

Regular Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District was held on Thursday evening, September 24, 2015, beginning at 6:34 p.m., in the Board Conference Room at the William J. Brosnan School, 158 Laurel Avenue, Northport, New York, with Mr. Andrew Rapiejko, Chairperson, opening the meeting and presiding.

Members present: Mr. David Badanes, Ms. Julia Binger, Mrs. Lori McCue, Mrs. Donna McNaughton, Mrs. Regina Pisacani, Mr. Andrew Rapiejko, Mr. David Stein, Mrs. Jennifer Thompson

Members absent: Mrs. Tammie Topel

Also present: Mr. Robert Banzer, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Kathleen Molander, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
Mr. Matthew Nelson, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Administration  
Mr. Lou Curra, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

1. President Rapiejko called the meeting to order.

Public attendance: There were approximately fifteen persons present.

2. Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Badanes, to immediately convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to contract negotiations.

Unanimously carried by those present.

At 7:08 p.m. the Board reconvened in Public Session.

3. Mr. Rapiejko led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance; and
4. Pointed out the emergency exits.

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Binger, to approve all items under 5.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.01 Minutes

5.01.1 Regular Meeting – September 10, 2015

Unanimously carried by those present.

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

6.01 President Rapiejko reviewed the upcoming meetings of October 8<sup>th</sup>, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, November 5<sup>th</sup> and November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Superintendent Banzer stated that at the October 22<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting he will do a presentation on APPR, Common Core, and assessments including a status of where the state is and where Northport is in relation to all the changes that are coming up.

Mr. Banzer noted that there is a continued discussion regarding the property adjacent to Norwood Avenue Elementary School and he hopes to have an update for the public in the near future.

Mr. Banzer stated that in response to the Board discussion regarding having a student representative at Board Meetings, he has gathered some information on a number of different models on how the students may present to the Board and could have something up and running in a month or so.

Mr. Banzer noted that he attended the elementary schools open house on Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> and witnessed positive energy throughout all six buildings.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications to the Board requiring Board action.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT/PARTICIPATION

There was no public comment/participation.

9. SPECIAL REPORTS

9.01 Ms. Tara Gaiss, District Coordinator of Reading/AIS presented the Reading and AIS Instructional Initiatives.

Ms. Gaiss reviewed the following 2014-2015 Department of Reading/AIS Initiatives and Accomplishments: Utilized K-5 Common Core assessments in literacy to provide formative data to classroom teachers/principals; collaborated with principals and instructional coordinators to support classroom teachers with a focus on guided reading and word study; revised the elementary report card to reflect the Common Core State Standards and align to grade level curriculum; further enhanced tiered, data-driven interventions through the implementation of “double-dose” Foundations.

The 2015-2016 Initiatives are to further develop the skills of the AIS Reading staff to utilize Curriculum Based Measurements (CBMs) to diagnose, set goals and evaluate progress using research based tools; develop standards-based common assessments that provide formative data to guide the AIS Reading lab curriculum in seventh and eighth grades; provide professional development to K-5 teachers on the new standards based on Common Core aligned elementary report card, focusing on a continuum of reading behaviors and inter-rater reliability; and to collaborate with principals and instructional coordinators to support classroom teachers in utilizing interactive read aloud to develop students’ writing about reading (The Reader’s Notebook).

Ms. Gaiss reviewed the Spring NWEA (Northwest Evaluation System) Reading/RIT Scores for All Cohorts Grades K-8, Cohort 2023, Cohort 2022, Cohort 2021, Cohort 2020, Cohort 2019, Cohort 2018, Cohort 2017, Cohort 2016 and Cohort 2015 NWEA Reading RIT Scores.

There was a discussion regarding the change to report cards, Common Core standards, assessments, and Foundations.

The Board thanks Ms. Gaiss for her very informative report.

10. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT, GENERAL – FOR BOARD ACTION

Motion was made by Trustee McNaughton, seconded by Trustee Pisacani, to approve item 10.01, including the addendum Personnel Actions Report.

10.01 Approving the Personnel Actions Report dated September 24, 2015, attached and made part of the official minutes.

Vote on Trustee McNaughton's motion to approve item 10.01, including the addendum Personnel Actions Report, was as follows:

YES: Mr. Badanes, Ms. Binger, Mrs. McCue, Ms. Pisacani, Mr. Rapiejko, Mr. Stein, Mrs. Thompson  
ABSTAIN: Mrs. McNaughton

Motion passed.

Motion was made by Trustee McNaughton, seconded by Trustee Stein, to approve the remaining items under 10., with the exception of tabled item 10.02.6

10.02 Receiving for a first reading the following policies:

10.02.1	Policy #6010 – “Fiscal Controls”
10.02.2	Policy #6100 – “Annual Budget”
10.02.3	Policy #6110 – “Administration of the Budget”
10.02.4	Policy #6150 – “Budget Transfers”
10.02.5	Policy #6410 – “On-Line Banking Services”
10.02.6	Tabled
10.02.7	Policy #6600 – “Fiscal Accounting and Reporting”
10.02.8	Policy #6650 – “Claims Auditor”
10.02.9	Policy #6660 – “Independent/External Audits”
10.02.10	Policy #6680 – “Internal Audit Function”
10.02.11	Policy #6800 – “Fixed Asset Accounting”
10.02.12	Policy #6810 – “Payroll Procedures”

10.03 Approving the following staff member as a designee of the Northport-East Northport School District when initiating referrals to the Committee on Special Education during the 2015-2016 school year:

Kerrin Fitzpatrick, School Psychologist

Vote on Trustee McNaughton's motion to approve all remaining items under 10., with the exception of tabled item 10.02.6, was unanimously carried by those present.

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee McNaughton, to approve all items under 11.

## 11. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, FINANCIAL – FOR BOARD ACTION

11.01. Approving a 2015-2016 Special Education Services Contract between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District

11.02 Approving an Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Deborah Seltzer

11.03 Approving a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Islip Tutoring Services, Inc.

11.04 Receiving the following donations to the District:

11.04.1 \$105.00 from The East Northport Sunshine Club to the Leslie Spanko Memorial Scholarship

11.05 Approving the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the appropriation A1621.4010.30.7802 (Contract Services – Operations and Maintenance Grounds) of the 2015-2016 budget by \$2,100 with the understanding that this increase in appropriations is the result of unanticipated expenses associated with the repair of District property.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2680 (Insurance Recovery) of the 2015-2016 budget by \$2,100 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of insurance proceeds.”

11.06 Approving transfer of fund appropriations in the 2015-2016 budget

11.07 Approving a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Ron Smith in an amount not to exceed \$850

Vote on trustee McCue’s, motion to approve all items under 11. was unanimously carried by those present.

12. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Pisacani gave an update on the activities of the Athletic Facilities Citizens Advisory Committee stating that they have been working very hard, having meetings at least three times per month and have made great strides in accomplishing what is listed in the committee’s charter. The committee toured all schools except the interior of Northport Middle School. The group has spent many hours discussing recommendations and the list is in the final stages at this time. The committee discussed current events, bond presentations, reached out to coaches and physical education teachers, discussed field usage handling with local municipalities, visited other school districts, and had turf companies and a natural grass company present and discuss the pros and cons of artificial turf and natural grass.

14. NEW BUSINESS

15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Trustee McNaughton, seconded by Trustee McCue, to adjourn the regular meeting.

Unanimously carried by those present.

At 9:35 p.m., the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

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Beth M. Nystrom  
District Clerk