

Regular Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District was held on Monday evening, November 29, 2010, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in the Board Conference Room 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: Ms. Julia Binger, Mr. Joe Gannon, Mrs. Lori McCue, Mrs. Donna McNaughton, Mr. Andrew Rapiejko, Mrs. Jennifer Thompson, Mr. Stephen V. Waldenburg, Jr., Mrs. Karen Wills

Members absent: None
One board seat vacant

Also present: Dr. Marylou McDermott, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Terry Bouton, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Ms. Kathleen Molander, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Mr. Matthew Nelson, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Administration

1. President Waldenburg called the meeting to order.

Motion was made by Trustee Wills, seconded by Trustee Thompson, to convene in Executive Session to discuss proposed, pending or current litigation. These matters cannot be discussed in public session because public discussion of the matter would compromise the District's position in that litigation.

Unanimously carried.

At 7:40 p.m., the Board reconvened in public session in the cafeteria at the William J. Brosnan School.

Public attendance: There were approximately 35 persons present.

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT AND MONTHLY SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Gannon, to approve all items under 4.01

- 4.01 Minutes

- 4.01.1 Regular Meeting, November 15, 2010

Unanimously carried.

5. SPECIAL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

- 5.01 Accomplishments of Staff and Students

- 5.01.1 Mr. Bryan Horan, Science Research Teacher, introduced Lucas Hoffmann, who was named a national semi-finalist in the prestigious and competitive Siemens Competition in Math, Science and Technology.

5.02 Mr. David Storch, International Baccalaureate Program Coordinator, presented an update on the International Baccalaureate Program. Mr. Storch stated that the IB Program is a comprehensive two year international curriculum which encourages critical and creative thinking, promotes global vision, and provides skill vitals to college readiness and college success. The advanced, comprehensive program of study offers an integrated approach to learning across the disciplines with an emphasis on meeting the challenges of living and working in a global, technological society. Mr. Storch noted that any student may enroll in the full diploma program or challenge one or more IB courses within the certificate program. There are two levels of IB coursework, higher level (HL) and standard level (SL) Higher level is an intensive, in-depth college level study over two years, and standard level (SL) is a rigorous pre-university study over one or two years.

Mr. Storch stated that in 2010-2011 the program has grown to almost 1,100 course seats with more than 53% of the junior and senior classes taking at least one IB course prior to graduation. In May 2010 over 500 IB examinations were given with results of 88% scoring HL Proficiency, 15% HL Mastery, 92% SL Proficiency, and 28% SL Mastery. Mr. Storch noted that there are 26 IB Diploma candidates in 2010. Mr. Storch reviewed the IB Program Initiatives for 2010-2011 and noted that his full presentation is available on the District's website.

After a brief discussion, President Waldenburg and Superintendent McDermott thanked Mr. Storch for his informative report.

5.03 The President of the Board reviewed the upcoming Board of Education meetings of December 13th, January 10th, and January 24th.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

6.01 Letter from Mr. Joseph Stewart to Dr. Marylou McDermott, received November 17, 2010, re: Extra Help

Mr. Stewart stated that he reviewed other district's teachers' contracts and Harborfields, Commack, Huntington and Elwood all have it written in the contracts that teachers have to provide extra help without a stipend or extra pay.

President Waldenburg thanked Mr. Stewart for the information.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Carl Litt Resident	Inquired about the RFP on energy savings and clarification of the cost of mold remediation a few years ago at Northport Middle School.

Dr. Marylou McDermott, Superintendent, stated that the cost estimates for the mold remediation at Northport Middle School provided to her were incorrect and the information should have verified.

Ms. Kathleen Molander, Assistant Superintendent for Business, stated that the RFP is being reviewed by the District's attorneys and some revisions will be made.

Motion was made by Trustee Gannon, seconded by Trustee McNaughton, to approve all items under 8. and 9., including Supplemental 8.01.1 (Schedule A #12-29)

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

8.01 Personnel Schedules, each dated November 29, 2010, and each attached and made part of the official minutes:

- 8.01.1 Schedule A - Certified Staff
- 8.01.2 Schedule B - Non-Instructional Staff
- 8.01.3 Schedule C - Salary Transfers
- 8.01.4 Schedule D - Extra Pay
- 8.01.5 Schedule J - Committee on Special Education

Mr. Matt Nelson stated that this year the District decided to run the elementary language program and that participation has nearly doubled.

In response to a question regarding SmartBoard installation, Dr. McDermott stated that there are two phases to the installation process and that the custodial staff has completed the prep work at East Northport Middle School and is in the process of completing the prep work at Northport Middle School.

Mr. Nelson stated that the District is contracting with an outside company through BOCES to install the SmartBoards and hopes to have all installation completed by the holidays. Mr. Nelson noted that it is multi-year financing project through BOCES and it is not considered a capital project.

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

8.02.1 Policy #5150 – “*School Admissions*” (replaces Policy #5111 “Admissions” and 5141.3 “Health Examinations, Inoculations and X-rays”)

8.02.2 Policy #4322 – “*Programs for the Gifted and Talented*” (replaces Policy #6143.2 “Education for the Gifted and Talented Child”)

8.03 Approving a preventative drug and alcohol awareness program entitled “Too Good for Drugs” by the Pederson-Krag Center to 5th grade students at Fifth Avenue Elementary School and Ocean Avenue Elementary School

9. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT, FINANCIAL - FOR BOARD ACTION

9.01 Approving transfer of general fund appropriations in the 2010-2011 budget

Vote on Trustee Gannon’s motion to approve all items under 8. and 9., including Supplemental 8.01.1 (Schedule A #12-29), was unanimously carried.

10. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT - FOR INFORMATION ONLY

10.01 Schedule I – Home Instruction

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Vice President Wills stated that the Board received the verbatim transcript of the portion of the November 1, 2010 Board Meeting that was requested to be revised and based on review of the transcript proposes the following motion.

Motion was made by Trustee Wills, seconded by Trustee McNaughton, to approve the minutes of November 1, 2010 as originally written, accurately reflecting what was said.

Unanimously carried.

12. NEW BUSINESS

13. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:30 p.m., there being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Trustee Wills, seconded by Trustee McCue to adjourn the public meeting and convene into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of collective negotiations. The reason that this matter may not be disclosed pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law public discussion of which would compromise the District's negotiating position.

Unanimously carried

At 10:00 p.m. the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Beth M. Nystrom
District Clerk

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