

**Northport-East Northport UFSD Board of Education Regular Meeting - William J. Brosnan School
(Thursday, January 26, 2017)**

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Members present

David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson, Tammie Topel (arrived at 6:13 p.m.)

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 Assessments

Dr. Dana Boshnack, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning

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

Public attendance: Approximately 40 people

1. CALL TO ORDER – President Rapiejko 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 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 appointment of a particular corporation.

Action 2.0 Motion to convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the appointment of a particular corporation.

Motion by David Stein, second by Regina Pisacani

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson

Not Present at Vote: Tammie Topel

The Board reconvened in Public Session in the cafeteria at 7:11 p.m.

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

Recommendation to approve the following minutes:

5.01.1 January 12, 2017 - Regular Meeting

Motion by Lori McCue, second by Regina Pisacani.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson, Tammie Topel

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

Presentations: 6.01 Northport High School Girls Varsity Soccer Team

Mr. Paul Klimuszko, Director of Physical Education and Athletics, introduced Ms. Aija Gipp, Northport High School Girls Varsity Soccer Coach and the Suffolk County Championship Team: Lili Buscareno, Olivia Carner, Emily Cerrito, Madeline Chupick, Victoria Colatosti, Juliana Conforti, Leah Dentale, Kerin Donnino, Brenna Farrington, Caeley Gruhn, Emma Havrilla, Isabelle Karman, Cybele Laisney, Kirsten Leonard, Paige Leonard, Erica Lynch, Nina Macagnone, Emily McNelis, Alexa Ramonetti, Stephanie Rapp, Emilie Reynolds, Laura Sangenito, Rose Savocchi, Elizabeth Starin, Isabel Yeomans, Emily Zeblysky

The Board President and Superintendent congratulated the girls on their achievement and gave them commendations from the Board.

Information: 6.02 For Information: Upcoming Meetings

Mr. Rapiejko reviewed the upcoming meetings of February 9th, March 2nd, March 9th, March 16th and March 23rd.

Mr. Banzer stated that he was honored to attend the Patti LuPone concert at the John W. Engeman Theater at Northport where members of the Northport High School Tour Choir performed with her. Mr. Banzer noted that Relay for Life kicked off at the high school.

7. PUBLIC HEARING ON SMART SCHOOLS INVESTMENT PLAN

Presentations: 7.01 Mr. Matthew Nelson, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, Technology and Assessment and Ms. Judy Proscia, Administrator of Technology, will present the Smart Schools Investment Plan.

Mr. Nelson and Ms. Proscia reviewed the 2013-2016 Tech Plan Accomplishments including network, cabling and bandwidth, computers and peripherals, applications (new/upgraded and continued focus), professional development, parent resources and workshops, and Board of Education Policies.

The 2015-2018 Technology Committee consisted of parents, students, administration, staff, community members, and a member of the Board of Education. The following are the Technology Plan Goals for 2015-2018: Install highly-available, redundant centralized network and storage and update server virtualization for flexibility, redundancy and disaster avoidance; assure all network cabling is adequate for high speed bandwidth transport; power backup for network switching services; assure all District equipment is working optimally; climate control for network services; expand instructional opportunities beyond the traditional classroom, including professional development to support technology integration K-12; increase VDI deployment (staff and student use); archive email; expand access to highly-available, high-speed computing solutions for students and staff and increase the number of student devices; increase wireless density; increase internet bandwidth for staff and students; provide access to equipment that enables teachers to present print text and other object virtually with magnification; prepare electrical infrastructure for additional student devices.

Mr. Nelson reviewed the 2015-2018 Budget Revenue and Fiscal Resource Budget and stated that the Technology Plans are located on the District Website under District tab on the District Technology page.

Ms. Proscia reviewed the Smart Schools Bond and the Final Investment Plan. The Smart Schools Bond Act was passed in the 2014-15 Enacted Budget and approved by the voters in a statewide referendum held

during the 2014 General Election. It authorized the issuance of \$2 billion of general obligation bonds to finance improved educational technology and infrastructure to improve learning and opportunity for students throughout the State. Northport-East Northport Union Free School District has been allocated \$1,335,040.

Ms. Proscia reviewed the timeline for approving the Smart Schools Investment Plan. The District's Technology Committee reviewed the Smart Schools Investment Plan and provided feedback and input. The preliminary plan was submitted to and approved by the Board of Education on December 8, 2016. The preliminary plan was posted on the District website on December 12, 2016. This hearing enables stakeholders to respond to the preliminary plan. The Board will vote on approving the final investment plan and the approved plan will be posted on the District's website and sent to NYSED for State approval.

Mr. Nelson and Ms. Proscia reviewed the proposed projects in the Smart Schools Investment Plan: School Connectivity – replace existing network cabling, replace/upgrade wireless infrastructure. Wired Network – ensure data fidelity; replaced unprotected, decades-old fiber wiring with armored fiber optic, replace unenhanced category 5 Ethernet cabling with category 63, low-crosstalk copper cables, replace/upgrade basic Wi-Fi coverage district-wide; purchase district wireless equipment versus month to month service; support more than 5,000 student and staff mobile devices; support “bring your own device” accessibility in our schools. Mr. Nelson reviewed the budget breakdown; School Internet Connections and Components \$582,127, Professional Services \$752,913 = Totals \$1,335,040.

The Board thanked Mr. Nelson and Mrs. Proscia for their informative report.

8. 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 for no longer than 5 minutes.

Discussion: 8.01 Communications to the Board

There were no communications requiring Board action.

9. 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>
Rachel Friedman Parent	Asked why there is no discussion about the nominee for U.S. Secretary of Education on the agenda for tonight's meeting.
Sisa Suriel Parent	Asked if the Board planned on making a formal statement regarding the appointment of Betsy DeVos as Secretary of Education.

President Rapiejko stated that there is a process that the Board follows for adding items to an agenda as outlined in Board Policy #2400. An item cannot be brought up on an agenda for discussion unless a majority of the Board votes and agrees to it.

10. SPECIAL REPORTS

Presentations: 10.01 Mr. Robert Banzer, Superintendent of Schools, will present the 2017-2018 Budget Overview

Mr. Banzer reviewed the budget development process. The Board will discuss the proposed expenditures on the following dates: March 2nd – Buildings & Grounds and Transportation; March 9th – Instruction, Technology, BOCES, and Special Education; March 16th – Personnel & Benefits. Expenditures include salaries, ERS/TRS, health insurance, utilities, insurances, transportation, program/curriculum, technology, supplies and equipment. Cost drivers include salaries & benefits, ERS, TRS, and Health Insurance. Preliminary cost drivers include salaries and benefits increase of \$2,153,080 (+2.7%), ERS decrease \$4,874 (-0.20%), TRS decrease \$656,225 (-8.17%), and health insurance increase of \$1,439,553 (+9.20%).

Mr. Banzer reviewed the budget history from 2012-2013 to 2016-2017, enrollment history from 2011-2012 to 2016-2017, actual enrollment for 2016-2017 (5,489) and projected enrollment for 2017-2018 (5,343).

Revenue considerations will be discussed by the Board at the March 23rd meeting. Anticipated revenue sources include tax levy, State Aid, assigned fund balance, use of reserves and miscellaneous revenue. Mr. Banzer reviewed the tax levy growth factor. Currently the revenue sources from the Executive Budget Proposal include an increase in State Aid of \$681,436 (+4.69%) and an Allowable Tax Levy Limit of 1.67% (increase of 1.12% from 2016-2017) but the State Budget is not yet finalized.

Mr. Banzer stated that the Board will hold a Preliminary Public Hearing to receive public input on the budget on March 23rd. At the April 6th Meeting, the Board will convene into Committee-of-the-Whole to consider and discuss public input from the Preliminary Hearing and reconvene into public session to finalize the budget. There will be a Public Hearing on the Finalized Budget on May 4th and the Budget Vote will be held on May 16th.

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

Action: 11.01 Smart Schools Investment Plan

Recommendation to approve the Smart Schools Investment Plan

Motion by David Badanes, second by Regina Pisacani.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson, Tammie Topel

Action: 11.02 Disney World Field Trip

Recommendation to approve a Field Trip to Disney World for the Fashion and Sculpture Students and Costume Crew

Motion by David Badanes, second by Regina Pisacani.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson, Tammie Topel

Action: 11.03 NFHS/NHSCC Cheerleading Championship Field Trip

Recommendation to approve a Field Trip to the NFHS/NHSCC Cheerleading Championship in Orlando, FL for the Varsity Cheerleading Team

Motion by David Badanes, second by Regina Pisacani.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson, Tammie Topel

Action: 11.04 Policies - Second Read and Adopt

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

11.04.1 Policy #2220 - Board Officers

Motion by Jennifer H Thompson, second by Lori McCue.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson, Tammie Topel

No: David Badanes

Action: 11.05 Policies - First Read

Recommendation to receive for a first read the following policies:

11.05.1 Policy #8115 "Pesticides and Pest Management" (replaces #3601 "Integrated Pest Management Program")

11.05.2 Policy #8330 "Authorized Use of School-Owned Materials and Equipment"

Motion by David Badanes, second by Regina Pisacani.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson, Tammie Topel

Action: 11.06 Use of Facilities Committee

Recommendation to appoint the following members to serve on the Use of Facilities Citizens Advisory Committee: Antoinette Blanck, Bonnie Mullen, Clare Roby, Patricia Gardiner, Shawne Albero, Paul Noonan, Robert P. Brady, Steven Schmitt, Dean Spadaro

Motion by David Badanes, second by Regina Pisacani.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson, Tammie Topel

Action: 11.07 School Breakfast Program Survey

Recommendation to authorize the administration to survey the community to determine the extent of need for a school breakfast program for the 2017-2018 school year

Motion by David Badanes, second by Regina Pisacani.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson, Tammie Topel

Action: 11.08 Personnel Actions Report

Recommendation to approve the Personnel Actions Report

Motion by David Badanes, second by Regina Pisacani.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson, Tammie Topel

Mr. Rapiejko announced the retirement of Brian Cook, Building Supervisor, Northport High School.

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

Action: 12.01 Donations

Recommendation to receive the following donation to the District:

12.01.1 Nine (9) new chairs from School Specialty, value estimated by the donor to be approximately \$2,000

Motion by Jennifer H Thompson, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson, Tammie Topel

Action: 12.02 Surplus Equipment

Recommendation to declare the attached list of equipment, owned by the School District that is no longer cost effective to repair, as surplus and approve disposal accordance with Board Policy

Motion by Jennifer H Thompson, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson, Tammie Topel

Action: 12.03 East Northport Middle School Greenkill Field Trip Donation

Recommendation to approve the following resolution”

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby gratefully accepts a donation of \$200 from Northport-East Northport residents whose names are more fully set forth in the attached document, for the purposes of covering the cost of the 6th Grade Field Trip to Greenkill on November 21, 2016 and increase the 2016-2017 budget code A2110.4161.21.2902 by \$200 for this purpose.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2016-2017 budget by \$200 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of donations from Northport-East Northport residents."

Motion by Jennifer H Thompson, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson, Tammie Topel

Action: 12.04 Harborfields Central School District

Recommendation to approve a 2016-2017 Special Education Services Contract between the Board of Education of the Harborfields Central School District and the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Jennifer H Thompson, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson, Tammie Topel

No: David Badanes

Action: 12.05 Daytop Preparatory School

Recommendation to approve an Agreement between The Daytop Preparatory School and the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Jennifer H Thompson, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson, Tammie Topel

Action: 12.06 Caron Treatment Centers

Recommendation to approve a 2016-2017 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Caron Treatment Centers (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Jennifer H Thompson, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson, Tammie Topel

Action: 12.07 North Fork Express

Recommendation to approve a Rider to Agreement between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and North Fork Express, Contract #2062105 (NAS)

Motion by Jennifer H Thompson, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson, Tammie Topel

Action: 12.08 Park East Construction Corp.

Recommendation to table item 12.08

Motion by David Badanes, second by Tammie Topel.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson, Tammie Topel

No: Lori McCue

Trustee Badanes had questions about Park East Construction Corp. being an S-Corporation and requested additional information from Board Counsel.

Action: 12.09 Health Services Contract

Recommendation to authorize the Board President to sign a contract with the following school district to provide Health Services for Northport-East Northport students attending school in that district during the 2016-2017 school year:

12.09.1 Huntington Union Free School District, seventeen (17) students attending St. Patrick's School @ \$546.95, totaling \$9,298.15

Motion by Jennifer H Thompson, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson, Tammie Topel

Action: 12.10 Transfer of General Funds

Recommendation to approve Transfer of General Fund Appropriations in the 2016-2017 fiscal year

Motion by Jennifer H Thompson, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson, Tammie Topel

13. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Information: 13.01 Budget Transfers for the period January 5, 2017 through January 19, 2017 - 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

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

15. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Badanes stated that he would like the Board to make a statement in opposition to the nomination of Betsy DeVos as US Education Secretary.

President Rapiejko stated that new business cannot be brought before the Board from the floor. There are protocols the Board needs to follow as stated in Board Policy. Board Policy #2400 provides that, except in emergencies, the Board shall not attempt to decide upon any questions before examining and evaluating any information any persons requests the Board to consider.

President Rapiejko polled the Board regarding discussion of Trustee Badanes request for a statement. After a long discussion, Trustee McCue, Trustee Rapiejko, Trustee Stein and Trustee Thompson did not agree to a discussion, noting that policy protocols should be followed. Trustee Badanes, Trustee McNaughton, Trustee Noonan, Trustee Pisacani and Trustee Topel agreed to a discussion.

After Board discussion, the following resolution was agreed upon.

Action: 15.01 Secretary of Education

Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, the Northport-East Northport Board of Education is firmly in support of a system of public education to support the education of all students to lead lives that fulfill their highest potential, and

WHEREAS, members of the Northport-East Northport Board of Education participated in a New York State School Boards Association survey regarding the nomination of US Secretary of Education, wherein New York State School Boards Association polled its member school districts regarding such nomination;

WHEREAS, the Northport-East Northport Board of Education supports the findings of such survey which are that a Secretary of Education should have the following qualifications: A background in public education, such as teaching, administration, school board services, policy making, etc.; supports

public education; has a degree in education; has a willingness to listen/is open to new ideas; opposes for profit education enterprises; and has a belief that all students deserve equal educational opportunities.

WHEREAS, the Northport-East Northport Board of Education further believes a Secretary of Education should hold all school systems accountable for compliance with the Federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and uphold current Title IX regulations, including those regarding sexual assault in educational institutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northport-East Northport Board of Education hereby opposes the confirmation of Ms. Betsy DeVos to the position of US Secretary of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Northport-East Northport Board of Education directs the administration to convey said opposition to our elected officials at the local, state, and federal level, including all 100 United States Senators."

Motion by David Badanes, second by Tammie Topel.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson, Tammie Topel

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

Action: 16.01 Adjournment

Recommendation to adjourn the public meeting and convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the employment history of a particular person

Motion by David Stein, second by Regina Pisacani.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson, Tammie Topel

At 10:50 p.m. the Board convened into Executive Session

At 11:45 p.m. the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth M. Nystrom
District Clerk