

Public Hearing on Finalized Budget

A Public Hearing of the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District was held on Monday evening, May 10, 2010, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in 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: Mrs. Liz Dragone, Mr. Joe Gannon, Mr. Rob Ingraham, Mr. Tim Madden, Mrs. Donna McNaughton, Dr. Kay Hutchins Sato, Mr. Stephen V. Waldenburg, Jr., Mrs. Karen Wills

Members absent: None
One board seat vacant

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

1. President Waldenburg called the meeting to order.

Motion was made by Trustee Dragone, seconded by Trustee McNaughton, to convene in Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to an individual employee.

Unanimously carried.

At 7:30 p.m., motion was made by Trustee Wills, seconded by Trustee Madden, to reconvene in public session in the Cafeteria at the William J. Brosnan School.

Unanimously carried.

Public attendance: There were approximately 40 persons present.

2. Mr. Waldenburg led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance; and
3. Pointed out the emergency exits.
4. SPECIAL REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT
 - 4.1 Accomplishments of Staff and Students

4.1.1 Mr. Anthony Yarusso, Technology Teacher, introduced the Technology Department Student of the Month, Steven Kinscherf. Mr. Yarusso stated that Steven has clearly distinguished himself as a student of Technology. Steven is currently enrolled in Basic Electricity, Robotics and Advanced Auto Mechanics and has completed classes in Car Care, Design & Drawing for Production, Small Engines, Architectural Drawing, and Automotive Technology. Mr. Yarusso stated that Steven will be attending NYIT next fall and will major in Electrical Engineering with a minor in Physics. Mr. Yarusso noted that Steven is a conscientious young man with the maturity, intelligence, judgment and character to be successful at his future endeavors.

President Waldenburg and Superintendent McDermott, congratulated Steven on his fine achievements and presented him with a commendation from the Board.

5. BRIEF OVERVIEW BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE PROPOSITIONS ON THE
MAY 18, 2010 BALLOT

Dr. Marylou McDermott, Superintendent, stated that Proposition #1, the 2010-2011 proposed budget of \$147,487,339 represents a dollar change of \$1,218,448, a budget to budget increase of 9.83%, and a tax rate increase of 2.18%. Dr. McDermott noted that it was a challenging year and the focus remained on the students and programs. Dr. McDermott stated that the elementary AIS program, intramurals, athletics, summer music program, YDA funding, co-curricular activities were restored to the budget.

Ms. Kathleen Molander, Assistant Superintendent for Business, reviewed propositions #2 and #3 and noted that they are at no additional cost to the taxpayer. Ms. Molander stated that Proposition #2 is for taxpayer approval to expend \$600,000 from the capital reserve fund for chimney repair at Northport High School and replacement of two boilers at Fifth Avenue School. Proposition #3 is to expand the scope of Excel funding proposition approved by the voters in 2007. The remaining funds will be used to complete the security project.

The President of the Board opened up discussion to the community.

Mr. Albert Prisco questioned Ms. Molander's statement that propositions #2 and #3 will not cost the taxpayers anything.

Ms. Molander stated that the funds had previously been approved by the voters and now they Board is asking the voters to approve expending the funds.

Mr. David Ambro asked how much money remained from the EXCEL funding.

Ms. Molander noted that approximately \$110,000 was available for the security project.

Mr. Karl Litt asked if there was a plan as to where the District was going with the security system and if they were moving from a passive system to live monitoring.

Mr. Nolan Briggs, Supervisor of Security, stated that there is a comprehensive plan to expand the system to put all ten buildings on the same level. Mr. Briggs stated that it will still be a passive system but the District will be able to monitor the buildings remotely over the internet.

There being no further discussion, at 8:10 p.m., motion was made by Trustee Dragone, seconded by Trustee Gannon, to adjourn the public hearing and convene into a special meeting.

Unanimously carried.

At 8:10 p.m., the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Beth M. Nystrom
District Clerk

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