

Special Meeting

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District was held on Tuesday, September 4, 2012, beginning at 9:45 a.m., in the Faculty Dining Room at the Northport High School, 154 Laurel Hill Road, Northport, New York, with Mr. Stephen V. Waldenburg, Jr., Chairperson, opening the meeting and presiding.

Members present: Ms. Julia Binger, Mr. James Maloney, Mrs. Lori McCue, Mr. Andrew Rapiejko, Mr. Joseph Sabia, Mrs. Tammie Topel, Mr. Stephen V. Waldenburg, Jr.,

Members absent: Mr. David Badanes
Mrs. Jennifer Thompson

Also present: Dr. Marylou McDermott, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Kathleen Molander, Assistant Superintendent of Business

1. President Waldenburg called the meeting to order.

Public attendance: 4 persons were present

2. Mr. Waldenburg led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance; and
3. Pointed out the emergency exits.
4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, FINANCIAL

4.01 Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Maloney, to approve the following resolution:

**NORTHPORT-EAST NORTHPORT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE A CHILD SAFETY ZONE
IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 3635-B OF NYS EDUCATION LAW**

“Whereas, the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District has an interest in student safety; and

Whereas, there is increasing interest in promoting and providing safe transport of students to and from the school campus each day that school is in session for students; and

Whereas, the Board of Education has conducted an investigation to determine if a hazardous zone exists within the District and, specifically, within the area traversed by those students who reside in the Subject Area; and

Whereas, the School District/Board received additional correspondence from a group of parents concerning certain students residing in the Subject Area who reside below the minimum distance required by District policy to qualify for transportation to the school they legally attend; and

Whereas, the Board of Education has found that a hazardous zone does not exist as that term is defined by the Regulations of the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Transportation within the area traversed to and from school by those students who reside in the Subject Area; and

Whereas, the Education Law requires that an investigation to determine if a hazardous zone exists within the District shall include consultation with state or local authorities; and

Whereas, recent consultation with state agencies and local transportation authorities reveals additional information that may present safety concerns for pedestrians and children travelling to and from school as it applies to those students who reside in the Subject Area and that a child safety zone may alleviate such concerns; and

Whereas further investigation to determine if a hazardous zone exists or to determine if a child safety zone should be established within the District and within the area traversed by those students who reside in the Subject Area is warranted; and

Whereas, the establishment of a child safety zone pending additional investigation would reasonably and temporarily alleviate the concerns presented by the combination of an investigation and the review of additional information that was revealed from consultation with state agencies or local transportation authorities; and

Whereas, the transportation of students living within the child safety zone recommended by the investigation and consultation with State and local authorities would not result in any additional cost to the taxpayer beyond that which is already authorized to be expensed; therefore

Be it resolved that in consideration of the need for further investigation and a refile of an investigation into a determination of whether a hazardous zone exists or a child safety zone should be established, pending the completion of additional investigation and review of recent concerns, the following areas are hereby temporarily designated as a child safety zone by the Board of Education and the Board hereby resolves to provide transportation to students living therein:

All students residing in the section north of Pulaski Road (Route 11) on the streets known as North Hill Drive East, Hill Lane, Ketcham Court, Longfield Drive, and North Honey Lane, in East Northport, New York and set forth in the map below (the “Subject Area”).”

There was a brief discussion regarding how long the temporary child safety zone will be in place, contacting the Suffolk County Department of Transportation to request a crosswalk and the Suffolk County Policy Department to request a crossing guard.

Vote on Trustee McCue’s motion was unanimously carried by those present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Emily Perri Student	Stated that she just found out that the IB Theatre class she registered for was not running. Ms. Perri stated that she plans to pursue theater studies in college and she needed this class as a part of her major. Ms. Perri noted that to get college credit in the IB Theatre class requires a two year sequence. Ms. Perri respectfully asked the Board and the Administration to reinstate the IB Theatre class.
Mariana Saba Student	Stated that there was no reason to suddenly remove the IB Theatre class. Ms. Saba stated that seniors need two years of IB Theatre to get college credit. Ms. Saba requested that decision be reconsidered.
Diala Jaber Parent	Stated that she was saddened by the news that the IB Theatre class was not running and urged the Board to reconsider the decision.
Mary Speed-Perri Parent	Stated that it was shocking to learn just six days before school starts that the IB Theatre course was not going to run. Mrs. Speed-Perri stated that the IB class is important.

President Waldenburg requested that Dr. McDermott look into the factors that went into cancelling the IB Theatre class and have that information for the Board.

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

Unanimously carried by those present.

At 10:15 a.m. the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Beth M. Nystrom
District Clerk

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