

**Northport-East Northport Union Free School District Special Meeting of the Board of Education to Discuss the 2022-2023 Proposed Budget - Revenue, Fund Balance, Reserves and Preliminary Public Hearing - William J. Brosnan School (Thursday, March 24, 2022)**

*Generated by Beth M Nystrom on Friday, March 25, 2022*

**Members present**

David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Carol A Taylor

**Members absent**

None

**Also present**

Mr. Robert Banzer, Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Irene McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

Mr. Robert Howard, Assistant Superintendent for Business

Public Attendance: Approximately 10 people, 34 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 6:03 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 5:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room at the William J. Brosnan 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, and matters pertaining to contract negotiations.

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

Motion by Thomas Loughran, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

At 7:06 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**

Trustee Badanes read the District Mission.

## **7. REFLECTION**

Trustee Noonan led those present in a reflection.

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

## **9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

## **10. DISCUSSION OF SUPERINTENDENT'S PROPOSED 2022-2023 BUDGET**

Discussion: 10.01 Discussion of Revenue, Fund Balance and Reserves

# Northport-East Northport UFSD

## 2022-23 Budget Overview

Revenue, Fund Balance & Reserves

March 24, 2022  
Board of Education Meeting



**NORTHPORT-EAST NORTHPORT SCHOOLS**

*A Tradition of Excellence*

### Mission:

Educate, inspire and empower all students to pursue their aspirations and contribute as responsible members of society.

### Vision:

Excellence in all areas without exception.

### Core values & beliefs:

- Students are our first priority.
- Everyone can learn and grow.
- Students, families, staff and community are essential partners.
- We collaborate in a spirit of trust to make thoughtful and informed decisions.
- We value creativity and innovation.
- We challenge and support the whole child.
- We embrace the uniqueness of every student.
- We treat everyone with dignity, empathy and respect.
- We provide a safe, secure and supportive environment.
- We use district resources effectively and responsibly.

## Budget Development

January 27 Budget Overview

March 3 Buildings & Grounds + Transportation,

March 10 Instruction, Technology, BOCES, Special Ed.

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## Budget Development Priorities

- Create budget that supports the Mission, Vision & Core Beliefs of the District.
- Maintain instructional, co-curricular and extra-curricular program
- Pandemic Recovery- Maintain academic & social/emotional support
- Building and facilities maintenance and capital project planning
- Create a budget within the tax levy limit
- Engage in a budget development process that clearly communicates the budget expenditures and related program/strategy- connect the parts to the whole via a budget book

### State Aid Considerations

Per Executive proposal updated 3-21-2022 (February Database)				
State Aid	2021-22	2022-23	Change \$	Change %
Foundation Aid	9,976,689	11,721,729	1,745,040	17.49%
UPK	634,372	634,372	-	0.00%
BOCES Aid	2,296,516	2,519,457	222,941	9.71%
High Cost Excess Cost Aid	493,423	452,640	(40,783)	-8.27%
Private Excess Cost Aid	321,928	488,370	166,442	51.70%
Hardware & Technology	-	2,485	2,485	
Software, Library, Textbook Aid	417,646	410,052	(7,594)	-1.82%
Transportation Aid	1,020,103	1,334,658	314,555	30.84%
Building Aid	1,169,828	1,513,806	343,978	29.40%
High Tax Aid	735,742	735,742	-	0.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17,066,247</b>	<b>19,813,311</b>	<b>2,747,064</b>	<b>16.10%</b>
General Fund Aid (Excludes UPK)	16,431,875	19,178,939	2,747,064	16.72%
State Aid	2021-22	2022-23	Change \$	Change %
Budget	16,925,660	19,178,939	2,253,279	13.31%

January Database had a foundation aid estimate of \$12,254,098. The February Database information resulted in a \$632,369 reduction in the projected foundation aid. The final State Aid figures will be available after the state budget adoption expected in early April.

## REVENUE CONSIDERATIONS

CATEGORY	2021-22	PROPOSED* 2022-23	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
TAX LEVY	\$149,717,642	\$151,239,508	\$1,521,866	1.02%
STATE AID	\$16,925,660	\$19,178,939	\$2,253,279	13.31%
ASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$2,411,265	\$2,300,000	(\$111,265)	-4.61%
USE OF RESERVES	\$336,721	\$336,721	\$0	0.00%
MISC. REVENUE	\$5,298,500	\$5,322,500	\$24,000	0.45%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$174,689,788</b>	<b>\$178,377,668</b>	<b>\$3,687,880</b>	<b>2.11%</b>

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

RESERVES & FUND BALANCE

	Actual 06/30/18	Actual 06/30/19	Actual 06/30/20	Actual 06/30/21	Projected 06/30/22
<b>Restricted Reserves</b>					
Capital	2,802,966	1,671,067	1,692,155	5,694,661	768,319
Unemployment Insurance	821,008	825,922	831,073	832,285	827,285
Insurance	49,957	50,564	51,189	51,264	51,264
Employee Benefit					
Accrued Liability	3,006,311	2,992,231	2,978,612	2,232,882	2,182,882
Workers' Compensation	2,695,673	2,637,332	2,528,212	2,391,694	2,251,694
Retirement Contribution	2,780,992	3,523,720	3,423,818	4,908,412	4,766,691
<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED RESERVES</b>	<b>12,156,907</b>	<b>11,700,836</b>	<b>11,505,059</b>	<b>16,111,198</b>	<b>10,848,135</b>
<b>Fund Balance</b>					
Assigned - reduce tax levy	2,400,000	2,375,000	4,391,473	2,411,265	2,300,000
Assigned - encumbrances	527,824	661,527	501,594	878,528	850,000
Unassigned	6,672,414	6,843,106	5,754,880	6,987,592	7,135,106
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>9,600,238</b>	<b>9,879,633</b>	<b>10,647,947</b>	<b>10,277,385</b>	<b>10,285,106</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE &amp; RESERVES</b>	<b>21,757,145</b>	<b>21,580,469</b>	<b>22,153,006</b>	<b>26,388,583</b>	<b>21,133,241</b>

Budget History

Year	Budget	% Increase
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%
2020-2021	\$172,752,759	.98%
2021-2022	\$174,689,788	1.12%
2022-2023* Preliminary	\$178,377,668	2.11%

Expenditure Summary

CATEGORY	2021-22	Proposed 2022-23	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
SALARIES	\$89,512,990	\$91,591,231	2,078,241	2.32%
EQUIPMENT	\$1,355,024	\$1,088,114	-266,910	-19.70%
CONTRACT SERVICES	\$32,217,685	\$33,502,531	1,284,846	3.99%
MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$1,955,516	\$2,154,304	198,788	10.17%
DEBT SERVICE	\$5,501,359	\$4,783,196	-718,163	-13.05%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$40,282,800	\$41,493,878	1,211,078	3.01%
INTERFUND TRANSFERS	\$3,864,414	\$3,764,414	-100,000	-2.59%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$174,689,788</b>	<b>\$178,377,668</b>	<b>\$3,687,880</b>	<b>2.11%</b>

## Revenue Sources- Tax Levy

Year	Tax Levy Increase	Allowable Levy Limit (Capital Projects)
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	0%	1.01%
2021-22	0%	1.68%
2022-2023*	<b>1.02%</b>	1.79%

\*Proposed Levy- not yet finalized

## SUMMARY

Proposed budget: \$178,377,668 (2.11% budget to budget increase)  
 Proposed Levy: 1.01%. (Tax Levy Limit: 1.79%)  
 This represents an increase to the average taxpayer of \$80.60

### Estimated Tax Rate Calculation



For questions about your tax bill please contact: Jillian Guthman Esq, Town of Huntington [Receiver of Taxes](mailto:JGuthman@HuntingtonNY.gov)  
 Phone: (631) 351-3217 [JGuthman@HuntingtonNY.gov](mailto:JGuthman@HuntingtonNY.gov)

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There were questions and comments regarding the 2021-2022 State Aid allocations, refinancing of the Energy Performance Contract, \$2 million LIPA payment, \$1 million from Senator Gaughran if the state budget passes, LIPA glide path, cost of LIPA glide path to businesses, transportation and building aid, capital budget for roof replacement, Federal Aid to mitigate unfinished learning and funding for SEL programs.

## **11. BOARD AND COMMUNITY DISCUSSION OF SUPERINTENDENT'S PROPOSED 2022-2023 BUDGET**

Discussion: 11.01 Opportunity for public input regarding the school budget for 2022-2023

<u>Name</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Christina Karman	Asked about the decrease of 19.8% in core education and why there is a bus purchase in the budget when the district has not received the buses that were purchased the last two years.

Mr. Howard stated that the elementary level teaching has a budget reduction because it is now budgeted in the middle schools as the 5<sup>th</sup> grade was moved to the middle schools. The District should be receiving the buses that were purchased within the next month or so. The delay was due to supply change issues. The buses being replaced are about 25 years old and the recommendation is to replace one each year and make sure we are proactive in fleet maintenance.

Nicole Raganella	Stated that we are getting \$1 million from the power plant relief fund and \$2 million from LIPA and would like to see that money relieve the taxpayers. Would like to see an accounting of the savings the District had by closing the two buildings. Stated that the Board needs to start looking at the budget to budget increases and costs and that the budget could clearly be reduced.
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Denise Schwartz	Stated she is concerned about the actual savings from closing Bellerose and Dickinson Avenue Schools. There is no reason for the District to be using both buildings. There is a lot of potential for revenue from leasing and/or selling the schools. Asked what is going on with the long range financial planning committee.
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Mr. Banzer stated that the committee is not focusing on this year's budget. Their work is to look at trends, where we are going and what the impact would be. The committee is future focused. At the end of the committee's work, they will present a report to the Board and community.

## **12. BUSINESS AGENDA**

Action: 12.01 Overnight Field Trip

Recommendation to approve the following Overnight Field Trip with Students:

12.01.1 West Virginia - April 10, 2022 - April 16, 2022, Students for 60,000

Motion by David Badanes, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

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

Information: 13.01 Board President Comments

Report: 13.02 Committee Reports

13.02.1 Policy Committee (Trustees Badanes, Loughran and Taylor)

The Policy Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

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

The Multi-Year Financing Planning Committee will meet on Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

13.02.3 Audit Committee (Trustees Licopoli and Buscareno)

Nothing to report.

13.02.4 Dignity for All Committee (Trustees Noonan and Taylor)

A planning meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> via Zoom.

13.02.5 Legislative Committee (Trustees Loughran and Taylor)

Nothing to report. Mr. Banzer will look into the proposed new STAR legislation.

Report: 13.03 Board Liaison Reports

13.03.1 Progress Monitoring (Trustees Buscareno, McNaughton and Noonan)

Nothing to report.

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

A follow-up meeting will be scheduled.

13.03.3 PTA Report/Feedback

Trustees are attending PTA meetings and receiving great feedback.

## **14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Action: 14.01 Policies - Second Read and Abolish

Recommendation to receive for a second read and to abolish the following policies:

14.02.1 #6115 - "Observance of Unusual Occurrences Affecting National and International Interests"

14.02.2 #6120 - "Strategic Focus Statement"

14.02.3 #6121 - "District K-12 Instructional Goals"

14.02.4 #6130 - "District Exit Outcomes"

14.02.5 #6140 - "Curriculum"

14.02.6 #6140.1 - "Education for Students with Handicapping Conditions"

14.02.7 #6141.1 - "Experimental/Innovative Projects"

14.02.8 #6143.1 - "Instruction and Evaluation in the English/Language Arts Program"

14.02.9 #6143.3 - "Advanced Placement Courses and Examinations"

14.02.10 #6143.21 - "Theater Arts - Secondary Level"

- 14.02.11 #6145.4 - "Guidelines for the Selection of School Productions"
- 14.02.12 #6145.11 - "Admission Fees Inter-Scholastic Activities"
- 14.02.13 #6162.51 - "Research Projects by Outside Sources"
- 14.02.14 #6176.1 - "Occupational Education Advisory Council"
- 14.02.15 #6177 - "Off-The-Air Videotaping"
- 14.02.16 #6190 - "Home Schooling Instruction"

Motion by Donna McNaughton, second by Carol A Taylor.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

## **15. NEW BUSINESS**

Action: 15.01 Legal Notice for the Budget Vote and Election of Trustees

Recommendation to approve the Legal Notice for the Annual Budget Vote and Election of Trustees to be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022. The Legal Notices must be published in two local newspapers, in English and Spanish, four times within 45 days of the vote. The first publication being March 31, 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, Allison C Noonan, Carol A Taylor

## **16. BOARD REFLECTION**

## **17. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

## **18. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Information: 18.01 Upcoming Meetings

### SPECIAL MEETING

Board will Convene into Committee-of-the-Whole To Discuss Public Input at Preliminary Public Hearing  
Reconvene in Public Session to Finalize the 2022-2023 Budget

Thursday, April 7, 2022

7:00 p.m.

William J. Brosnan School

### SPECIAL MEETING

Vote on BOCES 2022-2023 Administrative Budget and Trustees

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

7:00 p.m.

William J. Brosnan School

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

Action: 19.01 Adjournment

Recommendation to adjourn the meeting

Motion by Thomas Loughran, second by Allison C Noonan.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

At 8:30 p.m., the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth M. Nystrom  
District Clerk