

**Northport-East Northport UFSD Board of Education Regular Meeting - William J. Brosnan School  
(Thursday, February 16, 2017)**

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**Meeting postponed from February 9, 2017 due to snow**

**Members present**

David Badanes, Donna McNaughton, Regina Pisacani (arrived at 6:50 p.m.), Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

**Members absent (excused)**

Lori McCue, Allison C Noonan, Jennifer H Thompson

**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 Assessment

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 6:25 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, matters pertaining to the employment history of particular persons, and matters pertaining to potential litigation.

Action 2.0 Motion to convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the appointment of a particular corporation, matters pertaining to the employment history of particular persons, and matters pertaining to potential litigation.

Motion by David Stein, second by David Badanes

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein

Not present at vote: Regina Pisacani

The Board reconvened in Public Session at 7:07 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 26, 2017 - Regular Meeting

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by Regina Pisacani.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Donna McNaughton, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

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

Presentations: 6.01 Family and Consumer Science Department Student of the Month

Mr. Richard McAllister, Northport High School Assistant Principal, introduced Fiona Barrie, Family and Consumer Science Department Student of the Month

Mr. McAllister stated that Fiona is a bright, compassionate and creative young lady who has completed work in Early Childhood Education, Family Dynamics, Literacy Lab and the college level Child Psychology and Development course. She is currently enrolled in Early Childhood Education Planning and Administration where she plays a fundamental part in the organization and management of the preschool classroom. Fiona has been an active member of Northport High School's Future Educators Association (FEA), holding the office of secretary her junior year and now serves as co-president. Fiona has participated in many FEA activities including Ready Readers Club, Cooking with Kids, Community Outreach and numerous fundraising activities that serve children and families in the community. Mr. McAllister stated that Fiona played an essential role in the organization and success of FEA's contribution to Northport High School's first Autism Awareness Week in April of 2016.

Mr. McAllister stated that Fiona is a hardworking, dedicated individual with a high level of commitment. She leads group activities in the classroom and at Future Educators Association meetings. Fiona spends a significant amount of time participating in volunteer work in the community. She volunteers for RESPITE at St. Philip Neri Church in Northport where she engages children and young adults with special needs in activities, providing their caregivers with some free time.

Fiona is a wonderful role model and mentor to the high school students in the classroom and during FEA activities. She plans to attend Temple University next fall with a major in elementary education.

President Rapiejko and Superintendent Banzer congratulated Fiona on her fine accomplishments and presented her with a commendation from the Board.

Presentations: 6.02 Recognition of Northport High School Tour Choir Members

Dr. Izzet Mergen, Director of Fine and Performing Arts, introduced the following members of the Northport High School Tour Choir who performed with Patti LuPone at the Engeman Theater:

Sophomores:

Ashleigh Basel, Julia Hahn, Daniel Rodriguez, Benjamin Strait, Shannon Wines

Juniors:

Liam Burkart, Lucas Cusati, Jennie Dworkin, Katherine Gallo, Harrison Konanur, Joseph LaBua, Marianne Perrino, Mark Scalia, Gabriel Sherman, Alexandra Weidenman

Seniors:

Machenzie Germain, Joseph Greene, Jack Maline, Caroline Mancino, James Noonan, Peter Rapiejko, Tess Robinson, Samantha Schoeps, Emily Vezzi, Erin Weiss

Action:

Recommendation to reorder agenda and move item 12.13 before item 6.03

Motion by David Stein, second by Regina Pisacani.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Donna McNaughton, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

Action: 12.13 John W. Engeman Theater of Northport Donation

Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby gratefully accepts a donation of \$35,000 from the John W. Engeman Theater at Northport which includes an \$8,000 donation from the educational foundation, FRIENNDS of Northport. This donation is a result of a benefit for the Northport High School's Performing Arts Program. The Northport High School Tour Choir performed at the Engeman Theater with Patti LuPone at two sold out performances!

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2016-2017 budget by \$27,000 in Code A2110.2020.00.2100, \$4,000 in Code A2110.4010.00.2100, and \$4,000 in Code A2110.5030.00.2100, with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of donations from the John W. Engeman Theater at Northport"

Motion by David Badanes, second by Regina Pisacani.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

Abstain: Donna McNaughton

Mr. Kevin O'Neil, Managing Director of the John W. Engeman Theater, presented the Board with the proceeds from the benefit.

Dr. Izzet Mergen announced that Northport High School Choral Directors Ellen McCarthy and Nicholas Hart were inducted into the Four Chaplains Legion of Honor on February 5<sup>th</sup> at the Northport Veterans Affairs Medical Center in the Little White Chapel. Both were selected based on their efforts in bettering the community.

Information: 6.03 For Information: Upcoming Meetings

President Rapiejko reviewed the upcoming meetings of February 28<sup>th</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, March 9<sup>th</sup>, March 16<sup>th</sup> and March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **7. PUBLIC HEARING ON COLD WAR VETERAN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION**

Mr. Robert Banzer, Superintendent of Schools, stated that on August 19, 2016, Section 458-b of the New York Real Property Tax Law was amended to provide eligible Cold War veterans with an exemption from school taxes. A public hearing on the Cold War exemption is required before the Board adopts a resolution authorizing the exemption. Mr. Banzer stated that this exemption is similar to one that was adopted by the Board in March, 2014 providing a basic exemption to school taxes for certain eligible veterans. The board could choose between a 10% or 15% option. The 15% option would be similar to what was previously adopted by the Board. With the 15% option the basic maximums would be \$12,000 and disability \$40,000 resulting in an impact to property owners with an assessed value of \$3,800 of approximately \$2.68 per year.

There was a brief discussion by the Board regarding the level of exemption.

At 7:48 p.m. the Board exited the Public Hearing on the Cold War Veteran Property Tax Exemption and convened into regular meeting.

**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.

There was no public comment/participation.

## **10. SPECIAL REPORTS**

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

Action: 11.01 Personnel Actions Report  
Recommendation to approve the Personnel Actions Report

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Donna McNaughton, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

President Rapiejko announced the retirement of Christl Olsen, Senior Clerk Typist.

Action: 11.02 Schedule J - Committee on Special Education  
Recommendation to approve Schedule J - Committee on Special Education

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Donna McNaughton, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

Action: 11.03 Foreign Travel

Recommendation to approve a request for foreign travel for students to countries outside of the United States:

11.03.1 Reykjavik, Iceland June 27, 2018 - July 1, 2018

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Donna McNaughton, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

Action: 11.04 Policies - Second Read and Adopt

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

- 11.04.1 Policy #8115 "Pesticides and Pest Management" (replaces #3601 "Integrated Pest Management Program")
- 11.04.2 Policy #8330 "Authorized Use of School-Owned Materials and Equipment"

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Donna McNaughton, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

Action: 11.05 Policies - First Read

Recommendation to receive for a first read the following policies:

- 11.05.1 Policy #5220 "Student Publications, Productions and Exhibitions" (replaces #6144.1 "Student Freedom of Expression", #6145.3 "Student Publication and Distribution of Publications and Literature", #6154.4 "Guidelines for Selection of School Productions")
- 11.05.2 Policy #5440 "Student Drug and Alcohol Abuse"
- 11.05.3 Policy #6240 "Investment Policy"

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Donna McNaughton, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

Action: 11.06 Schedule of Voting Details

Recommendation to approve the Schedule of Voting Details for the May 16, 2017 Budget Vote and Election of Trustees

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Donna McNaughton, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

Action: 11.07 Election Workers for Bond Referendum

Recommendation to appoint the following election workers for the February 28, 2017 Bond Referendum:

Rebecca Byrne, Maureen O'Brien, Ken Doyle, Barbara Kaminski, William Masucci, Antoinette Brown, Nancy Seals, Lori Drucker, Carolyn Deegan, Phyllis Burke, Carole Dickter, Barbara Oestel, John Burke, Dayna Zielinski, Eva Koch, Cathy Brindisi, Estelle Troglio, Helen Ensmenger, Jeanne Rogers, Mande Khalili, Laura Conti, Kathleen Perry, Jane Hudson, Barbara Cipullo, Joseph Perry, Dorothy Walsh, Pat Naples, Janet Hayes, Isabelle Carpentier, Aida Pintouri-Bould, Joan Zaffiris, Stephanie Manzi, Stephanie Bernhardt, Maria Bechtold, Anne Cajigas, Jennifer Frost, Marion Cochrane, George Faubert

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Donna McNaughton, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

Procedural: 11.08 Designation of Board Members February 28, 2017 Voting Returns

Vice President Stein will bring the voting returns from Dickinson Avenue School, Trustee McNaughton will bring the returns from Fifth Avenue School, and Trustee Topel will bring the voting returns from the William J. Brosnan School to election headquarters.

Action: 11.09 School Calendar for 2017-2018  
Recommendation to adopt the proposed School Calendar for 2017-2018

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Donna McNaughton, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

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

Action: 12.01 Caroline Parker

Recommendation to approve a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Caroline Parker to choreograph for the IB Dance Course, in the amount of \$300 (PE)

Motion by David Badanes, second by Donna McNaughton.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Donna McNaughton, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

Action: 12.02 DLG Music Inc.

Recommendation to approve a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and DLG Music Inc to accompany student performances for IB Music courses, in the amount of \$1,001.25 (F&PA)

Motion by David Badanes, second by Donna McNaughton.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Donna McNaughton, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

Action: 12.03 Urban Studies Field Trip Donation

Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby gratefully accepts a donation of \$435 from Northport-East Northport residents whose names are more fully set forth in the attached document, for the purposes of covering the cost of transportation for the Northport High School Urban Studies class museum field trip on January 12, 2017 and increase the 2016-2017 budget code A2110.4161.30.2903 by \$435 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 \$435 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of donations from Northport-East Northport residents."

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Donna McNaughton, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

Action: 12.04 Urban Studies Field Trip Donation

Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby gratefully accepts a donation of \$756 from Northport-East Northport residents whose names are more fully set forth in the attached document, for the purposes of covering the cost of transportation for the Northport High School Urban Studies class field trip on December 21, 2016 and increase the 2016-2017 budget code A2110.4161.30.2903 by \$756 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 \$756 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of donations from Northport-East Northport residents."

Motion by David Badanes, second by Donna McNaughton.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Donna McNaughton, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

Action: 12.05 Sweetbriar Nature Center

Recommendation to approve a Reservation and Contract for Services between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Sweetbriar Nature Center (NAS)

Motion by David Badanes, second by Donna McNaughton.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Donna McNaughton, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

Action: 12.06 John W. Engeman Theater at Northport

Recommendation to approve an Educational Theater Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and the John W. Engeman Theater at Northport (NAS)

Motion by David Badanes, second by Donna McNaughton.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Donna McNaughton, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

Action: 12.07 John W. Engeman Theater at Northport

Recommendation to approve a Rider to Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and the John W. Engeman Theater at Northport, Contract #PR62112677 (FAS)

Motion by David Badanes, second by Donna McNaughton.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Donna McNaughton, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

Action: 12.08 Park East Construction Corp.

Recommendation to remove from table and approve an Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Park East Construction Corporation as Construction Manager of the Proposed 2017 Bond Referendum

Motion by David Badanes, second by Donna McNaughton.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Donna McNaughton, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

Action: 12.09 John W. Engeman Theater at Northport

Recommendation to approve an Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and the John W. Engeman Theater at Northport, Contract #PR62148192 and #PR62233095 (FAS)

Motion by David Badanes, second by Donna McNaughton.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Donna McNaughton, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

Action: 12.10 Motivational Media Assemblies

Recommendation to approve a Presentation Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and National Alliance for Youth Development d/b/a Motivational Media Assemblies (NMS)

Motion by David Badanes, second by Donna McNaughton.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Donna McNaughton, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

Action: 12.11 Hampton Jitney

Recommendation to approve an Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Hampton Jitney (NHS)

Motion by David Badanes, second by Donna McNaughton.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Donna McNaughton, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

Action: 12.12 New York YMCA Camp Greenkill Outdoor Education Center

Recommendation to approve a Rider to Agreement between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and New York YMCA Camp Greenkill Outdoor Education Center (NMS)

Motion by David Badanes, second by Donna McNaughton.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Donna McNaughton, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

Action: 12.14 Claims Auditor Report for Warrants and Schedule of Claims

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

December 2, 2016 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), December 15, 2016 (Accounts Payable Warrant), December 16, 2016 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), December 29, 2016 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), December 29, 2016 (Accounts Payable Warrant), December 2016 (Claims Audit Report)

Motion by David Badanes, second by Donna McNaughton.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Donna McNaughton, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

Action: 12.15 Claims Auditor's Report - Payroll Audit



Recommendation to approve the Claims Auditor's Report - Payroll Audit for Payroll Distribution/Audit dated December 2, 2016 (NMS)

Motion by David Badanes, second by Donna McNaughton.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Donna McNaughton, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

Action: 12.16 Transfer of General Funds

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

Motion by David Badanes, second by Donna McNaughton.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Donna McNaughton, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

Action: 12.17 Hampton Jitney

Recommendation to approve a Rider to Agreement between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Hampton Jitney, Charter #18768 (NHS)

Motion by David Badanes, second by Donna McNaughton.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Donna McNaughton, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

Action: 12.18 Cold War Veterans Property Tax Exemption

Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, New York Real Property Tax Law Section 458-b was amended to provide eligible Cold War Veterans with a real property tax exemption from school taxes similar to exemptions offered under other provisions of the real property tax law so long as the School District in which the real property is located, after public hearing, adopts a resolution authorizing the exemption;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District hereby authorizes the application of the Cold War Veteran Tax Exemption as contained in New York Real Property Tax Law Section 458-b, as amended in the amount of 15% and such exemption shall be applicable to school taxes"

Motion by David Badanes, second by Donna McNaughton.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Donna McNaughton, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

Action: 12.19 BIDS

Recommendation to take specified action on the following BIDS:

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:**

12.19.1 AWARD: Boiler Replacement at Norwood Avenue School (Re-Bid)

12.19.2 AWARD: Bleacher and Press Box Replacement at Northport High School

Motion by David Badanes, second by Donna McNaughton.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Donna McNaughton, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

### **13. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

Information: 13.01 Schedule H - Use of Facilities

Information: 13.02 Budget Transfers for the period January 20, 2017 through January 31, 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**

Discussion: 15.01 Board consideration of National PTA Statement for discussion on a future agenda (Trustee Badanes)

Trustee Badanes requested that the Board consider discussing the National PTA Statement regarding the United States Secretary of Education on a future agenda.

The Board agreed to the discussion and suggested that it be a topic for the legislative advocacy committee.

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

Action: 16.01 Adjournment  
Recommendation to adjourn meeting

Motion by Tammie Topel, second by Donna McNaughton.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Donna McNaughton, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

At 8:28 p.m., the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth M. Nystrom  
District Clerk