

Regular Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District was held on Wednesday evening, July 6, 2011, beginning at 8:25 p.m., in the Cafeteria at the William J. Brosnan School, 158 Laurel Avenue, Northport, New York, with Mr. Stephen V. Waldenburg, Jr., newly elected President, opening the meeting and presiding.

Members present: Ms. Julia Binger, Mrs. Kristen Gavin, Mrs. Lori McCue, Mrs. Donna McNaughton, Mr. Andrew Rapiejko, Mr. Joseph Sabia, Mrs. Jennifer Thompson, Mrs. Tammie Topel, Mr. Stephen V. Waldenburg, Jr.

Members absent: None

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.

Public attendance: There were approximately 50 persons present.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance; and
3. The announcement of emergency exits were conducted earlier in the evening
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT AND MONTHLY SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Binger, to approve item 4.01.1

- 4.01 Minutes
  - 4.01.1 Regular Meeting, June 2, 2011

Unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Binger, to approve item 4.01.2

- 4.01.2 Special Meeting, June 29, 2011

Unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Rapiejko, 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 May 1, 2011 through May 31, 2011
  - 4.02.2 Monthly Summary of Receipts and Disbursements for May 2011

Unanimously carried.

4.03 For Information: Claims Auditor's Report for Warrants and Schedule of Claims for payments dated:

4.03.1 May 2011 (Wire Transfer Report), May 16, 2011 (Accounts Payable Warrant), May 6, 2011 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), May 31, 2011 (Accounts Payable Warrant), May 20, 2011 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), May 2011 (Claims Audit Report)

5. SPECIAL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

5.01 Accomplishments of Staff and Students:

Dr. Marylou McDermott, Superintendent, introduced Varsity Girls Lacrosse Coach Carol Rose.

5.01.1 Northport High School Varsity Girls Lacrosse Coach Carol Rose introduced the 2011 New York State Girls Lacrosse Class A Championship Team:

Michaela Aymong, Paige Bonomi, Allison (Allie) Breitfeller, Amy Breitfeller, Emily Columbus, Meagan Cook, Randal Cook, Amanda Desmond, Anne Dodge, Emily Dugan, Megan Flaherty, Cortney Fortunato, Shannon Gilroy, Brooke Gubitosi, Julia Jozefowski, Mara Karpp, Meaghan Kollmeier, Gabrielle (Gabi) Labuskes, Samantha (Sam) Little, Erin Magnuson, Megan Marinelli, Kiera McNally, Madison McNally, Corinne Nawrocki, Scarlett Nawrocki, Jessica Nelson, Shannon Nolan, Erin O'Brien, Vincenza Patrone, Alexandra (Ali) Pavinelli, Emily Powers, Danielle Robinson, Julia Sarcona, Mary Pat Theofield, Jackie Ulanoff, Dorrien Van Dyke, Hayley Wine, Emily Yoo

Trustee McNaughton suggested the District explore putting up a sign "Home of the 2011 Lacrosse Champions".

5.02 Mr. Sean Boylan and Mr. Anthony Ferrandino, Community Drug and Alcohol Task Force Facilitators, presented the Community Drug and Alcohol Task Force Annual Report for 2010-2011.

Mr. Ferrandino stated this year that the task force developed sub committees designed to focus on specific initiatives to allow for greater efficiency and conducted the second drug and alcohol survey of District students which provided data on trends of drug use within the community. Mr. Ferrandino stated that this data will be used to help develop programs to address the high risk areas within the community.

The mission of the community sub-committee is to mobilize community sectors in order to carry out strategies to reduce substance abuse problems amongst our youth and the focus this year has been to increase the task force's exposure in the community and to increase community involvement. The activities and recommendations of the community sub-committee were reviewed.

Ms. Mary Silberstein and Mr. John DeFalco reviewed the youth activities sub-committee. The mission is to provide activities that will engage students in a variety of community activities that are healthy, safe and drug/alcohol free. Ms. Tammy Walsh stated that the committee worked collaboratively with students and community members and formed The Northport Community Book Club which is open to all community members of all ages. The recommendations from the Youth Activities Sub-Committee were reviewed.

The mission of the school sub-committee is to integrate a message of drug and alcohol prevention throughout the District and build a culture of healthy decision making for our students. The goal this year was to impact the entire school district community through various student and parent programs. The recommendations of the school sub-committee were reviewed.

After a brief discussion regarding consequences at the high school for students found under the influence, President Waldenburg thanked Mr. Ferrandino and Mr. Boylan for their very informative report.

5.03 The President of the Board reviewed the upcoming Board of Education meetings scheduled for August 29<sup>th</sup>, September 12<sup>th</sup> and September 26<sup>th</sup>.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

6.1 Letter from Mr. and Mrs. Mark Ranieri, received June 27, 2011, re: Summer golf camp

Mrs. Ranieri addressed the Board and stated that she was very disappointed in the way her family has been treated regarding her communications to the school district regarding her request for assistance for her son. Mrs. Ranieri stated that the lack of response from numerous persons in the district was extremely disappointing.

President Waldenburg stated that the District needs to review its procedures and find a better way to communicate with parents.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Cathie Josephson Parent	Stated that the philosophy of the special education program has changed and she was concerned about the condition of the bathroom facilities and materials being boxed up that are used for her daughter.

Ms. Christina Pulaski, Director of Special Education, stated that she did question why the staff did not notify the chairperson regarding the condition of the bathroom and that first thing in the morning Ms. Karrie Krueger went over to make sure the facilities were clean. Ms. Pulaski noted that the materials were in crates in the classroom and ready for use.

Rachel Friedman Parent	Stated that there is also a communication problem at all the schools. Ms. Friedman asked what the appropriate response time is to an email or phone call.
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President Waldenburg stated that this was very concerning to him, that administration needs to look at procedures and policies and this needs to be corrected.

Carl Litt	Asked if the District knew that LIPA/National Grid will be running 9,000 feet of gas line down Pulaski and Larkfield Roads towards Veterans Park.
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Dr. McDermott stated that she was made aware of that when she attended a meeting with Supervisor Petrone.

Motion was made by Trustee McNaughton, seconded by Trustee McCue, to approve all items under 8., including Supplemental 8.01.1 (Schedule A #85-89) and Supplemental 8.01.2 (Schedule B #35-36), and excluding severed items 8.01.3 (Schedule C), 8.01.4 (Schedule D), and 8.01.7 (Schedule M)

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

8.01 Personnel Schedules, each dated July 6, 2011, and each attached and made part of the official minutes:

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| 8.01.1 | Schedule A | - Certified Staff (including Supplemental 8.01.1 - #85-89)         |
| 8.01.2 | Schedule B | - Non-Instructional Staff (including Supplemental 8.01.2 - #35-36) |
| 8.01.3 | Schedule C | - Salary Transfers - SEVERED                                       |
| 8.01.4 | Schedule D | - Extra Pay - SEVERED  |

- 8.01.5 Schedule J - Committee on Special Education
- 8.01.6 Schedule L - PDC UTN
- 8.01.7 Schedule M - Tenure – SEVERED

Vote on Trustee McNaughton's motion to approve all items under 8., including Supplemental 8.01.1 (Schedule A #85-89) and Supplemental 8.01.2 (Schedule B #35-36), and excluding severed items 8.01.3 (Schedule C), 8.01.4 (Schedule D), and 8.01.7 (Schedule M) was unanimously carried.

President Waldenburg announced the retirement of Ms. Margo Donnelly after 21 years of service to the District.

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Rapijko, to approve item 8.01.3 (Schedule C)

- 8.01.3 Schedule C - Salary Transfers

Vote on Trustee McCue's motion to approve item 8.01.3 (Schedule C) was as follows:

YES: Ms. Binger, Mrs. Gavin, Mrs. McCue, Mrs. McNaughton, Mr. Rapijko, Mrs. Thompson,  
Mrs. Topel, Mr. Waldenburg  
ABSTAIN: Mr. Sabia

Motion passed.

Motion was made by Trustee McNaughton, seconded by Trustee Binger to all items on 8.01.4 (Schedule D) excluding those items with a start date on or after September 1, 2011

- 8.01.4 Schedule D - Extra Pay

Unanimously carried.

At 10:30 p.m., motion was made by Trustee Sabia, seconded by Trustee McNaughton, to extend the meeting.

Unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee McNaughton, to approve item 8.01.7 (Schedule M)

- 8.01.7 Schedule M - Tenure

In response to a question regarding tenure review, Dr. Terry Bouton, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, stated that the APPR plan outlines how many observations and evaluations teachers will have each year. The recommendation for tenure comes from the primary and secondary supervisors. The Superintendent makes the recommendation to the Board of Education.

Vote on Trustee McCue's motion to approve item 8.01.7 was as follows:

YES: Ms. Binger, Mrs. Gavin, Mrs. McCue, Mrs. McNaughton, Mr. Rapijko, Mr. Waldenburg  
NO: Mrs. Thompson  
ABSTAIN: Mr. Sabia, Mrs. Topel

Motion passed.

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Gavin, to approve all items from 8.02 through 8.07 and all items under 9., including Supplemental 9.11

8.02 Appointing the following staff members to serve as chairpersons for the Committee on Special Education (CSE) during the 2011-2012 school year:

Christina M. Pulaski, Allyson Giaimo, Karrie Kruger, Martha White

8.03 Appointing the following staff members to serve as chairpersons for the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) during the 2011-2012 school year:

Christina M. Pulaski, Allyson Giaimo, Karrie Kruger, Corinne Scheidt, Martha White

8.04 Appointing the following staff members to serve as chairpersons for the Sub-committees of the Committee on Special Education (SCSE) during the 2011-2012 school year:

Michael Comiskey, Noreen Digiose, Elizabeth Dragone, Melanie Fisher, Allyson Giaimo, Erin Girardin, Kristen Karkota, Karrie Kruger, Mary Christine Moser, Christina Pulaski, Lisa Quartararo, Corinne Scheidt, Martha White

8.05 Appointing the following staff members as designees of the Northport-East Northport School District when initiating referrals to the Committee on Special Education during the 2011-2012 school year:

Christina M. Pulaski, Director of Special Education  
Allyson Giaimo, District Chairperson for Special Education  
Karrie Kruger, District Chairperson for Special Education  
Martha White, School Psychologist  
Michael Comiskey, School Psychologist  
Noreen Digiose, School Psychologist  
Elizabeth Dragone, School Psychologist  
Melanie Fisher, School Psychologist  
Erin Girardin, School Psychologist  
Kristen Karkota, School Psychologist  
Mary Christine Moser, School Psychologist  
Lisa Quartararo, School Psychologist  
Corinne Scheidt, School Psychologist

8.06 Approving the following resolution:

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

8.07 Appointing the following members to serve on the District’s Operations and Maintenance Committee:

Ms. Kathleen Molander, Mr. Tony Resca, Mr. Bernie Krueger, Ms. Antoinette Blanck, Mr. Carl Litt, Mr. Robert Smith, Ms. Krista Boland

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

9.01 Taking specified action on the following BIDS:

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

9.01.1 Award – Hollow Metal Doors and Associated Hardware

9.02 Declaring the attached list of selected equipment as surplus approving disposal in accordance with Board Policy

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

9.04 Approving Western Suffolk BOCES commitments for 2011-2012 school year

9.05 Approving the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$674.74 from the Stop & Shop A+ Bonus Bucks Program to be used for the purchase of supplies at Norwood Avenue Elementary School and increase the 2011-2012 budget code A2110.5030.14.0200 by \$674.74 for this purpose.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2011-2012 budget by \$674.74 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of the Norwood Avenue Elementary School participation in the Stop & Shop A+ Bonus Bucks Program”

9.06 Approving the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$672.16 from the Stop & Shop A+ Bonus Bucks Program to be used for the purchase of supplies at Dickinson Avenue Elementary School and increase the 2011-2012 budget code A2110.5030.11.0200 by \$672.16 for this purpose.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2011-2012 budget by \$672.16 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of the Dickinson Avenue Elementary School participation Stop & Shop A+ Bonus Bucks Program”

9.07 Approving the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the appropriation code A5540.4162.00.1502 (Athletic Trips-Girls Athletics) by \$2,450.00 with the understanding that this increase in appropriations is the result of unanticipated expenses associated with transportation of the Girl’s lacrosse team to Maryland.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 (Gifts and Donations) of the 2010-2011 budget by \$2,450.00 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of a donation from the Northport Girl’s Lacrosse Booster Club”

9.08 Approving The Omni Group to perform 403(b) third party administration services for the academic year 2011-2012 through Eastern Suffolk BOCES Request for Proposal

9.09 Approving the Type A lunch prices for 2011-2012 at \$2.05 for K-5, and \$2.30 for secondary schools 6-12

9.10 Extending transportation contracts for the 2011-2012 school year in accord with State Education Law and Commissioner’s Regulations with the following contractors as per their proposals in the documents:

- 9.10.1 Acme Bus Corp.
- 9.10.2 Educational Bus Transportation, Inc.
- 9.10.3 Huntington Coach Corp.
- 9.10.4 Towne Bus Corp.

9.11 Approving a Multi-Year Service Agreement under Co-SER A502 between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Western Suffolk BOCES.

Vote on Trustee McCue's motion to approve all items from 8.02 through 8.07 and all items under 9. Including Supplemental 9.11 was unanimously carried.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- 10.01 Schedule H – Use of Facilities
- 10.02 Schedule I – Home Instruction
- 10.03 Student Activity Account Reports for May 2011 from:
  - 10.03.1 Northport High School
  - 10.03.2 East Northport Middle School
  - 10.03.3 Northport Middle School
- 10.04 Investment Report for May 2011
- 10.05 Collateral Schedule for May 2011
- 10.06 Bank Reconciliation Report for May 2011
- 10.07 Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report as of May 2011

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12. NEW BUSINESS

President Waldenburg appointed Trustee Binger to serve on the Audit Committee and Trustee Rapiejko to serve as the Chairman of the Audit Committee.

Vice President McNaughton stated that with the 2% tax cap the District needs to contact legislators to address relief from unfunded mandates. Mrs. McNaughton stated that we need to push BOCES to coordinate with all school districts and make sure the legislators hear the petitions regarding those mandates.

There was a brief discussion of the election law that requires school districts to use the new voting machines following December 2012 which also requires districts to provide a paper ballot for every registered voter.

Dr. McDermott stated that the District has an extensive list of mandates and will work through Dr. Mensch at BOCES to organize efforts.

Ms. Antoinette Blanck, UTN President, stated that the Long Island Education Coalition may be another avenue to go through.

At 11:00 p.m., motion was made by Trustee Sabia, seconded by Trustee Thompson, to adjourn the meeting and convene into Executive Session to discuss the potential appointment of a particular corporation.

At 1:00 a.m., the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

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Beth M. Nystrom  
District Clerk

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