
- 8.01.3 Schedule C – Salary Transfers
- 8.01.4 SEVERED
- 8.01.5 Schedule J – Committee on Special Education
- 8.01.6 Schedule L – PDC UTN

8.02 Receiving for a second reading and adopting the following policy:

- 8.02.1 Policy #4515 – “Use of Film and Video”

8.03 Receiving for a second reading and adopting revisions to the following policies:

- 8.03.1 Policy #1500 – “Use of District Facilities”
- 8.03.2 Policy #4321.5 – “Provision of IEP to Teachers and Service Providers”

8.04 Budget Vote & Election of Trustees 2012

- 8.04.1 Adopting the 2012-2013 Schedule of Voting Details

8.04.2 Appointing the following members to the Board of Registry to serve for thirty days following the Annual Vote and Election on May 15, 2012:

Fifth Avenue School – Robert Neufeld, Clara Pryor
Dickinson Avenue School – Maritza Dornheim, Maureen O’Brien
William J. Brosnan School – James Mahoney, Joan Zaffiris

8.05 Approving the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves and authorizes the Memorandum of Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Clerical Association and the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District, dated December 19, 2011”

Vote on Trustee McNaughton’s motion to approve all remaining items under 8.0, including Supplemental 8.01.2 (Schedule B #6-10) and Supplemental 8.05, and excluding severed item 8.01.4 (Schedule D) was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Topel, seconded by Trustee Thompson, to approve item 8.01.4 (Schedule D)

- 8.01.4 Schedule D – Extra Pay

Trustee Sabia requested that the Board take a thorough look at the clubs being offered at each school during the upcoming budget season.

Vote on Trustee Topel’s motion was as follows:

YES: Ms. Binger, Mrs. Gavin, Mrs. McCue, Mrs. McNaughton, Mr. Rapiejko, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Topel, Mr. Waldenburg

NO: Mr. Sabia

Motion passed.

Motion was made by Trustee McNaughton, seconded by Trustee Topel, to approve all items under 9.0

9. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT FINANCIAL

9.01 Approving a Settlement Agreement between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and RLI Insurance Company

9.02 Approving transfer of general fund appropriations in the 2011-2012 budget

9.03 Receiving the following donation to the District:

9.03.1 \$200.00 from Mr. Gene Madiou to the RoseAnn Madiou Memorial Scholarship

9.04 Approving a 2011-2012 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 Half Hollow Hills Central School District

9.05 Approving a 2011-2012 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

9.06 Approving the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$50.00 from James M. and Virginia F. Beall in honor of Robert S. and Ann B. Freeman toward the purchase of supplies for the library and increase the budget code A2610.5030.12.1300 by \$50.00 for this purpose.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$200.00 from Ann Baltman Freeman in honor of Joan Baltman Cooper toward the purchase of supplies for the library and increase the budget code A2610.5030.12.1300 by \$200.00 for this purpose.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2011-2012 budget by \$250.00 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of donations for the Joan Baltman Cooper Library at Fifth Avenue Elementary School”

Vote on Trustee McNaughton’s motion to approve all items under 9.0 was unanimously carried.

10. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

10.01 Schedule H – Use of Facilities

10.02 Schedule I – Home Instruction

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12. NEW BUSINESS

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Trustee McNaughton, seconded by Trustee Thompson, to adjourn the meeting.

Unanimously carried.

At 9:30 p.m. the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Beth M. Nystrom
District Clerk

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