

Special Meeting

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District was held on Tuesday evening, July 28, 2015, beginning at 5:33 p.m., in the Board Conference Room at the William J. Brosnan School, 158 Laurel Avenue, Northport, New York, with Mr. Andrew Rapiejko, Chairperson, opening the meeting and presiding.

Members present: Mr. David Badanes, Ms. Julia Binger, Mrs. Lori McCue, Mrs. Regina Pisacani, Mr. Andrew Rapiejko, Mr. David Stein, Mrs. Jennifer Thompson, Mrs. Tammie Topel

Members absent: Mrs. Donna McNaughton

Also present: Mr. Robert Banzer, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Kathleen Molander, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Mr. Lou Curra, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Ms. Carrie-Anne Tondo, Board Counsel, Ingerman Smith, LLP
Ms. Kristi DiPaolo, Board Counsel, Ingerman Smith, LLP

1. President Rapiejko called the meeting to order.

Public attendance: There were approximately 15 persons present.

2. Motion was made by Trustee Badanes, seconded by Trustee Topel, to immediately convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to contract negotiations, matters pertaining to potential litigation, and matters pertaining to the employment history of particular persons.

Unanimously carried by those present.

At 6:30 p.m. the Board reconvened in Public Session.

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

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Topel, to approve item 5.01

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, GENERAL – FOR BOARD ACTION

5.01 Approving the following resolution:

“WHEREAS, the property owner, Frederick Giachetti, Del Vino Vineyards, of 29 Norwood Road, Northport, New York, has cleared the subject property in order to prepare the property for the planting of crops, and

WHEREAS, 29 Norwood Road directly abuts the Norwood Avenue Elementary School fields, and

WHEREAS, as part of the clearing process the property owner of 29 Norwood Road, Northport, New York has disturbed soil, some of which may have blown onto District property, and

WHEREAS, when testing was conducted in 2007 the soil on 29 Norwood Road, Northport, New York, was found to contain certain contaminants, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District believes that it is in the District's best interest to test the soil at Norwood Avenue Elementary School for the presence of contaminants, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District to employ the services of a consultant to test the soil at Norwood Avenue Elementary School, and to enter into an agreement with the consultant who best meets the qualifications of the District, subject to preparation of a written agreement approved by counsel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that once an appropriate consultant has been selected by the District to test the soil at Norwood Avenue School, the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute such agreement on behalf of the Board of Education."

Board Counsel Tondo gave a brief explanation of the resolution stating that it is a proactive approach by the District and that the attorneys are still gathering information and will need all the facts and information before forming an opinion. Ms. Tondo expressed that all avenues are being explored by the Board.

There was a discussion between the Board, community members and Counsel regarding cost proposals, type of testing, timeline before the beginning of the school year, a soil study from 2007, information from the Town of Huntington, and access to the playground

Vote on Trustee McCue's motion to approve item 5.01 was unanimously carried by those present.

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Stein, to approve item 5.02

5.02 Approving the Personnel Actions Report dated July 28, 2015, attached and made part of the official minutes.

Vote on Trustee McCue's motion to approve item 5.02 was unanimously carried by those present.

Motion was made by Trustee Binger, seconded by Trustee Topel, to adjourn the meeting.

Unanimously carried by those present.

At 7:20 p.m., the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Beth M. Nystrom
District Clerk

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