

Regular Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District was held on Monday evening, March 2, 2015, beginning at 5:30 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: Dr. Thomas Caramore, Interim Superintendent of Schools  
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. Joseph Dragone, Dr. James Ruck, Mr. Peter Scordo

1. President Binger called the meeting to order.

Motion was made by Trustee Badanes, seconded by Trustee McNaughton, to convene into Executive Session to discuss matters leading to the appointment of a particular person.

Unanimously carried.

At 7:16 p.m. the Board reconvened in public session in the Cafeteria at the William J. Brosnan School.

Public attendance: There were approximately 250 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 Waldenburg, seconded by Trustee McCue, to approve all items under 4.01

4.01 Minutes

- 4.01.1 Special Meeting, February 4, 2015
- 4.01.2 Regular Meeting, February 9, 2015
- 4.01.3 Special Meeting, February 10, 2015
- 4.01.4 Special Meeting, February 11, 2015
- 4.01.5 Special Meeting, February 23, 2015
- 4.01.6 Special Meeting, February 24, 2015

Unanimously carried.

5. SPECIAL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Thomas Caramore, Interim Superintendent of Schools, made the following announcements: The Invention Convention was held on Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> where the students explained their projects. Dr. Caramore also attended the girls and boys playoff basketball games where the teams did an

outstanding job. Dr. Caramore announced that Pulaski Road Elementary School Teacher Beth Darrel's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade class was featured in the Kidsday section of Newsday.

5.01 President Binger announced the upcoming Board of Education meetings scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup>, March 16<sup>th</sup>, March 23<sup>rd</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

6.01.1 E-mail from PTA Council, received February 13, 2015, re: PTA Council's Position on Full Day Kindergarten

Ms. Hatch read a letter to the Board from PTA Council in support of full day kindergarten.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Antoinette Blanck UTN President	Thanked the Board and Superintendent Search Committee for their diligent work on the new superintendent search process. Ms. Blanck stated that the teachers were present as a show of solidarity stating that they go back to the negotiating table on Wednesday with the mediator and they are hopeful that a resolution can be met. Ms. Blanck also thanked the parents for their efforts for a full day kindergarten.
Jen Howard Employee	Read a letter to the Board regarding sick leave banks established when employees are faced with catastrophic illnesses or illnesses of family members. Ms. Howard stated that the Board should be mindful of all employees and compassion should be demonstrated to all employees.
David Stein Parent	Thanked Dr. Caramore for meeting with him regarding full day kindergarten. Mr. Stein stated that being heard is important for the community.
Pat Gardiner Parent	Stated that she provided an updated to Trustee Thompson regarding the status of the District fields. Ms. Gardiner stated that no funding was put in budgets for upgrades and a plan needs to be made over the next few years.
Dr. Caramore stated that he is concerned with safety issues first and then come up with a plan to address the issues. Dr. Caramore stated that the quickest way to move forward would be through a bond vote.	
Mike Gozelski Parent	Stated his concern about the District fields that the fields and stated the the District and community should find a way to work together.
Tracy Bernson Parent	Asked if it would be better to have a bond vote for the fields on the day of the budget vote.
Dr. Caramore stated that it would not and that the initiative should be to upgrade the infrastructure across the board.	
Stephanie Ferland Parent	Stated that she was upset about the teacher who spoke regarding the sick leave bank and asked for an answer as to what happened to those sick days donated.

Dr. Caramore stated that he was not at the District when the sick bank was established and noted that it is very difficult to make generalizations in terms of sick days.

Mary Gilmore Parent Stated that the Board did not have to give Dr. McDermott her sick time.

Trustee Badanes stated that the District made out better regarding the settlement with Dr. McDermott.

Carrie Pearlman Parent Asked the Board to consider a start date to the 2015 school calendar after Labor Day noting that many families have already made summer plans in advance and there was not enough adequate notice.

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

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Waldenburg, to approve items 8.01 through 8.04.

8.01 Approving the Personnel Actions Report, dated March 2, 2015, attached and made part of the official minutes.

President Binger announced the following retirements: Martha Brueggemann, Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher; Mary Cerussi-Friess, Elementary Teacher; Carol Chorney, Speech Pathologist; Remy D'Esposito, Music Teacher; Alyne DiVito, ESL Teacher; Michael Friess, Social Studies Teacher; Donna Marenus, Special Education Teacher; Karen Polk, Reading Teacher; Diane Sander, Elementary Teacher; Janet Williams, Physical Education Teacher; and Diane Radimer, Teaching Assistant.

8.02 Approving Schedule J, Committee on Special Education

8.03 Adopting the proposed School Calendar for 2015-2016

8.04 Appointing the following staff members to serve as Dignity for All Students Act Coordinators for the 2014-2015 school year:

Northport High School – Irene McLaughlin, Terrence Hinson, Shannon Dantuono, Denise Keenan, Dan McKeon, Dan Danbusky, Katherine Teubner, Sean Boylan

Northport Middle School – Tim Hoss, Chelsea Brown, Darcy Pattison

East Northport Middle School – Pat DeStefano, Catherine Siletti, Theresa Braun, Mary Kleczka

Bellerose Avenue School – Lori Beekman, Alan Tener, Lisa Quartararo

Dickinson Avenue School – Patricia Essensfeld, Caitlin Bisulca, Christie Moser

Fifth Avenue School – Tom Harrison, Beth Theofield, Melanie Fisher

Norwood Avenue School – Michael Genovese, Nicole Barbier-Adil, Beth Dragone

Ocean Avenue School – Sabina Larkin, Theresa Pellegrino, Cori Scheidt

Pulaski Road School – Jeff Haubrich, Jim Durand, Marti White

Vote on Trustee McCue's motion to approve items 4.01 through 4.04 was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Maloney, to approve all item under 8.05:

8.05 Receiving for a second reading and adopting the following policies:

8.05.1 Policy #5550 "Student Privacy"

8.05.2 Policy #0300 "Accountability"

8.05.3 Policy #1400 "Public Complaints"

Motion was made by Trustee Waldenburg, seconded by Trustee Thompson to table item 8.05.3 Policy #1400 Public Complaints.

Unanimously carried.

- 8.05.4 Policy #4325 “Academic Intervention Services”
- 8.05.5 Policy #4511 “Textbook Selection and Adoption” (Replacing Policy #6161.1 Textbook Adoption)
- 8.05.6 Policy #4750 “Promotion and Retention of Students” (Replacing Policy #5123 Promotion Policy K-12 and Policy #5123.1 Special Promotion Standards for Grades 7 & 8)
- 8.05.7 Policy #2400 “Board of Education Meetings – Types, Agendas, Procedures and Minutes” (Replacing Policy #2300 Board of Education Meetings – Types, Agendas, Procedures and Minutes, Policy #9270 Conduct of Board Members at Regular Monthly Board Meetings, and Policy #9368.13 Annual Organization Meeting)

Vote on Trustee Thompson’s motion to approve all items under 8.05 with the exception of tabled item 8.05.3 was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Maloney, to approve all items under 8.06

- 8.06 Receiving for a first reading the following policies:
  - 8.06.1 Policy #2100 “School Budget Legal Status” (replacing current policy #9110)
  - 8.06.2 Policy #2160 “School District Officer and Employee Code of Ethics” (revising current policy)
  - 8.06.3 Policy #2200 “Annual Meeting and Election” (replacing current policies #9500, #9530, #9540)
  - 8.06.4 Policy #2410 “Appointed Board Officers” (replacing current policies #9230, #9240)
  - 8.06.5 Policy #2500 “Formulation, Adoption and Amendment of Policies” (replacing current policies #8310, #8320, and #9230)
  - 8.06.6 Policy #2521 “School Board Conferences” (replacing current policy #8350.1)

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Thompson, to revise her original motion and table items 8.06.1 through 8.06.6

Unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Waldenburg, seconded by Trustee Badanes, to approve item 8.06.7 for a first reading.

- 8.06.7 Policy #2250 “Board of Education Sub-Committees (revising current policy)

Unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Waldenburg, seconded by Trustee Badanes, to approve item 8.06.8 as amended for a first reading.

- 8.06.8 Policy #2260 “Citizens Advisory Committees (revising current policy, replacing policy #9141)

Unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Waldenburg, seconded by Trustee McNaughton, to approve item 8.07

8.07 Approving the following resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with Board Policy and State Regulation, the Board of Education approve the appointment of Mr. Martin Schiff to serve as Impartial Hearing Officer for the purpose of conducting an impartial hearing in accord with Policy 4321, Programs for Students with Disabilities Under IDEA.”

Unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Waldenburg, seconded by Trustee McCue, to approve all items under 9.

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

9.01 Taking specified action on the following BIDS:

EDUCATIONAL

- 9.01.1 AWARD: Athletic Supplies and Equipment
- 9.01.2 AWARD: Athletic Apparel
- 9.02.3 AWARD: Technology Supplies & Equipment
- 9.02.4 AWARD: Physical Education Supplies & Equipment
- 9.02.5 AWARD: Art Supplies & Equipment

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

9.03 Receiving the following donations to the District:

9.03.1 \$500.00 from Mark Tracy to the Judith Tracy Scholarship

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

December 31, 2014 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant – Non Cash Life), January 2, 2015 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), January 15, 2015 (Accounts Payable Warrant), January 16, 2015 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), January 30, 2015 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), January 30, 2015 (Accounts Payable Warrant), January 2015 (Claims Audit Report)

9.05 Approving Claims Auditor’s Report – Payroll Audit for Payroll Distribution/Audit dated January 16, 2015 (ENMS)

9.06 Approving a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and American Arbitration Association (HR)

9.07 Approving a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Jungle Bob Enterprises, Inc. (FAS)

9.08 Approving the following resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby gratefully accepts a donation of \$369 from Northport-East Northport residents whose names are more fully set forth in the attached document,

for the purposes of covering the cost of tickets for the Ocean Avenue Elementary School class field trip on February 10, 2015 and increase the 2014-2015 budget code A2110.4010.00.2901 by \$369 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 \$369 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of donations from Northport-East Northport residents.”

9.09 Approving a Rider to Agreement and Agreement between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and NationsClassroom, LLC (ENMS)

9.10 Approving an Educational Theater Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and John W. Engeman Theater at Northport (DAS)

9.11 Approving the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$575 from the Association of Suffolk County Supervisors for Educational Technologies, Inc. toward the purchase of a SMART TV and increase the 2014-2015 budget code A2110.5030.11.0200 by \$575 for this purpose.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2014-2015 budget by \$575 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of an award for Rose Florio’s participation in Bright Light Shark Tank competition.”

9.12 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:

9.12.1 Jericho Union Free School District, sixteen (16) students attending Long Island Lutheran MS/HS @ \$990.55, totaling \$15,848.80

9.13 Approving a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Journeys Into American Indian Territory (DAS)

9.14 Approving the 2014-2015 health service charge for out-of-district students attending district nonpublic schools at \$861.69 per pupil and authorizing the Superintendent of Schools to execute contracts with school districts indicated in the attached memorandum in the amounts specified.

9.15 Authorizing the administration to survey the community to determine the extent of need for a school breakfast program for the 2015-2016 school year

9.16 Approving the following resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby gratefully accepts a donation of \$453 from Northport-East Northport residents whose names are more fully set forth in the attached document, for the purpose of students attending field trips to the New York Hall of Science and the Long Island Aquarium as an alternative to the trip to Greenkill Outdoor Education Center February 26, 2015 to February 27, 2015 and increase the 2014-2015 budget code A2110.4161.23.2902 by \$453 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 \$453 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of donations from Northport-East Northport residents.”

Vote on Trustee Waldenburg's motion to approve all items under 9.0 was unanimously carried.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - FOR INFORMATION ONLY

10.01 Schedule H – Use of Facilities

10.02 Nominations for Western Suffolk BOCES Board of Education

10.02.1 Letter from Ms. Joanne Klein, District Clerk, Western Suffolk BOCES, re: Nominations for Western Suffolk BOCES Board of Education

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12. NEW BUSINESS

13. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:30 p.m., motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee McNaughton, to adjourn the regular meeting and convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to contract negotiations and matters pertaining to the employment history of particular persons.

Unanimously carried.

At 10:30 p.m., the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

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Beth M. Nystrom  
District Clerk

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