

Special Meeting to Finalize Budget - William J. Brosnan School (Thursday, April 12, 2018)

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Members present

David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

Members absent

None

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

Public Attendance: Approximately 30 people

1. CALL TO ORDER – President Rapiejko called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

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 6:00 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 pending litigation.

Action: 2.01 Motion to convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to pending litigation.

Motion by David Stein, second by Lori McCue.

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

At 7:11 p.m. the Board reconvened in public session in the cafeteria at the William J. Brosnan School.

3. Mr. Rapiejko led those present in the **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**; and

4. Pointed out the **EMERGENCY EXITS**

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes for approval.

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

Presentations: 6.01 Accomplishments of Staff and Students

6.01.1 Mr. Mark Dantuono, District Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics, introduced the following members of the Boys Track and Field Team:

4 x 800 New York State Championship Team

Thomas Fodor, Daniel O'Connor, Elijah Claiborne, Isaiah Claiborne

1000m New York State Champion

Isaiah Claiborne (Also placed 4th at the Nationals in the 1-mile earning All-American Honors)

7. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED REGARDING THE 2018-2019 PROPOSED BUDGET AND PUBLIC COMMENT - BOARD MOTION TO CONVENE INTO COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE TO INFORMALLY DISCUSS PROPOSED BUDGET

Robert Banzer, Superintendent of Schools, and Kathleen Molander, Assistant Superintendent for Business presented the 2018-2019 Budget Overview. The budget priorities are to present a budget that supports the mission, vision, core beliefs and priorities of the district, continue historically low tax levy increases and seek efficiencies and savings. Mr. Banzer reviewed the budget development process and the following budget highlights: Maintain all instructional programs. Initiate new alternative high school program. Maintain all extra/co-curricular and athletic programs. Expand co-teaching model at elementary, middle and high schools. Expand 1:1 Chromebook initiative into 9th grade. Upgrade Art & Music equipment. Provide CPR Certification to certify students in grades 7 & 9. Include new physical education and athletic equipment. Building & Grounds Dept: Add two staff one in maintenance and one in grounds. Enhance security measures: add 15 security staff, equipment and security vehicle. Continue Building and Grounds maintenance and capital projects districtwide. Upgrade High School Career Center to support and provide flexible collaboration/learning space. Provide Flexible Learning Space with moveable furniture/desks and chairs in NHS Computer Lab. Expand professional development and training for staff.

Mr. Banzer reviewed the capital projects for the Board to consider for 2018-2019 from the General Fund: Roof Repair for the High School gym, Bellerose, Dickinson and window replacement district-wide as needed for a total amount of \$925,000. Capital Projects to consider from the Capital Reserve include fencing/gates/bollards/doors/windows districtwide as needed and heating/ventilation upgrade/repair districtwide as needed for a total amount of \$900,000.

Notable expenditures include over \$1 million increase in health insurance, over \$650,000 increase in Teacher Retirement System contribution, and staff reductions due to decreasing enrollment and efficiencies offset by increases in security and buildings and grounds personnel.

Mr. Banzer reviewed the staffing summary, budget history, expenditure summary, revenue considerations, revenue comparison, revenue sources – tax levy, reserve and fund balance history, anticipated reserve allocation, estimated tax rate calculation and contingent budget.

The estimated tax rate would be \$183.14 per \$100 assessed valuation which is an estimated increase of \$159 per year for property assessed at \$3,800.

There was a brief discussion on how much the budget would be to get below a 2% increase.

Ms. Pat Gardiner inquired about dedicated teachers for special areas and how that effects the co-teaching model, special education classes and special areas.

Mr. Matthew Nelson, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, Technology and Assessment, stated that it is not exceeding the cap by pushing in special education class with regular class and the district will continue the model of moving from school to school based on need.

Information: 7.01 Communications received regarding the proposed 2018-2019 budget

There were no communications received regarding the proposed 2018-2019 budget.

Action: 7.03 Committee-of-the-Whole

Recommendation to approve a motion to convene into Committee-of-the-Whole to informally discuss the proposed 2018-2019 budget and resolutions

Motion by David Badanes, second by Allison C Noonan.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

At 7:45 p.m. the Board convened into Committee-of-the-Whole.

8. MOTION TO RECONVENE INTO SPECIAL MEETING

Action: 8.01 Reconvene into Special Meeting

Recommendation to approve a motion to reconvene into Special Meeting

Motion by David Stein, second by Lori McCue.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

At 9:45 p.m. the Board reconvened into Special Meeting.

Action: 8.01 SEQRA Resolution

Recommendation to approve the following SEQRA resolution:

"WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District desires to embark upon the following capital improvements at the District's facilities: (1) roof replacement at Northport High School gymnasium; (2) partial roof replacement at Bellerose Elementary School; (3) partial roof replacement at Dickinson Elementary School; (4) District-wide window replacement; (5) District-wide fencing/gates replacement; (6) District-wide installation of bollards; (7) District-wide door replacement; and (8) District-wide HVAC upgrades/enhancements (hereinafter the "Projects"); and

WHEREAS, said capital improvements are subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(2)); and

WHEREAS, replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or a facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(2)); and

WHEREAS, routine activities such as renovations to, or expansions of existing public school facilities by less than 10,000 square feet are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(8)); and

WHEREAS, the SEQR Regulations declare Type II Actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under SEQR; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, as the only involved agency, has examined all information related to the capital improvement projects and has determined that the Projects are classified as Type II Actions pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(1),(2) and (8) of the SEQR Regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby declares itself lead agency in connection with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby declares that the Projects are Type II Actions, which require no further review under SEQR; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby shall forward an official copy of this Resolution to the New York State Education Department together with a copy of the correspondence from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in connection with its request for approval of the listed project from the New York State Education Department."

Motion by David Stein, second by Lori McCue.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

9. FINALIZATION OF PROPOSITIONS

Action: 9.01 Finalize Propositions

Recommendation to approve the final propositions that will be submitted to the Voters on May 15, 2018:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education shall present to the qualified voters of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District at a special meeting to be held on May 15, 2018 the following proposition as

PROPOSITION #1

RESOLVED, that the Annual School District Budget for the 2018-2019 School Year in the amount of \$166,810,381 and the necessary taxes therefore be approved"

"BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education shall present to the qualified voters of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District at a special meeting to be held on May 15, 2018 the following propositions in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION #2

SHALL the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District be authorized to expend \$900,000 for the purpose of performing the following projects - (1) District-wide fencing/gates replacement; (2) District-wide installation of bollards; (3) District-wide door replacement; (4) District-wide window replacement; and (5) District-wide HVAC upgrades/enhancements?; all of the foregoing to include all labor, materials, equipment, apparatus and incidental costs related thereto. The total cost of the four projects is \$900,000 and will be funded from the Capital Reserve Fund established in 2012.

PROPOSITION #3

SHALL the Board of Education, pursuant to Education Law section 3651, be authorized to establish a Capital Reserve Fund known as the "Capital Reserve III Fund" for the purpose of roof replacement, window replacement, toilet room replacement, masonry/concrete replacement, door replacement, floor replacement, wall replacement, classroom renovations, library/multi media center renovation, electrical, plumbing, heating/ventilation renovations, carpentry renovations, security system

upgrades, site/field reconstruction, locker room renovations, gymnasium reconstruction, bleacher reconstruction, toilet room renovations, masonry/concrete renovations, ceiling tile renovations, bleacher replacement, computer/technology upgrades, public address/clock system replacement, telephone system upgrades, auditorium renovations and/or storage renovations? The maximum amount of the aforesaid Capital Reserve Fund shall be \$20,000,000, plus investment income. The probable term is to be ten (10) years; the funds are to be transferred from surplus monies in unassigned fund balance including a sum not to exceed \$1,000,000 from the 2017-2018 budget and thereafter in an annual amount of not more than \$2,000,000 for each remaining year of the probable term. Upon the establishment and funding of said reserve, the Superintendent of Schools or her designee shall be directed to deposit monies of this reserve fund in a separate bank account to be known as the “Capital Reserve III Fund.”

Motion by David Stein, second by Lori McCue.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein

No: Tammie Topel

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

Action: 10.01 Personnel Actions Report

Recommendation to approve the attached Personnel Actions Report

Motion by Lori McCue, second by Donna McNaughton.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

Action: 10.02 Committee on Special Education (CSE), Sub-Committee on Special Education (SCSE), Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE), and 504 Committee

Recommendation to appoint the following per diem staff psychologist to serve as a chairperson for the Committee on Special Education (CSE), Sub-Committee on Special Education (SCSE), Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE), and 504 Committee meetings during the 2017-2018 school year:

Roseann Grasso, Per Diem School Psychologist

Motion by Lori McCue, second by Donna McNaughton.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

Action: 10.03 Committee on Special Education (CSE)

Recommendation to approve the following staff member to serve as a chairperson for the Committee on Special Education (CSE) meetings during the 2017-2018 school year:

Cassie Reilly, Special Education Teacher

Motion by Lori McCue, second by Donna McNaughton.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

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

Action: 11.01 Transfer of General Fund Appropriations
Recommendation to approve Transfer of General Fund Appropriations in the 2016-2017 fiscal year

Motion by David Stein, second by Lori McCue.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

Action: 11.02 Resolution authorizing an Agreement and Release
Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves and authorizes an Agreement and Release dated April 12, 2018 with a parent of a student made known to the Board in Executive Session pertaining to the placement of such student at a placement outside of the district"

Motion by David Stein, second by Donna McNaughton.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - FOR INFORMATION ONLY

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Information: 14.01 UPCOMING MEETINGS

SPECIAL MEETING TO VOTE ON BOCES ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET & TRUSTEES

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

7:00 p.m.

William J. Brosnan School Cafeteria

PUBLIC HEARING ON FINALIZED BUDGET

Thursday, May 3, 2018

7:00 p.m.

William J. Brosnan School Cafeteria

BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING TO ACCEPT VOTING RETURNS

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Approximately 9:30 p.m.

William J. Brosnan School Cafeteria

Action: 14.02 Adjournment

Recommendation to convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to current litigation

Motion by David Stein, second by Allison C Noonan.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Lori McCue, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Andrew Rapiejko, David Stein, Tammie Topel

At 9:54 p.m. the Board convened into Executive Session.

At 10:35 p.m., the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth M. Nystrom
District Clerk