

Regular Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District was held on Monday evening, September 10, 2012, beginning at 7:05 p.m., in the Cafeteria 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: Mr. David Badanes, Ms. Julia Binger, Mr. James Maloney, Mrs. Lori McCue 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  
Ms. Kathleen Molander, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
Mr. Matthew Nelson, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Administration  
Dr. Thomas Caramore, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

1. President Waldenburg called the meeting to order.

Public attendance: There were 6 persons present.

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

Motion was made by Trustee Sabia, seconded by Trustee Maloney, to approve item 4.01.1

4.01 Minutes

4.01.1 Regular Meeting, August 27, 2012

Trustee Rapiejko requested that the minutes reflect the discussion and comments about the change of time and format of the Board Meetings. Mr. Rapiejko stated that he was concerned that the public would get sufficient notice of the changes since the District calendar did not note the changes.

Motion was made by Trustee Sabia, seconded by Trustee Topel, to table agenda item 4.01.1, Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 27, 2012.

Unanimously carried.

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

4.01.2 Special Meeting, September 4, 2012

Vote on Trustee McCue's motion was as follows:

YES: Ms. Binger, Mr. Maloney, Mrs. McCue, Mr. Rapiejko, Mr. Sabia, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Topel, Mr. Waldenburg

ABSTAIN: Mr. Badanes

Motion passed.

Motion was made by Trustee Topel, seconded by Trustee Sabia, to reorder the agenda and move item 7.0 Public Participation after item 11.0 Unfinished Business.

Trustee McCue asked the Board not to reorder the agenda but to consider adding a second Public Participation after item 11.0 Unfinished Business for those community members who may be coming after the elementary school open house.

Vote on Trustee Topel's motion to reorder the agenda and move item 7.0 Public Participation after item 11.0 Unfinished Business was unanimously defeated.

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Topel, to keep the agenda as written and allow for a second Public Participation prior to agenda item 12.0 New Business.

Unanimously carried.

5. SPECIAL REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Marylou McDermott, Superintendent, stated that President Waldenburg's letter regarding the Capital Referendum will be sent to all the local papers with the headline prominently displaying the September 19<sup>th</sup> date. In addition, signs will be placed at all nine buildings notifying the public of the vote.

5.01 The President of the Board reviewed the upcoming meetings of September 19<sup>th</sup>, September 24<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>.

5.02 President Waldenburg designated the following trustees to bring the voting returns to the William J. Brosnan School (Election Headquarters) on September 19, 2012: Trustee McCue will deliver the results from Fifth Avenue Elementary School, Trustee Maloney will deliver the results from Dickinson Avenue Elementary School, and Trustee Thompson will deliver the results from the William J. Brosnan School.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications to the Board

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Lauren Gorman Parent	Stated that she is concerned about the over-crowding of her son's bus to St. John the Baptist. Ms. Gorman stated that she does not feel that it is a safe situation especially since the bus travels on the parkway. Ms. Gorman also stated that she supported giving transportation to the family who transferred their son to St. John the Baptist after the April 1 <sup>st</sup> deadline.

Dr. McDermott stated that Ms. Patricia McGrane, Transportation Supervisor, will look into Ms. Gorman's concerns about the bus.

Linda Thury Resident	Stated that she was here supporting her daughter-in-law regarding the over-crowding of the private school busing. Ms. Thury also stated that the closing date for applications for transportation to private schools should be changed.
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President Waldenburg stated that the April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline comes from the State Education Department.

Catherine Wang  
Parent

Asked the Board to change the pickup location for her two children who attend the Long Island School for the Gifted. Ms. Wang stated that previous years the pickup location was in front of her house and this year it has been changed to Ridings Gate and 25A. Ms. Wang stated that this is a very busy intersection and there is no place for her children to stand. Ms. Wang also noted that her children are the only students at the bus stop.

Ms. Patricia McGrane, Transportation Supervisor, stated that Ms. Wang's bus stop is in the safety check process right now and that a determination will be made once the safety check is performed.

Jennifer Grillo  
Parent

Stated that her son goes to Long Island School for the Gifted and he is the only one at his bus stop. Ms. Grillo stated that in previous years the bus picked her child up in front of her house and this year it was moved. Ms. Grillo stated that the bus passes directly in front of her house and requested that the stop be moved back to a house stop.

Dr. McDermott stated that Ms. McGrane would look into the bus stop.

Janice Reichert-Emprimo  
Parent

Stated that she applied for private school transportation before the April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline but due to unforeseen circumstances she had to transfer her son to a different private school after the deadline. Ms. Reichert-Emprimo stated that she called the transportation department on June 24<sup>th</sup> and left a detailed message and then followed up again in August. Ms. Reichert-Emprimo stated that she received a phone call stating that she would be denied transportation. Ms. Reichert-Emprimo requested that transportation be provided for her child to Holy Family Regional School in Commack.

Dr. McDermott stated that it is very difficult for the District as they have to obey the law regarding private school transportation.

Pat Barabino  
Parent

Stated that she is concerned about the bus size and amount of students allowed on the bus to St. John the Baptist. Ms. Barabino stated that she had the same concerns last year and left several messages with the transportation department but did not receive any response. Ms. Barabino stated that every seat on the bus is taken and that the students are high school students.

Dr. McDermott stated that Ms. McGrane will look into the issue with the bus to St. John the Baptist.

There was a brief Board discussion regarding the legal capacity of school buses, the bidding process for transportation contracts, per pupil contractors, and transportation voice mail and e-mail.

## 8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, GENERAL

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Thompson, to approve all items under 8., including Supplemental 8.01.1 (Schedule A #46-63) and excluding withdrawn item 8.01.5 (Schedule L).

8.01 Personnel Schedules, each dated September 10, 2012, and each attached and made part of the official minutes:

- 8.01.1 Schedule A – Certified Staff (including Supplemental A #46-63)
- 8.01.2 Schedule B – Non-Instructional Staff
- 8.01.3 Schedule C – Salary Transfer
- 8.01.4 Schedule J – Committee on Special Education

8.01.5 Schedule L – PDC UTN (withdrawn)

President Waldenburg announced the reinstatement of Northport High School Social Studies Teacher, Darryl St. George, returning from a military leave of absence.

8.02 Receiving for a second reading and rescinding the following policies:

8.02.1 Policy #1650.1 “*Candidates to BOCES Board of Education*”

8.02.2 Policy #4134 “*Tutoring*”

8.03 Receiving for a second reading and adopting revisions to the following policies:

8.03.1 Policy #2000 – “*Board Administration Policy*”

8.03.2 Policy #2111 – “*Duties of the Superintendent of Schools: Job*

*Description*”

8.03.3 Policy #2111.2 – “*Board-Superintendent Relationships*”

8.04 Appointing the following staff members to serve as Dignity for All Students Act Coordinators for the 2012-2013 school year:

Northport High School

Irene McLaughlin, Principal

Terrence Hinson, Guidance Chairperson

Shannon Dantuono, Assistant Principal

Denise Keenan, Assistant Principal

Dan McKeon, Assistant Principal

Dan Danbusky, Assistant Principal

Regina Thomas, School Counselor

Anthony Ferrandino, AHIP

Northport Middle School

Tim Hoss, Principal

Chelsea Brown, Assistant Principal

Darcy Pattison, Social Worker

East Northport Middle School

Pat DeStefano, Principal

Sean Boylan, Assistant Principal

Theresa Braun, School Counselor

Mary Wine, Social Worker

Bellerose Avenue School

Barbara Falotico, Principal

Alan Tener, School Counselor

Lisa Quartararo, School Psychologist

Dickinson Avenue School

Patricia Essensfeld, Principal

Caitlin Bisulca, School Counselor

Christie Moser, School Psychologist

Fifth Avenue School

Tom Harrison, Principal  
Beth Theofield, School Counselor  
Melanie Fisher, School Psychologist

Ocean Avenue School

Sabina Larkin, Principal  
Theresa Pellegrino, School Counselor  
Cori Scheidt, School Psychologist

Pulaski Road School

Jeff Haubrich, Principal  
Jim Durand, School Counselor  
Marti White, School Psychologist

Norwood Avenue School

Michael Genovese, Principal  
Nicole Barbier-Adil, School Counselor  
Beth Dragone, School Psychologist

Vote on Trustee McCue's motion to approve all items under 8., including Supplemental 8.01.1 (Schedule A #46-63) and excluding withdrawn item 8.01.5 (Schedule L) was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Maloney, to approve all items under 9, including Supplemental 9.11

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT FINANCIAL

9.01 Approving End of Year Transfer of Funds to balance 2011-2012 budget

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

9.02.1 Treasurer's Report for the period June 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012

9.02.2 Monthly Summary of Receipts and Disbursements for June 2012

9.03 Approving the Student Activity Account Reports for June 2012 from:

9.03.1 Northport High School

9.03.2 East Northport Middle School

9.03.3 Northport Middle School

9.04 Approving the Schedule of Investments as of June 30, 2012

9.05 Approving the Collateral Schedule for June 2012

9.06 Approving the Bank Reconciliation Report for the Month Ended June 30, 2012

9.07 Approving the Claims Auditor's Report for Warrants and Schedule of Claims

Warrants and Schedule of Claims for payments dated: June 2012 (Wire Transfer Report), June 1, 2012 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), June 8, 2012 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), June 15, 2012 (Accounts Payable Warrant), June 15, 2012 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), June 22, 2012 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), June 29, 2012 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), June 29, 2012 (Accounts

Payable Warrant), June 2012 (Claims Audit Report)

9.08 Approving the following resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the transfer of \$170,000.00 from budget code A9901.9500.00.8300 to A9901.9005.00.8300 to support the operating deficit of the School Lunch Fund”

9.09 Approving the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$2,026.73 toward the purchase of supplies for Fifth Avenue Elementary School and increase the 2012-2013 budget code A2110.5030.12.0200 by \$2,026.73 for this purpose.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2012-2013 budget by \$2,026.73 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of the Fifth Avenue Elementary School participation in the Stop and Shop A+ Bonus Bucks Program”

9.10 Approving an application to The First Rehabilitation Life Insurance Company of America for the purpose of providing a policy of Group Excess Medical Reimbursement Insurance.

9.11 Approving the following resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the transfer of \$100,606.40 from budget code A2250.4700.00.3102 to budget code A9901.9500.00.8300 to support the 2011-2012 General Fund’s basic contribution for State Supported Section 4201 schools”

In response to a question, Ms. Kathleen Molander, Assistant Superintendent for Business, stated that in prior years these costs were supported entirely by New York State but in the 2011-2012 school year Governor Cuomo changed the school responsibility to 25%.

Vote on Trustee Thompson’s motion to approve 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

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Sabia asked Dr. McDermott about the fencing, walkway and railroad ties at Ocean Avenue Elementary School.

Dr. McDermott stated that new fencing was not being installed at Ocean Avenue and that she would have Mr. Resca look into the conditions of the walkway and railroad ties.

12. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Badanes stated that he had a question concerning school trips for elementary school students. Mr. Badanes asked Dr. McDermott what the policy was going to be as it was indicated that there may not be a school trip to the Statue of Liberty.

Dr. McDermott stated that she met with the building principals today and discussed field trips. Dr. McDermott noted that field trips will proceed as in the past except in the way that payment is made for the field trip. Dr. McDermott stated that the District's attorneys recommended that parents sponsor the trip and the money be donated to the school district.

At 8:57 p.m., motion was made by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Badanes, to adjourn the regular meeting and convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to current litigation.

Unanimously carried.

At 9:12 p.m. the Board reconvened in public session.

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Sabia, to approve a Stipulation of Settlement for Federal Court Case 11-CV-4090 dated September 10, 2012.

Unanimously carried.

13. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:13 p.m., motion was made by Trustee Rapiejko, seconded by Trustee Sabia, to convene into Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular person.

Unanimously carried.

At 10:20 p.m. the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

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Beth M. Nystrom  
District Clerk

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