

**Northport-East Northport Union Free School District Regular Meeting - William J. Brosnan School
(Thursday, September 5, 2019)**

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Members present

David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Members absent

None

Also present

Mr. Robert Banzer, Superintendent of Schools

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

Mr. Robert Howard, Assistant Superintendent for Business

Public Attendance: Approximately 30 people

1. CALL TO ORDER – President Badanes 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 at the William J. Brosnan School to act upon a resolution, upon majority vote, to immediately convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to contract negotiations and matters pertaining to current litigation.

Action: 2.01 Motion to convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to contract negotiations, and matters pertaining to current litigation.

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by Allison C Noonan.

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

At 7:54 p.m. the Board reconvened in public session in the Cafeteria at the William J. Brosnan School

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

4. Pointed out the **EMERGENCY EXITS**

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: 5.01 Minutes

Recommendation to approve the following minutes:

5.01.1 July 24, 2019 - Emergency Meeting

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by Thomas Loughran.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

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

Mr. Banzer stated that today was the first day of school and thanked John Lackner, John Moran, Pete Werthner and the buildings and grounds department for getting everything ready. Ocean Avenue first graders attended Norwood and it went very well and the kindergartners will start tomorrow. The district had a special opening day on Tuesday with Dr. Eric Meyerowitz, the 2006 High School Valedictorian, presenting to the staff on the five traits of cultivating social activism in students. He spoke about the teachers at Northport-East Northport who have impacted him and helped him develop those traits.

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 to the Board 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.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Jude Centamore Student	Stated that hundreds of Northport students are devastated that they can't go to school with the religious exemption to vaccines and asked the Board to help them get more time by talking to the Board of Regents.
James Connor Student	Stated that he has support from 56 Northport-East Northport residents regarding the Board adding a student liaison. Mr. Connor stated that several school districts have implemented a student liaison and asked the Board to let the public decide and put a resolution on the May ballot.
Judy Stamos Student	Stated that she just wants to stay in school and asked the Board to support the students who are not allowed to attend due to the repeal of the religious exemption.
Nancie Forrest Parent	Asked that the Board take action in the form of letters written to the Board of Regents and change the roll out of the new law.
Nicole Niems Parent	Asked for support of the children who will not be able to attend school with the new change in the immunization law. Ms. Niems stated that each child is entitled to a free and appropriate education and requested the Board write a letter to the New York State Board of Regents in support of parents.
Paula Scheff Parent	Stated that they lost the religious exemption and chose to not send their children to school. They are having a hard time processing this and asked what happens on day 15. Ms. Scheff asked the Board to do their due diligence to make up a plan to further education their children and asked for a subcommittee to be formed to help these students.

Mr. Banzer stated that is not easy for the people around the table but it does not compare to the difficulty faced by the families. The purpose of the 14 days it to allow families to put an immunization plan

together. If there is no plan by then than by default the parents are making the choice to home school. Parents need to submit an individualized home instruction plan which is then reviewed by Dr. Boshnack. If the student has an IEP it is then reviewed by the Special Education department. The District's policy allows home schools students to participate in extracurricular activities but the policy stated the students have to be immunized. Once a letter of intent to home school is received the District provides a packet.

There was a brief discussion by the Board regarding home schooling and advocacy for the families affected by the religious exemption law.

- Suzanne Amato
Parent Stated that she is looking for support for the students who are affected by the new immunization law.
- Craig Mooers
Parent Stated that students are being attacked on social media regarding the immunization law. Mr. Mooers stated that the Board has the ability to approve home schooled students participating in extracurricular/intramural activities without being immunized and asked the Board to begin drafting policies for home schooled students.
- Natalie Haubrich
Student Stated that she loves her teachers and just wants to go to school.
- Lori Haubrich
Parent Stated that the timeline for the religious exemption law is terrible and asked the Board to write a letter. Ms. Haubrich said this is so unfair especially for a senior.
- Gianna Haubrich
Student Stated that she will be a senior at the high school for the next fourteen days and that her classes are amazing and now she will not get to participate in school activities. Ms. Haubrich stated that sometimes it is the law that is unjust.

9. SPECIAL REPORTS

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

Action: 10.01 Personnel Actions Report

Recommendation to approve the attached Personnel Actions Report including the addendum.

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 10.02 Committee on Special Education

Recommendation to appoint the following parents to serve as parent members for the Committee on Special Education (CSE), Sub-Committee on Special Education (SCSE), and the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) during the 2019-2020 school year:

- Epanchin-Butuc, Katherine (resident)
- Fox, Janet (resident)
- Frey, Deanna (resident)
- Kraus, Timothy (resident)
- Leonard, Lynn (resident)
- Patterson, Aimee (non-resident)
- Topel, Tammie (resident)
- Zakas, Krista (resident)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

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

Action: 11.01 Resolution to authorize piggybacking on the Levittown Public Schools Bid #LPS-19-004 for School Bus, Vehicle and Garage Parts, Supplies and Equipment

Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, the Levittown Public Schools has made available to other municipalities a contract for school bus, vehicle & garage parts, supplies & equipment; and

WHEREAS, said contract for school bus, vehicle & garage parts, supplies & equipment was let for bid consistent with the requirements of General Municipal Law, section 103; and

WHEREAS, the Northport-East Northport U.F.S.D. is permitted to utilize said contract in accordance with the terms and conditions of the bid and requirements of General Municipal Law, section 103; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the purchase of school bus, vehicle & garage parts, supplies & equipment from Levittown Public School contract in accordance with the requirements of General Municipal Law, section 103."

Motion by Larry Licopoli, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.02 Agreement and Release

Recommendation to approve an Agreement and Release between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and the parents of a student known to the Board of Education for placement of a student for the 2018-2019 school year (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Larry Licopoli, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.03 Agreement and Release

Recommendation to approve an Agreement and Release between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and the parents of a student known to the Board of Education for placement of the student for the 2019-2020 school year (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Larry Licopoli, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.04 Huntington YMCA

Recommendation to approve an Agreement between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Huntington YMCA for purposes of conducting practices for the School District's swim team, to be shared with the Commack School District (PE)

Motion by Larry Licopoli, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.05 Method Test Prep

Recommendation to approve a 2019-2020 Agreement between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Method Test Prep (NHS)

Motion by Larry Licopoli, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.06 Frost Valley YMCA

Recommendation to approve an Agreement between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Frost Valley YMCA (NHS)

Motion by Larry Licopoli, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.07 Larkfield Manor

Recommendation to approve an Agreement between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Larkfield Manor (ENMS)

Motion by Larry Licopoli, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.08 North Fork Express

Recommendation to approve Agreements between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and North Fork Express (Contracts #2091236 and #2091237) (NMS)

Motion by Larry Licopoli, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.09 Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory

Recommendation to approve an Agreement between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (NAS)

Motion by Larry Licopoli, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.10 Syosset Central School District

Recommendation to approve a 2019-2020 Special Education Services Contract between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Syosset Central School District (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.11 Pediatric Neuropsychology Associates

Recommendation to approve a 2019-2020 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Pediatric Neuropsychology Associates (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Larry Licopoli, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.12 Western Suffolk BOCES Final AS-7 Contract

Recommendation to approve the Western Suffolk BOCES AS-7 Final Contract for the 2018-2019 school year

Motion by Larry Licopoli, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.13 Claims Auditor's Reports and Schedule of Claims

Recommendation to approve the Claims Auditor's Reports for Warrants and Schedule of Claims for payments dated:

July 12, 2019 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), July 15, 2019 (Accounts Payable Warrant), July 26, 2019 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), July 31, 2019 (Accounts Payable Warrant), July 2019 (Claims Audit Report)

Motion by Larry Licopoli, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.14 Transfer of General Fund Appropriations

Recommendation to approve Year-End Transfer of General Fund Appropriations in the 2018-2019 fiscal year (\$10,746.00)

Motion by Larry Licopoli, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.15 Transfer of General Fund Appropriations

Recommendation to approve the Transfer of General Fund Appropriations in the 2019-2020 fiscal year (\$129,490.40)

Motion by Larry Licopoli, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.16 Island Home Care

Recommendation to approve a 2019-2020 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Island Home Care (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Larry Licopoli, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Action: 11.17 The Parkside Group

Recommendation to approve a Contract between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and The Parkside Group, LLC (September 2019) (BOE)

Motion by Larry Licopoli, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Information: 12.01 Schedule H - Use of Facilities

Information: 12.02 UTN PDC

Information: 12.03 Budget Transfers for the period June 20, 2019 through August 31, 2019 - As per Board Policy #6150 all transfers between salary codes up to \$25,000 and transfers between all other codes up to \$10,000 are to be reported to the Board of Education as an information item

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion: 13.01 Student Liaison

President Badanes stated that James Connor has requested that the Board add to the ballot for the May vote a resolution to add a student liaison for the public to vote on. The student liaison would not be able to vote, could not participate in executive session or have access to confidential information, and the student would be a senior.

There was a Board discussion regarding how that person would be chosen, if it would be a single person or if there can be different people rotated. Several Board members stated that they would like the opportunity given to more students and they would like to hear feedback from students from different levels and interests.

The Board requested information on what it would take to have a student governance team.

14. NEW BUSINESS

Recommendation to reorder the agenda and enter into a discussion regarding the recent immunization regulations under New Business

Motion by Allison C Noonan, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Trustee Licopoli stated that when he heard the new law he agreed that the timing was incorrect and harmful for many students. Mr. Licopoli stated that he thinks it's okay for the Board to have advocacy on how this was rolled out.

Trustee Buscareno stated that she hopes the Board can put together a letter in support of changing how this is rolling out to families.

Trustee Stein stated that he agrees that the roll out is having a demonstrative impact on students and any letter that is written would be reviewed by board counsel and would speak to how the roll out is creating hardships.

Vice President Noonan stated that there are two issues, one supporting parents and the other issue is helping parents how to navigate the school year for students.

Trustee McNaughton agreed with Trustee Noonan stating that there should be a way to figure out how to walk that line.

Trustee Loughran stated that the immediacy of writing a letter would be more powerful coming from seven people rather than having it written, given to counsel for review and then coming back to the Board for review. Mr. Loughran encourage people to advocate on individual levels.

President Badanes stated that he agreed that the law was passed unfairly with the timing, but the law is constitutional. Mr. Badanes agreed that the parents and students should have been given more time and understands their frustration and believes the Board should support advocacy.

Superintendent Banzer stated that the Governor and legislation drafted this bill and it was done for a public health reason. Mr. Banzer stated that he did not believe the Board of Regents was the correct avenue. The new law is very tough and an emergency regulation was passed making it harder for physicians to approve a medical exemption.

There was a discussion regarding the timeline and home schooling policies.

Mr. Craig Mooers stated that under New York Health Law 2164, section 10, the Commissioner and Board of Regents may adopt and amend rules.

Ms. Judy Stamos stated that they need time to set things up for the students who will be home schooled.

Ms. Grace Centamore stated that they are not asking the Board to write a letter to change the law but to write a letter just to help with the timeline.

Ms. Paula Scheff asked the Board to develop a home schooling guidance program.

The Board directed the Superintendent to put together an advocacy letter relating to the aggressive schedule the law is expecting the families to follow and the hardship it is creating for them.

Discussion of adding the following items to a future agenda for Board discussion

Discussion: 14.01 Policy Committee

President Badanes requested that the Board discuss reinstating the Policy Committee at the next Board Meeting on September 19th.

The Board agreed to add this item to the agenda of the next meeting.

Discussion: 14.02 Future Study Community Advisory Committee

Superintendent Banzer requested that the Board discuss forming the Future Study Advisory Committee at the next Board Meeting on September 19th.

The Board agreed to add this item to the agenda of the next meeting.

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

Information: 15.01 Upcoming Meetings

President Badanes reviewed the following upcoming meetings:

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, September 19, 2019

7:00 p.m.

William J. Brosnan School

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, October 3, 2019

7:00 p.m.

William J. Brosnan School

REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

7:00 p.m.

William J. Brosnan School

Action: 15.02 Adjournment

Recommendation to adjourn the meeting

Motion by David Stein, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

At 10:15 p.m., the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth M. Nystrom
District Clerk