

Regular Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District was held on Monday evening, January 12, 2015, beginning at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Conference Room at the William J. Brosnan School, 158 Laurel Avenue, Northport, New York, with Ms. Julia R. Binger, Chairperson, opening the meeting and presiding.

Members present: Mr. David Badanes, Ms. Julia Binger, Mr. James Maloney, Mrs. Lori McCue, Mrs. Donna McNaughton, Mrs. Regina Pisacani (arrived at 6:15 p.m.), Mr. Andrew Rapiejko, Mrs. Jennifer Thompson, Mr. Stephen V. Waldenburg, Jr.

Members absent: None

Also present: Dr. Thomas Caramore, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Kathleen Molander, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Mr. Matthew Nelson, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Administration
Ms. Rosemarie Coletti, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

1. President Binger called the meeting to order.

Motion was made by Trustee Badanes, seconded by Trustee McNaughton, to convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to contract negotiations, current litigation and the employment history of particular persons.

Unanimously carried by those present.

At 7:08 p.m. the Board reconvened in public session in the Cafeteria at the William J. Brosnan School.

Public attendance: There were approximately 40 persons present.

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

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

4.01 Minutes

- 4.01.1 Special Meeting, December 3, 2014
- 4.01.2 Regular Meeting, December 8, 2014

Unanimously carried.

5. SPECIAL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

5.01 Accomplishments of Staff and Students

Dr. Thomas Caramore, Interim Superintendent of Schools, stated that he is pleased to be back working in the Northport-East Northport School District.

5.01.1 Recognition of retiring Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Marylou McDermott

President Binger recognized Dr. Marylou McDermott, retired Superintendent of Schools, for her dedication to the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and thanked her for her many accomplishments. President Binger presented Dr. McDermott with a plaque from the Board of Education.

5.01.2 Ms. Robin Rann, District Chairperson of Mathematics, introduced Andrew Blom and Keito Judson-Teranishi who were named “Long Island Young Scholar of Mathematics” and accepted into the Institute for Creative Problem solving.

5.02 For Information: Upcoming Meetings.

The President of the Board reviewed the upcoming Board of Education meetings scheduled for January 26th, February 9th, March 2nd, March 9th, March 16th and March 23rd.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications to the Board requiring Board action at this meeting.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Comment</u>
David Stein Parent	Asked about the status of the BOCES feasibility study for full day kindergarten in follow-up to his comments from the last Board meeting.
Mary Gilmore PTA Co-President (OAS)	Stated that the Ocean Avenue PTA voted unanimously in favor of a full day kindergarten and read her letter to the Board.
Nina Dorata Resident	Asked the Board to consider the average salaries of certain administrators in area school districts before approving the raises proposed on the agenda. Stated that corrective action plan does not give consideration to forming a budget committee and stated that her data shows that a budget committee has an impact.
Jody Schlanger Parent	Read a letter to the Board in support of implementing full day kindergarten.
Sara Abbass Parent	Read a letter to the Board in support of implementing full day kindergarten.
Jackie Oster Resident	Questioned when the last time the administrators received a raise and why they are getting one effective January 1, 2015. Ms. Oster stated that it appears as though the administrators are being taken care of and not the teachers.

Dr. Thomas Caramore stated that as a cost savings to the District during 2014-2015 it was negotiated that the salary increase for administrators be 1% and instead of increment being given in July, it would be given in January.

Antoinette Blanck UTN President	Stated that with regards to the administrative raises, she understands that the cabinet is tied to the high school principal and that the directors are tied to the middle school principals, but stated prospectively there may be a better way to explain this to the general population.
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| Tracy Bernson
PTA Co-President (OAS) | Read a letter to the Board in support of implementing full day kindergarten. |
| Christine Mulholland
Parent | Made statements in support of implementing full day kindergarten |
| Eugenia Roche
Parent | Read a letter from Lisa Hamada to the Board in support of implementing full day kindergarten. |
| Sheryl Randazzo
Parent | Made statements in support of full day kindergarten. |

Dr. Caramore stated that any educator would not disagree with all who spoke this evening and stated that he believed full day kindergarten is a proper program with more instructional time as well as meeting social and emotional needs of students. Dr. Caramore stated that there may be an issue with implementing full day kindergarten in 2015 as the District would most likely have an influx of students from the private and parochial kindergarten programs. Dr. Caramore stated that the problem is that there may not be enough classrooms to house an additional two or more sections. The other constraint would be if the District has to convert current classrooms in which the State Education Department would be involved to approve those renovations. Dr. Caramore noted that the District is also constrained by the 2% cap. Dr. Caramore stated that he supports the concept of full day kindergarten and hopes to have something together for September of 2015, if not the Board will look to September of 2016.

There was a brief discussion of the influx of students from private and parochial schools, changes to kindergarten curriculum, AIS services, and classroom conversions.

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| Ainsley Bandrowski
NHS Student | Stated that there is a strong culture of competition among students and that the class ranking system is not healthy to students involved. Ms. Bandrowski stated that there is so much more to students than classes and ranking in college admissions. |
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Ms. Irene McLaughlin, Northport High School Principal, stated that the Board asked administration to look at class rank during the 2013-2014 school year and the Board agreed to the recommended changes in policy to class rank.

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

Motion was made by Trustee Waldenburg, seconded by Trustee McNaughton, to approve items 8.01, 8.02, and 8.03, with the exception of the Director of Physical Education, Health & Athletics (removed) on Appendix B of item 8.01.

- 8.01 Personnel Actions Report, dated January 12, 2015, attached and made part of the official minutes.
- 8.02 Approving Schedule J, Committee on Special Education
- 8.03 Approving request for foreign travel for students to countries outside of the United States during the 2014-2015 school year:

- England and Scotland (June 29 – July 7, 2015)

Vote on Trustee Waldenburg's motion to approve items 8.01, 8.02 and 8.03, with the exception of the Director of Physical Education, Health & Athletics (removed) from Appendix B of 8.01 was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Badanes, seconded by Trustee Waldenburg, to approve item 8.04

8.04 Approving the Corrective Action Plan to the New York State Comptroller's Audit for the period July 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013

There was a brief discussion regarding the corrective action plan and the recommendations of the Audit Committee.

Vote on Trustee Badanes motion was as follows:

YES: Mr. Badanes, Ms. Binger, Mrs. McCue, Mrs. McNaughton, Mrs. Pisacani, Mr. Rapiejko, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Waldenburg
ABSENT: Mr. Maloney

Motion passed.

Motion was made by Trustee Badanes, seconded by Trustee Waldenburg, to approve item 8.05

8.05 Approving the Corrective Action Plan to the June 30, 2014 External Audit

Unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Badanes, to approve all items under 8.06 through 9.29

8.06 Budget Vote and Election of Trustees 2015

8.06.1 Adopting the 2015-2016 Schedule of Voting Details

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, FINANCIAL – FOR BOARD ACTION

9.01 Approving a Special Education Services Contract (Education Law §4401(5)(2) between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Ascent (Spec. Ed.)

9.02 Approving a Rider to Agreement between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Larkfield Manor (ENMS)

9.03 Approving an Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and The Daytop Preparatory School

9.04 Approving a Rider to Agreement between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and New York YMCA Camp Greenkill Outdoor Education Center (NMS)

9.05 Approving a Rider to Agreement between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Curriculum Travel of America (NMS)

9.06 Approving a Rider to Agreement between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Gerber Tours, Inc. (FAS)

9.07 Approving a Rider to Agreement dated November 19, 2014 between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Circle Line Sightseeing (ENMS)

9.08 Approving a 2014-2015 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Gersh Academy Inc. (Spec. Ed.)

9.09 Approving a September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 Agreement between the Kings Park Central School District and the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District (Spec. Ed.)

9.10 Approving Claims Auditor's Report for Warrants and Schedule of Claims for payments dated:

November 7, 2014 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), November 14, 2014 (Accounts Payable Warrant), November 21, 2014 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), November 26, 2014 (Accounts Payable Warrant), November 2014 (Claims Audit Report)

9.11 Approving Claims Auditor's Report – Payroll Audit for Payroll Distribution/Audit dated November 7, 2014 (PRS)

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

2014 9.12.1 Treasurer's Report for the period October 1, 2014 through October 31,

9.12.2 Monthly Summary of Receipts and Disbursements for October 2014

9.13 Approving Schedule of Investments:

9.13.1 Schedule of Investments as of October 31, 2014

9.14 Approving Collateral Reports:

9.14.1 Collateral Report for October 2014

9.15 Approving Bank Reconciliation Reports:

9.15.1 Bank Reconciliation Report for the month ended October 31, 2014

9.16 Approving General Fund Projected Cash Flow Statements:

9.16.1 For the year ending 2014-2015, Actual Data July 1, 2014 – October 31, 2014, Estimated Data November 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

9.17 Approving Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report, School Lunch Fund:

9.17.1 Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report, School Lunch Fund for the month ending October 31, 2014

9.18 Approving Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report, Special Aid Fund:

9.18.1 Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report, Special Aid Fund for the month ending October 31, 2014

9.19 Approving Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report, General Fund:

9.19.1 Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report, General Fund for the month ending October 31, 2014

9.20 Approving Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report, Capital Fund:

9.20.1 Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report, General Fund for the month ending October 31, 2014

9.21 Approving School Lunch Profit and Loss Statement for the month ending October 31, 2014

9.22 Approving transfer of general fund appropriations in the 2014-2015 budget.

9.23 Approving a Revised Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Journeys Into American Indian Territory (BAS)

9.24 Approving a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Achieve Beyond f/k/a Bilinguals (WL)

9.25 Approving the following resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby gratefully accepts a donation of \$705 from Northport-East Northport residents whose names are more fully set forth in the attached document, for the purpose of covering the cost of transportation for the Northport High School Urban Studies class field trip on December 8, 2014 and increase the 2014-2015 budget code A2110.4161.30.2903 by \$705 for this purpose.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2014-2015 budget by \$705 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of donations from Northport-East Northport residents.”

9.26 Approving the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$2,000 from Ruth Mulvaney in memory of Frances Mulvaney toward the purchase of supplies for the library and increase the budget code A2610.5030.14.1300 by \$2,000 for this purpose.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2014-2015 budget by \$2,000 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of donations for the Norwood Avenue Elementary School Library.”

9.27 Approving the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$200 to be used for supplies for the Science Olympiads at Northport Middle School and increase the 2014-2015 budget code A2110.5030.23.0700 by \$200 for this purpose.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2014-2015 budget by \$200 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of the donation to Northport Middle School from the Morgan Stanley Annual Appeal and Charitable Spending Account Program.”

9.28 Approving the following resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby gratefully accepts a donation of \$5,151 from Northport-East Northport residents whose names are more fully set forth in the attached document, for the purpose of the Northport High School Introduction to Dance trip to New York City on March 4, 2015 and increase the 2014-2015 budget code A2110.4161.30.2903 by \$5,151 for this purpose.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2014-2015 budget by \$5,151 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of donations from Northport-East Northport residents.”

9.29 Approving the following resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby gratefully accepts a donation of \$1,230 from Northport-East Northport residents whose names are more fully set forth in the attached document, for the purpose of covering the cost of transportation for the Northport High School Urban Studies class field trip on December 1, 2014 and increase the 2014-2015 budget code A2110.4161.30.2903 by \$1,230 for this purpose.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2014-2015 budget by \$1,230 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of donations from Northport-East Northport residents.”

Vote on Trustee Thompson’s motion to approve all items under 8.06 through 9.29 was unanimously carried.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - FOR INFORMATION ONLY

10.01 Schedule H – Use of Facilities

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Binger stated that the dedication ceremony and concert and for the Robert W. Krueger Center for the Performing Arts was held on Saturday, January 10th. Ms. Binger commended all those who participated and the outstanding performances.

11.01 Continued discussion of possible change in day of scheduled Board Meetings.

Trustee Badanes stated that he would like to see Policy 2300 changed to have Board meetings on either Wednesday or Thursday evening.

Dr. Caramore stated that this is the first District he has worked at where the meetings are scheduled for Mondays. Dr. Caramore stated that he prefers Wednesday or Thursday as it gives the administration more time to prepare and the Board more time to review and ask questions regarding agenda items.

There was a brief discussion on what day the meeting should be changed to. The Board asked for counsel advice on whether to change the policy or adopt a resolution to change the day of the scheduled Board meeting.

Trustee Maloney asked about the status of the energy performance contract.

Ms. Kathleen Molander, Assistant Superintendent for Business, stated that a meeting is being scheduled to discuss leasing and financing of the energy performance contract.

12. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Badanes recognized the teams receiving outstanding sportsmanship from Section XI.

13. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:05 p.m., motion was made by Trustee Rapiejko, seconded by Trustee Waldenburg, to adjourn the regular meeting and convene into Executive Session to discuss the employment history of particular persons.

Unanimously carried.

Dr. Caramore noted that he will not be at the next Board Meeting scheduled for January 26th.

At 10:40 p.m., the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Beth M. Nystrom
District Clerk

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