

**Northport-East Northport Union Free School District Regular Meeting - William J. Brosnan School
(Wednesday, November 29, 2017)**

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Members present

David Badanes, Lori McCue, Allison C Noonan, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel (arrived at 6:04 p.m.)

Members absent

Donna McNaughton (excused)

Also present

Mr. Robert Banzer, Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Kathleen Molander, Assistant Superintendent for Business

Ms. Irene McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

Mr. Matthew Nelson, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, Technology and Assessment

Dr. Dana Boshnack, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning

Ms. Diana Cannino, Ingerman Smith, LLP, Board Counsel

Public Attendance: Approximately 65 people

1. CALL TO ORDER – President Rapiejko called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. IF NECESSARY, THE CHAIR MAY ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION - Note: It is anticipated that the Board will meet in public at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room to act upon a resolution, upon majority vote, to immediately convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the employment history of particular persons, matters pertaining to current litigation, and matters pertaining to collective negotiations.

Action: 2.01 Motion to convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the employment history of particular persons, matters pertaining to current litigation, and matters pertaining to collective negotiations.

Motion by David Stein, second by Lori McCue.

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein

At 7:27 p.m. the Board reconvened in public session in the cafeteria at the William J. Brosnan School.

3. Mr. Rapiejko led those present in the **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**; and

4. Pointed out the **EMERGENCY EXITS**

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: 5.01 Minutes

There were no minutes for approval.

6. STUDENT AND STAFF RECOGNITION/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Presentations: 6.01 Accomplishments of Staff and Students

6.01.1 Mr. Mark Dantuono, District Director of Health, Physical Education & Athletics, introduced the 2017 Suffolk County Champion Northport Girls Varsity Soccer Team:

Aiji Gipp, Head Coach; Kevin McGinn, Assistant Coach

Nina Kezys, Isabelle Karman, Isabel Yeomans, Olivia Carner, Paige Leonard, Victoria Colatosti, Emily McNelis, Elizabeth Starin, Kerin (Eilish) Donnino, Erica Lynch, Haylee Kuprianchik, Madelyn (Maddy) Wasilus, Lili Buscareno, Nina Macagnone, Elizabeth Cianciotti, Biley Piper, Dana Schoeps, Summer Nolan, Catherine (Cat) Schilling, Jillian Preston, Juliana Conforti, Caeley Gruhn, Brooke Matura, Alexa Ramonetti, Emily Zeblysky, Emma Havrilla, Iris Savocchi

President Rapiejko and Superintendent Banzer congratulated the team on their accomplishments and presented them with commendations from the Board.

Information: 6.02 Upcoming Meetings

President Rapiejko reviewed the upcoming meetings of December 14th, January 11th and January 25th.

Superintendent Banzer stated that there was a lot of work done throughout the district by students and staff to raise food donations.

Mr. Banzer stated that there will be training on Monday throughout the buildings with staff on Tools for Schools. The baseline data sampling is continuing at Northport Middle School. Currently they are working on carbon monoxide monitoring which started last evening and will run throughout the next two days. Data will be collected, analyzed and shared with the Board and community. Mr. Banzer stated that he is touching base with appropriate government agencies and will be reporting to the community once the information is received.

7. COMMUNICATIONS - Please Note: This is the opportunity for persons who had written letters to the Board to speak to the Board regarding the issues raised in their communications. Speakers are asked to keep their comments brief, and to speak no longer than 5 minutes.

There were no communications requiring Board action.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT/PARTICIPATION - Please Note: Community members are invited to share their questions, comments, or concerns with the School Board. When speaking, citizens should state their name and address for the record and limit their presentation to 5 minutes. Where possible, the Board will answer factual questions immediately. A written response may be provided when information is not available. If a response would involve discussion of Board Policy or decisions which might be of interest to citizens not present at the meeting, the Board may place the item on a future meeting agenda.

Name

Comment

Paul Darrigo
Parent

Stated that in last week's Observer he saw the change in the configuration of the baseballs fields at the high school. Mr. Darrigo stated there are three baseball teams with 60 players and it is critical that the high school has two fields to play on.

Mr. Banzer asked Mr. Darrigo to call his office to discuss his concerns.

Lauren Briggs

Stated that she is concerned about the benzene levels at Northport Middle School.

- Parent Her daughter was diagnosed 5 years ago with aplastic anemia which can be caused by benzene. Ms. Briggs stated that every day her daughter would come home with headaches and feeling nauseous. Ms. Briggs stated that she believes there is a problem at Northport Middle School.
- Alexa Valentino
Student Stated that she has classes in G-wing and she continuously has headaches and feels nauseous. Ms. Valentino said that when she heard about the chemicals found at the middle school she did not feel safe and stated that as soon as the problems are fixed she will feel safe again.
- Bethany Watts
Parent Stated that her daughter is a special needs student at Northport Middle School and she has been coming home complaining about headaches. The only thing that came to light was an elevated carbon monoxide level. Ms. Watts stated that benzene and carbon monoxide come from buses and the buses should be moved to yards that are located away from the middle school.
- Melissa Stratigos
on behalf her daughter
Leah Stratigos Stated that her daughter was in K-74 last year and the majority of the year she had headaches and was nauseous. She has most classes in G-wing this year and she often smells fumes and the noise from the buses is distracting. Ms. Stratigos asked that the bus depot be moved immediately.

9. SPECIAL REPORTS

Presentations: 9.01 Special Education Presentation

Mr. Matt Nelson, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, Technology and Assessment, Ms. Christina Pulaski, Director of Special Education, Ms. Allyson Giaimo, District Chairperson of Secondary Special Education, and Ms. Karrie Krueger, District Chairperson for Elementary Special Education presented on the Special Education Program.

The continuum of services includes the regular class program, regular class program with related services, consultant teacher, resource room, special class, integrated co-teaching special day school and residential. The extended school year program is provided for thirty days in July and August to those students eligible for twelve month special services/ programs in order to prevent substantial regression. The current programs for the 2017-2018 school year are Related Services (Speech Language, OT, PT, Counseling, Vision Therapy, Teacher of the Deaf, Specialized Reading Services, Parent Training, etc.) in all buildings. Consultant Teacher Services Direct in all buildings. Support for School Personnel (OT Consult, PT Consult, Speech Consult, Behavior Consult, Assistive Technology Consult, etc.) in all buildings. Resource Room (daily or alternating days) in all buildings. Integrated Co-Teaching in Dickinson Avenue School and Northport High School. Special Class Programs in all buildings. The Special Class Programs including 15:1:1 academic subjects (sections), 12:1:1 Science and Social Studies (sections), 12:1:1 ELA and/or Math (sections), 12:1:1, 12:1:2, 8:1:2 and 6:1:4.

Data regarding Special Education Classification Rates, Special Education Classification Rates Public and Nonpublic Enrollment, Percent of Students with Disabilities in Least Restrictive Environment, and Select District Comparison 2015-2016 was reviewed.

Staff are participating in professional development activities to improve LRE and to ensure the continuous growth of SWD including CSE/CPSE chairperson training, running effective CPSE/SCE meetings, developing measurable goals, test access and accommodations for SWD, writing behavioral assessments and behavior intervention plans, understanding the implementation of integrated co-teaching model, and strategies for struggling English Language Learners.

The following data was reviewed: Cohort Results – Secondary English Students with Disabilities, Cohort Results – Secondary Mathematics Students with Disabilities, 4 year and 5 year Graduation Rates Students with Disabilities, and Non-Completers – Dropped Out.

The Special Education Department began to take corrective action to ensure compliance in the areas identified in the final report of the Special Education Quality Assurance Review. All identified areas of noncompliance will continue to be addressed and professional development will be provided to support staff in the development of Individual Education Programs and Behavior Intervention Plans.

Trends for the future were reviewed in High School Life Skills Program, Out-of-District/In-District Programming, Integrated Co-teaching (ICT), and Professional Development.

There was a discussion regarding the ICT Model, comparison to surrounding districts, the SEQA report, delay in provision of related services, turnaround time for finalized IEPs, middle school ICT, staff certified in BCBA, and graduation rates.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, GENERAL - FOR BOARD ACTION

Action: 10.01 Request for Travel

Recommendation to approve a request for student foreign travel for students to countries outside of the United States:

10.01.1 Montreal and Quebec City, Canada - March 30, 2018 - April 3, 2018

Motion by David Badanes, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Allison C Noonan, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein

Not Present at Vote: Tammie Topel

11. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, FINANCIAL - FOR BOARD ACTION

Action: 11.01 Project Lead the Way Donation

Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$840 to be used towards Technology Education supplies for the District Project Lead the Way Program and increase the 2017-2018 budget code A2110.5030.30.1800 by \$840 for this purpose.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2017-2018 budget by \$840 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of a mini grant from Rochester Institute of Technology approved by the Board of Education on November 16, 2017."

Motion by David Badanes, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Allison C Noonan, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

Action: 11.02 CollegeBoard Rebate Check

Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the rebate of \$1,000 from the CollegeBoard and increase the 2017-2018 budget code A2810.5030.30.3202 by \$1,000.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2770 of the 2017-2018 budget by \$1,000 with the understanding that this CollegeBoard rebate is intended to be used to purchase educational supplies in order to facilitate the administration of future AP exams."

Motion by David Badanes, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Allison C Noonan, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

Action: 11.03 East Northport Middle School Field Trip Donation

Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby gratefully accepts a donation of \$32,879.73 from Northport-East Northport residents whose names are more fully set forth in the attached document, for the purpose of covering the cost of the 6th Grade Field Trip to Greenkill on December 4, 5 and 6, 2017 and increase the 2017-2018 budget code A2060.4900.00.2804 by \$30,157.92 and A2110.4161.21.2902 by \$2,721.81 for this purpose.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2017-2018 budget by \$32,879.73 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of donations from Northport-East Northport residents."

Motion by David Badanes, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Allison C Noonan, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

Action: 11.04 North Fork Express

Recommendation to approve a Contract between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and North Fork Express (NHS)

Motion by David Badanes, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Allison C Noonan, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

Action: 11.05 Huntington YMCA

Recommendation to approve an Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and the Huntington YMCA, a branch of the YMCA of Long Island, for use of the facilities for purposes of conducting practices for the District's swim team (NHS)

Motion by David Badanes, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Allison C Noonan, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

Action: 11.06 The Heckscher Museum of Art

Recommendation to approve a Program Confirmation between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and The Heckscher Museum of Art (NHS)

Motion by David Badanes, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Allison C Noonan, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

Action: 11.07 Transfer of Funds

Recommendation to approve a Transfer of General Fund Appropriations in the 2017-2018 fiscal year

Motion by David Badanes, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Allison C Noonan, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

12. PUBLIC WORK SESSION

Action, Discussion: 12.01 Board Policies

Recommendation to receive for a first read the following policies:

12.01.1 Policy #0200 "Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Students" (new policy)

12.01.2 Policy #8220 "Buildings and Grounds Maintenance and Inspection" (revisions to current policy)

12.01.3 Policy #9120 "Staff Conflicts of Interest" (replaces policy #4111/4211 "Recruitment and Selection of Personnel")

Recommendation to receive for a second read and adopt the following policies:

12.01.4 Policy #8225 Indoor Air Quality Program (new policy)

12.01.5 Policy #9620 Conditional Appointment - Student Safety (replaces policy #4005 "Fingerprinting of Prospective Employees)

12.01.6 Policy #9645 Disclosure of Wrongful Conduct (Whistleblower Policy) (new policy)

Motion by Lori McCue, second by Tammie Topel.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Allison C Noonan, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

Recommendation to extend the meeting.

Motion by Lori McCue, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Lori McCue, Allison C Noonan, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

No: David Badanes

Action, Information: 12.02 New York State School Boards Association Annual Convention

12.02 Update from Trustee Tammie Topel on the New York State School Boards Association Annual Convention held October 12-14th in Lake Placid, NY

Trustee Topel will discuss the Convention at a future meeting.

Information: 12.03 Committee Updates

12.03.1 Use of District Facilities Citizens Advisory Committee Update from Vice President Stein.

Mr. Stein stated that the committee is meeting after the first of the year and he will provide an update after that meeting.

12.03.2 Legislative Advocacy Committee Update from Trustee Badanes.

Trustee Badanes stated that the committee is meeting on December 6th and he will provide an update after that meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT - Board policy requires adjournment by 10:30 pm, unless meeting is extended by vote.

Action: 13.01 Adjournment

Recommendation to adjourn the meeting and convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the employment history of particular persons, and matters pertaining to contract negotiations.

Motion by David Stein, second by Tammie Topel.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Allison C Noonan, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

At 10:43 p.m. the Board convened into Executive Session.

At 11:36 p.m., the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth M. Nystrom
District Clerk