

**Northport-East Northport Union Free School District Special Board of Education Workshop -
William J. Brosnan School - 8:45 p.m. (Wednesday, January 15, 2020)**

Generated by Beth M Nystrom on Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Members present

David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Members absent

None

Also present

Mr. Robert Banzer, Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Irene McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

Dr. Dana Boshnack, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning

Mr. Robert Howard, Assistant Superintendent for Business

Public Attendance: Approximately 75 people

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – President Badanes called the meeting to order at 8:47 p.m. in the cafeteria at the William J. Brosnan School.
2. Mr. Badanes led those present in the **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**; and
3. Pointed out the **EMERGENCY EXITS**
- 4. SPECIAL REPORTS**

Report: 4.01 Superintendent's Report on Potential Contingency Plans for Northport Middle School

Mr. Banzer stated that at the January 9th Board of Education meeting the Board tasked him to present options for Northport Middle School students and staff if they needed to be moved out of the building. The presentation tonight is the Contingency Plan for Northport Middle School if it is necessary to close the building. The framework used to develop contingency plans was guided by the following four goals:

- Minimize disruption to students, staff and families.
- Keep students with their current teachers, to the best extent possible.
- Keep students with their grade-level peers, to the best extent possible.
- Minimize disruption to the instructional program.

The stakeholder groups consulted in preparing the potential contingency plans the Northport Middle School Faculty, PTA Council of Presidents, SEPTA and GTPTA Presidents, Principals, Department Chairs and Directors, Union Leaders (food service, teacher aide, clerical and custodial), UTN Executive Board, and Transportation and Food Service Leadership.

The following was taken into consideration when preparing the plan: Space utilization, master scheduling, staffing, curricular program and supporting resources/spaces, extracurricular activities, transportation – busing, drop off/pick up, time for transition and food service.

Mr. Banzer presented the following relocation options:

Option 1: Split Schedule with ENMS: Two school day sessions in one building. ENMS – morning/afternoon, NMS afternoon/evening schedule

Pros:

- All NMS students will be together
- Access to labs and all other specialized instructional spaces

Cons:

- Tremendous disruption to schedule of students, families & staff
- Impact to sports teams likely to lose spring season
- Significant increase to transportation

Option 2: NMS and ENMS 6th grade to Elementary Schools. All (ENMS & NMS) 7th and 8th grade attend ENMS

Pros

- Secondary grade levels have access to Labs and other specialized instructional spaces
- All 7th & 8th grade students would be together
- Sports/extracurriculars maintained for NMS and ENMS

Cons

- Impacts every school in the district but the High School (Pulaski & Dickinson currently at capacity)
- Would require a rebuild of the Middle School schedule(s)
- Loss of teaming for 6th grade students and teachers
- Many students will have a different teacher for the rest of the year
- Moderate increase to transportation
- Logistics for athletics operating both sports programs

Option 3: All or Part (grade level) of NMS to WJB

Pros

- Students stay together
- Minimal changes to transportation

Cons

- Current setup of building does not provide adequate instructional space
- Will not be ready until September 2022 at the earliest due to voter funding approvals, SED approval and construction timelines
- Costs for full renovation estimated to be between \$15-20 million

Option 4: One team of 6th grade to Bellerose and two teams of 6th grade to Norwood, 7th Grade to ENMS, and 8th Grade to NHS

Pros

- Secondary grade levels have access to Labs and other specialized instructional spaces
- Sports are maintained with some logistical challenges
- Transportation feasible but will require bus transfers at WJB
- All students maintain their instructional teams

Cons

- Relocates NHS students & teachers from H wing
- Increased traffic congestion during arrival and dismissal times
- Longer ride times on bus due to transfer
- In some instances teacher schedules would change (Some students may have a different teacher)

Mr. Banzer stated that Option 4 was the recommended contingency plan for NMS if necessary.

The Board thanked Mr. Banzer for the fast turnaround of preparing the contingency plans. The Board had a discussion regarding the feasibility of options 1 through 3, and agreed that option 4 would be the best plan. These options are just for this year in case of an emergency situation. There was a discussion regarding before and after school programs, transportation, insurance implications, contractual issues, teacher schedules, mental health support, and administration.

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

Action: 5.01 Adjournment
Recommendation to adjourn the meeting

Motion by Allison C Noonan, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

At 9:56 p.m. the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth M. Nystrom
District Clerk