

**Northport-East Northport Union Free School District Regular Meeting of the Board of Education -
Northport High School (Thursday, October 21, 2021)**

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Members present

David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Carol A Taylor

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

Mr. Louis Bonadonna, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Student Services

Mr. Steven Goodstadt, Ingerman Smith, LLP, Board Counsel

Public Attendance: Approximately 20 people in person, 112 virtually

1. BOARD OF EDUCATION MISSION AND GOALS

Information: 1.01 Board of Education Mission and Goals

The Mission of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District is to educate and empower all students to pursue their aspirations and contribute as responsible members of society.

Board of Education Goals 2021-2022

*The Purpose of the Northport-East Northport School District Board of Education is to provide oversight and governance to serve our **students, support our staff and District Mission, while being mindful of the community we serve.***

Educational

- Develop a plan for Progress Monitoring and Continuous Improvement
- Develop a plan for dignity for all that is inclusive, fosters understanding, and belonging for all

Communication & Transparency

- Improve Internal and External Communications

Financial

- Develop a Transparent Educational Plan and Budget Process
- Develop a Multi-Year Financial Plan

Board of Education

Dr. Larry Licopoli, President

Victoria Buscareno, Vice President

David Badanes, Trustee

Thomas Loughran, Trustee

Donna McNaughton, Trustee

Allison Noonan, Trustee

Carol Taylor, Trustee

Central Administration

Robert Banzer, Superintendent of Schools

Robert Howard, Assistant Superintendent for Business

Irene McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

Dr. Dana Boshnack, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning

Louis Bonadonna, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Student Support Services

2. CALL TO ORDER

President Licopoli called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 Room A119 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 contract negotiations.

Action: 3.01 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 Allison C Noonan, second by Thomas Loughran.

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

At 7:12 p.m. the Board reconvened in public session in the Auditorium at Northport High School.

4. NOTICE OF EMERGENCY EXITS

President Licopoli pointed out the emergency exits, and led the those present in the

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

6. READING OF DISTRICT MISSION

Trustee Loughran read the District Mission.

7. REFLECTION

Trustee McNaughton lead those present in a reflection.

8. STUDENT AND STAFF RECOGNITION / STUDENT ORGANIZATION REPORT

Presentations: 8.01 School Board Recognition Week

Mr. Robert Banzer, Superintendent of Schools, announced that this week was School Board Recognition Week and thanked the Board for their continuous support, work and commitment to the district. A Trustee is a volunteer position, which involves many hours, and a great deal of time and commitment. The Board received certificates from Western Suffolk BOCES, the district and PTA council, and Congressman Thomas Suozzi.

Presentation: 8.02 Student Organization Report

Northport High School senior, Harrison Lebow, presented the current events happening at the high school. Harrison stated that after incidents of hateful words found in the bathroom at the high school, certain mitigation practices have gone into effect. To enter the bathrooms students must present their ID, and sign in and out with the time they entered and exited. A follow-up presentation by the Nassau County Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center entitled Deconstructing Symbols of Hate is also being planned for the near future for all students and staff, as well as options for parents and community members as well. Northport High School Spanish Teacher, Ms. Martinez-Argueta, with the help of her cousin, Senior Master Sergeant Andy Jean-Pierre organized a school-wide shoe drive where over 700 pairs were collected and transported to a military base in New Jersey for afghan refugees. After a 19-month hiatus, field trips have begun to return to the high school with great success. The Tiger Marching Band will perform on Sunday, October 25th in the US Bands Competition at Walt Whitman High School from 5-9 p.m. In appreciation of New York State School Board Recognition Week, Harrison thanked the Board for their support and commitment to the students of the district.

Mr. Banzer spoke about the events on October 8th where symbols of hate, homophobic slurs, swastikas and racial slurs were found in the high school bathroom and the subsequent incidents in the village. Mr. Banzer stated that a number of negative, hateful language and thoughts are being emitted in our community, and that is not who we are. The Village of Northport in conjunction with Not in Our Town and the Huntington Anti-Bias Task Force will be holding a vigil on October 28th at 6:00 p.m. in the village park.

Mr. Banzer stated that the Health and Safety Committee is up and running and the application for a parent representative for the William J. Brosnan building is on the website.

9. BUSINESS AGENDA

Action: 9.01 Personnel Actions Report

Resolution: Recommendation to approve the attached Personnel Actions Report

Recommendation to approve the attached Personnel Actions Report

Motion by Thomas Loughran, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Allison C Noonan, Carol A Taylor

Abstain: Donna McNaughton

Action: 9.03 Donna Migdol

Recommendation to approve a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Donna Migdol for consultation services for integrated STEM professional development and curriculum writing for elementary schools, in the amount of \$4,250.00 (T&L)

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, Carol A Taylor

Action: 9.04 Cheryl Dobbertin

Recommendation to approve a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Cheryl Dobbertin for consultant services for hybrid courses and

feedback developed to support teachers' understanding of how art and writing work together, in the amount of \$2,950.00 (T&L)

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, Carol A Taylor

Action: 9.05 Withdrawn

Action: 9.06 Withdrawn

Action: 9.07 Withdrawn

Action: 9.08 Metro Therapy, Inc.

Recommendation to approve the following 2021-2022 Agreements between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Metro Therapy, Inc.:

9.08.1 Related Services to designated students pursuant to the Individualized Education Program(s) developed for the student by the CSE (Spec. Ed.)

9.08.2 Academic Tutoring Services (Spec. Ed.)

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, Carol A Taylor

Action: 9.09 Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report - School Lunch Fund

Recommendation to approve the Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report - School Lunch Fund for the period July 1, 2021 - July 31, 2021

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, Carol A Taylor

Action: 9.10 Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report - Special Aid Fund

Recommendation to approve the Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Reports for the period July 1, 2021 - July 31, 2021

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, Carol A Taylor

Action: 9.11 Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report - General Fund

Recommendation to approve the Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Reports for the period July 1, 2021 - July 31, 2021

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, Carol A Taylor

Action: 9.12 Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report - Capital Fund

Recommendation to approve the Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Reports for the period July 1, 2021 - July 31, 2021

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, Carol A Taylor

Action: 9.13 Quarterly Trial Balance Report

Recommendation to approve the Quarterly Trial Balance Reports for the period July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

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, Carol A Taylor

Action: 9.14 Final Budget Transfer Report - General Fund

Recommendation to approve the 2020-2021 Final Budget Transfer Report - General Fund to close out the appropriation status accounts as of June 30, 2021 (\$160,600.00)

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, Carol A Taylor

Action: 9.15 Final Budget Transfer Report - School Lunch Fund

Recommendation to approve the 2020-2021 Final Budget Transfer Report - School Lunch Fund to close out the appropriation status accounts as of June 30, 2021 (\$4,800.00).

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, Carol A Taylor

Action: 9.16 Transfer of General Fund Appropriations

Recommendation to approve Transfer of General Fund Appropriations in the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year (\$35,000.00)

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, Carol A Taylor

Action: 9.17 Western Suffolk BOCES Multi-Year Service Agreement

Recommendation to approve the Western Suffolk BOCES Multi-Year Service Agreement in the amount of \$1,777,456

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, Carol A Taylor

10. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS (Focus on 2021-2022 Goals and Planning)

Information: 10.01 Board President Comments

President Licopoli stated that this week is RAP Week - Recovery, Awareness and Prevention which is why the Board is wearing purple. Mr. Licopoli stated that prevention is the key to the mission of the Drug and Alcohol Task Force.

Report: 10.02 Committee Reports

10.02.1 Policy Committee (Trustees Badanes and Taylor)

The Policy Committee's next meeting is Tuesday, November 16th.

10.02.2 Multi-Year Financing Planning (Trustees Loughran and McNaughton)

Nothing to report.

10.02.3 Audit Committee (Trustees Licopoli and Buscareno)

The Audit Committee met on October 14th and R.S. Abrams, LLP will be presenting the Annual Audit at the next Board meeting.

10.02.4 Dignity for All Committee (Trustees Noonan and Taylor)

Nothing to report. The RFP went out for the consultant.

10.02.5 Legislative Committee (Trustees Loughran and Taylor)

Nothing to report.

Report: 10.03 Board Liaison Reports

10.03.1 Progress Monitoring (Trustees Buscareno, McNaughton and Noonan)

A meeting is planned for Monday, October 25th.

10.03.2 Educational Planning and Budget (Trustees Badanes, Loughran and Licopoli)

The first meeting is planned for Tuesday, October 26th at 6:30.

10.03.3 PTA Report/Feedback



Board Trustees attended the PTA meetings they were assigned to.

11. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Presentations: 11.01 Responsive Classroom Presentation

Dr. Dana Boshnack, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, presented on the Responsive Classroom which is an evidence based approach to teaching and learning.

Responsive Classroom Final Presentation - Google Slides



Responsive Classroom

Northport-East Northport UFSD

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Dana Boshnack
Asst. Superintendent of Teaching and Learning

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What is Responsive Classroom?



Six Guiding Principles

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The Four Key Domains of Responsive Classroom

			
Engaging Academics Teachers create learning tasks that are active, interactive, appropriately challenging, purposeful, and connected to students' interests.	Positive Community Teachers nurture a sense of belonging, significance, and emotional safety so that students feel comfortable taking risks and working with a variety of peers.	Effective Management Teachers create a calm, orderly environment that promotes autonomy and allows students to focus on learning.	Developmental Awareness Teachers use knowledge of child development, along with observations of students, to create a developmentally appropriate learning environment.

Responsive Classroom Final Presentation - Google Slides

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

1. Teaching social and emotional skills is **AS IMPORTANT** as teaching academic content.
2. **How** we teach is as important as **what** we teach.
3. Great **cognitive growth** occurs **through social interaction**.
4. **How we work together as adults to create a safe, joyful, and inclusive school environment** is as important as our individual contribution or competence.
5. What we know and believe about our students—individually, culturally, developmentally—informs our expectations, reactions, and attitudes about those students.
6. **Partnering with families—knowing them and valuing their contributions—is as important as knowing the children we teach.**

Responsive Classroom Final Presentation - Google Slides

Why have we adopted Responsive Classroom?



1. **This approach aligns with our district mission.**
2. **Responsive Classroom is research based and widely studied.**
University of Virginia, Curry School of Education
Columbia University's Teachers College
3. **Recognized by The Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL)**–awarded Responsive Classroom their highest designation as a CASEL SElect Program.
4. **Teacher and principal endorsed.**

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What have we done so far?

TRAININGS:

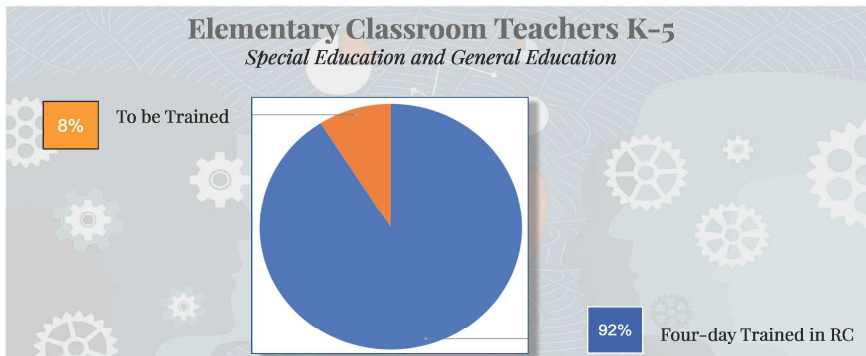
- ❑ Four-Day Elementary Teacher
- ❑ Four-Day Middle School Teacher
- ❑ Online Series: *Keep the Fire Burning*
- ❑ Four-Day Adv. Elementary Teacher
- ❑ One- Day Introduction to RC
- ❑ Special Area Teachers Supporting RC
- ❑ Leadership Training

- ❑ Book Studies- *The Power of our Words*
- ❑ "Bundles"- RC collaborative groups



Responsive Classroom Final Presentation - Google Slides

Professional Learning- Responsive Classroom Training



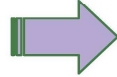
How will we evaluate the impact of this program?

Along with...

Feedback:

Ongoing conversations with members of our school community to evaluate how Responsive Classroom has impacted them:

Students
Parents
Teachers
Principals



12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13. NEW BUSINESS

Action: 13.01 Policies - First Read

Recommendation to receive the following policy with changes for a first read:

13.02.1 #2250 "Board of Education Sub-Committees" (TABLED - sent back to Policy Committee)

13.02.2 #2260 "Citizens Advisory Committees" - revisions

Motion by David Badanes, second by Thomas Loughran.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Allison C Noonan, Carol A Taylor

Not Present at Vote: Donna McNaughton

Recommendation to receive the following policies with changes for a first read:

13.02.3 #2400 "Board of Education Meetings - Types, Agendas, Procedures and Minutes" - revisions

13.02.4 #2400.1 "Public Participation at Board Meetings" - draft new policy

Motion by Allison C Noonan, second by Carol A Taylor.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Recommendation to receive the following policy for a first read:

13.02.5 #2500 "Formulation, Adoption and Amendment of Policies" - revisions

Motion by David Badanes, second by Carol A Taylor.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Allison C Noonan, Carol A Taylor

No: Donna McNaughton

14. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENT - 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. If you wish to participate via Zoom please sign up at the following link by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 21st, <https://zoom.us/j/93858080230>.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Christina Karman	Stated that the elementary kids are having a difficult time, especially the kids from Dickinson and Bellerose. Kids are feeling left out. There is not enough being done to make them feel included. Something needs to be done at the district level.
Sandra Naughton	Stated that there is bullying going on in the district, and there is no implementation of the rules and regulations are in place. Parents are feeling that this is not being addressed, and something needs to be done especially for the middle school students. There should be a mandatory class or program on bullying.
Paul Lang	Stated that as of today Governor Hochul and the President stated they will go ahead with a vaccine mandate on ages 5-11 and spoke about sending mobile units around. Asked if there is a religious exemption or medical exemption for students or staff, and if the school will do anything about a vaccine mandate if it comes down. Asked if there is anything being taught in schools about critical race theory.
Mr. Banzer	Stated that the district's number one goal is to keep students in school. Part of insuring that is that we adhere to the mandates from the state regarding masks and social distancing. We have had very good success with that. The significant difference has been the number of students required to quarantine.
Clay Roos	Stated that districtwide the last two weeks there were seven reported positive COVID cases. Since school started there have been in the neighborhood of 75. Asked how low the number has to go before the district pushes back on the mask mandate.

At 10:30 p.m. motion was made to extend the meeting

Motion by David Badanes, second by Donna McNaughton.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Denise Schwartz	Stated that she was on the Districtwide Health and Safety Committee for four years and that there should be a parent representative on the committee. The guidelines say canvass letters should be sent to staff, unit members and parents in regards to participation on the committee and the committee should include community stakeholders.
Tammie Topel	Asked why the decision was made to reorder the agenda, and it makes it feel like the community is insignificant in the conversation. Stated that the attorney general in Florida and science shows that masks do not work, masks do not stop the spread of COVID. Asked what the district's role would be in a vaccine mandate.
Jennifer Albinson	Stated that she represents children who have been forced to wear masks against their will. Read articles regarding mask wearing and CO2 levels when required to wear a mask.

Nicole Richichi Stated that members of the community are struggling emotionally, financially and physically. Mandates are coming for children ages 5-11. She hopes the school district takes into account parents with immune deficiency when having children vaccinated. It's not a one-size fits all approach.

Michele Pettignano-Coggins Asked how she can get access to what authors are in the libraries and what books can be taken out. Asked who approves the books that are on the bookshelves, how books are reviewed and approved for each level. She supports choice for mask mandate. Stated that if vaccines are mandated a lot more families will be pulling kids out of school if the district supports the mandate. Supports a Dickinson and Bellerose reunion until the transition is over.

15. BOARD REFLECTION

President Licopoli represented the Board of Education at the NYSSBA Annual Meeting. The NYSSBA Annual Convention is on October 24th which will be held remotely.

16. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Information: 16.01 Budget Transfers for the period September 22, 2021 - October 7, 2021 - 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

Information: 16.02 Schedule H - Use of Facilities

17. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Information: 17.01 Upcoming Meetings

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, November 4, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Northport High School

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, November 18, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Northport High School

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

Action: 18.01 Adjournment

Recommendation to adjourn the meeting

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, Carol A Taylor

At 10:02 p.m., the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth M. Nystrom
District Clerk