

Regular Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District was held on Monday evening, December 13, 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: Ms. Julia Binger, Mr. Joe Gannon, Mrs. Lori McCue, Mrs. Donna McNaughton, Mr. Andrew Rapiejko, Mrs. Jennifer Thompson, Mr. Stephen V. Waldenburg, Jr., Mrs. Karen Wills

Members absent: None
One board seat vacant

Also present: Dr. Marylou McDermott, Superintendent of Schools
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 Gannon, seconded by Trustee McNaughton, to convene in Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to potential litigation. These matters cannot be discussed in public session because public discussion of the matter would compromise the District's position in that litigation.

Unanimously carried.

At 7:45 p.m., the Board reconvened in public session in the cafeteria at the William J. Brosnan School.

Public attendance: There were approximately 75 persons present.

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

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

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Gannon, to approve all items under 4.01

- 4.01 Minutes

- 4.01.1 Regular Meeting, November 29, 2010

Unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Binger, seconded by Trustee Thompson, to approve all items under 4.02

- 4.02 Treasurer's Report and Monthly Summary of Receipts and Disbursements

- 4.02.1 Treasurer's Report for the period July 1, 2010 through July 31, 2010

- 4.02.2 Monthly Summary of Receipts and Disbursements for July 2010

Unanimously carried.

5. SPECIAL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

5.01 Accomplishments of Staff and Students

5.01.1 Mr. Andrew Manzo, District Chairperson of Social Studies K-12, introduced Chirag Munim, Social Studies Department Student of the Month. Mr. Manzo stated that Chirag has taken both Advanced Placement and IB classes in social studies and is one of a select few students who is both an Academy of Finance and IB Diploma candidate. In addition to his academic success, Chirag participates in an abundance of community and extracurricular activities including Students for 60,000, varsity track and tennis, DECA, Business Honor Society and Law Club. Mr. Manzo noted that Chirag was an Annenberg Foundation scholarship recipient, enabling him to travel to Washington D.C. and meet with three Supreme Court Justices. Mr. Manzo stated that in college Chirag plans to dual major in pre-med and economics and has applied “early decision” to the University of Pennsylvania and is also interested in Cornell, Johns Hopkins and the University of Michigan.

President Waldenburg and Superintendent McDermott congratulated Chirag on his fine accomplishments and presented him with a commendation from the Board.

5.01.2 Mr. Andrew Manzo introduced the following winners of Northport Historical Society’s “Once Upon a Time in Northport” Contest: (Elementary) Gregory Dilimetin, D.J. Myers, Sean O’Malley, Emily Serrao; (Middle School) Elizabeth Carr, Nicholas Medaglia, Taylor Pearl, Victoria Porter

5.01.3 Mr. Andrew Manzo introduced the following New York State Archives Award Recipients: Sophie Ambro, Ian Buitenkant, Elizabeth Carr, Gabriella Gucciardo, Delilah Hassan, Devin Navas, Jake Robinson and Nell Worden

5.01.4 Mr. Andrew Manzo introduced students Timothy Foley and Youn-hee Chung whose political cartoons were published in the New York State Council for the Social Studies Newsletter

5.01.5 Mr. Andrew Manzo announced the Boys/Girls State Leadership Program Award Recipients, sponsored by the Northport American Legion Post 694:

Girls State Program: Erin O’Brien

Boys State Program: Michael Dygulski, Samuel Kim, Kevin Ross, Paul Scancarelli, Luke Stypulkowski, Ryan Thorne

5.02 Dr. McDermott, Superintendent of School, reviewed the 2010 New York State Report Card. Dr. McDermott stated that student performance in ELA, mathematics and science is determined using a Performance Index (PI) calculation. This calculation uses four levels of student achievements: Level 1 = Below Standard, Level 2 = Meets Basic Standard, Level 3 = Meets Proficiency Standard, Level 4 = Exceeds Proficiency Standard. The 2008-2010 data for Grades 3-5 ELA, Grades 6-8 ELA, Grades 6-8 ELA, Grades 3-5 Mathematics, Grades 6-8 Mathematics, Grades 4 & 8 Science, Grades 5 & 8 Social Studies, Secondary Level ELA and Secondary level Mathematics was reviewed. The graduation rate for the 2003, 2004 and 2005 cohorts was noted to be above the expected state standard levels. The District’s 2010-2011 Differentiated Accountability Statuses was in good standing at all levels.

There was discussion regarding differentiated instruction, change in the state proficiency standard, graduation rate, and NWEA assessments. Mr. Matthew Nelson, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Administration, stated that a NWEA presentation will be given to the Board in January.

5.03 Review of Instructional Initiatives in the following area:

5.03.1 Social Studies

Mr. Andrew Manzo stated that the 2010-2011 Social Studies Initiatives are to increase infusion of economics into K-12 curriculum with emphasis on financial literacy and curriculum development; develop use of data to inform instruction K-12 toward more targeted instruction and formative measures of student growth; continue professional development workshops focusing on integration of technology into lessons and student work; continue work on DBQ initiatives of 2009-10, focusing particularly on the transition years of grade 5-6 and grade 8-9; and review elementary scope and sequence to ensure consistency across the district and development of differentiated instruction within units. Mr. Manzo noted that teachers use interest inventories, skills assessments and test data to assist in planning for differentiation.

Mr. Manzo reviewed the Grade 5 and 8 Social Studies data, the 2004, 2005 and 2006 Cohort data in Global History and US History, and the AP and IB test data.

There was a brief discussion regarding the elimination of the grade 5 and 8 state standardized testing and the graduation requirements in social studies.

President Waldenburg thanked Mr. Manzo for his informative report.

5.04 The President of the Board reviewed the upcoming Board of Education meetings of January 10th, January 24th, February 7th and February 28th.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

6.01 Email from Ms. Denise Summers Mumm to Members of the Board, received November 29, 2010, re: Bill Gates article.

Ms. Jean Baron spoke on Ms. Mumm's behalf and asked the superintendent if she has heard anything from the convention held in November that Mr. Gates attended, and if there were any publications available.

Dr. McDermott stated that she would check if there were any publications and any overhaul would be a statewide effort. Dr. McDermott noted that the District has to plan according to what exists now.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Joe Sabia Resident	Asked if there was any new information regarding LIPA after the meeting with the Town of Huntington

Trustee Gannon stated that the meeting was more of people stating their positions and that they will proceed into weekly strategic meetings. Mr. Gannon stated that the long term solution needs to be a political one and that LIPA is a public authority governed by a board appointed by the Governor.

President Waldenburg stated that the voice of the community needs to be heard and that the Board is looking out for the District's best interest.

Fred Trudwig Resident	Asked if there was any discussion on working with Port Jefferson
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Trustee Gannon stated that Port Jefferson was mentioned but the focus now is on the various entities in Huntington. Mr. Gannon noted that the school district does not have a standing in the tax certiorari.

Dave Ambro
The Observer Stated that the Town of Huntington does the assessments and collects the taxes and if the LIPA tax challenge is settled the money to be paid out would be the responsibility of the Town of Huntington.

Joe Stewart
Resident Stated that there should be language written into the teachers' contract that deals with unforeseen fiscal challenges such as the LIPA assessment.

Trustee Gannon stated that the LIPA Act and agreements are available on LIPA's website and stated that a link could be put on the District's website to those documents.

Jean Baron
UTN-EN Stated that there are too many people losing homes to foreclosure and the District must look at many issues in the budget

Dr. Nina Dorata
Resident Stated that the District should develop financial disaster plans and not wait until the day comes when it's missing 20% of the budget, that the Our Schools published last month did not use actual data and it was missing that the District actual budget came in nearly \$10 million under, and that the budget status report data is five months old. Dr. Dorata also asked when the Board directed the internal auditors in what areas to scrutinize, if the Board approved the internal audit areas for fiscal 2010, and stated that she believes no direction was given by the Board. Dr. Dorata also stated that the Board should be held accountable for the inefficiency of the entire internal audit process.

Dr. McDermott stated that the administration has been working on the 2011-2012 budget since July, they are cognizant of the impact of the LIPA tax assessment, and they are planning for future needs in a fiscally responsible manner.

Trustee Gannon stated that the Board received the recommendations, reviewed the recommendations and did not act to change any risk areas.

Jean Baron
UTN-EN Inquires about the number of graduate who received the IB Diploma and stated that the UTN-EN has an outstanding FOIL request and that it should be provided electronically.

Dr. Terry Bouton, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, stated that a response was sent to the FOIL request.

Mr. Matthew Nelson, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Administration, stated that there were twenty-six IB Diploma candidates and twenty-five received the diploma. There was a brief discussion regarding the IB program, increasing enrollment in the program, and the diverse programs and richness of opportunities offered at the high school. Dr. McDermott stated that the IB Diploma is highly recognized by many colleges and that it is the best college preparation program.

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Binger, to approve all items under 8.01, including Supplemental 8.01.1 (Schedule A #11-14), Supplemental 8.01.2 (Schedule B #11), and excluding severed item 8.01.5 (Schedule L)

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

8.01 Personnel Schedules, each dated December 13, 2010, and each attached and made part of the official minutes:

8.01.1 Schedule A - Certified Staff (including Supplemental A #11-14)

- 8.01.2 Schedule B - Non-Instructional Staff (including Supplemental B #11)
- 8.01.3 Schedule D - Extra Pay
- 8.01.4 Schedule J - Committee on Special Education

Vote on Trustee McCue's motion to approve all items under 8.01, including Supplemental 8.01.1 (Schedule A #11-14), Supplemental 8.01.2 (Schedule B #11), and excluding severed item 8.01.5 (Schedule L) was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee McNaughton, to approve item 8.01.5 (Schedule L)

- 8.01.5 Schedule L - PDC UTN

Vote on Trustee McCue's motion to approve item 8.01.5 was as follows:

YES: Ms. Binger, Mr. Gannon, Mrs. McCue, Mrs. McNaughton, Mr. Rapiejko, Mrs. Thompson,
Mr. Waldenburg
ABSTAIN: Mrs. Wills

Motion passed.

Motion was made by Trustee McNaughton, seconded by Trustee Thompson, to approve all remaining items under 8. and 9.

- 8.02 Receiving for a first reading the following policies:

8.02.1 Policy #2160 – *“School District Officer and Employee Code of Ethics”* (replaces Policy #4001 “Code of Ethics for Board Members”, #4116.24 “Personnel – Duties and Responsibilities”, #1313 “Gifts to School Personnel”, #4134.1 “Paid Tutoring by District Staff”, and #8230 “Remuneration and Reimbursement”)

Due to a question regarding wording in the policy regarding gift values, item 8.02.1 was tabled until further review by the Policy Committee.

8.02.2 Policy #5300 – *“Public Conduct on School Property”* (replaces Policy #5145/4216.1 “Civil and Legal Rights and Responsibilities”)

There was a long discussion regarding the policy prohibiting “wearing of materials on school grounds or at school functions that promote/advertise tobacco products and/or products containing alcohol.”

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Rapiejko, to call the question.

Vote on Trustee McCue's motion to call the question was as follows:

YES: None
NO: Ms. Binger, Mr. Gannon, Mrs. McCue, Mrs. McNaughton, Mr. Rapiejko, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Waldenburg, Mrs. Wills

Motion failed.

- 8.02.3 Policy #5300.5 – *“Corporal Punishment”*

- 8.02.4 Policy #8635 – *“Information Security Breach and Notification”*

8.03 Rescinding the following policy:

8.03.1 Policy #6190 – “*Home Schooling Instruction*”

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

9.01 Taking specified action on the following BIDS:

EDUCATIONAL:

9.01.1 Hardcover/Paperback Books

CAPITAL PROJECT:

9.01.2 Partial Window Replacement at Ocean Avenue School and East Northport Middle School

9.02 Approving transfer of general fund appropriations in the 2010-2011 budget

9.03 Approving a 2010-2011 Special Education Services Contract between Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Smithtown Central School District

9.04 Receiving the following donations to the District:

9.04.1 \$1,000.00 from Linda A. Gruhn to the Happy School Bus Scholarship Fund

9.04.2 Jewelry equipment and tools (tumbler, polisher, hand tools) from Ms. Amanda Register to Northport High School, value estimated by the donor to be approximately \$400

9.05 Approving the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$178 toward the purchase of school supplies for Norwood Avenue Elementary School and increase the 2010-2011 budget code A2110.5030.14.2000 by \$178 for this purpose

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2010-2011 budget by \$178 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of Halloween candy donations made by Norwood Avenue Elementary School students to Huntington Bay Dental”

9.06 Approving membership in the New York State School Boards Association in the amount of \$11,115.00 for 2011

9.07 Approving the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the appropriation codes A2110.1500.00.0802 (Instructional Salaries Districtwide After School Language Program) by \$9,800.00; A2110.1630.00.0802 (Teacher Aides Salaries Districtwide After School Language Program) by \$3,040.00; A2110.5030.00.0802 (Instructional Supplies Districtwide After School Language Program) by \$4,800.00; and A5510.4640.00.0802 (Transportation In-District Contractual Districtwide After School Language Program) by \$10,640.00 with the understanding that this increase in appropriations is the result of unanticipated expenses associated with the After School Elementary Language Program

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A1312 of the 2010-2011 budget by \$28,280.00 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of the collection of fees for the After School Elementary Language Program”

Vote on Trustee McNaughton’s motion to approve all remaining items under 8. and 9., excluding tabled item 8.02.1 (Policy #2160) was unanimously carried.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - FOR INFORMATION ONLY

10.01 Student Activity Account Reports for July 2010 from:

- 10.01.1 Northport High School
- 10.01.2 East Northport Middle School
- 10.01.3 Northport Middle School

10.02 Schedule H – Use of Facilities

10.03 Schedule I – Home Instruction

10.04 Investment Report for July 2010

10.05 Collateral Report for July 2010

10.06 Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report as of July 2010

In response to a question, Ms. Kathleen Molander, Assistant Superintendent for Business, stated that the \$566,000 adjustment in the general fund are rollover encumbrances of open purchase orders as of June 30, 2010. Ms. Molander stated that these are valid purchase orders, valid encumbrances which are permitted to be rolled forward into the following year.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12. NEW BUSINESS

13. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:20 p.m., there being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Trustee Wills, seconded by Trustee McNaughton to adjourn the public meeting and convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to contractual agreements. These matters cannot be discussed in public session because public discussion would compromise the District’s position in negotiating the agreement.

Unanimously carried

At 11:00 p.m. the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Beth M. Nystrom
District Clerk