

**Northport-East Northport Union Free School District Regular Meeting - William J. Brosnan School
(Thursday, September 28, 2017)**

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Members present

David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel (left meeting at 7:00 p.m. and returned at 7:26 p.m.)

Members absent

None

Also present

Mr. Robert Banzer, Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Kathleen Molander, Assistant Superintendent for Business

Ms. Irene McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

Mr. Matthew Nelson, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, Technology and Assessment

Dr. Dana Boshnack, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning

Mr. Steven Goodstadt, Ingerman Smith, LLP, Board Counsel

Ms. Diana Cannino, Ingerman Smith, LLP, Board Counsel

Public Attendance: Approximately 45 people

1. CALL TO ORDER – President Rapiejko called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

2. IF NECESSARY, THE CHAIR MAY ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION - Note: It is anticipated that the Board will meet in public at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room to act upon a resolution, upon majority vote, to immediately convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the employment history of particular persons, matters pertaining to current litigation, and matters pertaining to collective negotiations.

Action: 2.01 Motion to convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the employment history of particular persons, matters pertaining to current litigation, and matters pertaining to collective negotiations.

Motion by David Stein, second by Donna McNaughton.

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C. Noonan, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

At 7:17 p.m. the Board reconvened in public session in the cafeteria at the William J. Brosnan School.

3. Mr. Rapiejko led those present in the **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**; and

4. Pointed out the **EMERGENCY EXITS**

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: 5.01 Minutes

Recommendation to approve the following minutes:

5.01.1 September 14, 2017 - Regular Meeting

5.01.2 September 18, 2017 - Special Meeting

Motion by Lori McCue, second by Donna McNaughton.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein

Not Present at Vote: Tammie Topel

6. STUDENT AND STAFF RECOGNITION/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Presentations: 6.01 Accomplishments of Staff and Students

6.01.1 Dr. Patricia Schmitt, English Language Arts District Chairperson, introduced Jacqueline Stevens, English Department Student of the Month.

Dr. Schmitt stated that Jackie's performance in the field of English, academic aspirations, service to community, and scholarship reflect her commitment to the study of academics and the arts, as well as her empathy for others. Jackie's academic history demonstrates the highest level of rigor in her academic program and her outstanding achievements in those challenging courses. In addition to scoring the highest possible scale scores on her AP English exam and Common Core, Jackie excels in the study of art and athletics. She engages in an intense course of study across academic fields including AP Biology and AP History.

Jackie pairs her interest in art with philanthropy, volunteering at church functions to teach art and at Norwood Elementary School functions to inspire children's interest in art. Dr. Schmitt stated that Jackie balances her academic focus with extracurricular activities including participating on the track team, teaching sailing and participates in regatta competitions.

Dr. Schmitt noted that Jackie's aspirations for her future include attending college in pursuit of a degree in the field of art. Whether discussing literature, sculpting, running or sailing, Jackie personifies the attributes of a renaissance learner.

President Rapiejko and Superintendent Banzer congratulated Jackie on her fine accomplishments and presented her with a commendation from the Board.

Information: 6.02 Upcoming Meetings

President Rapiejko reviewed the upcoming meetings of October 11th, October 26th, November 16th and November 30th.

Dr. Lauren Zajac, Assistant Professor of Environmental Medicine and Public Health and Pediatrics at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Health Systems presented to the Board and community through Skype regarding the efficacy of a longitudinal study of Northport Middle School. Dr. Zajac was asked her advice on whether the District should undertake a long-term longitudinal study of students and staff exposed to VOCs in the Northport Middle School K-wing classrooms. Dr. Zajac stated that in her opinion a longitudinal study would not be worthwhile as it would be very hard to draw conclusions as to whether certain illnesses had to do to an exposure concern.

Dr. Zajac spoke about the process and outcome expectations of a longitudinal study, exposure and testing for VOCs, chemical and odor thresholds, and the testing that was performed at the middle school. Dr. Zajac answered questions from the Board and community members.

Dr. Zajac recommended that the District implement a plan to address indoor air quality in all schools and make sure all the schools adopt a very comprehensive plan. Dr. Zajac recommended the United States

Environmental Protection Agency Tools for Schools program which Superintendent Banzer stated the District has begun to implement. . (The entire conversation with Dr. Zajac is available to view on the website under the agenda for September 28th)

Superintendent Banzer stated that at the last Board meeting questions were raised about the timeline regarding the bleachers at Northport High School. Due to a number of factors that lead to not being able to hold the home varsity football game on Sunday, it has been moved to Half Hollows Hills East High School. Mr. Banzer stated that he knows that it is disappointing but we want to make sure to provide the best product going forward. Mr. Banzer stated he was at the field today and has assurances, barring anything unforeseen, that they are on pace to have everything ready for homecoming.

Mr. Banzer stated that the first phase of the bond work is being started at Northport Middle School. The site work will start on October 2nd which will begin with the tennis courts and doing outside field work.

7. COMMUNICATIONS - Please Note: This is the opportunity for persons who had written letters to the Board to speak to the Board regarding the issues raised in their communications. Speakers are asked to keep their comments brief, and to speak no longer than 5 minutes.

There were no communications requiring Board action.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT/PARTICIPATION - Please Note: Community members are invited to share their questions, comments, or concerns with the School Board. When speaking, citizens should state their name and address for the record and limit their presentation to 5 minutes. Where possible, the Board will answer factual questions immediately. A written response may be provided when information is not available. If a response would involve discussion of Board Policy or decisions which might be of interest to citizens not present at the meeting, the Board may place the item on a future meeting agenda.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Mike Gozelski Football Booster Club President	Stated that the football team is halfway through its season and has not had the opportunity to play on the home field. Mr. Gozelski expressed his frustration with the bleachers not being done stating that the work did not start until August and weeks went by when no one was working on them.
Denise Schwartz Parent	Stated that with what happened at Northport Middle School, moving forward an inspection should be performed of all the buildings before there is another incident. The District needs to have information on the website regarding K-wing follow-up. Ms. Schwartz stated there has to be oversight.
Tara Mackey Parent	Stated that she researched articles regarding Northport Middle School and the school district and there has been health concerns since the building reopened. There were articles dating back to 1996 with concerns about mold, illnesses, asthma attacks, fungus and dust, and rooms closed due to roof leaks. Ms. Mackey stated that the District needs to rectify the situation.
Nicole Mulholland Parent	Stated that the District needs to be diligent with regards to the situation at Northport Middle School and cannot keep putting a band-aid on it. A longitudinal study is owed to the parents. Ms. Mulholland stated that she felt the District does not have the right people for the job.
Donna Rasizzi Parent	Filled out a card but was not present during Public Comment/Participation

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

Action: 9.01 Personnel Actions Report

Recommendation to approve the attached Personnel Actions Report

President Rapiejko announced the retirement of Anthony Resca, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds

Motion by Lori McCue, second by Tammie Topel.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, FINANCIAL - FOR BOARD ACTION

Action: 10.01 Fred T Korematsu Institute

Recommendation to approve a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Fred T Korematsu Institute for a presentation at Northport Middle School and East Northport Middle School in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 (SS)

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by Tammie Topel.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

Action: 10.02 External Auditor

Recommendation to appoint R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP as the District's External Auditor for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, with an option to renew for the 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 fiscal years (RFP #17-128)

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by Tammie Topel.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

Action: 10.03 Internal Auditor

Recommendation to appoint Nawrocki Smith as the District's Internal Auditor for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, with an option to renew for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 fiscal years (RFP# 17-217)

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by Tammie Topel.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

11. PUBLIC WORK SESSION

Action, Discussion: 11.01 Board Policies

11.01.1 Policy #0200 Transgender Students (new policy)

There was a long discussion regarding the need for a transgender policy. The majority of the Board felt that there is a need for a policy but with revisions to the suggested policy to scale it down and have the procedures as guidelines instead of in the policy.

The revised policy will be on the October 26th agenda for Board discussion.

Action: Extend Meeting

At 10:30 p.m. recommendation to extend the meeting.

Motion by David Badanes, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein

No: Tammie Topel

11.01.2 Policy #8220 Buildings and Grounds Maintenance and Inspection (revisions to current policy)

The Board discussed the revisions to Policy #8220 which included adding language regarding indoor air quality. The Board requested that the revisions discussed be incorporated into the policy but that the indoor air quality policy be a stand-alone policy.

The policies will be on the October 26th agenda for Board discussion.

Recommendation to table the following policies until the October 26th Board Meeting:

11.01.3 Policy #9120 Staff Conflicts of Interest (replaces policy #4111/4211 "Recruitment and Selection of Personnel)

11.01.4 Policy #9620 Conditional Appointment - Student Safety (replaces policy #4005 "Fingerprinting of Prospective Employees)

11.01.5 Policy #9465 Disclosure of Wrongful Conduct (Whistleblower Policy) (new policy)

Motion by David Badanes, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein

No: Tammie Topel

Discussion: 11.02 NYSSBA Voting Delegates' Guide

12. ADJOURNMENT - Board policy requires adjournment by 10:30 pm, unless meeting is extended by vote.

Action: 12.01 Adjournment

Recommendation to adjourn the meeting and convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to current litigation

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by Lori McCue.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Andrew Rapiejko, Tammie Topel

Not Present at Vote: David Stein

At 10:58 p.m, the Board convened into Executive Session

At 12:05 p.m., the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth M. Nystrom
District Clerk