

Public Hearing on Finalized Budget

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District was held on Monday evening, May 13, 2013, beginning at 6:05 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  
Dr. Thomas Caramore, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources  
Mr. Christopher Powers, Board Counsel

1. President Waldenburg called the meeting to order.

Motion was made by Trustee Sabia, seconded by Trustee Maloney, to convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the employment history of particular persons, information relating to a current investigation, and information on current litigation.

Unanimously carried.

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 40 persons present.

2. Mr. Waldenburg led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance; and
3. Pointed out the emergency exits.
4. BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE PROPOSITIONS ON THE MAY 21, 2013 BALLOT

Dr. Marylou McDermott, Superintendent of Schools, reviewed the proposed 2013-2014 budget which will be presented to the voters on the May 21, 2013 ballot. The adopted 2012-2013 budget was \$153,941,712 and the proposed 2013-2014 budget is \$156,596,051, resulting in a dollar change of \$2,654,339, a budget increase of 1.72%, and a tax levy increase of 1.98%. Dr. McDermott noted that the allowable tax levy limit is 3.43%. The tax rate is set by the Town of Huntington and is estimated to be approximately 2.20%. Dr. McDermott stated that all programs remain the same and all extracurricular activities remain intact. Any changes in staff are due to a decline in student enrollment at the elementary level and student class choice at the secondary level. Dr. McDermott stated that Proposition 2 is for the expenditure of reserves for capital projects. Dr. McDermott noted that this is the fifth year in a row where the District has come in under a 2% tax levy increase.

5. COMMUNITY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE PROPOSITIONS ON THE MAY 21, 2013 BALLOT

5.01 Communications received regarding the 2013-2014 Budget:

5.01.1 E-mail from Mr. Joe Schuvert, received May 6, 2013

Mr. Schuvert had several questions regarding the installation of air conditioning in the auditorium, including what the increase in electrical usage would be due to the operation of the air conditioner, under what conditions will the system be allowed to be utilized, and who will determine when and under what conditions the system will be utilized.

Dr. McDermott stated that the District will have to monitor the costs of running the air conditioning in the auditorium. Dr. McDermott noted that it will not be in use the ten months school is in session, and that fees will be charged for community use.

Dr. McDermott noted that the project is at a standstill until the approval paperwork is processed from the State which is currently in a backlog.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Carl Litt Resident	Requested that the Board re-evaluate the expenditures in the budget and follow the five year capital plan which has been prepared by the District's Operations and Maintenance Committee through consultation with the District's architects, engineering consultants, and administrative counsel. Mr. Litt stated that he is concerned about the backlog in the plan on prioritized items and the committee's recommendations are needs, now wants.
Armand D'Accordo Resident	Stated that the budget is supposed to reflect what the district will actually spend and the District have over \$8 million in under spending. Mr. D'Accordo stated his concern about budget practices, the District's unassigned fund balance, misleading opinions from auditors, and Moody's debt rating. Mr. D'Accordo stated that there are no reasons the District can't have 0% tax rate increase.

6. ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING AND CONVENE INTO SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING

At 7:48 p.m., motion was made by Trustee Rapiejko, seconded by Trustee Badanes, to adjourn the public hearing and convene into a special business meeting.

Unanimously carried.

6.01 President Waldenburg designated the following Board Trustees to bring the voting returns to the William J. Brosnan School (Election Headquarters) on May 21, 2013: Trustee Sabia will deliver the returns from Fifth Avenue Elementary School, Trustee Maloney will deliver the returns from Dickinson Avenue Elementary School, and Trustee Topel will deliver the results from the William J. Brosnan School.

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Sabia, to approve all items under 7.:

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

7.01 Minutes

7.01.1 Special Meeting to Vote on BOCES Budget and Trustees, April 23, 2013

Unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Binger, seconded by Trustee Rapiejko, to approve all items under 8., except severed item 8.02.

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

8.01 Personnel Schedules, each dated May 13, 2013, and each attached and made part of the official minutes:

- 8.01.1 Schedule A – Certified Staff
- 8.01.2 Schedule B – Non-Instructional Staff
- 8.01.3 Schedule C – Salary Transfers
- 8.01.4 Schedule D – Extra Pay
- 8.01.5 Schedule J – Committee on Special Education

Mr. Nicholas Locke, student, stated that he feels there was low enrollment in art courses because there was no physical presentation of the courses offered to the students. Mr. Locke stated that the entire student body is proud of the opportunities offered and also noted that he thinks there is a very high concentration of students who are involved in study hall class.

There was a brief discussion regarding student scheduling and choice of courses affecting tenure areas, free periods and study halls.

Ms. Virginia Locke, parent, stated that she is not in favor of excessing any staff from the Art Department and thinks it is ridiculous to expect a 0% increase in the budget. Ms. Locke stated she values the community and the schools.

Dr. McDermott stated that the student's schedules in elementary regarding art, physical education and adaptive physical education will not change, the adult schedules will change.

Ms. Allison Noonan, parent, stated that art and music enrich students lives, and it is worth an extra 0.02% to eliminate the excessing of these special area teachers.

Ms. Antoinette Blanck, UTN President, stated that there is a rally in Albany on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. The UTN is sponsoring a bus and is looking for the community to joint in and show the governor and legislators the need to address the tax cap and over dependence on testing.

8.02 Severed

8.03 Approving a Memorandum of Agreement (Labor Agreement for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015) dated April 5, 2013 between the United Public Service Employees Union (Custodial – Grounds – Maintenance – Transportation) and the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District.

8.04 Approving a Memorandum of Agreement (Religious holidays during September 2012-2013) dated April 5, 2013 between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and the United Public Service Employees Union (Custodial – Grounds – Maintenance – Transportation)

Vote on Trustee Badanes motion to approve all items under 8., excluding severed item 8.02 was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Waldenburg, seconded by Trustee Thompson, to approve item 8.02, with a revision to the Annual Organization Meeting to be moved to Wednesday, July 2, 2014.

8.02 Adopting the Calendar of 2013-2014 Board of Education Meetings

There was discussion regarding the proposed dates for the budget overview including moving the sessions so the Board has information needed from the State.

Vote on Trustee Waldenburg's motion to adopt the Calendar of 2013-2014 Board of Education meeting, with a revision to the Annual Organization Meeting to be moved to Wednesday, July 2, 2014 was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Rapiejko, seconded by Trustee Maloney, to approve all items under 9., including Supplemental 9.28 (Resolution), 9.29 (Grant), and 9.30 (Transfer of Funds), and excluding severed item 9.24 (School Lunch Profit and Loss Statement, February 2013)

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: String Instrument Repair

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

9.01.3 AWARD: Hollow Metal Doors and Associated Hardware

9.01.4 AWARD: Tractor with Front Loader

9.02 Receiving the following donations to the District:

9.02.1 \$25.00 from Daniel and Susan Torpey to the David A. Trachtenberg Memorial Scholarship

9.02.2 \$250.00 from Jill D. and Eric W. Welch to the Geraldine Wolf Welch Memorial Scholarship

9.02.3 \$200.00 from Holly Verderame Burian and Gideon Burian to the Lt. Commander Christopher Tragna Memorial Scholarship

9.02.4 \$500.00 from Lawrence P. and Vaughan M. Kuscko to the Lt. Commander Christopher Tragna Memorial Scholarship

9.02.5 \$500.00 from Margaret L. Shavalier to the Deborah A. Shavalier Memorial Scholarship

9.02.6 \$100.00 from Camilo B. Sierra DVM to the Michael C. Kauffman Memorial Scholarship

9.02.7 \$50.00 from Donald and Donna McNaughton to the Michael C. Kauffman Memorial Scholarship

9.02.8 \$10.00 from Robert and Jacqueline Tallman to the Robert Krueger Scholarship

9.02.9 \$200.00 from the Northport-East Northport Faculty Recital Fundraiser to the Robert Padgett Scholarship

9.02.10 \$100.00 from the Northport-East Northport Faculty Recital Fundraiser to the Garland Butts Scholarship

9.02.11 \$210.00 from the Northport-East Northport Faculty Recital Fundraiser to the James J. Cassara Scholarship

9.02.12 \$200.00 from the Northport-East Northport UFSD Class of 2013 to the David A. Trachtenberg Memorial Scholarship

9.02.13 \$25.00 from Caryn M. Cohen to the Jesse Warren Memorial Scholarship

9.02.14 \$900.00 from Susan Warren-Bachmore to the Jesse Warren Memorial Scholarship

9.03 Approving transfer of general fund appropriations in the 2012-2013 budget

9.04 Approving a Contract between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Coastal Charter Service (NHS)

9.05 Approving the following resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby gratefully accepts a donation of \$1,000 from Northport-East Northport residents whose names are more fully set forth in the attached document, for the purpose of the Northport High School Dance Class trip to Lincoln Center, New York, May 22, 2013, and increase the 2012-2013 budget code A2110.4161.30.2902 by \$1,000 for this purpose.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2012-2013 budget by \$1,000 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of donations from Northport-East Northport residents.”

9.06 Approving the following resolution;

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoints Actuarial & Technical Solutions, Inc. to provide an actuarial valuation of the District’s other postemployment benefit (OPEB) obligation under GASB 45 for the year ending June 30, 2013 at a cost of \$10,000.00”

9.07 Approving an Engagement Letter from Albrecht, Viggiano, Zureck & Company for the preparation of the District’s June 30, 2013 financial statements

9.08 Approving the following resolution authorizing the issuance of Tax Anticipation Notes not to exceed \$42,000,000.00 in anticipation of the receipt of taxes to be levied for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014:

**TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE RESOLUTION OF NORTHPORT-EAST  
NORTHPORT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK,  
ADOPTED MAY 13, 2013, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO  
EXCEED \$42,000,000 TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION  
OF THE RECEIPT OF TAXES TO BE LEVIED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
ENDING JUNE 30, 2014**

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF NORTHPORT-EAST NORTHPORT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Tax Anticipation Notes (herein called “Notes”) of Northport-East Northport Union Free School District, in the County of Suffolk, New York (herein called “District”), in the principal amount of not to exceed \$42,000,000, and any notes in renewal thereof, are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of Sections 24.00 and 39.00 of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called “Law”).

Section 2. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

(a) The Notes shall be issued in anticipation of the collection of real estate taxes to be levied for school purposes for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014, and the proceeds of the Notes shall be used only for the purposes for which said taxes are levied.

(b) The Notes shall mature within the period of one year from the date of their issuance.

(c) The Notes are not issued in renewal of other notes.

(d) The total amount of such taxes remains uncollected at the date of adoption of this resolution.

Section 3. The Notes hereby authorized shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and shall be general obligations of the District, and the faith and credit of the District are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes and unless the Notes are otherwise paid or payment provided for, an amount sufficient for such payment shall be inserted in the budget of the District and a tax sufficient to provide for the payment thereof shall be levied and collected.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and the Law, and pursuant to Sections 50.00, 56.00, 60.00 and 61.00 of the Law, the power to sell and issue the Notes authorized pursuant hereto, or any renewals thereof, and to determine the terms, form and contents, including the manner of execution, of such Notes, and to execute arbitrage certifications relative thereto, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of the District.

Section 5. The Notes shall be executed in the name of the District by the manual signature of the President of the Board of Education, the Vice President of the Board of Education, the District Treasurer, the District Clerk, or such other officer of the District as shall be designated by the chief fiscal officer of the District, and shall have the corporate seal of the District impressed or imprinted thereon which corporate seal may be attested by the manual signature of the District Clerk.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

9.09 Approving a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Free the Children (BAS)

9.10 Approving the following resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby gratefully accepts a donation of \$675 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 and increase the 2012-2013 budget code A2110.4161.30.2903 by \$675 for this purpose.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2012-2013 budget by \$675 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of donations from Northport-East Northport residents”

9.11 Approving the following resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby gratefully accepts a donation of \$150 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 the Northport Middle School Sixth Grade trip to Medieval Times in Lyndhurst, New Jersey, Monday, May 13, 2013 and increase the 2012-2013 budget code A2110.4161.23.2902 by \$150 for this purpose.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2012-2013 budget by \$150 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of donations from Northport-East Northport residents”

9.12 Approving a 2012-2013 Service Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Pioneer Speech and Language Intervention

9.13 Approving an Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and SCO Family of Services/Madonna Heights

9.14 Approving a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Life Center Counseling and Health Services (NHS)

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

9.15.1 Treasurer's Report for the period February 1, 2013 through February 28, 2013

9.15.2 Monthly Summary of Receipts and Disbursements for February 2013

9.16 Approving Schedule of Investments as of February 28, 2013

9.17 Approving Collateral Schedule for February 2013

9.18 Approving Bank Reconciliation Report for the Month Ended February 28, 2013

9.19 Approving the General Fund Projected Cash Flow Statement for the year ending 2012-2013, Actual Data July 1, 2012 – February 28, 2013, Estimated Data March 1, 2013 – June 30, 2013

9.20 Approving Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report – School Lunch Fund for the month ending February 28, 2013

9.21 Approving Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report – Special Aid Fund for the month ending February 28, 2013

9.22 Approving Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report – General Fund for the month ending February 28, 2013

9.23 Approving Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report – Capital Fund for the month ending February 28, 2013

9.24 Severed

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

February 2013 (Wire Transfer Report), February 8, 2013 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), February 15, 2013 (Accounts Payable Warrant), February 22, 2013 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), February 28, 2013 (Accounts Payable Warrant), February 2013 (Claims Audit Report)

9.26 Approving Claims Auditor's Report – Payroll Audit for the Payroll Distribution/Audit dated February 22, 2013 (William J. Brosnan School)

9.27 Approving the following resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby gratefully accepts a donation of \$40,013.79 from the East Northport Parents Charitable Foundation, for the purposes of Dickinson Avenue Elementary School trip to Washington D.C. and increase the 2012-2013 budget code A2110.4010.00.2901 by \$40,013.79 for this purpose.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2012-2013 budget by \$40,013.79 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of donations from the East Northport Parents Charitable Foundation”

9.28 Approving the following resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED that, in view of President Waldenburg’s disclosure annexed hereto, and upon the consent of the Long Island Center for Arts and Sciences, which consent has been furnished to the Board in writing, the Board of Education hereby deems the Consultant Agreement between the School District and the Long Island Center for Arts and Sciences dated April 23, 2013, which agreement was previously approved by the Board, to have been executed by the Vice President of the Board, Jennifer Thompson”

9.29 Approving a New York State Bar Association Grant in the amount of \$5,273.00 to be utilized to support the expenses related to the annual Law and Civic Education Summer Institute conducted in partnership between Project P.A.T.C.H. and the Law, Youth and Citizenship Program of the New York State Bar Association

9.30 Approving transfer of general fund appropriations in the 2012-2013 budget

Vote on Trustee Rapiejko’s motion to approve all items under 9., including Supplemental 9.28 (Resolution), 9.29 (Grant), and 9.30 (Transfer of Funds), and excluding severed item 9.24 (School Lunch Profit and Loss Statement, February 2013) was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Rapiejko, to approve item 9.24.

9.24 Approving School Lunch Profit and Loss Statement, February 2013

There was a discussion regarding the District opting out of the National School Lunch Program and meeting the guidelines in providing healthy lunches, student options for lunch, commodity bids and researching outside food service companies.

Vote on Trustee Thompson’s motion to approve item 9.24 was unanimously carried.

10. SUPERINTENDENT’ REPORT – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

10.01 Schedule H – Use of Facilities

11. ADJOURNMENT

President Waldenburg reviewed the upcoming meetings of May 21<sup>st</sup>, June 3<sup>rd</sup> and June 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

At 9:33 p.m. the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

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Beth M. Nystrom  
District Clerk

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