

**Northport-East Northport Union Free School District Regular Meeting - William J. Brosnan School
(Thursday, September 19, 2019)**

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Members present

David Badanes, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, David Stein

Members absent

Victoria Buscareno (excused), Allison C Noonan (excused)

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 6:00 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 the employment history of particular persons and matters pertaining to contract negotiations.

Action: 2.01 Motion to 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 Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: David Badanes, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, David Stein

At 7:13 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 as amended:

5.01.1 August 22, 2019 - Regular Meeting

Motion by David Stein, second by Larry Licopoli.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, David Stein

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

Superintendent Banzer stated that there has been a ban on flavored cartridges relative to vaping due to people getting very difficult respiratory issues. The district has anti-vaping programs at the high school and the secondary schools and there is a vape detector in one of the bathrooms at the high school. There is a lot of concern about this from parents and staff. Mr. Banzer stated that we need to continue to educate students about vaping and intervene. This is becoming an epidemic and the number one issue the high school administration deals with on a daily basis. The advertising tactics are similar to cigarette ads. It is a community wide issue and the District will continue to look for ways to let students know it is.

Mr. Banzer stated that the Board held a day long retreat working on ways to strive to be better, move forward and strive to learn.

Cow Harbor weekend begins on Saturday with the race and Sunday with the parade. The following weekend is homecoming.

Presentations: 6.01 Accomplishments of Staff

Mr. Pat DeStefano, Principal of East Northport Middle School, introduced East Northport Middle School teacher John Braun who is a New York State Teacher of the Year Finalist.

President Badanes and Superintendent Banzer congratulated Mr. Braun and presented him with a commendation from the Board.

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>
Gina Hagedorn Parent	Stated that she has concerns about Northport Middle School regarding improperly stored chemicals, air and water testing, requests for soil testing, buses parked at the school. Ms. Hagedorn asked if Northport Middle School is safe for children and if there is any validity to the concerns of parents. Ms. Hagedorn provided the Board with a list of questions.
John Kobel Retired Teacher	Stated that he is trying to do a longitudinal study on his own regarding health issues related to Northport Middle School. Mr. Kobel asked the Board to do deep soil testing and do ground water testing. Mr. Kobel provided the Board with a list of health issues of retired teachers and staff.
Keri Pecchia Miller Parent	Asked the Board to perform the soil testing so that parents can sleep at night.
Michelle McNally Parent	Stated she has a child with medical issues and would not send them to Northport Middle School. Ms. McNally asked the Board to do deep soil testing and groundwater testing.

Angela Nisi-MacNeill Parent Asked the Board to perform soil testing at Northport Middle School to prove them wrong.

Mr. Banzer stated that the issue was brought to the New York State Department of Health because of earlier concerns about chlordane. The District handed all the results over to them and based on their results concluded there was not valid reason to do soil testing. Mr. Banzer stated that there is a lot of information on the website, including testing.

Maria Oggeri Parent Stated that she is concerned about Northport Middle School has considered moving, and she would like to hear what's really going on.

Mr. Banzer stated that there was an issues in 2017 and the Department of Health was involved. They made recommendations and the District followed every recommendation. Mr. Banzer stated that he often gets asked if he would send his kids to Northport Middle School and his answer is yes.

Bethany Watts Parent Read a letter to the Board stating her concerns and asking the Board to do soil testing and that the bus depot be removed. Ms. Watts stated that the vote taken by the Board regarding doing a longitudinal study was done incorrectly.

President Badanes stated that he has two children that attended Northport Middle School and that every person that sits on the Board cares about all children. Mr. Badanes noted that the vote was taken correctly. The Board needs a quorum to have a meeting and a 4:1 vote for a motion to pass. A motion was brought forth to do a longitudinal study and the vote was 2 in favor and 3 opposed, therefor the motion failed.

Grace Centamore Student Thanked the Board for writing a letter to the Board of Regents regarding the religious exemption. Ms. Centamore asked the Board to review and amend the policies for home schooled students to participate in extracurricular activities.

Craig Mooers Parent Asked the Board to clearly define the procedures the District lawyers have specified for reporting the out of compliance students on vaccinations, and to reconsider policies that would allow home schooled students to joint after school activities.

Laurie Parent Asked if the District could add additional spots for the Universal Pre-K program. There are only 22 spots available in the school district and more than 80 applied. She stated that in speaking with other districts nearby they have over 100 spots available.

Leigh Boodoo Parent Asked if the District needs permission from the New York State Department of Health to do soil testing. Ms. Boodoo stated that if it is just a recommendation and so many parents are concerned about it why not just do the testing.

Mr. Banzer stated that anything the District does they would get the Department of Health involved. Consultants have indicated that they would deem them to be the agency that should be involved. It is an agency that the District looks to for guidance and best practices.

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.

Motion by David Stein, second by Thomas Loughran.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, David Stein

Action: 10.02 UTN Memorandum of Agreement

Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District hereby ratifies the Memorandum of Agreement with the United Teachers of Northport"

Motion by David Stein, second by Thomas Loughran.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, David Stein

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

Action: 11.01 BIDS

Recommendation to take the specified action on the following BIDS:

11.01.1 AWARD: Bid #20-102 Audio Visual Projection System & Surround Sound System

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, David Stein

Action: 11.02 Change Order

Recommendation to approve the following Change Order:

11.02.1 Change Order No. One, SED No. 58-04-04-03-0-005-021, Norwood Avenue Elementary School, increase in the amount of \$1,740.70

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, David Stein

Action: 11.03 DaVinci Education & Research LLC

Recommendation to approve an Addendum to an Existing Contract between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and DaVinci Education & Research LLC (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, David Stein

Action: 11.04 Leslie Spanko Memorial Scholarship Fund Donation

Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$245.00 from the East Northport Middle School staff to the Leslie Spanko Memorial Scholarship Fund"

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, David Stein

Action: 11.05 Donations

Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of the following clarinets from Ms. Laurinda Lunday: Yamaha Student Clarinet, Serial #047727All, valued at \$100; Bundy Student Clarinet, Serial #544509, valued at \$100; Selmer Student Clarinet, Serial #150508, valued at \$100"

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, David Stein

Action: 11.06 Huntington Union Free School District

Recommendation to approve a 2019-2020 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 Huntington Union Free School District (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, David Stein

Action: 11.07 ASCENT: A School for Individuals with Autism

Recommendation to approve a 2019-2020 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and ASCENT: A School for Individuals with Autism (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, David Stein

Action: 11.08 Transfer of General Fund Appropriations

Recommendation to approve the Transfer of General Fund Appropriations in the 2019-2020 fiscal year (\$66,737.00)

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, David Stein

Action: 11.09 Transfer of Capital Fund Appropriations

Recommendation to approve Transfer of Capital Fund Appropriations in the 2019-2020 fiscal year (\$560,799.00)

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, David Stein

Action: 11.10 Robert J. Manley

Recommendation to approve a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Robert J. Manley for a Board Development Workshop in the amount of \$1,989.84 (BOE)

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, David Stein

Action: 11.11 The Parkside Group LLC
Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Agreement between the School District and The Parkside Group, LLC in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement attached hereto;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education."

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, David Stein

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - FOR INFORMATION ONLY

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Action, Discussion: 13.01 Policy Committee
Recommendation to reinstate the Policy Committee

President Badanes stated that he is in favor of reinstating the Policy Committee.

Trustee McNaughton stated that she is not in favor because the policy discussion should be done in public with the Board.

Trustee Stein stated that approximately a year ago the Board voted to disband the Policy Committee. The committee was formed to update the policy book and while the committee was necessary to do that he was not in favor of going back to that model.

Recommendation to table discussion of 13.01 reinstatement of Policy Committee

Motion by David Badanes, second by Larry Licopoli.

Final Resolution: Motion Fails

Yes: David Badanes, Larry Licopoli

No: Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, David Stein

Trustee Licopoli stated that he has never served with a Board that does not have a policy committee. The policy committee would have an opportunity to take a deeper dive and make sure policies are consistent with Education Law and rules of the Commissioner of Education. Mr. Licopoli stated he would support having a policy committee.

Trustee Loughran stated that he noticed some policies are out of date and need to be revisited but he didn't know if it was a good idea to have a standing committee. Policies would have to come before the Board and be discussed by the Board prolonging implementation of policies. It doesn't preclude the Board from establishing an ad hoc committee with x amount of members with the sole purpose of reviewing a new policy or revising an existing one. Mr. Loughran stated he would be more in favor of putting a schedule together for reviewing policies in the book that need to be updated.

Vote on the recommendation to reinstate the Policy Committee

Motion by Larry Licopoli, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Fails
Yes: David Badanes, Larry Licopoli
No: Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, David Stein

Action, Discussion: 13.02 Future Study Community Advisory Committee
Recommendation to approve the establishment of the Future Study Community Advisory Committee

Mr. Banzer stated that as part of the future study a Future Study Community Advisory Committee should be formed.

Motion by Thomas Loughran, second by Donna McNaughton.
Final Resolution: Motion Passes
Yes: David Badanes, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, David Stein

14. NEW BUSINESS

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, 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

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, November 7, 2019
7:00 p.m.
William J. Brosnan School

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, November 21, 2019
7:00 p.m.
William J. Brosnan School

Action: 15.02 Adjournment
Recommendation to adjourn the meeting

Motion by Larry Licopoli, second by Thomas Loughran.
Final Resolution: Motion Passes
Yes: David Badanes, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, David Stein

At 8:59 p.m., the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth M. Nystrom
District Clerk