

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 10, 2015, beginning at 5:34 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, Mr. Andrew Rapiejko, Mr. David Stein, Mrs. Jennifer Thompson, Mrs. Tammie Topel

Members absent: Mrs. Regina Pisacani

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
Mr. John Gross, Board Counsel, Ingerman Smith, LLP
Ms. Carrie-Anne Tondo, Board Counsel, Ingerman Smith, LLP
Mr. Christopher Venator, Board Counsel, Ingerman Smith, LLP
Ms. Mary Anne Sadowski, Board Counsel, Ingerman Smith, LLP

1. President Rapiejko called the meeting to order.

Public attendance: There were approximately twenty-five persons present.

2. Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Stein, to immediately convene into Executive Session to discuss matters leading to the appointment of particular persons, matters pertaining to contract negotiations, and matters pertaining to potential litigation.

Unanimously carried by those present.

At 7:07 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 Thompson, seconded by Trustee Stein, to approve all items under 5.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 5.01 Minutes

- 5.01.1 Regular Meeting – July 1, 2015
- 5.01.2 Regular Meeting – August 26, 2015
- 5.01.3 Special Meeting – August 27, 2015

Unanimously carried by those present.

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

6.01 Superintendent Banzer presented Mr. Michael Genovese, Principal Norwood Avenue Elementary School, with a commendation from the New York State Department of Education for Norwood Avenue Elementary school being recognized as a Reward School for the 2015-2016 School Year.

6.02 President Rapiejko reviewed the upcoming meetings of September 10th, October 8th and October 22nd.

Mr. Banzer updated the Board regarding the possible bus strike and thanked the community for being flexible in working with the District. The labor dispute between the two groups puts the District in a very difficult situation. Mr. Banzer stated that he met with administrative counsel and the principals to discuss logistics at each school and Mr. Briggs spoke with local law enforcement to help with traffic flow in the event of a strike. Mr. Banzer stated that first and foremost is the safety of students and staff.

Mr. Banzer stated that the property adjacent to Norwood Avenue Elementary School with regards to the proposed vineyard is still being discussed with the District's attorneys and the property owner's attorneys.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications to the Board requiring Board action.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT/PARTICIPATION

<u>Name</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Warner Frey Parent	Asked what the Board is going to do to ensure more students take the state tests as mandated by the Department of Education given the high number of opt-outs in the district.

Superintendent Banzer stated that it was implied that State Aid would not be impacted by the number of opt-outs and he noted that the number of District opt-outs doubled from the previous year. Mr. Banzer stated that there is a new State Education Commissioner and a recent newspaper article indicated that the Governor believes the system needs to be changed. There are a number of issues that need to be separated including the common core standards, testing and teacher evaluations. There is a lot of concern over how the tests are being used, how they are being implemented, and the appropriateness of the tests. Mr. Banzer noted that there is a lot of value in assessments in that they can provide programmatic information and what goes on in the classroom. Mr. Banzer stated that a plan is being put together, including information sessions, to inform the community regarding the value of the common core standards, state assessments and teacher evaluations.

Cathy Josephson Parent	Asked for an update on the progress or work being done toward an adaptive playground at the schools
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Mr. Banzer stated that the plan was to put new swings at Norwood Avenue Elementary School but they were put on hold due to the concerns regarding the proposed vineyard. Mr. Banzer stated that a lot of work has been done with the athletics facilities committee with regards to the wants and needs of the District including physical education, athletics, facilities, and building conditions and they are looking to incorporate playgrounds with adaptive capabilities.

9. SPECIAL REPORTS

There were no special reports.

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

Motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee Thompson, to approve item 10.01, including the addendum Personnel Actions Report, and excluding withdrawn item appointment Vidal, A

10.01 Approving the Personnel Actions Report dated September 10, 2015, attached and made part of the official minutes.

President Rapiejko announced the appointment of Irene McLaughlin as the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, and Mr. Sean Hurley as the District Chairperson of Social Studies.

Mr. Banzer stated that the high school principal position has been posted, applications are due by September 25th, and that the goal is to have a decision by early November. The process will be to review and screen resumes into early October, pare down the number of applicants, set up committee interviews possibly the third week in October, check references and receive input from the committee.

Vote on Trustee McCue’s motion to approve item 10.01, including the addendum Personnel Actions Report, and excluding withdrawn item Appointment Vidal, A., was unanimously carried by those present.

Motion was made by Trustee McNaughton, seconded by Trustee Topel, to approve the remaining items under 10., with the exception of severed item 10.04.5

10.02 Approving Schedule J – Committee on Special Education

10.03 Approving the following staff member to serve as a chairperson for the Committee on Special Education (CSE), Sub-Committee on Special Education (SCSE), and 504 Committee meetings during the 2015-2016 school year:

Kerrin Fitzpatrick School Psychologist

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

- 10.04.1 Policy #7100 – “Facilities Planning”
- 10.04.2 Policy #7120 – “Enrollment Projections”
- 10.04.3 Policy #7130 – “Development and Land Use”
- 10.04.4 Policy #7310 – “Developing Educational Specifications for New or Renovated Facilities”
- 10.04.5 Severed
- 10.04.6 Policy #8111 – “Reporting of Hazards”
- 10.04.7 Policy #8130 – “School Safety Plans and Teams”
- 10.04.8 Policy #8134 – “Emergency Closings”
- 10.04.9 Policy #8220 – “Buildings and Grounds Maintenance and Inspection”
- 10.04.10 Policy #8900 – “Energy Management”

Vote on Trustee McNaughton’s motion to approve all remaining items under 10., with the exception of severed item 10.04.5, was unanimously carried by those present.

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

11. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT, FINANCIAL – FOR BOARD ACTION

11.01. Approving the following Change Order:

Change Order No. 1, SED No. 58-04-04-03-0-019-014, Bellerose Avenue Elementary School, decrease in the amount of \$5,000.00

11.02 Approving a 2015-2016 Special Education Services Agreement between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and the Board of Education of the Hauppauge Union Free School District

11.03 Approving Claims Auditor's Reports for Warrant and Schedule of Claims for payments dated:

July 10, 2015 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), July 15, 2015 (Accounts Payable Warrant), July 24, 2015 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), July 31, 2015 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), July 30, 2015 (Accounts Payable Warrant), July 2015 (Claims Audit Report)

11.04 Accepting the Corrective Action Plan to the Internal Audit Report on Food Service Operations

11.05 Accepting the Corrective Action Plan to the Internal Audit Report on Governance and Planning and Fund Balance Management

11.06 Accepting the Corrective Action Plan to the Risk Assessment Update Report for the period ending December 31, 2014

11.07 Approving End of Year Transfer of Funds to balance the 2014-2015 budget

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

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

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

12.01 Schedule H – Use of Facilities

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Vice President Badanes inquired about the District's credit card processing company.

Ms. Molander, Assistant Superintendent for Business, stated that the agreement is still being reviewed by counsel.

14. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Thompson inquired about the District getting Knox-boxes to be placed outside the District's buildings that allow emergency personnel to access the buildings.

Mr. Banzer stated that he has tasked Mr. Briggs and Mr. Resca with researching the feasibility of installing them.

15. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:30 p.m., motion was made by Trustee McCue, seconded by Trustee McNaughton, to adjourn the regular meeting and convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to contract negotiations.

Unanimously carried by those present.

At 10:30 p.m., the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Beth M. Nystrom
District Clerk

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