

Regular Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District was held on Monday evening, February 22, 2010, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in the Board Conference Room at the William J. Brosnan School, 158 Laurel Avenue, Northport, New York, with Mr. Stephen V. Waldenburg, Jr., Chairperson, opening the meeting and presiding.

Members present: Mrs. Liz Dragone, Mr. Joe Gannon, Mr. Rob Ingraham, Mr. Tim Madden, Mrs. Donna McNaughton, Dr. Kay Hutchins Sato, Mr. Stephen V. Waldenburg, Jr., Mrs. Karen Wills

Members absent: None  
One board seat vacant

Also present: Dr. Marylou McDermott, Superintendent (Executive Session only)  
Mr. John Lynch, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Services  
Dr. Terry Bouton, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources  
Ms. Kathleen Molander, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
Mr. Matthew Nelson, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Administration

1. President Waldenburg called the meeting to order.

Motion was made by Trustee Madden, seconded by Trustee McNaughton, to convene in Executive Session to discuss matters leading to the appointment of particular persons and matters pertaining to contract negotiations

Unanimously carried.

At 7:45 p.m., motion was made by Trustee Wills, seconded by Trustee Sato, to reconvene in public session in the Cafeteria at the William J. Brosnan School.

Unanimously carried.

Public attendance: There were approximately 35 persons present.

2. Mr. Waldenburg led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance; and
3. Pointed out the emergency exits.

President Waldenburg announced that Dr. Marylou McDermott, Superintendent, would not be available for the public meeting due to a personal issue.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT AND MONTHLY SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Motion was made by Trustee McNaughton, seconded by Trustee Gannon, to approve all items under 4:

- 4.1 There were no minutes for approval.
- 4.2 Treasurer's Report and Monthly Summary of Receipts and Disbursements
  - 4.2.1 Treasurer's Report for the period October 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009
  - 4.2.2 Monthly Summary of Receipts and Disbursements for October 2009

Unanimously carried.

5. SPECIAL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

5.1 Accomplishments of Staff and Students

5.1.1 Mr. William Esner, District Chairperson of Science, introduced the Science Department Student of the Month, Chelsea Culbert. Mr. Esner stated that Chelsea is a highly-motivated student who loves the challenge of schoolwork and is enrolled in the International Baccalaureate diploma program. In addition to her schoolwork, Chelsea is one of the shining stars of the high school's A Midwinter Night's Dream committee, participating in the fund raising efforts of the team and becoming actively involved in performing real medical research at Johns Hopkins University in an effort to help find an ALS cure. Mr. Esner noted that Chelsea spent five weeks of her summer vacation preparing photos of mouse muscle tissue for use as a control model in a study of ALS and other degenerative diseases at Johns Hopkins University. Chelsea has entered research projects in the prestigious Siemens and Intel competitions and has committed to majoring in science in college and will likely pursue a career in the medical research field.

President Waldenburg and Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Services John Lynch congratulated Chelsea on her fine achievements and presented her with a commendation from the Board.

5.2 Review of Instructional Initiatives in the following areas:

5.2.1 Mr. William Esner, District Chairperson of Science, presented the 2009-2010 Science Education Initiatives. Mr. Esner stated that the 2009-2010 science initiatives include mapping elementary science curricula utilizing the Moodle on-line learning system to better correlate the curricula to the New York State Elementary Science Core Curriculum and increase teacher collaboration in the development of science lessons and materials. The science initiatives also include developing common mid-year assessments for all Regents-level science courses in the middle schools and the high school for January 2011, and developing an on-line course curriculum and resource area for 6<sup>th</sup> grade science teachers using the tools available in the Moodle on-line learning system. Mr. Esner reviewed the elementary level performance noting strong achievement with 96% of students scoring levels 3 or 4 on the Grade 4 Elementary Level Science Test. Mr. Esner also noted strong achievement on the Intermediate Level Science Assessment with 91% scoring at levels 3 and 4, and 100% passing and over 90% mastery on the Earth Science Regents at the middle school level. Mr. Esner reviewed the Commencement Level (high school) science performance noting strong overall performance levels in 2009 in Regents, Advanced Placement, and IB course exams. Mr. Esner stated that the department is utilizing item analysis and the Castle Learning online homework/review program in an effort to improve instructional weaknesses in all subject areas.

There was a brief discussion regarding the regents and state exams, after school science clubs, the science research program and the Castle online program.

President Waldenburg thanked Mr. Esner for his very informative report.

5.2.2 Mr. Bill Claps, Technology Education Lead Teacher, presented the 2009-2010 Technology Education Initiatives. In an overview of the Technology Education program, Mr. Claps stated that technology education provides an opportunity for students to learn about the processes and knowledge related to technology that are needed to solve problems and extend human capabilities. At the middle school level students study the fundamentals through Introduction to Technology. The high school technology areas include Electronics/Robotics, Engineering, Transportation/Power, Information Technology, Technical Drawing, and Materials/Production. Mr. Claps reviewed the Middle School Program, the High School Program including Engineering, Information Technology and Project Lead the Way. Mr. Claps stated that the Technology Education Initiatives include attaining "Certified" stated for

the Project Lead the Way program at the high school, marketing Project Lead the Way courses to students in both the high school and middle schools with particular emphasis on encouraging more female student to participate, and working with industry partners in an effort to expand resources available.

There was a brief discussion regarding technology education at the elementary level and the Project Lead the Way program.

President Waldenburg thanked Mr. Claps for his fine report.

5.2.3 President Waldenburg stated that the Health Education Initiatives will be presented at a future meeting.

5.3 The President of the Board reviewed the upcoming Board of Education meetings scheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup>, March 15<sup>th</sup>, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, and April 14<sup>th</sup>. President Waldenburg noted that the Superintendent will present the proposed 2010-2011 budget on March 8<sup>th</sup> and budget discussions will be held on March 15<sup>th</sup> and March 22<sup>nd</sup>, followed by a Preliminary Hearing to receive additional public input on the budget on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

## 6. COMMUNICATIONS

6.1 Letter from Mrs. John Johnson, Clerk of Western Suffolk BOCES, received February 2, 2010, re: nominations for component boards of education which must be submitted by March 26, 2010.

## 7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Armand D'Accordo UTN-EN	Inquired about the high school attendance team stating that every teacher takes attendance in each class and there should have been a way to solve the problem without spending additional money for an attendance team.

President Waldenburg asked Mr. D'Accordo to bring the question up again during the budget discussions.

Jean Baron UTN-EN	Stated the District could have clerical staff performing the attendance duties. Ms. Baron also inquired about changes to the inclusion program for next year, a faculty meeting on January 25 <sup>th</sup> , the E-team and their planned trips.
----------------------	---

Vice President Dragone stated that there is a statue stating when there is an incorporated village within a school district the district is required to have an attendance teacher.

Mr. John Lynch, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Services, stated that there has been no change in the law regarding the inclusion program and continuum of services is determined at each annual review.

President Waldenburg asked Ms. Baron to direct her remaining questions in writing to Mr. Matthew Nelson, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction.

Motion was made by Trustee Ingraham, seconded by Trustee Sato, to approve all items under 8. and 9., including Supplemental 8.1.6 (Schedule M #1), and excluding severed item 9.4.

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

8.1 Personnel Schedules, each dated February 22, 2010, and each attached and made part of the official minutes:

- 8.1.1 Schedule A - Certified Staff
- 8.1.2 Schedule B - Non-Instructional Staff
- 8.1.3 Schedule C - Salary Transfers
- 8.1.4 Schedule D - Extra Pay
- 8.1.5 Schedule J - Committee on Special Education
- 8.1.6 Schedule M - Tenure

8.2 Receiving for a second reading and adopting the following textbook:

- 8.2.1 Earth Science The Physical Setting Earth Science  
Thomas McGuire AMSCO Grade 8 and 9

8.3 Receiving for a first reading the following textbook:

- 8.3.1 Biology Concepts & Connections 6<sup>th</sup> Edition AP Biology  
Campbell, Reece, et. al Pearson Grade 11 and 12

8.4 Approving the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, that the Administration be and hereby is authorized and directed to commence due process hearing to obtain consent for appropriate testing of a classified student known to the Office of Pupil Services”

8.5 Approving the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, that the Administration be and hereby is authorized and directed to appeal to the State Review Officer, the decision of Michael Lazan in connection with a special education hearing regarding a student known to the Board of Education, and that any and all actions heretofore taken in furtherance of the foregoing be and are hereby ratified and confirmed”

8.6 Authorizing the administration to survey the community to determine the extent of need for a school breakfast program for the 2010-2011 school year.

9. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT, FINANCIAL - FOR BOARD ACTION

9.1 Taking specified action on the following BIDS:

LONG ISLAND SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR’S ASSOCIATION  
COOPERATIVE:

- 9.1.1 Award – Meat
- 9.1.2 Award – Dairy
- 9.1.3 Award – Small Equipment
- 9.1.4 Award – Large Equipment

9.2 Approving the following donations to the District:

9.2.1 \$1,000.00 from Mr. David L. Quigley to the Laurence J. Quigley ALS Memorial Scholarship Fund and \$500.00 from Mr. David L. Quigley to the Laurene G. Quigley Memorial Scholarship Fund

9.3 Authorizing the Board President to sign a contract with the following district to provide Health Services for Northport-East Northport students attending school in that district during the 2009-2010 school year:

9.3.1 Huntington Union Free School District, three (3) students attending St. Patrick School @ \$643.78, totaling \$1,931.34

9.4 Severed

After a brief discussion, the Board requested clarification from Board counsel regarding the proposed MTA resolution.

Vote on Trustee Ingraham's motion to approve all items under 8. and 9., including Supplemental 8.1.6 (Schedule M #1), and excluding severed item 9.4 was unanimously carried.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - FOR INFORMATION ONLY

10.1 Schedule I – Home Instruction

10.2 Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report as of October 2009

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12. NEW BUSINESS

President Waldenburg stated that Dr. McDermott asked him to speak on her behalf stating that it is her interest to lead this District by example in the best interests of the children and as such she wishes to take a salary freeze this coming year in order to assist the District in its efforts to bring forth a minimal budget for the community. President Waldenburg stated that this is the second year in a row that the Superintendent has taken a salary freeze.

Trustee Ingraham stated that this is the second consecutive year in which Dr. McDermott, on her own, has agreed to freeze her salary. Mr. Ingraham stated that Dr. McDermott certainly recognizes the dire financial straits we are in and understands that we all have to share in the sacrifice and we all have to be part of the solution. Mr. Ingraham stated that the Board must demonstrate to the community that they also recognize the state of the economy and are doing everything with their power to limit the tax rate increase while maintaining the strong educational programs.

Motion was made by Trustee Ingraham, seconded by Trustee McNaughton, that the Board of Education freeze the salaries of all district employees who fall under Board policy, non-unionized District employees, for the 2010-2011 school year and that none of these employees receive a raise from their salary as of December 31, 2009.

There was a brief discussion regarding what personnel falls under Board policy and the range of salaries involved. Several Board members requested additional information from the administration regarding Trustee Ingraham's motion.

Motion was made by Trustee Madden, seconded by Trustee Wills, to postpone consideration of Trustee Ingraham's motion until March 8, 2010 when additional information is provided to the Board.

Vote on Trustee Madden's motion was as follows:

YES: Mrs. Dragone, Mr. Madden, Dr. Sato, Mr. Waldenburg, Mrs. Wills  
NO: Mr. Gannon, Mr. Ingraham, Mrs. McNaughton

Motion passed.

There being no further business to discuss at this time, motion was made by Trustee Dragone, seconded by Trustee Sato, to adjourn the regular meeting and reconvene in Public Work Session in the Board Conference Room.

At 9:50 p.m., the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

---

Beth M. Nystrom  
District Clerk

bmn