

**Northport-East Northport Union Free School District Regular Meeting of the Board of Education -  
William J. Brosnan School (Thursday, November 18, 2021)**

*Generated by Beth M Nystrom on Friday, November 19, 2021*

**Members present**

David Badanes (arrived at 7:24 p.m.), Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Carol A Taylor

**Members absent**

Allison C Noonan

**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

Mr. Louis Bonadonna, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Student Support Services

Public Attendance: Approximately 15 people, 68 virtually

**1. BOARD OF EDUCATION MISSION AND GOALS**

Information: 1.01 Board of Education Mission and Goals

The Mission of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District is to educate and empower all students to pursue their aspirations and contribute as responsible members of society.

**Board of Education Goals 2021-2022**

*The Purpose of the Northport-East Northport School District Board of Education is to provide oversight and governance to serve our **students, support our staff and District Mission, while being mindful of the community we serve.***

***Educational***

- Develop a plan for Progress Monitoring and Continuous Improvement
- Develop a plan for dignity for all that is inclusive, fosters understanding, and belonging for all

***Communication & Transparency\***

- Improve Internal and External Communications

***Financial***

- Develop a Transparent Educational Plan and Budget Process
- Develop a Multi-Year Financial Plan

**Board of Education**

Dr. Larry Licopoli, President

Victoria Buscareno, Vice President

David Badanes, Trustee

Thomas Loughran, Trustee

Donna McNaughton, Trustee

Allison Noonan, Trustee

Carol Taylor, Trustee

**Central Administration**

Robert Banzer, Superintendent of Schools

Robert Howard, Assistant Superintendent for Business  
Irene McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources  
Dr. Dana Boshnack, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning  
Louis Bonadonna, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Student Support Services

## **2. CALL TO ORDER**

President Licopoli called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

## **3. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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 Room A119 at Northport High School to act upon a resolution, upon majority vote, to immediately convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the employment history of particular persons.

Action: 3.01 Motion to convene into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the employment history of particular persons.

Motion by Thomas Loughran, second by Carol A Taylor.

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Carol A Taylor

Not Present at Vote: David Badanes

At 7:17 p.m. the Board reconvened in public session in the Cafeteria at the William J. Brosnan School.

## **4. NOTICE OF EMERGENCY EXITS**

President Licopoli pointed out the emergency exits, and led the those present in the

## **5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **6. READING OF DISTRICT MISSION**

Superintendent Banzer read the District Mission.

## **7. REFLECTION**

President Licopoli led those present in a reflection on being thankful.

## **8. STUDENT AND STAFF RECOGNITION / STUDENT ORGANIZATION REPORT**

Mr. Banzer congratulated the varsity field hockey team for winning the state championship. The girls' cross-country team came in third place at states, and the boys' cross-country team came in fourth place at states. Both cross-country teams will compete in the federations.

Northport High School Senior Harrison LeBow updated the Board on current events at the high school. The Nassau County Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center gave a virtual presentation entitled Deconstructing Symbols of Hate geared toward parents of Northport High School and the organization will give students the same presentation on December 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. The first quarter of the academic year ended on November 15<sup>th</sup>, and the school's administration reminded students of the importance of academic goal setting, utilization of extra-help if needed, and the importance of respect shown to all those in the building. In honor of Veteran's Day, the social studies department hosted a discussion panel with three

veterans, all of whom graduated from Northport and served in the War on Terror. The varsity field hockey team are now Class A New York State Champions with an undefeated season.

## **9. BUSINESS AGENDA**

Action: 9.01 Minutes

Recommendation to approve the following minutes:

9.01.1 November 4, 2021 - Regular Meeting

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by Carol A Taylor.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Carol A Taylor

Action: 9.02 Personnel Actions Report

Recommendation to approve the attached Personnel Actions Report dated November 18, 2021

Superintendent Banzer announced the retirement of Gloria Thompson, Senior Office Assistant.

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by Carol A Taylor.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Carol A Taylor

Action: 9.03 BIDS

Recommendation to take specified action on the following BIDS:

### **EDUCATIONAL**

9.03.1 AWARD: Bid #22-103 - Hardcover/Paperback Books

9.03.2 AWARD: Bid #22-104 - Kindergarten through Twelfth Grade Supplies

### **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

9.03.3 AWARD: Bid #22-105 - Hardware, Plumbing and Auto Parts & Service

### **SCHOOL LUNCH**

9.03.4 AWARD: Bid #22-106 - Rebid - School Lunch - Uniforms

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by Carol A Taylor.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Carol A Taylor

Action: 9.04 Donna Gorelick

Recommendation to approve a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Donna Gorelick, for piano accompanist for spring rehearsals and concerts at Ocean Avenue Elementary School, in the amount of \$200 (F&PA)

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by Carol A Taylor.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Carol A Taylor

Action: 9.05 Dr. Nicki Newton, Newton Education Solutions

Recommendation to approve a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Dr. Nicki Newton, Newton Education Solutions for consultation services for training sessions for all 5th grade classroom, ICT, and academic intervention teachers during the 2021-2022 school year, in an amount not to exceed \$12,900.00 (T&L)

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by Carol A Taylor.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Carol A Taylor

Action: 9.06 Music Theatre International

Recommendation to approve a Production Contract between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Music Theatre International for Disney's 101 Dalmatians Kids, in the amount of \$585 (PRS)

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by Carol A Taylor.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Carol A Taylor

Action: 9.07 Half Hollow Hills Central School District

Recommendation to approve a 2021-2022 Special Education Services Contract between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Half Hollow Hills Central School District (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by Carol A Taylor.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Carol A Taylor

Action: 9.08 Mid island Therapy Associates, LLC d/b/a All About Kids

Recommendation to approve a 2021-2022 Agreement for Receipt of IDEA Flow-Through Funding Allocations between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Mid Island Therapy Associates, LLC d/b/a All About Kids (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by Carol A Taylor.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Carol A Taylor

Action: 9.09 Greenburgh-North Castle Union Free School District

Recommendation to approve a 2021-2022 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Greenburgh-North Castle Union Free School District to provide services identified in the IEP to meet the needs of such children enrolled in the program (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by Carol A Taylor.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Carol A Taylor

Action: 9.10 Kidz Therapy Services, PLLC

Recommendation to approve a 2021-2022 Agreement for Receipt of IDEA Flow-Through Funding Allocations between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Kidz Therapy Services, PLLC (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by Carol A Taylor.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Carol A Taylor

Action: 9.11 Treasurer's Report and Monthly Summary of Receipts and Disbursements

Recommendation to approve the following Treasurer's Report and Monthly Summary of Receipts and Disbursements:

9.11.1 Treasurer's Report for the period September 1, 2021 through September 30 2021

9.11.2 Monthly Summary of Receipts and Disbursements for September 2021

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by Carol A Taylor.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Carol A Taylor

Action: 9.12 Schedule of Investments

Recommendation to approve the Schedule of Investments as of September 30, 2021

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by Carol A Taylor.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Carol A Taylor

Action: 9.13 Collateral Schedule

Recommendation to approve the Collateral Schedule as of September 30, 2021

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by Carol A Taylor.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Carol A Taylor

Action: 9.14 Bank Reconciliation

Recommendation to approve the Bank Reconciliation Report for the month ended September 30, 2021

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by Carol A Taylor.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Carol A Taylor

Action: 9.15 General Fund Projected Cash Flow Statement

Recommendation to approve the General Fund Projected Cash Flow Statement for the year ending 2021-2022, Actual Data July 1, 2021 - September 30, 2021, Estimated Data October 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by Carol A Taylor.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Carol A Taylor

Action: 9.16 School Lunch Profit and Loss

Recommendation to approve the School Lunch Profit and Loss Statement for the period July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by Carol A Taylor.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Carol A Taylor

Action: 9.17 Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report - School Lunch Fund

Recommendation to approve the Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report - School Lunch Fund for the period July 1, 2021 - September 30, 2021

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by Carol A Taylor.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Carol A Taylor

Action: 9.18 Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report - Special Aid Fund

Recommendation to approve the Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report - Special Aid Fund for the period July 1, 2021 - September 30, 2021

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by Carol A Taylor.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Carol A Taylor

Action: 9.19 Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report - General Fund

Recommendation to approve the Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report - General Fund for the period July 1, 2021 - September 30, 2021

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by Carol A Taylor.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Carol A Taylor

Action: 9.20 Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report - Capital Fund

Recommendation to approve the Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report - Capital Fund for the period July 1, 2021 - September 30, 2021

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by Carol A Taylor.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Carol A Taylor

Action: 9.21 Quarterly Trial Balance Report

Recommendation to approve the Quarterly Trial Balance Report for the period July 1, 2021 - September 30, 2021

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by Carol A Taylor.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Carol A Taylor

Action: 9.22 Transfer of General Fund Appropriations

Recommendation to approve Transfer of General Fund Appropriations in the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year (\$1,000.00)

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by Carol A Taylor.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Carol A Taylor

## **10. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS (Focus on 2021-2022 Goals and Planning)**

Information: 10.01 Board President Comments

President Licopoli stated that the Board met in committee-of-the-whole to review the Board goals. There will be a follow-up full day Board retreat on January 8<sup>th</sup>. All Board committee meetings will be posted and open to the public.

Report: 10.02 Committee Reports

10.02.1 Policy Committee (Trustees Badanes, Loughran and Taylor)

The Policy Committee met on Tuesday and discussed Policy #2250. The policy will be placed on the next Board agenda for a first read. The committee also discussed abolishing old policies.

10.02.2 Multi-Year Financing Planning (Trustees Loughran and McNaughton)

The application for participation on the committee I on the website and are due by November 30<sup>th</sup>.

10.02.3 Audit Committee (Trustees Licopoli and Buscareno)

Nothing to report.

10.02.4 Dignity for All Committee (Trustees Noonan and Taylor)

The RFP for a consultant did go out with one response received, and an additional response is anticipated.

10.02.5 Legislative Committee (Trustees Loughran and Taylor)

A meeting will take place on either November 30<sup>th</sup> or December 1<sup>st</sup> for an overview of advocacy.

Report: 10.03 Board Liaison Reports

10.03.1 Progress Monitoring (Trustees Buscareno, McNaughton and Noonan)

A meeting will take place on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

10.03.2 Educational Planning and Budget (Trustees Badanes, Loughran and Licopoli)

There was one committee meeting and a follow-up will be scheduled.

10.03.3 PTA Report/Feedback

There is a plan for all Board members to attend PTA meetings throughout the year.

## **11. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Presentations: 11.01 Special Education Presentation - Lou Bonadonna, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education and Student Support Services, Ally Giaimo, Director of Secondary Special Education and Karrie Kruger, Director of Elementary Special Education presented.

# Office of Special Education Updates and Initiatives



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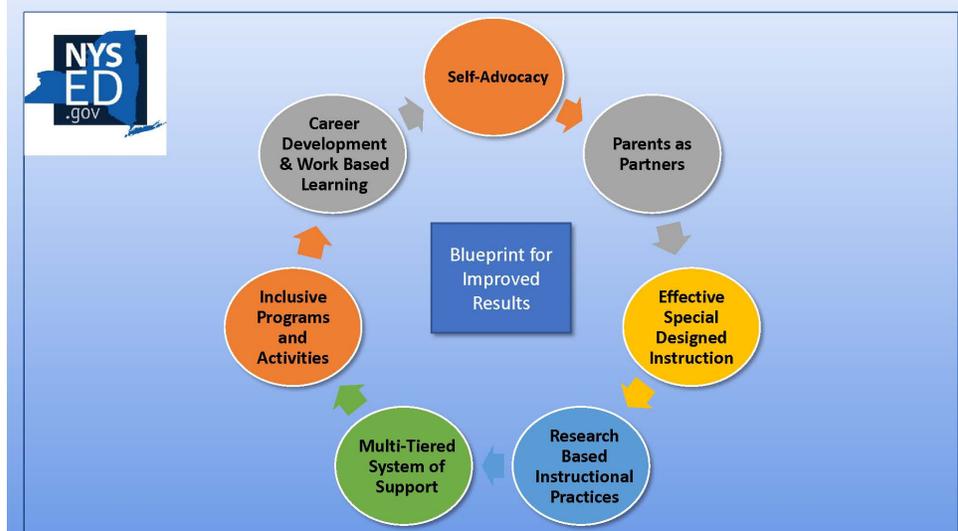
Lou Bonadonna, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education & Student Support Services  
Ally Giaimo, Director for Secondary Special Education  
Karrie Kruger, Director for Elementary Special Education

## Board Goals

Fiscal Planning	Dignity, Equity & Belonging For All	Progress Monitoring	Communication
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## District Goals

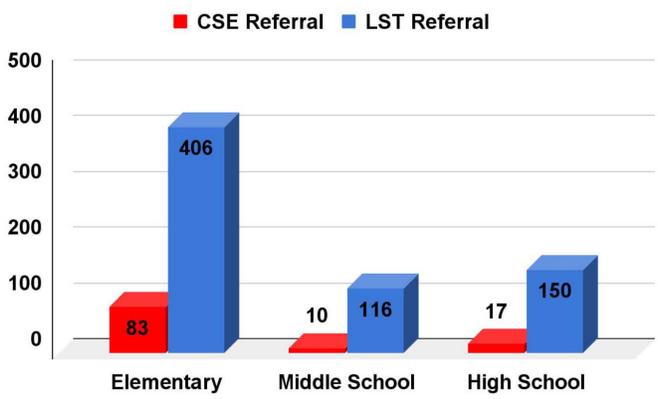
Create a financial plan that sustains the district's Mission, Vision & Core Beliefs, quality facilities and responsive operational services while being fiscally responsible.	Create a plan for progress monitoring that addresses key measures that are identified and prioritized by the district.	Provide innovative, engaging and inclusive instructional opportunities to maximize learning outcomes for all students.
Engage communication strategies & protocols to ensure that all members of the school community are informed and included.		Create conditions for a safe and supportive school environment where students possess a sense of belonging and develop the social emotional competencies to navigate a complex world.



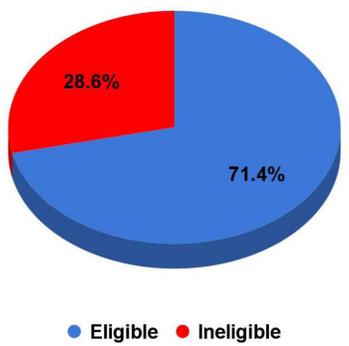
### Department Initiatives

- ◆ Create an educational environment that supports the individual child by offering a variety of special education programs and services that supports academics and social and emotional needs.
- ◆ Foster inclusive environments that allows for students to access instruction and social opportunities in the least restrictive environment.
- ◆ Create an efficient and transparent process for the Committee on Special Education and 504 Committee that maximizes pre-referral interventions and supports that benefits all students.

### LST Data K-5 (2020-2021)



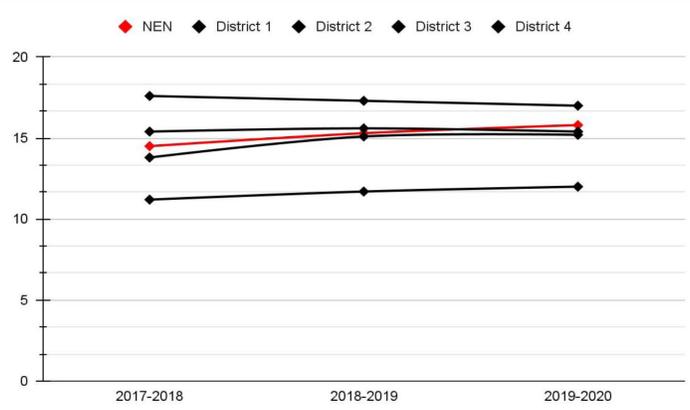
### Initial Referrals K-12 (2020-2021)



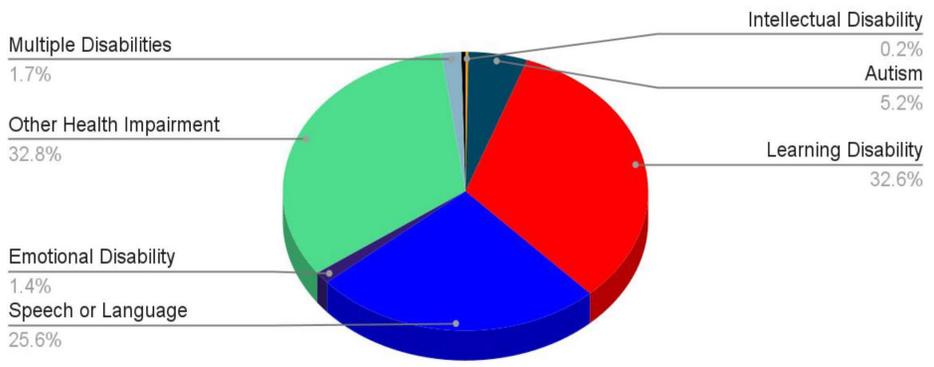
### Classification Rate Trends

School Year	Total Population	Students with Disabilities	Percentages	Students with 504 Plans
2021-2022	4,728	801	16.9	265
2020-2021	4,792	845	17.6	252
2019-2020	5,053	822	16.2	262
2018-2019	5,205	835	16	270
2017-2018	5,327	810	15.2	236

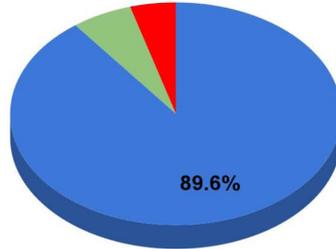
### Classification Rates: Surrounding Districts



### Classification Breakdown K-12 (2021-2022)



## Breakdown of In District and Out of District Support



● In District Programs ● Out of District Programs  
● Parentally Placed

## Elementary Updates

- ◆ Offer A Full Continuum of Special Education Programs and Services Across All Four Elementary Buildings
- ◆ Co-Teaching / Inclusive Education
  - Expanded ICT Programming to a Full Day Model
  - Continuation of Monthly Training for Staff Utilizing Differentiated Models of Coaching



## Staff Sharing About ICT



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## Elementary Updates

- ◆ **Special Class Programming**
  - Expanded Special Class Programming to Include an 8:1:2 at the Elementary Level (Currently Kindergarten)
  - Increased Opportunities for Integration
- ◆ **Related Services**
  - Speech/Language Therapy Consultation Push In Models
  - Q-Interactive Assessments and Interactive Digital Therapy Tools
  - Counseling support
- ◆ **Supports for School Personnel**
  - In-person and Remote Trainings to Support the Unique Nature of Individual Student Learning Needs
  - Behavioral Consultation and Support

## Elementary Updates

- ◆ **Pre-referral Interventions and Supports**
  - Revision of District Response to Intervention/Multi-tiered System of Support Plan (RTI/MTSS) in Collaboration with the Office of Curriculum and Instruction
  - Kindergarten Fine Motor Enhancement Program



## Staff Sharing on the Kindergarten Fine Motor Enhancement Program



## Secondary Updates

- ◆ **Co-Teaching / Inclusive Education**
  - Expanded ICT for Living Environment at ENMS, NMS, & NHS
  - Expanded Port Academy for Grades 10, 11, & 12 at WJB
  - Continuation of Professional Development for all Secondary ICT Teams
- ◆ **Special Class Programming**
  - Program for Academic & Vocational Excellence (PAVE) at NMS & NHS
  - Greenhouse Education (Extended School Year & NHS)
  - The Practical Assessment and Exploration System (PAES) Lab at NHS
  - Job Coaching within the Community (Applebee's Restaurant and Stop & Shop) for Post-Secondary Students



## Secondary Updates

- ◆ **Related Services**
  - Speech/Language Therapy Consultation Models as Classroom Support
  - Peer Networking Groups
  - Q-Interactive Assessments and Interactive Digital Therapy Tools
- ◆ **Supports for School Personnel**
  - In-person and Remote Trainings to Support Individual Student Learning Needs (Staff Specialists in Disabilities, Technology Software/Equipment, & Specialized Instruction)
- ◆ **Student-Directed IEPs**
  - Special Education Teachers, Psychologists, and Speech/Language Pathologists Participating at Annual Review Meetings with Students and Families
- ◆ **Social-Emotional Programming**
  - Counseling Supports (Individual, Group, & Social Skills)
  - Staff Training for Signs of Suicide Program (SOS)

## Post-Secondary Planning

- ◆ Transition Planning
  - Staff Training for Transition in the Development of the IEP



## Extra Curricular Clubs and Activities

- ◆ All Offerings at the Building Level (District - Wide)
- ◆ Best Buddies Club (NHS)
- ◆ Unified Team Sports (NHS)
  - Bowling
  - Basketball
- ◆ Sparkle Squad (NHS)
- ◆ Intramural Bowling at Larkfield Lanes (District - Wide)
- ◆ Special Olympics at WJB (District - Wide)



Thank  
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### Remaining SEPTA Dates

January 19th  
February 17th  
March 21st  
April 25th  
May 31st

## 12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 13. NEW BUSINESS

**14. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENT** - 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.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Comment</u>
John Morrisey	Stated that he received an email that his son was in close contact with some who tested positive for COVID which required him to quarantine, but students who are vaccinated are allowed back to school. Students who have to quarantine no longer have access to zoom class. Stated that there should be nothing preventing his son from learning other than having a fever.

Superintendent Banzer stated that the district has to follow the guidelines from the Suffolk County Department of Health.

Christina Karman	Stated she was happy to see that they broke ground on the playgrounds at East Northport Middle School. At the Health and Safety meeting today, a concern was brought up regarding the lack of a crossing guard for Northport Middle School during zero period. Suggested the health and safety committee meeting videos should be posted to the website. Asked for the timeline on the remediation of the high school septic tanks.
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Mr. Howard, Assistant Superintendent for Business, stated that the Department of Health dictates the timeline.

Denise Schwartz	Inquired about the septic system at the high school. Stated in March of 2018 JC Broderick went through all the buildings and asked how this never came up. Asked why the Grosser investigation of Northport Middle School did not trigger looking at the other schools. Asked when the test results will be available and how the indoor samples were taken.
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Mr. Banzer stated the samples were grab samples and the results will be available once they are received.

### 15. BOARD REFLECTION

### 16. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Information: 16.01 Schedule H - Use of Facilities

### 17. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Information: 17.01 Upcoming Meetings

#### REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, December 9, 2021

7:00 p.m.

William J. Brosnan School

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

Action: 18.01 Adjournment  
Recommendation to adjourn the meeting

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Carol A Taylor

At 8:46 p.m., the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth M. Nystrom  
District Clerk