

Northport-East Northport Union Free School District Board of Education PUBLIC HEARING on Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers, Tax Exemption for Senior Citizens, and Tax Exemption for Persons with Disabilities followed by SPECIAL MEETING to Discuss Proposed 2024-2025 Budget - Non-Instructional - William J. Brosnan School (Thursday, February 15, 2024)

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Members present

David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno (arrived at 6:55 p.m.), Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Carol A Taylor (arrived at 5:45 p.m.)

Members absent

None

Public Attendance: Approximately 20 people, 28 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

Dr. David Moyer, Superintendent of Schools

Robert Howard, Assistant Superintendent for Business

Dr. Dana Boshnack, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning

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

Dr. Maureen Appiarius, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Licopoli called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. in the Board Conference Room at 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 5:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room at 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 Allison C Noonan.

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

Not present at vote: Victoria Buscareno, Carol A Taylor

3. CALL TO ORDER

At 7:08 p.m. the Board convened in Public Session in the Cafeteria at 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 Noonan read the District Mission.

7. STUDENT AND STAFF RECOGNITION / STUDENT ORGANIZATION REPORT

Presentations: 7.01 Recognition of Staff and Students

7.01.1 Mr. Sean Hurley, District Chairperson of Social Studies, introduced Emily Maloney, Social Studies Department Student of the Month

<https://youtu.be/7vtuUAIv4>

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

Information: 7.02 Student Organization Report

Northport High School Student Patrick Clements updated the Board on events at the high school.

The mock trial team won round one of the NYS Mock Trial Competition. NSU Student Government created and hung heart valentines for each and every high school student in celebration of Valentine's Day. Seventy-three juniors and seniors were inducted into the English Honor Society. The Academy of Information Technology hosted a resume workshop with a representative from the Suffolk County Department of Labor, Licensing and Consumer Affairs. PS I Love You Day was recognized by the high school students. A new student space was unveiled on the balcony near the main office. Marine Science, Native Ecology and AP Environmental students visited the Long Island Aquarium. The field hockey team, girls' cross country and boys golf team were recognized by Senator Mario Mattera for their league, county and Long Island championships. One-hundred sixty-eight student from the Academy of Finance participated in job shadow day. The Technology and Engineering Honor Society is working on a project with 4th grade investigate students to build racecars. Girls' basketball hosted their annual Coaches v. Cancer game uniting with the program from Commack. Tigerettes hosted a Long Island Dance Team Association competition and placed 2nd in the team performance and 3rd in the pom performance. Criminal Justice students attended a presentation given by two Assistant District Attorneys with the Suffolk County DA's office. Matt Marlow is the Section XI Champion in the 124 lb. weight class in wrestling. Matt, Lee Faber and Chris Holm will compete in the state wrestling championship. The varsity cheerleading team competed in the National High School Cheerleading Championship in Orlando, FL. Students for 60,000 will be venturing to Kenya, Africa to aid those in need.

8. PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX EXEMPTION FOR FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKERS, TAX EXEMPTION FOR SENIOR CITIZEN, TAX EXEMPTION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Discussion: 8.01 Certain Exemptions from Real Property Tax for School Districts to Eligible Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers - New York State Real Property Tax Law ("RPTL") Section 466-a

Discussion: 8.02 Certain Exemptions from Real Property Tax for School Districts to Eligible Senior Citizens - New York State Real Property Tax Law ("RPTL") Section 467

Discussion: 8.03 Certain Exemptions from Real Property Tax for School Districts to Eligible Persons with Disabilities - New York State Real Property Tax Law ("RPTL") Section 459-c

9. DISCUSSION OF SUPERINTENDENT'S PROPOSED 2024-2025 BUDGET

Discussion: 9.01 2024-2025 Budget Discussion - Non-Instructional



2024-25

Non- Instructional Budget

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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
- 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 educational plan & budget expenditures fully aligning the budget book and budget development calendar.

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Budget Calendar

January 25	Budget Overview	
February 15	Non- Instructional Budget	Tonight's Meeting
March 14	Instructional Budget	
April 4*	Revenue+ Fund Balance & Reserves	
	<i>*Preliminary Public Hearing to Receive Public Input</i>	
April 16	Finalize Budget	
	Committee of the whole to consider & discuss public input at Preliminary Hearing and reconvene into public session to finalize budget.	
May 9	Hearing on finalized budget.	
May 21	Budget Vote	

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Buildings & Grounds

Goal: Continue to provide the high quality operations and maintenance service that the district needs in order to maintain a safe, comfortable and functional environment for the school community.

Description	2023 - 24		2024 - 25	
	Budget	Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
Salaries	7,482,214	8,283,628	801,414	10.71%
Equipment	90,200	190,196	99,996	110.86%
Contract Services	3,827,418	3,834,976	7,558	0.20%
Supplies	611,700	703,200	91,500	14.96%
Total	12,011,532	13,012,000	1,000,468	8.33%
Total Without Salaries	4,529,318	4,728,372	199,054	4.39%

Related Program Codes: 7801, 7802, 7803, 7804, 7806, 7807, 7808, 7809

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Buildings & Grounds Highlights

The Building & Grounds Department Operates and Maintains over 1 million square feet of building space and nearly 200 acres

- Additional Hydration Stations/Bottle Fillers
- Multiple restroom renovations in several buildings
- Classrooms, storage space, small commons, remodels and upgrades
- Additional promethean installs where necessary
- Classroom card access
- Split units/heat pumps
- Fire alarm upgrades and additional devices where necessary
- Maintenance of parking lot, crack fill, seal coat and line striping
- Intercom upgrades and replacements
- Asphalt upgrades and repairs where necessary
- Specific ongoing gate valve replacement with ball valves
- Fencing upgrades as necessary
- Library flooring upgrade
- Intercom replacements at several buildings
- Several kitchen serving lines
- District wide painting of spaces as required
- Specific flooring abatements and replacement

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Security

Goal: To maintain a school environment that is safe and secure for all district students, staff and visitors and to ensure the school district is prepared to effectively respond to emergencies that might affect safety or security of students and staff.

Description	2023 - 24	2024 - 25	\$ Change	% Change
	Budget	Proposed		
Salaries	1,820,414	1,870,978	50,564	2.78%
Equipment	89,667	93,576	3,909	4.36%
Contract Services	337,117	338,088	971	0.29%
Supplies	52,250	57,750	5,500	10.53%
Total	2,299,448	2,360,392	60,944	2.65%
Total Without Salaries	479,034	489,414	10,380	2.17%

Related Program Codes 7805

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Security Highlights

- Glass Mitigation Pilot Project HS Reception / Commons
- Completing the district wide blue strobe light integration into lockdown systems at WJB and large interior assembly areas of High School
- Additional cameras to cover blind spots and new playground equipment
- Computer hardware for camera system monitoring
- Ongoing training and staff development

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Transportation

Goal: Provide transportation services for students living in the Northport-East Northport communities who are eligible for transportation.

Description	2023 - 24	2024 - 25		
	Budget	Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
Salaries	1,133,832	1,174,690	40,858	3.60%
Equipment	315,540	409,175	93,635	29.67%
Contract Services	8,429,503	8,702,618	273,115	3.24%
Supplies	486,300	486,150	-150	-0.03%
Total	10,365,175	10,772,633	407,458	3.93%
Total Without Salaries	9,231,343	9,597,943	366,600	3.97%

Related Program Code: 7900

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Transportation Highlights

- Transports over 3,800 students daily
- Huntington Coach Contract Renewal
 - Renewal Option at the May 2024 CPI (Estimated at 3%)
- Cross train staff to provide greater flexibility
- “Wayfinder” Voice Tablet for driver turn by turns
- New BOCES Transportation Consortium
- 2 New Large Buses (Gasoline)

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School Bus Fleet

- 20 Buses
 - 15 Large Buses
 - 5 Vans
- 3 Buses over 20 years old
- Fleet replacement cycle requires 2 buses to be replaced per year in order to reduce the age of the fleet

Bus #	Year	Type
43	2000	Full Size Flat Nose
45	2002	Van
46	2004	Full Size Conv.
47	2006	Van
50	2009	Van
51	2011	Full Size Conv.
52	2011	Full Size Conv.
53	2014	Full Size Conv.
54	2014	Van
55	2014	Van
56	2015	Full Size Conv.
57	2016	Full Size Conv.
58	2017	Full Size Conv.
59	2017	Full Size Conv.
60	2019	Full Size Conv.
61	2020	Full Size Conv.
62	2023	Full Size Conv.
63	2023	Full Size Conv.
64	2024	Full Size Conv.
65	2025	Full Size Conv.

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Other Non- Instructional

Board of Education, District Clerk, Superintendent’s office, Business Office, Legal Services, Human Resources, Central Printing & Mailing, Property & Liability Insurance, BOCES Administrative & Capital, Debt Service, Interfund Transfers

Description	2023 - 24	2024 - 25	\$ Change	% Change
	Budget	Proposed		
Salaries	2,183,666	2,167,711	-15,956	-0.73%
Equipment	5,700	5,700	0	0.00%
Contract Services	2,519,013	2,801,472	282,459	11.21%
Supplies	38,689	38,739	50	0.13%
Debt Service Payments	4,781,146	4,779,673	-1,473	-0.03%
Interfund Transfers	4,764,414	4,714,414	-50,000	-1.05%
Total	14,292,628	14,507,709	215,081	1.50%
Total Without Salaries	12,108,962	12,339,998	231,036	1.91%

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Total Non - Instructional

Description	2023 - 24	2024 - 25	\$ Change	% Change
	Budget	Proposed		
Salaries	12,620,126	13,497,007	876,880	6.95%
Equipment	501,107	698,647	197,540	39.42%
Contract Services	15,113,051	15,677,154	564,103	3.73%
Supplies	1,188,939	1,285,839	96,900	8.15%
Debt Service	4,781,146	4,779,673	-1,473	-0.03%
Interfund Transfers	4,764,414	4,714,414	-50,000	-1.05%
Total	38,968,783	40,652,734	1,683,951	4.32%
Total Without Salaries	26,348,657	27,155,728	807,071	3.06%

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Capital Projects

- **2024 -25 Proposed General Fund Appropriation**
\$3,974,414
 - Family and Consumer Science classroom renovation ENMS
 - Interior electronic door access and door hardening
 - Roof replacements district wide
 - HVAC renovations and/or replacements district wide
 - Electrical service upgrades district wide
 - Gymnasium bleacher replacement WJB
 - Septic system replacements ENMS
- **Capital Reserve**
\$1,000,000
 - Roof replacements district wide
 - HVAC renovations and/or replacements district wide

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2024-25 Draft #1 Budget: Revenue

Description	2023 - 24	2024 - 25		% Change
	Budget	Proposed	\$ Change	
Tax Levy	153,632,970	156,690,266	3,057,296	1.99%
State Aid	20,103,324	20,289,437	186,113	0.93%
Assigned Fund Balance	3,860,313	3,860,313	0	0.00%
Use of Reserves	736,721	736,721	0	0.00%
Other Revenue	4,705,100	5,314,000	608,900	12.94%
Total Revenue	183,038,428	186,890,737	3,852,309	2.10%
Budget Deficit			3,044,004	

- Budget Deficit of \$3,044,004
 - Using the current Draft #1 Budgeted Expenses
 - 1.99% Tax Levy Increase
 - Executive Proposal for State Aid
 - No change in use of Fund Balance or Reserves
 - Increase in other revenue primarily due to increase interest earnings

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Revenue Considerations

- Executive proposal included a reduction of \$239,063 in Foundation Aid. Final state aid will be known when the state budget is approved typically in early April.
- Tax Levy limit for 2024-25 is 2.41%
- The District is in the fifth year of a seven-year LIPA settlement glidepath payment (2024-25).
- ESSER 3 Grant is ending and all expenses must be recorded by September 2024.

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2024-25 Draft #1 Budget: Expenses

Description	2023 - 24	2024 - 25		% Change
	Budget	Proposed	\$ Change	
PERSONAL SERVICES	92,145,276	94,048,475	1,903,199	2.07%
EQUIPMENT	1,117,434	1,307,999	190,565	17.05%
CONTRACTUAL	34,183,675	34,805,254	621,579	1.82%
MATERIAL & SUPPLIES	2,315,300	2,476,594	161,294	6.97%
DEBT SERVICE	4,781,146	4,779,673	-1,473	-0.03%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	43,731,183	47,802,332	4,071,149	9.31%
INTERFUND TRANSFERS	4,764,414	4,714,414	-50,000	-1.05%
Total Budget	183,038,428	189,934,741	6,896,313	3.77%

- Major expense drivers
 - Employee benefits
 - Health Insurance
 - Employee Retirement system contributions (ERS)
 - Salaries
 - Contract Settlements
 - Partially Offset by Employee retirements

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Expenditure Considerations

- Health Insurance premiums increase January 2024:
 - Family +14.9%
 - Medicare Family +22.7%
- Salary increases approximately 2%
- Inflationary pressure on district's expenses
 - BOCES Tuition Increase is anticipated to be 3%+
- Employer Retirement Contributions
 - TRS Employer Contribution is expected to increase from 9.76% to a range of (9.75% - 10.25%)
 - ERS Employer Contribution is expected to increase from 13.1% to 15.2%
- New York State Insurance Reciprocal (NYSIR) Expected premium increase of between 13 -17%

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Tax Levy History

Year	Tax Levy Increase	Allowable Levy Limit (Capital Projects)
2020-21	0%	1.01%
2021-22	0%	1.68%
2022-23	0.61%	1.82%
2023-24	1.99%	2.27%
2024-25	TBD	2.41%

The district has been below the Tax Cap every year since 2012

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Next steps in budget process to manage the budget deficit

- Current deficit in draft #1 budget is \$3,044,004
 - District is developing options and strategies for the Board to consider in closing the deficit
 - Board of Education Financial Planning Committee Meeting has been scheduled for March
 - The committee will process options and present options and possible recommendations to the full Board at the March 14 Board of Education meeting

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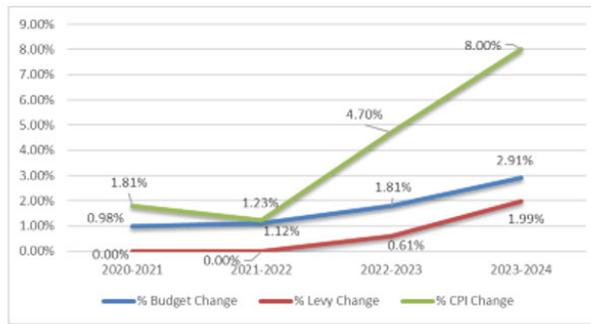
TIGERS Budget Calendar

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TIGERS Budget, Levy vs. Inflation

- Consumer Price index (CPI)
 - Average: 3.94%
 - Cumulative: 15.74%
- Budget Change
 - Average: 1.71%
 - Cumulative: 6.82%
- Levy Change
 - Average: .65%
 - Cumulative: 2.60%



*CPI Data from <https://www.usinflationcalculator.com/inflation/cumulativeinflationrates/>

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The Board discussed the following topics: Buildings and Grounds - purchase of a back hoe, HEPA filters, library flooring upgrade, breakdown of costs and priorities, projects outsourced and building condition survey. Security – cameras on new playgrounds, digital radios, blue light installation. Transportation – bus purchase, turn by turn system, cost of leasing buses, cost of gasoline, outsourced runs, number of students who ride the buses, and electric buses. Revenues/Expenses – replacing retirees, \$3m budget deficit, employee benefits, foundation aid and ESSER grants.

10. BUSINESS AGENDA

Action: 10.01 Minutes

Recommendation to approve the following minutes:

10.01.1 January 25, 2024 - Regular Meeting

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 10.02 Personnel Actions Report

Recommendation to approve the Personnel Actions Report dated February 15, 2024

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Vice President Buscareno announced the following retirements:

Lisa Albanese, Librarian; Nancy Bennett, Elementary; Barbara Bernstein, Elementary; Laurence Brown, Special Education; Stephanie DeGroot, Science; Betty Ann Godden, Special Education; Laura Hess, Elementary; Linda Johansen, Art; Michele Maldari, Elementary; Marie Michalopoulos-Warren, Music; Christine O’Gara, Elementary; Louis Scott Pellegrino, Elementary; Maureen Petrone, Elementary; Christine Savino, Special Education; Janis Schachter, Social Studies; Allison Schwabish, Business; Nancy Staebler, Art; Craig Stanton, ITRT; Kerry Staudigel, Special Education; Linda Sykes, Health; Suzanne Trapani, Special Education; Dana Warren, Music; Lynn Zeiner, Special Education; David Scott, Social Studies; Cynthia Beach, Teaching Assistant; Linda Bogdanowich, Teaching Assistant; Annette Giglio, Teaching Assistant; Lorraine Lopez, Teaching Assistant; Francesca Montague, Teaching Assistant; Donna Sarcona, Teaching Assistant.

Action: 10.03 Schedule J - Committee on Special Education

Recommendation to approve Schedule J - Committee on Special Education

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 10.04 Extension of BID - Nesco Bus Maintenance

Recommendation to renew the contract between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and NESCO Bus Maintenance for the 2024-2025 school year at the current rates (Transportation)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 10.05 Surplus Equipment

Recommendation to declare the attached list of equipment, owned by the School District that is no longer cost effective to repair, as surplus and dispose of according to District policy

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 10.06 New York State Educational Media Technology Association Media Literacy Grant

Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the Media Literacy Grant donation of \$1,000.00 from the NYS Educational Media Technology Association to the Northport High School Library Program and increase the 2023-2024 budget code A2610-5030-30-1300 by \$1,000.00 for this purpose.

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 10.07 Ericson Family Scholarship Donation
Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$5,000.00 from the Long Island Community Foundation to the Ericson Family Scholarship."

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 10.08 Christina "Chrissy" Wendling Ramos Scholarship Donation
Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$1,000.00 from Gina Wendling-Salinger and Robert Salinger to the Christina "Chrissy" Wendling Ramos Scholarship."

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 10.09 Kiwanis Club Scholarship

Recommendation to approve the establishment of Kiwanis Club Scholarships in the amount of \$1,200 each which will be awarded to three graduation seniors in memory of three former members of the Northport-East Northport Kiwanis Club: Donald F. Hewson, John Ryder, and James Loomer; and one scholarship, The William H. Kelly Good Citizenship Award, in the amount of \$500.00 to be awarded to a graduating senior displaying excellent citizenship and service to Northport High School.

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 10.10 Nursing Scholarship Donation
Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$25,000.00 from James D. Fry to the Nursing Scholarship."

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 10.11 School Breakfast Program

Recommendation to authorize the administration to survey the community to determine the extent of need for a school breakfast program for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 10.12 Alternatives for Children

Recommendation to approve a 2023-2024 Agreement for Receipt of IDEA Flow-Through Funding Allocations between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Alternatives for Children (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 10.13 Building Blocks Developmental Preschools

Recommendation to approve a 2023-2024 Agreement for Receipt of IDEA Flow-Through Funding Allocations between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Building Blocks Developmental Preschool (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 10.14 County of Suffolk Division of Services for Children with Special Needs Department of Health Services

Recommendation to approve a 2023-2024 Agreement for Receipt of IDEA Flow-Through Funding Allocations between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and County of Suffolk Division of Services for Children with Special Needs Department of Health Services (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 10.15 Developmental Disabilities Institute

Recommendation to approve a 2023-2024 Agreement for Receipt of IDEA Flow-Through Funding Allocations between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Developmental Disabilities Institute (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 10.16 Cam-Held Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Just Kids Early Childhood Learning Center

Recommendation to approve a 2023-2024 Agreement for Receipt of IDEA Flow-Through Funding Allocations between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Cam-Held Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a Just Kids Early Childhood Learning Center (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

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.
Recommendation to approve a 2023-2024 Agreement for Receipt of IDEA Flow-Through Funding Allocations between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Nassau Suffolk Services for the Autistic, Inc. (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.
Final Resolution: Motion Passes
Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Carol A Taylor

Action: 10.18 The Center for Developmental Disabilities
Recommendation to approve a 2023-2024 Agreement for Receipt of IDEA Flow-Through Funding Allocations between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and The Center for Developmental Disabilities (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.
Final Resolution: Motion Passes
Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Carol A Taylor

Action: 10.19 Mid Island Therapy d/b/a All About Kids
Recommendation to approve a 2023-2024 Agreement for Receipt of IDEA Flow-Through Funding Allocations between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Mid Island Therapy d/b/a All About Kids (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.
Final Resolution: Motion Passes
Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Carol A Taylor

Action: 10.20 Little Flower Children & Family Services of New York
Recommendation to approve a 2023-2024 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Little Flower Children & Family Services of New York to provide instruction of students with disabilities (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.
Final Resolution: Motion Passes
Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Carol A Taylor

Action: 10.21 Southampton Union Free School District
Recommendation to approve a 2023-2024 Special Education Services Contract, Education Law § 4401 (2)(b), between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Southampton Union Free School District for instruction of students with disabilities (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.
Final Resolution: Motion Passes
Yes: David Badanes, Victoria Buscareno, Larry Licopoli, Thomas Loughran, Donna McNaughton, Allison C Noonan, Carol A Taylor

Action: 10.22 Oyster Bay - East Norwich School District
Recommendation to approve a 2023-2024 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Oyster Bay-East Norwich School District to provide special education services to parentally-placed students with disabilities (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 10.23 Westbury Union Free School District

Recommendation to approve a 2022-2023 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Westbury Union Free School District to provide special education services to parentally-placed students with disabilities (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 10.24 Esther Stavrou

Recommendation to approve a 2023-2024 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Esther Stavrou, Ph.D. to provide related services (neuropsychological evaluations) 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 Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 10.25 Therapy Dogs of Long Island

Recommendation to approve a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Therapy Dogs of LI to provide therapy dogs upon request for wellness week, testing days, etc. (NHS)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 10.26 Foreign/Overnight Travel with Students

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

10.26.1 NY DECA State Career Conference & Competition - Rochester, NY - March 6, 2024 - March 8, 2024 (DECA)

10.26.2 West Hills County Park, April 12, 2024 - April 13, 2024 (NHS Wilderness Club)

10.26.3 Northport High School Library - March 15, 2024 - March 16, 2024 (SHARE)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 10.27 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 rehearsals for Ocean Avenue Spring Concert, 2 rehearsals, 2 concerts for a total not to exceed \$200 (OAS)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 10.28 Theatre Three

Recommendation to approve a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Theater Three for a performance of From the Fires - Voices of the Holocaust, for a total not to exceed \$1,350.00 (ENMS)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 10.29 Island Psychiatry

Recommendation to approve a Supplementary Education Services Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Island Psychiatry to provide psychiatric examinations for district employees for the 2023-2024 school year (HR)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 10.30 Claims Auditor's Report

Recommendation to approve the Claims Auditor's Reports and Schedule of Claims for payments dated:

December 1, 2023 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), December 11, 2023 (GCG-Comp. Warrant), December 14, 2023 (Accounts Payable Warrant), December 15 & 29, 2023 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), December 20, 2023 (GCG-Comp. Warrant), December 22, 2023 (Accounts Payable Warrant), December 2023 (Claims Audit Report)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 10.31 Treasurer's Report and Monthly Summary of Receipts and Disbursements

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

10.31.1 Treasurer's Report for the Period December 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

10.31.2 Monthly Summary of Receipts and Disbursements for the Month Ending December 31, 2023

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 10.32 Schedule of Investments

Recommendation to approve the Schedule of Investments as of December 31, 2023

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 10.33 Collateral Schedule

Recommendation to approve the Collateral Schedule as of December 31, 2023

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 10.34 Bank Reconciliation

Recommendation to approve the Bank Reconciliation Report for the Month Ended December 31, 2023

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 10.35 Projected Cash Flow Statement

Recommendation to approve the Projected Cash Flow Statement, Actual Data July 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023, Estimated Data January 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 10.36 Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report - School Lunch Fund

Recommendation to approve the following Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report - School Lunch Fund for the period July 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 10.37 Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report - Special Aid Fund

Recommendation to approve the following Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report - Special Aid Fund for the period July 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 10.38 Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report - Capital Fund

Recommendation to approve the following Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report - Capital Fund for the period July 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 10.39 Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report - General Fund

Recommendation to approve the following Monthly Revenue and Budget Status Report - General Fund for the period July 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 10.40 School Lunch Profit and Loss

Recommendation to approve the School Lunch Profit and Loss Statement for the period July 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 10.41 Quarterly Trial Balance Report

Recommendation to approve the Quarterly Trial Balance Report for the period July 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 10.42 Quarterly Student Activity Account Reports

Recommendation to approve the Quarterly Student Activity Account Reports for the period July 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023:

10.42.1 Northport High School

10.42.2 East Northport Middle School

10.42.3 Northport Middle School

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 10.43 Transfer of General Fund Appropriations

Recommendation to approve the Transfer of General Fund Appropriations in the 2023-2024 fiscal year (\$194,202.00)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 10.44 Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighter and Ambulance Worker Tax Exemption - New York State Real Property Tax Law (“RPTL”) Section 466-a
Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, New York State Real Property Tax Law (“RPTL”) Section 466-a provides for certain partial exemptions from real property taxation for eligible volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers;

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2023, the Town of Huntington enacted Local Law No. 27-2023, amending the existing volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers partial tax exemption granted by the Town, to conform with RPTL Section 466-a;

WHEREAS, after public hearing, a school district may opt to provide partial exemption from real property taxation and may establish the criteria for eligibility consistent with RPTL Section 466-a;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has held a public hearing on the proposed exemptions provided to qualifying volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to adopt a partial tax exemption to qualified volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers consistent with RPTL Section 466-a and the Town’s Local Law 27-2023;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District hereby grants a partial tax exemption from school tax as provided for by Section 466-a of the Real Property Tax Law to persons qualifying for such partial tax exemptions as follows:

1. Real property located within the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and owned by a volunteer member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department and/or volunteer ambulance company, or by the volunteer member and spouse, shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of ten (10%) percent of the assessed valuation of such property for school district purposes, so long as:
 - a. The applicant resides in the city, town or village which is served by such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service;
 - b. The property is the primary residence of the applicant;
 - c. The property is used exclusively for residential purposes; provided however, that in the event any portion of such property is not used exclusively for the applicant's residence but is used for other purposes, such portion shall be subject to taxation and the remaining residential portion only shall be entitled to the exemption provided by this section; and
 - d. The applicant has been certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department and/or volunteer ambulance company as an enrolled member of such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department and/or volunteer ambulance company and that such applicant has been an enrolled member for no less than two years.
2. A volunteer member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department and/or volunteer ambulance company who accrues more than twenty (20) years of service and is so certified by the authority having jurisdiction of such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department and/or volunteer ambulance company shall be granted the ten (10%) percent exemption as authorized by this Resolution for the remainder of his or her life as long as his or her primary residence is located within the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District.
3. A pre-existing exemption provided for herein may be retained by an un-remarried spouse of a deceased volunteer of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department and/or volunteer ambulance

company, owning property and residing within the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District, provided that:

- a. Such deceased volunteer had been receiving the tax exemption for such property prior to his/her death;
- b. The un-remarried spouse is certified by the authority having jurisdiction of the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department and/or volunteer ambulance company as an un-remarried spouse of a deceased volunteer of such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department and/or volunteer ambulance company; and
- c. Such deceased volunteer is certified as having served for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department and/or volunteer ambulance company for at least twenty (20) years, or in the case of a volunteer of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department and/or volunteer ambulance company having been killed in the line of duty, that such volunteer is certified as having served for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department and/or volunteer ambulance company for a minimum of five (5) years.

4. The application for the exemption afforded by this Resolution must be filed with the Town Assessor on a form prescribed by and made available by the State Board on or before the taxable status date of each year. Each applicant must supply all such information as the Board form shall require.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District is hereby authorized and directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Assessor of the Town of Huntington upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect for the 2024-2025 school tax year and continue until such time the Board of Education takes such action to modify, amend or repeal this Resolution and the provisions herein or until such time the New York State Legislature takes such action to modify, amend, or repeal Section 466-a of the Real Property Tax Law."

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 10.45 Tax Exemption for Senior Citizens - New York State Real Property Tax Law ("RPTL") Section 467

Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, New York State Real Property Tax Law ("RPTL") Section 467 provides for a partial exemption from real property taxation for qualifying persons sixty-five years of age or older whose annual income does not exceed the amount enumerated by statute; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature amended RPTL Section 467 to increase the maximum income eligibility for the senior citizen partial exemption; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, on November 2, 2023, the Town of Huntington enacted Local Law No. 28-2023, amending the existing senior citizen partial exemption granted by the Town, to establish new minimum and maximum income levels consistent with RPTL Section 467;

WHEREAS, after public hearing, a school district may opt to provide partial exemption from real property taxation and may establish the criteria for eligibility consistent with RPTL Section 467;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has held a public hearing on the proposed exemptions provided to qualifying persons sixty-five years of age or older; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to adopt a partial tax exemption to qualified persons sixty-five years of older consistent with RPTL Section 467 and the Town’s Local Law 28-2023;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District hereby grants a partial real property tax exemption from school taxes pursuant to RPTL Section 467 to persons sixty-five years of age or older who otherwise qualify for such partial tax exemption as follows:

1. The subject real property is located within the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and shall be owned by one or more persons, each of whom is sixty-five years of age or over; or owned by a married couple, at least one of whom is sixty-five years of age or older.
2. The income of the owner, or the combined income of the several owners, of the subject real property for the income tax year of the second most recent calendar year preceding the date of the application for said exemption, shall not exceed the limitations enumerated herein at Paragraph 5 and shall determine the percentage of assessed valuation which is exempt from taxation.
3. For purpose of this exemption, “income” shall have the same meaning set forth in RPTL Section 467(3)(a)(iv) based on the applicant’s Federal adjusted gross income and then modified as follows:
 - a. All Social Security benefits shall be included in the calculation of income.
 - b. Distributions received from an Individual Retirement Account or Individual Retirement Annuity shall be included in the calculation of income; and
 - c. Income shall be offset by all medical and prescription drug expenses actually paid that were not reimbursed or paid for by insurance.
4. All the terms, conditions and exceptions as set forth in § 467 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, as amended, are adopted herein unless otherwise specified, as though fully set forth within this article.
5. The percentage of assessed valuation which is exempt from taxation shall be determined as follows:

<u>Annual Income</u>	<u>Percentage of Assessed Valuation Exempt From Taxation</u>
Up to and including \$50,000	50 per centum
More than \$50,000 but less than \$51,000	45 per centum
At least \$51,000 but less than \$52,000	40 per centum
At least \$52,000 but less than \$53,000	35 per centum
At least \$53,000 but less than \$53,900	30 per centum
At least \$53,900 but less than \$54,800	25 per centum
At least \$54,800 but less than \$55,700	20 per centum
At least \$55,700 but less than \$56,600	15 per centum
At least \$56,600 but less than \$57,500	10 per centum
At least \$57,500 but less than \$58,400	5 per centum

6. The application for the exemption afforded by this Resolution must be filed with the Town Assessor on a form prescribed by and made available by the State Board on or before the taxable status date of each year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District is hereby authorized and directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Assessor of the Town of Huntington upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect for the 2024-2025 school tax year and continue until such time the Board of Education takes such action to modify, amend or repeal this Resolution and the provisions herein or until such time the New York State Legislature takes such action to modify, amend, or repeal Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law."

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 10.46 Tax Exemption for Persons with Disabilities New York State Real Property Tax Law ("RPTL") Section 459-c

Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, New York State Real Property Tax Law ("RPTL") Section 459-c provides for a partial exemption from real property taxation for qualifying persons with disabilities whose annual income does not exceed the amount enumerated by statute; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature amended RPTL Section 459-c to increase the maximum income eligibility for the partial exemption afforded to persons with disabilities with limited income; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, on November 2, 2023, the Town of Huntington enacted Local Law No. 26-2023, amending the existing partial exemption granted by the Town to persons with disabilities, to establish new minimum and maximum income levels consistent with RPTL Section 459-c;

WHEREAS, after public hearing, a school district may opt to provide partial exemption from real property taxation and may establish the criteria for eligibility consistent with RPTL Section 459-c;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has held a public hearing on the proposed exemptions provided to qualifying persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to adopt a partial tax exemption to qualified persons with disabilities consistent with RPTL Section 459-c and the Town's Local Law 26-2023;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District hereby grants a partial real property tax exemption from school taxes pursuant to RPTL Section 459-c to persons with disabilities who otherwise qualify for such partial tax exemption as follows:

1. The subject real property is located within the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and shall be owned by one or more persons with disabilities, or real property owned by a married person or a married couple, or by siblings, at least one of whom has a disability.
2. For the purpose of this exemption, "a person with a disability" shall have the same meaning set forth in RPTL Section 459-c(2)(b).
3. The income of the owner, or the combined income of the several owners, of the subject real property for the income tax year of the second most recent calendar year preceding the date of the application for said exemption, shall not exceed the limitations enumerated herein at Paragraph 6 and shall determine the percentage of assessed valuation which is exempt from taxation.
4. For purpose of this exemption, "income" shall have the same meaning set forth in RPTL Section 459-c(5)(a)(iv) based on the applicant's Federal adjusted gross income and then modified as follows:

- a. All Social Security benefits shall be included in the calculation of income.
 - b. Distributions received from an Individual Retirement Account or Individual Retirement Annuity shall be included in the calculation of income; and
 - c. Income shall be offset by all medical and prescription drug expenses actually paid that were not reimbursed or paid for by insurance.
5. All the terms, conditions and exceptions as set forth in § 467 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, as amended, are adopted herein unless otherwise specified, as though fully set forth within this article.
6. The percentage of assessed valuation which is exempt from taxation shall be determined as follows:

<u>Annual Income</u>	<u>Percentage of Assessed Valuation Exempt From Taxation</u>
Up to and including \$50,000	50 per centum
More than \$50,000 but less than \$51,000	45 per centum
At least \$51,000 but less than \$52,000	40 per centum
At least \$52,000 but less than \$53,000	35 per centum
At least \$53,000 but less than \$53,900	30 per centum
At least \$53,900 but less than \$54,800	25 per centum
At least \$54,800 but less than \$55,700	20 per centum
At least \$55,700 but less than \$56,600	15 per centum
At least \$56,600 but less than \$57,500	10 per centum
At least \$57,500 but less than \$58,400	5 per centum

7. The application for the exemption afforded by this Resolution must be filed with the Town Assessor on a form prescribed by and made available by the State Board on or before the taxable status date of each year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District is hereby authorized and directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Assessor of the Town of Huntington upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect for the 2024-2025 school tax year and continue until such time the Board of Education takes such action to modify, amend or repeal this Resolution and the provisions herein or until such time the New York State Legislature takes such action to modify, amend, or repeal Section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law."

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 10.47 Future Focused Schools Conference

Recommendation to approve the attendance of Board President Lorenzo Licopoli, Board Trustee Carol Taylor, along with 10 District staff members including Dr. David Moyer, Superintendent of Schools, teachers and administrators at the 2024 Future Focused Schools Conference in Washington, DC, June 23, 2024 - June 26, 2024. Conference registration fees will be paid utilizing grant funds aligned with the District goals.

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Action: 10.48 John A. Grillo Architect, P.C.

Recommendation to approve an Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and John A. Grillo Architect, P.C. to conduct State mandated District Wide Building Condition Surveys, for a total cost of \$54,071.15 (Business)

Motion by Thomas Loughran, 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

Action: 10.49 Long Island Electric Utility Servco LLC as agent of and acting on behalf of Long Island Lighting Company d/b/a LIPA

Recommendation to approve a Permit for Entry and Use of a School District Owned Property between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Long Island Electric Utility Servco LLC as agent of and acting on behalf of Long Island Lighting Company d/b/a LIPA (Business)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, second by David Badanes.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

11. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. David Moyer, Superintendent of Schools stated that thirty-five Northport-East Northport String Orchestra students in grade 5-12 were accepted in to the Long Island Society of Fine Arts Honor Orchestra Ensemble. Senior Luke Tuthill qualified for the American Invitation Mathematics Exam (AIME) based on his top 5% national performance on the American Mathematics Competition (AMC 12).

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

Information: 12.01 Board President Comments

Report: 12.02 Committee/Board Liaison Reports

Trustee Taylor started that the Facilities Committee met and discussed the status of the 2023 projects, Northport Middle School stair replacement, the 2024 projects and solar and an energy performance contract.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. NEW BUSINESS

Action: 14.01 Policies - First Read

Recommendation to receive for a first read the following policies:

14.01.1 Policy #1800 "Donations and Gifts to the School District"

14.01.2 Policy #5440 "Student Drug & Alcohol Abuse"

14.01.3 Policy #8520 "Free and Reduced-Price Food Services"

14.01.4 Policy #9260 "Conditional Appointment - Student Safety"

14.01.5 Policy #5110 "Attendance Zones"

14.01.6 Policy #8410 "Student Transportation Services"

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

15. BOARD REFLECTION

16. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Information: 16.01 Budget Transfers for the period January 12, 2024 - January 29, 2024 - 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

Information: 16.02 Schedule H - Use of Facilities

17. UPCOMING MEETINGS

A Community Meet and Greet with Dr. Moyer will be held on Wednesday, February 28th at 5:30 p.m. at the William J. Brosnan school.

The Financial Planning Board Committee will meet on Thursday, March 7th.

Northport High School Powered Wigs will present The Prom on March 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

The Northport-East Northport Drug and Alcohol Task Force will be hosting a Meet and Greet on Thursday, February 29th at 6:30 p.m. at the Northport American Legion.

Information: 17.01 Upcoming Meetings

SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED 2024-2025 BUDGET

Thursday, March 14, 2024

7:00 p.m.

William J. Brosnan School

SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED 2024-2025 BUDGET

PRELIMINARY PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2024-2025 BUDGET

Thursday, April 4, 2024

7:00 p.m.

William J. Brosnan School

SPECIAL MEETING TO VOTE ON BOCES BUDGET AND TRUSTEES

SPECIAL MEETING TO CONVENE INTO COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE TO CONSIDER INPUT FROM PUBLIC HEARING

RECONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION TO FINALIZE THE BUDGET

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

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 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

At 9:59 p.m., the chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth M. Nystrom
District Clerk