

Northport-East Northport Union Free School District Special Meeting - William J. Brosnan School via Google Meet and Livestream (Thursday, April 2, 2020) – (Due to the Governor closing schools due to the Corona Virus Pandemic, the meeting was conducted via Google Meet and Livestreamed)
Generated by Beth M Nystrom on Friday, April 3, 2020

Members present

David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

Members absent

None

Also present

Mr. Robert Banzer, Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Irene McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

Dr. Dana Boshnack, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning

Mr. Robert Howard, Assistant Superintendent for Business

Public Attendance: 0

1. CALL TO ORDER – President Badanes called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 at 6:00 p.m. 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 contract negotiations.

Action: 2.01 Motion to convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to current litigation, and matters pertaining to contract negotiations.

Motion by David Stein, second by Thomas Loughran.

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C. Noonan, David Stein

At 7:00 p.m. the Board reconvened in public session in the Cafeteria at the William J. Brosnan School.

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

4. Pointed out the **EMERGENCY EXITS**

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: 5.01 Minutes

There were no minutes for approval.

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

Discussion: 6.01 Student and Staff Recognition

Mr. Robert Banzer, Superintendent of Schools, congratulated Danielle Pavinelli on being names Suffolk County Player of the Year for Girls Basketball. Mr. Banzer noted the girls had a tremendous season which

was truncated. They were scheduled to play in the Long Island Championship which was cancelled. The team won their last game and were named Overall Suffolk County Champions. Mr. Banzer congratulated the team and Danielle on their accomplishments. Coach Rich Castellano was named Suffolk County Coach of the Year.

Mr. Banzer congratulated Varsity Boys Basketball player Patrick Healy on being named Second Team All Long Island. The Boys Basketball team had an extremely successful season and this is a well-deserved honor.

Update on Northport Middle School Remediation

Mr. Banzer stated that the remediation of the UIC's (Underground Injection Controls) Structures, including end point sampling, is complete. The sampling results indicates that the cleanup objectives per the Suffolk County Department of Health have been met. The final report from PWGC is in process. The report date and format are to be determined.

Update on Ocean Avenue Remediation

Mr. Banzer stated that remediation of the UIC structures, including end point sampling, is complete. The sampling results indicate that the cleanup objectives per the Suffolk County Department of Health have been met. We are awaiting the official report from the SCDOH.

Trustee Stein asked if all remedial work including all excavation and replacement of all underground tanks on property an all associated final soil samples have been done and the samples analyzed by the Department of Health say that cleanup is complete, and they are not requiring any remediation of any kind.

Mr. Banzer stated that according to the verbal report from PWGC the cleanups is complete and no further remediation is required.

Mr. Banzer stated that the final report is being reviewed by the Suffolk County Department of Health and the New York State Department of Health and when the District receives the report it will be presented to the public.

Several Trustees stated that the report needs to be presented to the public in a user friendly manner and as quickly as possible.

Update on Budget Development and Calendar

Mr. Banzer stated that this evening's meeting was where the Board was supposed to talk about revenue, fund balance and reserves. The following presentation was made with the current information from the State.

Financial Considerations

- Current crisis leading to greater uncertainty.
- Budget vote & election dates postponed.
- State aid & potential aid reductions could occur quarterly.
- Potential 19-20 savings could help mitigate anticipated shortfalls.
- Future Expenditure increases (TRS, ERS, Health Insurance etc.) beyond 2020-21.
- Potential Impact of LIPA.
- District Future Study will provide options for more efficient delivery of program.

Budget Vote & Board Trustee Elections

New York State has determined that school district Board of Education and Budget votes will be postponed until after **June 1, 2020** . Therefore, the vote scheduled for May 19, 2020, is postponed.

To Be Determined:

- *Timing*
- *Location*
- *Manner of voting*

* Board Meeting dates related to the budget will be rescheduled once the date of the election is known

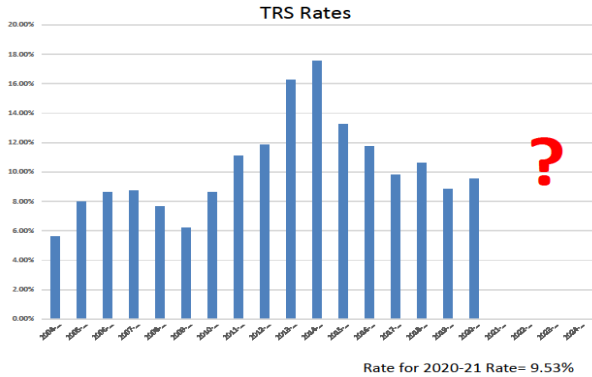
State Aid Considerations

State Aid	Per Final Budget 4-1-2020			
	2019-20	2019-20	Change \$	Change %
Foundation Aid	8,994,301	8,994,301	-	0.00%
UPK	67,372	67,372	-	0.00%
BOCES Aid	2,157,110	2,413,907	256,797	11.90%
High Cost Excess Cost Aid	542,584	642,900	100,316	18.49%
Private Excess Cost Aid	519,522	488,540	(30,982)	-5.96%
Software, Library, Textbook Aid	449,031	436,698	(12,333)	-2.75%
Transportation Aid	963,599	1,131,304	167,705	17.40%
Building Aid	1,263,215	1,279,782	16,567	1.31%
High Tax Aid	735,742	735,742	-	0.00%
Pandemic Adjustment		(183,751)		
Federal CARES Restoration		183,751		
TOTAL	15,692,476	16,190,546	498,070	3.17%
General Fund Aid (Excludes UPK)	15,625,104	16,123,174	498,070	3.19%

State Aid reduction illustration

- State aid reduction
 - For every 10% reduction in state aid to Northport- East Northport = approximately 1,600,000 or an increase of approximately 1% to the tax levy to cover.

State Aid Reductions	Total State Aid	Reduction	Additional Increase to Levy	Total Levy Additional+ 2.11%
0	16,170,634.00			2.11%
5%	15,362,102.30	(808,531.70)	0.54%	2.65%
10%	14,553,570.60	(1,617,063.40)	1.08%	3.19%
15%	13,745,038.90	(2,425,595.10)	1.62%	3.73%
20%	12,936,507.20	(3,234,126.80)	2.16%	4.27%
25%	12,127,975.50	(4,042,658.50)	2.70%	4.81%
30%	11,319,443.80	(4,851,190.20)	3.24%	5.35%
35%	10,510,912.10	(5,659,721.90)	3.78%	5.89%
40%	9,702,380.40	(6,468,253.60)	4.32%	6.43%



TRS- POTENTIAL IMPACT TO BUDGET- Future Years

TRS Rate Increase	\$ Increase
1%	732,732.49
2%	1,465,464.98
3%	2,198,197.47
4%	2,930,929.96
5%	3,663,662.45
6%	4,396,394.94
7%	5,129,127.43
8%	5,861,859.92
9%	6,594,592.41
10%	7,327,324.90

REVENUE CONSIDERATIONS

CATEGORY	PROJECTIONS* 2020-21
TAX LEVY	\$152,605,899
STATE AID	\$15,939,423
ASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$2,706,211
USE OF RESERVES	\$336,721
MISC. REVENUE	\$2,367,500
TOTAL	\$173,955,754

Reserve Allocation	Amount
Worker's Comp	\$140,000
Unemployment	\$ 5,000
ERS Reserve	\$141,721
EBALR	\$ 50,000
TOTAL	\$336,721

RESERVES & FUND BALANCE

	Actual 6/30/2016	Actual 6/30/2017	Actual 06/30/18	Actual 06/30/19	Projected 06/30/20
Restricted Reserves					
Capital	2,120,398	3,193,323	2,802,966	1,671,067	2,467,631
Unemployment Insurance	830,027	824,190	821,008	825,922	824,000
Insurance	49,604	49,694	49,957	50,564	50,000
Employee Benefit					
Accrued Liability	3,903,400	3,860,578	3,006,311	2,992,231	2,990,000
Workers' Compensation	2,430,147	2,408,599	2,695,673	2,637,332	2,540,000
Retirement Contribution	3,031,216	2,611,114	2,780,992	3,523,720	4,830,000
TOTAL RESTRICTED RESERVES	12,364,792	12,947,498	12,156,907	11,700,836	13,701,631
Fund Balance					
Assigned - reduce tax levy	2,577,000	2,500,000	2,400,000	2,375,000	2,375,000
Assigned - encumbrances	1,319,100	1,034,901	527,824	661,527	650,000
Unassigned	6,455,234	6,532,273	6,672,414	6,843,106	6,968,230
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	10,351,334	10,067,174	9,600,238	9,879,633	9,993,230
FUND BALANCE & RESERVES	22,716,126	23,014,672	21,757,145	21,580,469	23,694,861

Budget History

Year	Budget	% Increase
2015-2016	\$159,588,325	0.30%
2016-2017	\$161,380,883	1.12%
2017-2018	\$163,306,840	1.19%
2018-2019	\$166,810,381	2.15%
2019-2020	\$171,077,668	2.56%
2020-21* Preliminary	\$173,955,754	1.68%

Budget Deliberations

CATEGORY	Draft #1 2020-21	Draft #2 2020-21	Draft #3 2020-21	Cumulative \$ CHANGE
PERSONNEL	\$93,159,254	\$92,262,627	\$92,262,627	-896,627
BENEFITS	\$39,850,013	\$39,850,013	\$39,850,013	0
INSTRUCTION, SPECIAL EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGY AND CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	\$20,764,766	\$20,738,017	\$20,738,017	-26,749
DEBT SERVICE & INTERFUND TRANSFERS	\$8,064,353	\$8,064,353	\$7,814,353	-250,000
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS, SECURITY	\$5,415,155	\$5,416,155	\$5,416,155	1,000
TRANSPORTATION	\$7,838,589	\$7,874,589	\$7,874,589	36,000
TOTAL	\$175,092,130	\$174,205,754	\$173,955,754	(\$1,136,376)
Budget % Increase	2.35%	1.83%	1.68%	

Expenditure Summary

CATEGORY	2019-20	Proposed 2020-21	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
PERSONNEL	\$90,501,917	\$92,262,627	1,760,710	1.95%
BENEFITS	\$40,630,764	\$39,850,013	-780,751	-1.92%
INSTRUCTION, SPECIAL EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGY AND CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	\$20,249,823	\$20,738,017	488,194	2.41%
DEBT SERVICE & INTERFUND TRANSFERS	\$6,423,212	\$7,814,353	1,391,141	21.66%
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS, SECURITY	\$5,417,709	\$5,416,155	-1,554	-0.03%
TRANSPORTATION	\$7,854,243	\$7,874,589	20,346	0.26%
TOTAL	\$171,077,668	\$173,955,754	\$2,878,086	1.68%

Capital Projects to Consider
 for 2020-2021 – General Fund

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>ESTIMATED COST</u>
BATHROOM REPAIR & RENOVATION DISTRICTWIDE	\$616,750
TOTAL	\$616,750

Revenue Sources- Tax Levy

Year	Tax Levy Increase	Allowable Levy Limit (Capital Projects)
2014-15	1.99%	2.18%
2015-16	1.15%	1.81%
2016-17	0.50%	0.55%
2017-18	1.46%	1.67%
2018-19	2.10%	2.38 %
2019-20	2.56%	3.22%
2020-21*	1.93%	1.94%

*Proposed Levy- not yet finalized

+ .93% of levy increase or \$1,391,141 is attributed to increase in debt service due to Tax Anticipatory Note and Bond Anticipatory Note.

Recommended Solution

- Remain Tax Levy Compliant (within levy limit) for the 2020-21 budget
- Expenditure considerations
 - Reduced expenditures by \$1 million since budget deliberations began
 - Defer expenditures (i.e. bus, transfer to capital) until late spring of 2021
- Revenue Solutions
 - Apply Additional Fund Balance to the budget
 - Ended June 30th 2019 with \$6,843,106 in unassigned fund balance.
 - Ended June 30th 2019 with \$11,700,836 in reserves.
 - Projected increase between \$2-\$5 million in Fund Balance/ Reserves.
- Continue district's long term plan: Future Study Citizens Advisory Committee options

There was a discussion regarding the 2% tax cap and the possibility of that being suspended, fund balance, adjustments in state aid and the impacts on the district, possible cuts to the budget, and community questions and input regarding the budget.

Mr. Banzer stated that the budget timeline has changed so there is more time for questions and comments from the Board and from the community. The date the Board has to finalize the budget depends on what the actual budget vote date will be. It has been suspended for now and once the date is established we will work on a timeline from there.

There was a discussion regarding the Governor's rolling cuts to state aid and how this will affect the proposed budget.

7. BOARD AND COMMUNITY DISCUSSION OF SUPERINTENDENT'S PROPOSED 2020-2021 BUDGET - (POSTPONED)

Discussion: 7.01 POSTPONED - Opportunity for public input regarding the school budget for 2020-2021

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

Action: 8.01 Policy #4710 - Middle and High School Reporting Policy
Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, the Board of Education has reviewed with district administration policy 4710 Middle and High School Reporting Policy and has determined that said policy requires suspension in light of the pandemic facing the nation;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to suspend the following revised policy for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year: Policy 4710 Middle and High School Reporting Policy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby suspends policy 2500 (formulation, adoption and amendment of policies) for the purpose of suspending the following policy for the 2019-2020 school year: 4710 Middle and High School Reporting Policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby suspends Policy 4710 middle and high school reporting effective immediately."

Motion by David Badanes, second by Allison C Noonan.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

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

Action: 9.01 SCOPE

Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, the Governor of New York issued an Executive Order 202.4, which states that School Districts are required to provide Emergency Child Care Services to children of first responders and medical service providers; and

WHEREAS, the School District desires to send students of the School District to the Emergency Child Care Services Program established in accordance with Executive Order 202.4; and

WHEREAS, SCOPE Education Services is in the business of providing a school aged child care program in local area school district hosting sites.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the between SCOPE Educational Services and the Northport East Northport UFSD District for Child Care Services for First Responders and Medical Personnel in Accordance with Executive Order 202.4, and authorizes the Board President to sign said agreement, as well as an Inter-municipal Agreement Kings Park CSD"

Motion by David Badanes, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

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

Information: 10.01 Upcoming Meetings

SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

7:00 p.m.

William J. Brosnan School Cafeteria

SPECIAL MEETING TO FINALIZE BUDGET

TBD

7:00 p.m.

William J. Brosnan School Cafeteria

SPECIAL MEETING TO VOTE ON BOCES ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET & TRUSTEES

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

7:00 p.m.

William J. Brosnan School Cafeteria

HEARING ON FINALIZED BUDGET

TBD

7:00 p.m.

William J. Brosnan School Cafeteria

SPECIAL MEETING TO ACCEPT VOTING RETURNS

TBD

Approximately 9:30 p.m.

William J. Brosnan School Cafeteria

Action: 10.02 Adjournment

Recommendation to adjourn the meeting

Motion by David Badanes, second by David Stein.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, David Stein

At 8:25 p.m. the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth M. Nystrom
District Clerk