

**Northport-East Northport Union Free School District Board of Education Regular Meeting -
William J. Brosnan School (Wednesday, October 18, 2023)**

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Members present

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

Members absent

None

Public Attendance: Approximately 40 people, 108 virtual

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 2023-2024

*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.***

- Recruit a Superintendent of Schools, consistent with the school-community profile, and support conditions for a successful entry plan.
- Advance a long-range financial plan which includes:
 - a) Chartering a Board Financial Planning Committee for the purpose of developing a 3 to 5-year financial plan that factors in the end of the LIPA Glidepath and potential sale/Lease of district property.
 - b) Engaging in a contract analysis of member units for the purpose of advancing possible modifications to existing contracts
 - c) Implementing a plan for the sale/lease of district property for community input and potential referendum.
- Develop and approve a responsible educational plan and budget consistent with the district mission.
- Task the Board Policy Committee to propose recommendations for Policy review with Board input for the 23-24 school year.
- Support the administration in the development of district goals that utilize a data driven approach

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. EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Licopoli called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room at the William J. Brosnan School.

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 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 David Badanes, 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

3. CALL TO ORDER

At 7:05 p.m. the Board convened in Public Session in the Cafeteria at the William J. Brosnan School.

4. NOTICE OF EMERGENCY EXITS

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Licopoli led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance

6. READING OF DISTRICT MISSION

Trustee Taylor read the District Mission.

7. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

8. STUDENT AND STAFF RECOGNITION / STUDENT ORGANIZATION REPORT

Presentations: 8.01 Student and Staff Recognition

8.01.1 Ms. Jennifer Nesfield, District Chairperson of World Language and English as a New Language, introduced Idil Nuraydin, English Language Learner Student of the Month

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President Licopoli and Superintendent Banzer congratulated Idil on her fine achievements and presented her with a commendation from the Board.

8.01.2 Ms. Jennifer Nesfield, District Chairperson of World Language and English as a New Language, introduced Emily Wickard, World Language Student of the Month

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President Licopoli and Superintendent Banzer congratulated Emily on her fine accomplishments and presented her with a commendation from the Board.

8.01.3 Student Organization Report

Northport High School Students Amaya Nieves, Lily Clements and Brooke Wurthener presented the current events happening at the high school: Students participated in the NYSCAME Suffolk All-County Festival, girls volleyball hosted Dezy Strong volleyball game, business students attended a kickoff event where they connected with students in eight other Long Island districts in the digital generation class, seniors Emily Maloney and Caitlin O'Malley were named to Newsday's Top Field Hockey Players, Powdered Wigs fall drama was visited by playwright Dr. David Overton, the Commons Council celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month, Northport HS Football team hosted a food drive at Stop and Shop, Senior Makenna O'Brien was named to Newsday's Top 25 swimmers, AP Environmental Science students visited the Fire Island National Seashore to observe wildlife, and students and staff are preparing a month of gratitude as we participate in Northport High School Show Your STRIPES Community Service Days.

Mr. Robert Dennis, Northport High School Principal, provided the Board with details regarding the community service days the high school students will be participating in.

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Presentations: 8.02 School Board Recognition Week

The week of October 16 - October 20, 2023 has been declared School Board Recognition Week to recognize school board members for their commitment to the children of the State of New York, and to increase awareness of and appreciation for the hard work and commitment school board members have in their efforts to ensure all students succeed. The seven members of the Board received commendations from Western Suffolk BOCES, and the Northport-East Northport School District and PTA Council

9. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Presentations: 9.01 Annual Report of the Independent Auditor

Mr. Brendan Nelson of R.S. Abrams, LLP, presented the findings of the 2022-2023 External Audit.



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Review of 2022-2023 External Audit
Brendan Nelson, C.P.A., Partner
R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP



REVIEW OF AUDIT

- The District received an unmodified opinion on the June 30, 2023 financial statements.
- The District received an unmodified opinion on the June 30, 2023 Extraclassroom Activity Fund financial statement.
- Business office was very cooperative during the audit.

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MANAGEMENT LETTER

- A report on the District's internal control over financial reporting was issued that identified the following area in which the District's internal controls could be improved:
 - School Food Service Fund – excess fund balance
 - Status of prior year findings:
 - ❖ School Food Service Fund – In Process
 - ❖ Extraclassroom Activity Fund - Implemented
- No material weaknesses were identified during the audit.

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS Governmental Funds



	Fiscal Year 2023	Fiscal Year 2022	Increase/ (Decrease)	Total Percentage Change
General Fund				
Nonspendable:				
Prepays	\$ 2,297,717	\$ 2,160,236	\$ 137,481	6.36%
Restricted:				
Capital	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 2,374,944	\$ (1,374,944)	(57.89%)
Unemployment Insurance	838,592	830,929	7,663	0.92%
Insurance	52,078	51,292	786	1.53%
Employee benefit accrued liability	2,166,780	2,184,063	(17,283)	(0.79%)
Workers' Compensation	2,145,305	2,252,912	(107,607)	(4.78%)
Retirement Contribution	7,156,467	6,210,941	945,526	15.22%
Total Restricted	\$ 13,359,222	\$ 13,905,081	\$ (545,859)	(3.93%)
Assigned appropriated	3,860,313	2,559,240	1,301,073	50.84%
Assigned unappropriated	767,529	1,334,299	(566,770)	(42.48%)
Unassigned	7,321,537	7,114,243	207,294	2.91%
Total Fund Balance - General Fund	\$ 27,606,318	\$ 27,073,099	\$ 533,219	1.97%

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS Governmental Funds



	Fiscal Year 2023	Fiscal Year 2022	Increase/ (Decrease)	Total Percentage Change
Special Revenue Fund				
Restricted:				
Scholarship	\$ 41,467	\$ 46,604	\$ (5,137)	(11.02%)
Extracurriculum	425,231	393,049	32,182	8.19%
Total Fund Balance - Special Revenue Fund	\$ 466,698	\$ 439,653	\$ 27,045	6.15%
School Food Service Fund				
Nonspendable: Inventory	\$ 69,954	\$ 57,297	\$ 12,657	22.09%
Assigned	1,317,725	997,340	320,385	32.12%
Total Fund Balance - School Food Service Fund	\$ 1,387,679	\$ 1,054,637	\$ 333,042	31.58%
Capital Projects Fund				
Restricted:				
Capital	\$ 8,197,016	\$ 6,475,899	\$ 1,721,117	26.58%
Unspent bond proceeds	1,096,859	1,395,226	(298,367)	(21.38%)
Assigned	6,711,076	4,480,836	2,230,240	49.77%
Total Fund Balance - Capital Projects Fund	\$ 16,004,951	\$ 12,351,961	\$ 3,652,990	29.57%
Total Fund Balance - All Funds	\$ 45,465,646	\$ 40,919,350	\$ 4,546,296	11.11%

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REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



- The fund balance in the general fund increased by \$533,219. This increase was due to budgetary savings offset by planned utilization of reserves and excess fund balance. Favorable revenue variances were predominantly in use of money and property and miscellaneous revenues. Favorable variances within budgeted appropriations represent savings across the budget, but most significantly within central services, programs for children with handicapping conditions, and pupil transportation.
- The unassigned fund balance in the general fund was 4% of the subsequent year's budget for both the current year and the prior year, which is within the limit established by NYS Real Property Tax Law § 1318.

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- The decrease in the capital reserves (2018 and 2021) can be attributable to the voter approved utilization of the capital reserves in the amount of \$2,374,944, partially offset by the funding of 2021 capital reserve in the amount of \$1,000,000.
- The increase in the unemployment insurance reserve of \$7,663 is due to the allocation of interest in the amount of \$12,663, partially offset by the use of the reserve in the amount of \$5,000.
- The increase in the insurance reserve is due to the allocation of interest in the amount of \$786.
- The decrease in the employee benefit accrued liability reserve of \$17,283 can be attributable to the use of the reserve in the amount of \$50,000, partially offset by the allocation of interest in the amount of \$32,717.
- The decrease in the workers compensation reserve of \$107,607 can be attributable to the use of the reserve in the amount of \$140,000 partially offset by the allocation of interest in the amount of \$32,393.

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- The retirement contribution reserve (ERS and TRS) increased by \$945,526 due to the funding of reserves in the amount of \$ 994,200 (\$150,000 to ERS and \$844,200 to TRS) and the allocation of interest in the amount of \$93,047, partially offset by the budgeted utilization of the ERS reserve of \$141,721.
- The fund balance in the special revenue fund increased by \$27,045, as compared to the prior year. The increase was due to an increase in fund balance restricted for extraclassroom activities offset by a decrease in scholarships.
- The school food service fund balance increased by \$333,042, as compared to the prior year due to meal sales and state and federal grant revenue exceeding expenditures on the modified accrual basis of accounting.
- The capital projects fund balance increased by \$3,652,990 due to a budgeted transfer from general fund appropriations of \$2,974,414, and a voter approved utilization of the capital reserves of \$2,374,944, offset by capital project expenditures during the year.

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REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Change in General Fund's Unassigned Fund Balance (Budget to Actual):

Opening, Unassigned Fund Balance	\$	7,114,243
Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Budget		1,115,488
Expenditures, Other Financing Uses, and Encumbrances Under Budget		5,255,406
Increase in Nonspendable Fund Balance		(137,481)
Transfer to Reserves (Restricted)		(2,165,806)
Assigned - Appropriated for 2022-23 Budget		(3,860,313)
Closing, Unassigned Fund Balance	\$	<u>7,321,537</u>

- The \$7,114,243 shown in the table is the portion of the District's June 30, 2022 fund balance that was reported as unassigned. This is 4.00% of the District's 2022-2023 approved operating budget of \$177,856,084.
- The excess of actual revenues and other sources over estimated or budgeted revenues amounted to \$1,115,488. This reflects the net variance amount for all revenue streams combined. Significant revenue variances existed as a result of the following: (1) miscellaneous revenues exceeded budgeted amounts by \$649,161 (2) use of money and property revenues exceeded budgeted amounts by \$958,755; (3) state aid were less than expected by \$311,308.

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REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Change in General Fund's Unassigned Fund Balance (Budget to Actual) (cont.d):

- The District has chosen to use \$3,860,313 of its available June 30, 2023 fund balance to partially fund its 2023-2024 approved operating budget. The assigned fund balance has been increased from \$2,559,240 in 2022-2023 to \$3,860,313 in 2023-2024.
- Based upon the summary of changes shown in the table, the District will begin the 2023-2024 fiscal year with an unassigned fund balance of \$7,321,537. This is an increase of \$207,294 as compared to the prior year. This is 4.00% of the District's 2023-2024 approved operating budget of \$183,038,428. The District's unassigned fund balance was in compliance with the New York State Real Property Tax Law §1318 limit, which restricts it to an amount not greater than 4% of the District's budget for the upcoming school year.

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REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Change in General Fund's Unassigned Fund Balance (Budget to Actual) (cont.d):

- The final budget was under-expended by \$5,255,406, or 2.9%. Budget categories which contributed significantly to the under-expenditure are: (1) central services had a favorable variance of \$676,455, (2) programs for children with handicapping conditions had a favorable variance of \$1,223,048, (3) pupil transportation had a favorable variance of \$804,089.
- The \$137,481 increase in nonspendable fund balance in the table on the previous page reflects the net increase to prepaids, specifically health, dental and ancillary insurances provided to employees and retirees.
- The \$2,165,806 in the previously presented table reflects the net interest transferred into the reserves of \$171,606, plus transfers of \$1,000,000 into the 2021 capital reserve, \$150,000 into the employee retirement contribution reserve, and \$844,200 into the teacher retirement contribution reserve.

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QUESTIONS?

Brendan Nelson, C.P.A., Partner
R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP



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10. BUSINESS AGENDA

Action: 10.01 Personnel Actions Report

Recommendation to approve the Personnel Actions Report dated October 18, 2023

Ms. Irene McLaughlin, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, announced the following retirements: Debora Brady, Teacher Aide and Diane Augello, Senior Office Assistant.

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

Action: 10.02 Schedule J - Committee on Special Education

Recommendation to approve Schedule J - Committee on Special Education

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

Action: 10.03 BIDS

Recommendation to take specified action on the following BIDS:

SCHOOL LUNCH

10.03.1 AWARD: Bid #24-101 Uniforms - School Lunch

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

10.03.2 NO AWARD: Bid #24-102 Mini Split A/C Units & Maint., Service & Repairs. No Bids were received - it will be rebid at a later date

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

Action: 10.04 Foreign/Overnight Travel with Students

Recommendation to approve the following Foreign/Overnight Travel with Students:

10.04.1 Northport High School - November 2, 2023 - November 4, 2023 - Students for 60,000 SHANTY\

10.04.2 Washington, DC - January 25, 2024 - January 28, 2024 - LEAD Conference - National Honor Society

10.04.3 Washington, DC - February 17, 2024 - February 19, 2024 - NHS Symphony Orchestra

10.04.4 Paris, France - July 1, 2024 - July 8, 2024 - NHS Orchestra

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

Action: 10.05 Advanced Training Center of Long Island

Recommendation to approve a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Advanced Training Center of Long Island for CPR in Schools,

instructor certification and recertification for PE faculty, training for bus drivers and custodians, for a total not to exceed \$6,000 (PE)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by Thomas Loughran.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 10.06 Dr. Christopher S. Byron

Recommendation to approve a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Dr. Christopher S. Byron for quality control and inspection of all District AEDs (PE)

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

Action: 10.07 Access 7 Services, Inc.

Recommendation to approve a 2023-2024 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Access 7 Services, Inc. to provide related services to designated students pursuant to the Individualized Education Program(s) developed for the student(s) by the Committee on Special Education (Spec. Ed.)

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

Action: 10.08 Horizon Healthcare Staffing

Recommendation to approve a 2023-2024 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Horizon Healthcare Staffing to provide related services to designated students pursuant to the Individualized Education Program(s) developed for the student(s) by the Committee on Special Education (Spec. Ed.)

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

Action: 10.09 Long Island Tutorial Services, Inc.

Recommendation to approve a 2023-2024 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Long Island Tutorial Services, Inc. to provide related services to designated students pursuant to the Individualized Education Program(s) developed for the student(s) by the Committee on Special Education (Spec. Ed.)

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

Action: 10.10 Long Island Tutorial Services, Inc.

Recommendation to approve a 2023-2024 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Long Island Tutorial Services, Inc. to provide services in the area of academic tutoring (SSS)

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

Action: 10.11 Syosset Home Tutoring, Inc.

Recommendation to approve a 2023-2024 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Syosset Home Tutoring, Inc. to provide services in the area of academic tutoring (SSS)

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

Action: 10.12 Horizon Healthcare Staffing

Recommendation to approve a 2023-2024 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Horizon Healthcare Staffing to provide skilled nurse staffing services (SSS)

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

Action: 10.13 The Center for Developmental Disabilities

Recommendation to approve a 2023-2024 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and The Center for Developmental Disabilities to provide instruction of handicapped students (Spec. Ed.)

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

Action: 10.14 Seyfert O&M and TVI Services, Inc.

Recommendation to approve a 2023-2024 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Seyfert O&M and TVI Services, Inc. to provide related services to designated students pursuant to the Individualized Education Program(s) developed for the student(s) by the Committee on Special Education (Spec. Ed.)

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

Action: 10.15 Fontanetta Neuropsychology, PLLC

Recommendation to approve a 2023-2024 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Fontanetta Neuropsychology, PLLC to provide neuropsychological evaluation services (Spec. Ed.)

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

Action: 10.16 Nassau Suffolk Services for the Autistic, Inc.

Recommendation to approve a 2023-2024 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Nassau Suffolk Services for the Autistic, Inc. (NSSA) to provide related services to designated students pursuant to the Individualized Education Plans developed for the students by the Committee on Special Education (Spec. Ed.)

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

Action: 10.17 Nassau Suffolk Services for the Autistic, Inc./The Martin C. Barell School

Recommendation to approve a 2023-2024 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Nassau Suffolk Services for the Autistic, Inc. (NSSA)/The Martin C. Barell School to provide instruction of handicapped students (Spec. Ed.)

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

Action: 10.18 All About Kids SLP, OT, PT, LMSW, Psychology, PLLC

Recommendation to approve a 2023-2024 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and All About Kids SLP, OT, PT, LMSW, Psychology, PLLC to provide related services to designated students pursuant to the Individualized Education Program(s) developed for the student(s) by the Committee on Special Education (Spec. Ed.)

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

Action: 10.19 Michael J. Cunningham, Speech-Language Pathologist, P.C.

Recommendation to approve a 2023-2024 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Michael J. Cunningham, Speech-Language Pathologist, P.C. to provide related services to designated students pursuant to the Individualized Education Program(s) developed for the student(s) by the Committee on Special Education (Spec. Ed.)

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

Action: 10.20 Glen Cove City School District

Recommendation to approve a 2023-2024 Special Education Services Contract between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and the Glen Cove City School District to provide special education and related services to students with disabilities (Spec. Ed.)

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

Action: 10.21 Suffolk County Police Department

Recommendation to approve a Consent for Remote Electronic Device Access between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and the Suffolk County Police Department to maximize the safety of District facilities (Business)

Motion by Thomas Loughran, second by Victoria Buscareno.

Recommendation to table 10.21

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

Action: 10.22 Claims Auditor's Report

Recommendation to approve the Claims Auditor's Reports and Schedule of Claims for payments dated: August 11, 2023 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), August 2, 2023 (GCG-Comp. Warrant), August 15, 2023 (Accounts Payable Warrant), August 25, 2023 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), August 16, 2023 (GCG-Comp. Warrant), August 31, 2023 (Accounts Payable Warrant), August 2023 (Claims Audit Report)

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

Action: 10.23 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, 2022 - June 30, 2023

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

Action: 10.24 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, 2022 - June 30, 2023

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

Action: 10.25 Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report - General Fund

Recommendation to approve the Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Reports - General Fund for the period July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

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

Action: 10.26 Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report - Capital Fund

Recommendation to approve the Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Reports - Capital Fund for the period July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

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

Action: 10.27 Quarterly Trial Balance Report

Recommendation to approve the Quarterly Trial Balance Report for the period July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

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

Action: 10.28 Transfer of General Fund Appropriations

Recommendation to approve Transfer of General Fund Appropriations in the 2023-2024 fiscal year (\$101,133.90)

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

Action: 10.29 Annual Report of the Independent Auditor

Recommendation to accept the Annual Report of the Independent Auditor, prepared by R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP, for the year ending June 30, 2023

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

Action: 10.30 Annual Risk Assessment Update Pertaining to the Internal Controls of District Operations

Recommendation to approve the Annual Risk Assessment Update Pertaining to the Internal Controls of District Operations dated April 2023, prepared by Nawrocki Smith, LLP Certified Public Accountants and Business Consultants (Business)

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

Action: 10.31 November 22, 2023 Resolution

Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby determines that based upon present circumstances, and based upon requests from its employees, November 22, 2023 shall be a day off. This day off is expressly limited to the 2023-2024 school year, and is not intended to bind the Board of Education in future years."

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

Action: 10.32 Town of Islip Bid #520-84 for Two-Way Radio System Maintenance & Equipment
Recommendation to approve the following resolution authorizing piggybacking on the Town of Islip Contract for Two-Way Radio System Maintenance & Equipment (Contract #520-84)

"WHEREAS, the Town of Islip has made available to other municipalities a contract for Two-Way Radio System Maintenance & Equipment, Contract #520-84 and

WHEREAS, said contract for Two-Way Radio System Maintenance & Equipment, Contract #520-84 was let for bid consistent with the requirements of General Municipal Law, section 103; and

WHEREAS, the Northport-East Northport U.F.S.D. is permitted to utilize said contract in accordance with the terms and conditions of the bid and requirements of General Municipal Law, section 103; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the purchase of Two-Way Radio System Maintenance & Equipment, Contract #520-84 from Town of Islip in accordance with the requirements of General Municipal Law, section 103."

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

Action: 10.33 Omnia Partners Contract #R191902 for Educational Software Solutions & Services (Carahsoft)

Recommendation to approve the following resolution authorizing piggybacking on the Omnia Partners Contract #191902 for Educational Software Solutions & Services (for purchases of protection software from Carahsoft for districtwide computers)

"WHEREAS, Omnia Partners has made available to other municipalities a contract for Educational Software Solutions and Services; and

WHEREAS, said contract for Educational Software and Services was let for bid consistent with the requirements of General Municipal Law, section 103; and

WHEREAS, the Northport-East Northport U.F.S.D. is permitted to utilize said contract in accordance with the terms and conditions of the bid and requirements of General Municipal Law, section 103; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the purchase of Educational Software Solutions and Services from Omnia Partners Contract #191902 in accordance with the requirements of General Municipal Law, section 103."

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

11. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS (Focus on 2023-2024 Goals and Planning)

Information: 11.01 Board President Comments

President Licopoli read the following statements:

The hiring of the Superintendent of Schools is the responsibility of the whole Board of Education and can only be approved by majority vote as in the case here in Northport. The Board of Education first decided to hire a search consultant to aid in the recruitment process. We received four applications for search consultants. From those applicants we selected International Deliverables. The Board voted unanimously to appoint International because their recruitment process was consistent with our goal of engaging our stakeholders in what we anticipated to be a closed search. Each Trustee was aware that this firm who has conducted many employment searches was contracted for the Arlington search nearly three years ago while I served as interim superintendent. The statement made in the October 13th edition of the Observer claiming that I led the search for the Arlington Superintendent in 2020 is false. I had no role in recruiting or interviewing applicants for the new superintendent. My only role was to provide a transition period for whoever was appointed. As a professional superintendent throughout New York State for many years I have met many superintendents through professional experience, networking, shared meetings and conference including through the New York State Council of School Superintendents. Professional connections through this group are common. Again, the hiring of a School Superintendent is the responsibility of the Board of Education and can only be approved through a majority vote. The question regarding a conflict of interest was reviewed by our District Counsel and they advised that my vote was consistent with Board Policy and did not meet any standard indicative of a conflict.

The Board liaison team and District Administration met on October 17th with the goal of framing a financial response to the \$2 million reduction in revenue resulting from the LIPA settlement, effective the 2027-2028 school year. They reviewed the recommendations of the Long-Range Financial Planning Committee who presented their recommendations to the Board nearly a year ago. The full report of the Long-Range Financial Planning Committee is available on the District's website. The Board liaison team recommends that the Board and Administration analyze the financial impact of the revenue shortfall to assess, with community input, all options relative to the use of District properties. The Liaison Team recommends adding a resolution to New Business to create a Financial Planning Board Committee for Board approval.

Report: 11.02 Committee/Board Liaison Reports

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13. NEW BUSINESS

Action: 13.01 Policies - First Read

Recommendation to receive for a first read the following policy:

13.01.1 Policy #9150 - "Staff Student Relations"

Motion by Thomas Loughran, second by Allison C Noonan.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Carol A Taylor
No: David Badanes

Action: 13.02 Board Member Attendance at Workshops/Conferences
Recommendation to approve the following Board Member Attendance at Workshops/Conferences:
Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association Fiscal Governance Workshop, Wednesday, November 29, 2023 - \$100 each - Trustee Carol Taylor and Trustee Thomas Loughran

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

Action: 13.03 Financial Planning Board Committee
Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the recommendations of the Board liaison team to create a Financial Planning Board Committee to include Trustee Taylor, Trustee McNaughton, Trustee Loughran, President Licopoli and Trustee Badanes to carry out the above-mentioned recommendation in the following manner:

1. All information and proposals that the District received shall be suspended until such time that the financial impact has been identified and reviewed with the public for their input.
2. The meetings of this newly formed Board Committee will be held in public, and a Zoom viewing option will be available. Time and location will be noticed along with a specific schedule.
3. Agenda details and minutes will also be available and posted on the District's website.
4. The November 30th meeting of the Board will be designated as a Committee-of-the-Whole for the purpose of deliberating and discussing the findings, to date, of the Financial Planning Board Committee along with projected next steps."

Motion by Carol A Taylor, 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

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>
Lou Mustachio	Stated that the community doesn't want the buildings sold. Proposed that the community agree to buying into a cooperative investment which would guarantee the properties would never be sold for development.
Pat Naples	Stated that the side of the Laurel Avenue building where the parking lot is located needs to have better lighting.
Michael Amendola	Stated that the buildings should be repurposed by having other districts send their kids with IEPs to Northport. Additional revenue stream could be obtained by putting in solar. The least desirable property in the District is Northport Middle School and that is the property to sell.

- Denise Filaski Stated she has a problem with the agreement with the SCPD in that school district records could become property of the SCPD which would be a violation of FERPA. Asked who makes the final decision in what gets put on an agenda.
- Tammie Topel Stated that the process of hiring the new superintendent was wrong. There is an appearance of impropriety and it looks like he was hand picked by the Board President.
- Christina Karman Stated she participated in a Zoom call with International Deliverables and was happy with the process until the vote. Stated that the Board President should have abstained from the vote. Stated she does not want developers to purchase the properties.
- Denise Schwartz Stated that \$2 million is 1% of the District's budget and things have to be put into perspective. There were suggestions on how to cut back on the budget but nothing has been done. The community needs to know about the pending class action lawsuit regarding Northport Middle School and to protect the District financially it would be wise to close that building.
- Nicole Richichi Stated that the District should sell Northport Middle School. They District closed two schools in East Northport and the Board should listen to the community and sell NMS.
- Michelle Coggins Inquired about the SCPD using Bellerose. Asked if they paid for the use of the building and if there is an agreement for compensation of the use of the building. Asked if there were any appraisals done on the District properties.
- Lori Ann Rodriguez Stated that she requested a bus stop change due to a safety issue and only received a generic response. She sent a rebuttal email and received an email back stating that the bus stop has been deemed safe. Asked how often bus stops are checked and deemed safe.
- Steve Familetti Stated that the SCPD is asking for access to be given for exigent circumstances and that agreement should be approved and it is not an overreach of the police. Stated he will give the new superintendent the benefit of the doubt but asked why the approval was done in a special meeting and why it couldn't wait until today.

15. BOARD REFLECTION

Trustee McNaughton stated that the Color Run has been cancelled and reschedule for November 4th.

16. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Information: 16.01 Budget Transfers for the period June 30, 2023 to July 31, 2023 - As per Board Policy #6150 all transfers between salary codes up to \$25,000 and transfers between all other codes up to \$10,000 are to be reported to the Board of Education as an information item

17. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Information: 17.01 Upcoming Meetings

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday, November 9, 2023

7:00 p.m.

William J. Brosnan School

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday, November 30, 2023

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 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 10:18 p.m., the chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth M. Nystrom

District Clerk