

**Northport-East Northport UFSD Board of Education Regular Meeting - William J. Brosnan School  
(Wednesday, October 19, 2016)**

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**Members present**

David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan (arrived at 5:42 p.m.), Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson

**Members absent**

Tammie Topel (excused)

**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

**1. CALL TO ORDER** - President Rapiejko called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. in the Board Conference Room

**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 5:30 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 current litigation and matters pertaining to the employment history of particular persons and the employment history of particular corporations.

Action: 2.0 Motion to convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to current litigation, matters pertaining to the employment history of particular persons, and matters pertaining to the employment history of particular corporations.

Motion by David Stein, second by Lori McCue

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Andrew Rapiejko, Regina Pisacani, David Stein, Jennifer Thompson

Not Present at Vote: Allison C Noonan

At 7:24 p.m. the Board reconvened in Public Session in the cafeteria.

**3.** Mr. Rapiejko led those present in the **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** and a moment of silence in memory of Marilyn Fazio, Accounting Department Clerical, who passed away on Monday; and

**4.** Pointed out the **EMERGENCY EXITS**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Action: 5.01 Minutes

Recommendation to approve the following minutes:

Motion by Jennifer H Thompson, second by Regina Pisacani.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson

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

Presentations: 6.01 Accomplishments of Staff and Students

6.01.1 Ms. Jennifer Nesfield, District Chairperson for World Languages and ENL, introduced Nicholas Accovelli, World Languages Department Student of the Month.

Ms. Nesfield stated that Nicholas is part of a select group of students that has pursued the study of multiple languages and has excelled in both Italian and French and has repeatedly demonstrated his love and appreciation of foreign cultures. Nick has been described by his teachers as a stellar student who is unusually self-motivated and uniquely inquisitive about other cultures and civilizations. Ms. Nesfield stated that Nick works diligently both in and out of the classroom, consistently earning top grades in all of his language courses, as well as in AP English, Physics, College Pre-Calculus, and AP Politics. He is well spoken and challenges himself to find opportunities to speak in both French and Italian outside of the classroom. Last year Nick had the opportunity to travel to Italy with the high school and his teachers said that he always spoke in Italian while they were there. It was clear to the chaperones that Nick was proud to be able to represent the school and country. Given his love of languages, his cultural competence, his intrinsic motivation, and his ability to positively motivate his peers, it is no surprise that Nick was selected by the department to present the keynote address at the World Languages Honor Society Inductions.

Ms. Nesfield stated that it is evident that this remarkable young man has limitless potential. He loves learning for the sake of learning and has developed a level of self-awareness not often seen in students his age. The Department of World Languages, Northport High School, and the community are truly blessed to have such an outstanding student in the program.

President Rapiejko and Superintendent Banzer congratulated Nick on his fine accomplishments and presented him with a commendation from the Board.

6.01.2 Ms. Jennifer Nesfield, District Chairperson of World Languages and ENL, introduced Jonny Pavon, English Language Learner Student of the Month.

Ms. Nesfield stated that Jonny is a remarkable young man who has distinguished himself both personally and academically over the last two year. His strong work ethic and perseverance are qualities that have served him well since his arrival from Honduras not quite three years ago. As a new student in Kings Park High School, Jonny faced the daunting challenge of acclimating to a new country, a new school, and a new language. He then had to do it all over again when he moved to our district last fall. Jonny's ENL teachers noted that he came to school early and stayed late every day to work on his assignments and he approaches his study of English with enthusiasm and tenacity, so much so that he completed the ENL program within two years. Ms. Nesfield stated that although his English was still limited when he arrived in our district, he worked hard and tested at the Commanding level on the NYSESLAT exam this past May. In addition to his ENL classes, Jonny opted to take two science classes, Global History, Art and IB Spanish last year. This year he continued to pursue a challenging schedule that includes Common Core Algebra and Robotics. His compassionate nature and caring personality make him stand out amongst his peers. Jonny has not only improved his English language skills, but has also enriched the lives of his family, his fellow students, and many of his teachers during his time here. He is an excellent role model to his peers because he never hesitates to show kindness to others or to challenge himself.

Ms. Nesfield stated that Jonny is a source of pride for his family, the English as a New Language Department, and Northport High School. He has a bright future ahead of him and will accomplish many wonderful things.

Jonny was unable to attend the meeting so Ms. Nesfield accepted the commendation from the Board on his behalf.

Superintendent Banzer gave an update on the Drug and Alcohol Task Force stating that they received a grant to hire a project manager to carry out a lot of the work the task force is doing not just within the school but also the school-community partnership. Ms. McLaughlin has agreed to chair the hiring committee. Mr. Banzer stated that the task force presented a very focused and comprehensive action plan on what they hope to accomplish over the next few years.

Mr. Banzer stated that RAP (Recovery Awareness Prevention) week begins on October 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be many programs in the high school including guest speakers and opportunities for both middle school and elementary school students to learn about healthy choices and making good decisions. Mr. Banzer noted that Chief Ricca from the Northport Police Department reached out to the District looking to partner in a town hall meeting primarily for youth on November 17<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Banzer stated that a young man was saved at Herricks Middle School by the use of an AED and noted how close the ties are to this community and the Acompora family with having AEDs in schools.

Mr. Banzer stated that the administrative team surprised him at council meeting with t-shirts with the phrase "give attention", his theme this year from Superintendent's Conference Day.

6.01.3 Mr. Banzer stated that Governor Andrew Cuomo declared the week of October 24 - October 28, 2016 as School Board Recognition Week. The Governor declared this special week to commend school board members for their dedicated service to the children of New York State. The nine members of the Board received commendations from Western Suffolk BOCES and from the Northport-East Northport School District and PTA Council. Mr. Banzer thanked the Board on behalf of the students, staff and community for the time, attention and care that goes into every decision the Board makes.

Information: 6.02 For Information: Upcoming Meetings

President Rapiejko reviewed the upcoming meetings scheduled for November 3<sup>rd</sup>, November 17<sup>th</sup> and December 8<sup>th</sup>.

**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 for no longer than 5 minutes.

Discussion: 7.01 Communications to the Board

There were no communications to the Board 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.

There was no public comment/participation.

**9. SPECIAL REPORTS**

**10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, GENERAL - FOR BOARD ACTION**

Action: 10.01 Policies - First Read

Recommendation to receive for a first read the following policies:

- 10.01.1 Policy #1800 "Gifts from the Public" (replaces policy #3280 "Gifts/Donations to the District")
- 10.01.2 Policy #2250 "Board of Education Sub-Committees (Revisions to current policy)
- 10.01.3 Policy #5280 "Intramural and Interscholastic Athletics (Replaces policies 6145.1/6145.2 "Athletic Activities" and 6145.11 "Admission Fees Inter-Scholastic Activities")
- 10.01.4 Policy #6550 "Extracurricular Activity Fund" (Replaces policy #5252 "Student Activities Fund Management")
- 10.01.5 Policy #7810 "Retirement or Closing of Facilities (Replaces policy #3512 "Disposition of Excessed Facilities")

The Board discussed the policies and accepted them as a first read with requested revisions by Board Counsel.

Motion by Jennifer H Thompson, second by Regina Pisacani.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson

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

Action: 11.01 Huntington UFSD

Recommendation to approve a 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

Motion by Lori McCue, second by Donna McNaughton.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson

Action: 11.02 DLG Music Inc

Recommendation to approve a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and DLG Music Inc for Piano Accompanist for Winter and Spring rehearsals and concerts in the amount of \$460 (DAS)

Motion by Lori McCue, second by Donna McNaughton.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson

Action: 11.03 Mr. Michel Nadeau

Recommendation to approve a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Mr. Michel Nadeau for Professional Development on band methods in the amount of \$500 (Fine & Performing Arts)

Motion by Lori McCue, second by Donna McNaughton.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson

Action: 11.04 Vanderbilt Mansion/Museum/Planetarium  
Recommendation to approve a Contract between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Vanderbilt Mansion/Museum/Planetarium (FAS)

Motion by Lori McCue, second by Donna McNaughton.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson

Action: 11.05 Toby Walker

Recommendation to approve a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Toby Walker in the amount of \$850 for a performance at East Northport Middle School

Motion by Lori McCue, second by Donna McNaughton.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson

Action: 11.06 Ted Strickroth/Wilderness Museum

Recommendation to approve a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Ted Strickroth/Wilderness Museum in the amount of \$400 for an in-house field trip Natural History Presentation (NAS)

Motion by Lori McCue, second by Donna McNaughton.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson

Action: 11.07 Norwood Avenue Elementary School Field Trip Donation

Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby gratefully accepts a donation of \$680 from Northport-East Northport residents whose names are more fully set forth in the attached document, for the purposes of the Norwood Avenue Elementary School Queens Hall of Science field trip and increase the 2016-2017 budget code A2110.4010.00.2901 by \$680 for this purpose.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2016-2017 budget by \$680 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of donations from Northport-East Northport residents"

Motion by Lori McCue, second by Donna McNaughton.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson

Action: 11.08 Urban Studies Field Trip Transportation Donation

Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby gratefully accepts a donation of \$1,311 from Northport-East Northport residents whose names are more fully set forth in the attached document, for the purposes of covering the cost of transportation for the Northport High School Urban Studies Class

field trips on September 29, 2016 and October 5, 2016 and increase the 2016-2017 budget code A2110.4161.30.2903 by \$1,311 for this purpose.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2016-2017 budget by \$1,311 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of donations from Northport-East Northport residents."

Motion by Lori McCue, second by Donna McNaughton.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson

Action: 11.09 Stop & Shop A+ School Rewards - Pulaski Road School

Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$454.77 toward the purchase of classroom supplies for Pulaski Road School and increase the 2016-2017 budget code A2110.5030.16.0200 by \$454.77 for this purpose.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2016-2017 budget by \$454.77 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of the Pulaski Road School participation in the Stop and Shop a+ Rewards Program"

Motion by Lori McCue, second by Donna McNaughton.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson

Action: 11.10 Target Take Charge of Education - Pulaski Road School

Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$668.31 toward the purchase of classroom supplies for Pulaski Road School and increase the 2016-2017 budget code A2110.5030.16.0200 by \$668.31 for this purpose.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves an increase in the revenue code A2705 of the 2016-2017 budget by \$668.31 with the understanding that this increase in revenue is the result of the Pulaski Road School participation in Target Take Charge of Education Program."

Motion by Lori McCue, second by Donna McNaughton.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson

Action: 11.11 John A Grillo, Architect, P.C.

Recommendation to approve an Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and John A. Grillo, Architect, P.C. for the 2016 Proposed Bond Referendum

Motion by Lori McCue, second by Donna McNaughton.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson

Action: 11.12 George Wurzer

Recommendation to approve a 2016-2017 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and George Wurzer for behavioral consultations and related services (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Lori McCue, second by Donna McNaughton.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson

Action: 11.13 Donations

Recommendation to receive the following donations:

11.13.1 \$1,142.00 from the East Northport Middle School Clash of Classes Fundraiser to the Leslie Spanko Memorial Scholarship

11.13.2 \$50.00 from Diane and Russell Lipari to the Leslie Spanko Memorial Scholarship

11.13.3 \$50.00 from Rebecca Galway to the Leslie Spanko Memorial Scholarship

Motion by Lori McCue, second by Donna McNaughton.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson

Action 11.14 Appointment of External Auditor

Recommendation to sever item 11.14

Motion by Allison C Noonan, second by Regina Pisacani.

Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson

Action: 11.14 Appointment of External Auditor

Recommendation to appoint Cullen & Danowski, LLP as the External Auditors for the 2016-2017 fiscal year, with an option to renew for the 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 fiscal years

There was a discussion on the option to renew the appointment and if the Board was permitted to put out an RFP if they decided not to reappoint. Ms. Molander stated that it is at the Board's purview whether or not to renew the appointment and they are permitted to put out an RFP.

Motion by Lori McCue, second by Jennifer H Thompson.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson

No: Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani

Action: 11.15 Laurence J. Glenz

Recommendation to approve a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Laurence J. Glenz (Larry Glenz) in the amount of \$700 for two RAP week presentations (SSS)

Motion by Lori McCue, second by Donna McNaughton.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson

**12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

**13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**14. NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion: 14.01 Legislative Advocacy

Trustee Badanes asked the Board to consider forming a legislative advocacy committee, either as a subcommittee of the Board or as a community advisory committee. Mr. Badanes suggested that the committee could advocate regarding the tax cap, APPR or whatever the committee would decide it wants to advocate for.

Several Board members stated that they were in favor of a sub-committee of the Board. There was a discussion of the charge of the committee, slates from NYSSBA and the Suffolk County Superintendent's Association and what their focus is on, and communication with local legislators.

Trustee Badanes stated that he will propose a charter for a sub-committee of the Board at the next meeting.

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

Action: 15.01 Adjournment

Recommendation to adjourn meeting and reconvene in Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the employment history of a particular person.

Motion by David Stein, second by Lori McCue.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Regina Pisacani, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Jennifer H Thompson

At 9:55 p.m. the Board convened into Executive Session.

At 11:00 p.m. the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth M. Nystrom  
District Clerk