

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 8, 2014, beginning at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Conference Room at the William J. Brosnan School, 158 Laurel Avenue, Northport, New York, with Ms. Julia R. Binger, Chairperson, opening the meeting and presiding.

Members present: Mr. David Badanes, Ms. Julia Binger, Mr. James Maloney, Mrs. Lori McCue, Mrs. Donna McNaughton, Mrs. Regina Pisacani, Mr. Andrew Rapiejko, Mrs. Jennifer Thompson, Mr. Stephen V. Waldenburg, Jr.

Members absent: None

Also present: Ms. Kathleen Molander, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Mr. Matthew Nelson, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Administration
Ms. Rosemarie Coletti, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Mr. John Gross, Esq., Board Counsel, Ingerman Smith LLP

1. President Binger called the meeting to order.

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Maloney, to convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to contract negotiations and matters pertaining to the employment history of particular persons.

Unanimously carried.

At 7:07 p.m. the Board reconvened in public session in the Cafeteria at the William J. Brosnan School.

Public attendance: There were approximately 200 persons present.

2. Ms. Binger led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance; and
3. Pointed out the emergency exits.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Trustee Badanes, seconded by Trustee Waldenburg, to approve all items under 4.01

4.01 Minutes

- 4.01.1 Special Meeting, November 13, 2014
- 4.01.2 Regular Meeting, November 17, 2014

Unanimously carried.

5. SPECIAL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

President Binger announced that due to family health issues Dr. McDermott will be resigning effective January 9, 2015. Dr. Thomas Caramore will be named as Interim Superintendent of Schools. Ms. Binger stated that the Board has invited Dr. McDermott to the January 12th Board Meeting to give her a proper sendoff and to the Robert W. Krueger Center for the Performing Arts Dedication Concert on January 10th.

Motion was made by Trustee Waldenburg, seconded by Trustee McNaughton to approve the following resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Dr. Marylou McDermott, which resignation is effective January 9, 2015, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute a certain separation agreement between the District and Dr. Marylou McDermott.”

Vote on Trustee Waldenburg’s motion was as follows:

YES: Mr. Badanes, Ms. Binger, Mr. Maloney, Mrs. McCue, Mrs. McNaughton, Mrs. Pisacani, Mr. Rapiejko, Mr. Waldenburg

NO: Mrs. Thompson

Motion passed.

Motion was made by Trustee Waldenburg, seconded by Trustee McNaughton, to approve the following resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education herewith appoints Dr. Thomas Caramore as Interim Superintendent of Schools, which appointment will begin with this employment on January 5, 2015 through January 9, 2015 for the purposes of transition of leadership and thereafter effective January 9, 2015 as Interim Superintendent of Schools, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute a certain employment agreement between the District and Dr. Thomas Caramore.”

Vote on Trustee Waldenburg’s motion was unanimously carried.

President Binger stated that the Robert W. Krueger Center for the Performing Arts Dedication Concert will be held on Saturday, January 10th at 2:00 p.m.

5.01 For Information: Upcoming Meetings.

The President of the Board reviewed the upcoming Board of Education meetings scheduled for January 12th, January 26th and February 9th.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications to the Board.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Comment</u>
David Stein Parent	Stated that he wanted to add his voice to the choir of people in the community in support of full day kindergarten. Mr. Stein stated that he is searching for viable alternatives to Northport’s half day program now that the program is losing instruction time. Mr. Stein asked where the District stood on full day kindergarten.

Dr. McDermott stated that the District is awaiting results from a demographic study being performed by BOCES and once that report is received it will be discussed by the Board.

Pat Gardiner
Parent Stated that the several girls from the Northport Varsity Field Hockey Team attended the Suffolk County Awards Dinner and noted that other Districts provide a purchase order to pay for the dinner and asked why Northport does not. Ms. Gardiner asked where the funds received from the summer camps through Community Services go.

Robyn Carlson
Parent Stated that the Administrative Regulation regarding designated school entrances needs to be changed to the front entrance to the schools.

Dr. McDermott stated that the Board received information from Transportation Supervisor Patricia McGrane regarding changing the regulation to just one entrance point. Ms. McGrane stated that the increase in cost would be approximately \$335,127.83 per year.

There was a discussion regarding uniform entrance points and budgetary issues. The Board requested information from Ms. McGrane on the actual entrance points which were measured.

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

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Waldenburg, to approve all items under 8.0

8.01 Personnel Actions Report, dated December 8, 2014, attached and made part of the official minutes.

President Binger announced the retirement of Kevin Commins, Ocean Avenue Elementary School Lead Custodian.

8.02 Approving Schedule J, Committee on Special Education

8.03 Appointing the following per diem school psychologist to serve as chairperson for the Sub-committee of the Committee on Special Education (SCSE) and 504 Committee meetings during the 2014-2015 school year: Vanessa Costanzo

Vote on Trustee McCue's motion to approve all items under 8.0 was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Waldenburg, seconded by Trustee McCue, to approve all items under 9.0 with the exception of severed items 9.19 and 9.41.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, FINANCIAL – FOR BOARD ACTION

9.01 Taking specified action on the following BIDS:

EDUCATIONAL:

9.01.1 AWARD: Hardcover/Paperback Books

9.01.2 AWARD: Kindergarten through Fifth Grade Supplies

9.01.3 AWARD: Hardware and Automotive Parts and Service

9.01.4 AWARD: Uniforms – Security

TRANSPORTATION:

9.01.5 AWARD: Transportation for District Students with Disabilities
Attending Out-of-District Schools

9.02 Declaring the following piece of equipment owned by the School District that is outdated, broken and no longer cost effective to repair, as surplus and dispose of according to Board

Policy: Refrigerator, Asset #103376, Mfg. Traulsen, Model RHT 2-34 PUT, Serial # 1041, Bellerose - Kitchen

9.03 Receiving the following donation to the District:

9.03.1 \$300.00 from Gene Madiou to the RoseAnn Madiou Memorial Scholarship

9.04 Approving the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$449.35 toward the purchase of classroom supplies for Dickinson Avenue Elementary School and increase the 2014-2015 budget code A2110.5030.11.0200 by \$449.35 for this purpose.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2014-2015 budget by \$449.35 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of the Dickinson Avenue Elementary School participation in Target Take Charge of Education Program.”

9.05 Approving the following resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby gratefully accepts a donation of \$840 from Northport-East Northport residents whose names are more fully set forth in the attached document for the purpose of covering the cost of transportation for the Northport High School Urban Studies class field trip on October 30, 2014 and increase the 2014-2015 budget code A2110.4161.30.2903 by \$840 for this purpose.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2014-2015 budget by \$840 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of donations from Northport-East Northport residents.”

9.06 Approving the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$1,000.00 toward the purchase of supplies for the poster printer at Ocean Avenue Elementary School and increase the 2014-2015 budget code A2110.5030.15.0200 by \$1,000.00 for this purpose.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2014-2015 budget by \$1,000.00 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of the donation to Ocean Avenue Elementary School by the PTA.”

9.07 Approving a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Mill Neck Interpreter Service (NHS)

9.08 Approving a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Toby Walker (ENMS)

9.09 Approving a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Motivational Media (NMS)

9.10 Approving two Fire Island Lighthouse School Visitation Applications between the Fire Island Lighthouse Preservation Society and the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District (BAS)

9.11 Approving a 2014-2015 Special Education Services Contract between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and the Board of Education of the Half Hollow Hills Central School District

9.12 Approving a 2014-2015 Special Education Services Contract between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and the Board of Education of the South Huntington Union Free School District.

9.13 Approving a 2014-2015 Special Education Services Contract between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and the Board of Education of the Harborfields Central School District

9.14 Approving a 2014-2015 Special Education Services Contract between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District

9.15 Approving a New York State Education Department Child Nutrition Program Single Permanent Agreement

9.16 Approving a Rider to Agreement between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Frost Valley YMCA (NHS)

9.17 Approving a Rider to Agreement between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and North Fork Express (NHS)

9.18 Approving a Rider to Agreement between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and North Fork Express (DAS)

9.19 Severed.

9.20 Approving a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Motivational Media (ENMS)

9.21 Authorizing 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 2014-2015 school year:

9.21.1 West Islip Union Free School District, fifteen (15) students attending St. John the Baptist High School @ \$746.90, totaling \$11,203.50

9.22 Approving the following resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby gratefully accepts a donation of \$9,050 from Northport-East Northport residents whose names are more fully set forth in the attached document, for the purpose of covering the cost of the 6th Grade Field Trip to New York City on December 17, 2014 and increase the 2014-2015 budget code A2110.4161.21.2902 by \$9,050 for this purpose.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2014-2015 budget by \$9,050 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of donations from Northport-East Northport residents”

9.23 Approving Claims Auditor’s Report for Warrants and Schedule of Claims for payments dated:

September 12, 2014 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), September 15, 2014 (Accounts Payable Warrant), September 26, 2014 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), September 30, 2014 (Accounts Payable Warrant), September 2014 (Claims Audit Report)

9.24 Approving Claims Auditor's Report of Warrants and Schedule of Claims for payments dated:

October 10, 2014 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), October 15, 2014 (Accounts Payable Warrant), October 24, 2014 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), October 31, 2014 (Accounts Payable Warrant), October 2014 (Claims Audit Report)

9.25 Approving Claims Auditor's Report – Payroll Audit for Payroll Distribution/Audit dated September 12, 2014 (OAS)

9.26 Approving Claims Auditor's Report – Payroll Audit for the Payroll Distribution/Audit dated October 24, 2014 (NAS)

9.27 Approving the Treasurer's Report and Monthly Summary of Receipts and Disbursements:

30, 2014 9.27.1 Treasurer's Report for the period September 1, 2014 through September

9.27.2 Monthly Summary of Receipts and Disbursements for September 2014

9.28 Approving Schedule of Investments:

9.28.1 Schedule of Investments as of September 30, 2014

9.29 Approving Collateral Reports:

9.29.1 Collateral Report for September 2014

9.30 Approving Bank Reconciliation Reports:

9.30.1 Bank Reconciliation Report for the month ended September 30, 2014

9.31 Approving General Fund Projected Cash Flow Statements:

9.31.1 For the year ending 2014-2015, Actual Data September 1, 2014 – September 30, 2014, Estimated Data October 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

9.32 Approving Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report, School Lunch Fund:

9.32.1 Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report, School Lunch Fund for the month ending September 30, 2014

9.33 Approving Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report, Special Aid Fund:

9.33.1 Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report, Special Aid Fund for the month ending September 30, 2014

9.34 Approving Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report, General Fund:

9.34.1 Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report, General Fund for the month ending September 30, 2014

9.35 Approving Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report, Capital Fund:

9.35.1 Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report, General Fund for the month ending September 30, 2014

9.36 Approving Quarterly Trial Balance Report for all District Funds for the period July 1, 2014 – September 30, 2014

9.37 Approving School Lunch Profit and Loss Statement for the month ending September 30, 2014

9.38 Approving the Quarterly Budget Transfer Report for the period July 1, 2014 – September 30, 2014

9.39 Approving Student Activity Account Reports for the period July 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014 from:

9.39.1 Northport High School

9.39.2 East Northport Middle School

9.39.3 Northport Middle School

9.40 Approving a 2014-2015 Special Education Services Contract between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and the Board of Education of the West Islip Union Free School District

9.41 Severed.

9.42 Approving transfer of general fund appropriations in the 2014-2015 budget.

9.43 Approving an Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Classic Coach (ENMS)

Vote on Trustee Waldenburg's motion to approve all items under 9.0, with the exception of severed items 9.19 and 9.41, was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Waldenburg, seconded by Trustee McCue, to approve severed items 9.19 and 9.41.

9.19 Approving a Consultant Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and the Long Island Center for Arts and Sciences (FAS)

9.41 Approving a Consultant Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Long Island Center for Arts and Sciences (OAS)

Vote on Trustee Waldenburg's motion was as follows:

YES: Mr. Badanes, Ms. Binger, Mr. Maloney, Mrs. McCue, Mrs. McNaughton, Mrs. Pisacani, Mr. Rapijko, Mrs. Thompson.

ABSTAIN: Mr. Waldenburg

Motion passed.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - FOR INFORMATION ONLY

10.01 Schedule H – Use of Facilities

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Pisacani requested more information regarding the designated entrances at East Northport Middle School and information regarding the clubs that let out at 4:00 – 4:30 p.m. when it is dark.

Mr. Pat DeStefano, East Northport Middle School Principal, stated that it is not procedure to release students out the rear entrance and coaches and advisors stay with the students until they are picked up.

12. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Waldenburg stated that New York State School Boards Association is presenting a webinar on the impact of the fund balance on the next budget. Mr. Waldenburg requested that the District Clerk look into the registration process for the Trustees.

Trustee McNaughton inquired about the Drug and Alcohol Task Force providing Narcan training for staff members. Mrs. McNaughton asked to get legal advice from counsel on what obstacles there might be and how to address this in policy.

Mr. Pat DeStefano, East Northport Middle School Principal, stated that the student council would like to participate in Board Meetings. There was a brief discussion and Mr. DeStefano stated that he would go back and talk with the advisors on a model.

Trustee Badanes stated that there were allegations on whether the District is following the law with regards to FOIL requests and delaying responses improperly. Mr. Badanes asked if they were being properly handled.

District Clerk Beth Nystrom stated that FOIL requests are sent to the District's attorneys and answered with advice from the attorneys. A response is provided within five days stating whether the information is available or if the information is not available when it will, which must be within 20 days. If a request is for substantial documentation an approximate date is provided on when it will be available.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Trustee Waldenburg, seconded by Trustee Rapiejko, to adjourn.

Unanimously carried.

At 8:30 p.m., the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Beth M. Nystrom
District Clerk

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