

Northport-East Northport Union Free School District Regular Meeting – Northport High School (Livestream) (Thursday, October 1, 2020)

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Members present

David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran (virtual), 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

Dr. Dana Boshnack, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning

Mr. Robert Howard, Assistant Superintendent for Business

Public Attendance: 15

1. CALL TO ORDER – President Badanes called the meeting to order at 6:09 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 at 6:00 p.m. in the band room at Northport High 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 current litigation.

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

Motion by David Badanes, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

Not Present at Vote: Larry Licopoli

At 7:28 p.m. the Board reconvened in public session in the Auditorium at Northport High 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 June 25, 2020 - Board Workshop

5.01.2 July 20, 2020 - Special Meeting

5.01.3 September 10, 2020 - Regular Meeting

Motion by David Stein, 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

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

Superintendent Banzer announced that a plan is being worked on with the coaches to begin intramurals and workouts starting the week of October 12th. Mr. Banzer thanked the teachers, staff and Board of Education on bringing back the elementary students five days. A tremendous amount of work and planning went into it. Additionally, they are looking into doing something with the Wednesday virtual days other than doing fully remote.

The Board toured all the buildings according to policy. Mr. Banzer thanked Mr. Lackner, Mr. Moran, the Buildings and Grounds staff and custodians for all their work. Mr. Banzer thanked Mr. Howard who oversees those departments and noted that the commons bathrooms were done in-house which was a tremendous savings to the district.

Several Board Members commended on the exceptional condition of the buildings and the amount of work that was performed in-house as a cost savings to the district.

Trustee Buscareno stated that the Drug and Alcohol Task Force's Color Run will be held virtual this year and encouraged everyone to participate.

7. SPECIAL REPORTS

8. COMMUNICATIONS - Please Note: This is the opportunity for persons who had written letters to the Board.

There were no communications to the Board requiring Board action.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT/PARTICIPATION - Please Note: Community members are invited to share their questions, comments, or concerns with the School Board. Please email your questions to boe@northport.k12.ny.us by 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. 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>
John McCloskey Parent	Asked what the plan/timeline is to adjust the hybrid leaning plan to return to five days a week live instruction for secondary schools and what the challenges would be with alternating full day live instruction Wednesdays for the cohorts.
Christine McCloskey Parent	Asked what the district's plan is for bringing back middle and high school students full time.
Tracy Bernson Parent	Asked with the safety regulations and COVID numbers being so low is there a date to have the middle and high school students attend five days.
Scott Lewis Parent	Stated that the curve is flat and there is no reason the kids can't go to school five days. Asked if the district is advocating for the student athletes.

- Lisa Cellura
Parent Read a letter to the Board about her concerns regarding the reopening plan and shortened instructional time. Stated that no cohort is receiving 42 minutes of instruction and on Wednesdays each period is reduced to 25 minutes, the solution to the problem is to have all children in school five days.
- Irene Lenna
Parent Stated that children are not getting what they deserve, what they need to succeed, and they are floundering. They need to be in school and move to five days as soon as possible. Stated there is an astounding amount of teen depression in the community.
- Brett DeMarco
Parent Stated that the students are dealing with a lot of mental anguish. There is no reason Wednesday has to be a fully remote day. COVID does not affect 99.9% of children.
- Malaina Bell
Parent Asked if there is a plan to get the students back five days or at least alternating Wednesdays. Stated that students are not learning, they teach themselves their assignments and it is detrimental to them. Asked why there isn't live learning and why some teachers are teaching live and others just put up the assignment.
- Nicole Raganella
Parent Stated that live instruction needs to be done and asked that the plan be re evaluated and look at other school's plans. Stated that the kids are suffering.
- Denise Schwartz
Parent Stated that she was disappointed with the plan and assumed the district was going to get all students back five days a week. Kids are roaming around and have nothing to do. There should be sports and activities. Kids should be in a controlled setting.
- Tammie Topel
Resident Stated that there are issues with special education. IEPs are not being met and communication from the administration is problematic. There needs to be a better plan and noted that private schools are in five days. Stated SEPTA was told parents have to contact the teacher to say the IEP goals are not being met. It should be the teacher's job.

Mr. Banzer stated that they are looking at doing something with Wednesdays. This is not something that anybody wants and they were given certain guidelines to follow. If you want to compare to other districts you need to carefully look at what full in-person looks like. The district is following the four guiding principals, which are health and safety, instructional choice, communication and flexibility. Mr. Banzer stated that there were no sections of any course eliminated because of COVID. Some of the other districts have limited choices, limited days, and have overflow rooms. This is an unprecedented situation. Mr. Banzer stated they are constantly looking at where we are and where we could be. Five days at the secondary level the way they want it would be very difficult. Mr. Banzer stated that the district has been advocating on behalf of the student athletes. Section XI made the decision to postpone all sports until January. First and foremost is the health and safety of all students and staff.

President Badanes stated that is very troubling to hear that children are depressed and have suicidal thoughts. To believe that anyone trustee doesn't care about the children in the district is 100% false. Maybe there is another district that is doing it better but he trusts Mr. Banzer and his administration that they are doing a very good job.

Vice President Noonan stated that she spent her entire career working with teens and has never seen so much distress. The plan in her district is not perfect. This is difficult for teens to navigate through and mental health is part of the health and safety of all students. Superintendent Banzer is re-evaluating the programs and Mr. Dantuono is beginning extracurricular sports.

Trustee Buscareno stated that she works in a school and it has been horrendous. There is nothing perfect in any district. Ms. Buscareno stated that she spends hours away from family and to say that the trustees don't care is very disturbing.

Trustee McNaughton stated that the Board is very passionate about children. They've heard from parents who want kids in five days and also hear from people who don't, and everything in between. Every detail is being looked at because we want to protect the children.

Trustee Licopoli stated that what they are being asked to do has never been done before. There is no research to support anything that is being done, but they are trying. Decisions are happening daily and they are assessing things as they are doing them. Mr. Licopoli stated that in his district they changed their re-entry plan four times and he is hearing all the same comments, concerns and angst the he is hearing here. Asynchronous and synchronous learning does not work for some kids. They are trying to work out how to make up the difference when the kids come back and how to teach kids and make a difference.

Jean Tarnowski
Parent Stated that older kids need to be in school with some sort of normalcy and socialization. The plan needs to evolve, changed and kids need to be challenged.

Denise Schwartz
Parent Stated that you can't make up for what kids are losing and they need to be in school. The parents should know what phases would be instead of just talking about it.

Nicole Raganella
Parent Stated that if you look at the reopening plan of any other district there are nuances that we can apply to ours. She understands about regulations but there is a better way to do it and do it safely.

Tammie Topel
Resident Asked if it would be possible to put a question in the survey about if students want to go to school five days or stay virtual.

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

Action: 10.01 Personnel Actions Report
Recommendation to approve the attached Personnel Actions Report.

President Badanes announced the retirement of Scott William, Custodial Worker I.

Motion by Allison C Noonan, 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 Schedule J - Committee on Special Education
Recommendation to approve Schedule J - Committee on Special Education

Motion by Allison C Noonan, 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: 10.03 Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE), Committee on Special Education (CSE), Sub-Committee on Special Education (SCSE), 504 Committee

Recommendation to appoint the following staff members to serve as chairpersons for the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE), Committee on Special Education (CSE), Sub-Committee on Special Education (SCSE), and 504 Committee meetings during the 2020-2021 school year:

Jennifer Sutherland
Martha White
Jaclyn Wolferd

Motion by Allison C Noonan, 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 Michael C. Kauffman Memorial Scholarship Fund

Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$25.00 from Jon Gregurich toward the Michael C. Kauffman Memorial Scholarship Fund"

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 11.02 Western Suffolk BOCES Final AS-7 Report

Recommendation to approve the Western Suffolk BOCES Final AS-7 Report for 2019-2020

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 11.03 Harmony Heights

Recommendation to approve a 2020-2021 Agreement for Receipt of IDEA Flow-Through Funding Allocations between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Harmony Heights

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 11.04 Anderson Center for Autism

Recommendation to approve a 2020-2021 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Anderson Center for Autism for education of handicapped children (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 11.05 Developmental Disabilities Institute

Recommendation to approve a 2020-2021 Agreement for Receipt of IDEA Flow-Through Funding Allocations between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Developmental Disabilities Institute (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 11.06 Kidz Therapy Services, PLLC

Recommendation to approve a 2020-2021 Agreement for Receipt of IDEA Flow-Through Funding Allocations between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Kidz Therapy Services, PLLC (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 11.07 Alternatives for Children

Recommendation to approve a 2020-2021 Agreement for Receipt of IDEA Flow-Through Funding Allocations between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Alternatives for Children (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 11.08 Anderson Center Consulting

Recommendation to approve a 2020-2021 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Anderson Center Consulting for IEP related services (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 11.09 Milestones in Home Care, Inc.

Recommendation to approve a 2020-2021 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Milestones in Home Care, Inc. for skilled nursing staff services (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 11.10 The Hagedorn Little Village School

Recommendation to approve a 2020-2021 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and The Hagedorn Little Village School for education of handicapped children (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 11.11 Henry Viscardi School

Recommendation to approve a 2020-2021 Agreement for Receipt of IDEA Flow-Through Funding Allocations between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Henry Viscardi School (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 11.12 The Long Island Home d/b/a South Oaks Hospital

Recommendation to approve a 2020-2021 Consulting Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and The Long Island Home d/b/a South Oaks Hospital for a School to Work Transition Program. Level II Assessments/Vocational Evaluations/ Level III Assessments, Job Coaching Services, Consultant Services and Life Skills Coach (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 11.13 Foster Physical Therapy

Recommendation to approve a 2020-2021 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Foster Physical Therapy for IEP related services (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 11.14 Robyn Mikulas, OT, PC

Recommendation to approve a 2020-2021 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Robyn Mikulas, OT, PC for IEP related services (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 11.15 The Center for Developmental Disabilities c/o Independent Group Home Living Program, Inc.

Recommendation to approve a 2020-2021 Agreement for Receipt of IDEA Flow-Through Funding Allocations Flow-Through Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and The Center for Developmental Disabilities c/o Independent Group Home Living Program, Inc. (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 11.16 Claims Auditor's Warrants and Schedule of Claims

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

August 7, 2020 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), August 14, 2020 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), August 14, 2020 (Accounts Payable Warrant), August 28, 2020 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), August 31, 2020 (Accounts Payable Warrant), August 2020 (Claims Audit Report)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 11.17 Treasurer's Report and Monthly Summary of Receipts and Disbursements

Recommendation to approve the following Treasurer's Reports and Monthly Summary of Receipts and Disbursements:

11.17.1 Treasurer's Report for the period July 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020

11.17.2 Treasurer's Report for the period August 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020

11.17.3 Monthly Summary of Receipts and Disbursements for the month ending July 31, 2020

11.17.4 Monthly Summary of Receipts and Disbursements for the month ending August 31, 2020

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 11.18 Investments

Recommendation to approve the following Schedule of Investments:

11.18.1 Schedule of Investments as of July 31, 2020

11.18.2 Schedule of Investments as of August 31, 2020

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 11.19 Collateral Schedule

Recommendation to approve the following Collateral Schedules:

11.19.1 Collateral Schedule as of July 31, 2020

11.19.2 Collateral Schedule as of August 31, 2020

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 11.20 Bank Reconciliation

Recommendation to approve the following Bank Reconciliation Reports:

- 11.20.1 Bank Reconciliation Report for the month ended July 31, 2020
- 11.20.2 Bank Reconciliation Report for the month ended August 31, 2020

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 11.21 Projected Cash Flow Statement

Recommendation to approve the following Projected Cash Flow Statements:

- 11.21.1 Projected Cash Flow Statement for the year ending 2020-2021, Actual Data July 1 - July 31, 2020, Estimated Data August 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021
- 11.21.2 Projected Cash Flow Statement for the year ending 2020-2021, Actual Data July 1 - August 31, 2020, Estimated Data September 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 11.22 School Lunch Profit and Loss

Recommendation to approve the School Lunch Profit and Loss Statement for the period September 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 11.23 Transfer of General Fund Appropriations

Recommendation to approve Transfer of General Fund Appropriations in the 2019-2020 fiscal year (\$4,712,346.78)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 11.24 Transfer of Capital Fund Appropriations

Recommendation to approve Transfer of Capital Fund Appropriations in the 2020-2021 fiscal year (\$521,000.00)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 11.25 Withdrawn

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - FOR INFORMATION ONLY

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. NEW BUSINESS

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

Information: 15.01 Upcoming Meetings

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, October 15, 2020

7:00 p.m.

William J. Brosnan School

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, November 5, 2020

7:00 p.m.

William J. Brosnan School

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, November 19, 2020

7:00 p.m.

William J. Brosnan School

Action: 15.02 Adjournment

Recommendation to adjourn the meeting

Motion by David Badanes, 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 9:14 p.m., the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth M. Nystrom

District Clerk