

**Northport-East Northport Union Free School District Board of Education Special Meeting to Discuss Proposed 2024-2025 Budget - Revenue, Fund Balance and Reserves and Preliminary Public Hearing on the Proposed 2024-2025 Budget - William J. Brosnan School (Thursday, April 4, 2024)**

*Generated by Beth M Nystrom on Friday, April 5, 2024*

**Members present**

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

**Members absent**

None

Public Attendance: Approximately 50 people, 75 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 5:30 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 Allison C Noonan, 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

**3. CALL TO ORDER**

At 7:11 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**

Mr. Lou Bonadonna read the District Mission.

**7. STUDENT AND STAFF RECOGNITION / STUDENT ORGANIZATION REPORT**

Information: 7.01 Student Organization Report

Northport High School Student, Grace Mulroy, presented the current events which have happened and are happening at the high school.

**8. DISCUSSION OF SUPERINTENDENT'S PROPOSED 2024-2025 BUDGET**

Discussion: 8.01 2024-2025 Budget Discussion - Revenue, Fund Balance and Reserves

Dr. David Moyer, Superintendent of Schools, and Mr. Robert Howard, Assistant Superintendent for Business, presented the proposed 2024-2025 Budget – Revenue, Fund Balance and Reserves.



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# 2024-25 Revenue, Fund Balance & Reserves

Board of Education Meeting  
April 4, 2024

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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

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## Historical & Comparative Information



### Tax Levy History

Year	Tax Levy Increase	Allowable Levy Limit (Tax cap)	Budgeted FB and Reserves
2020-21	0%	1.01%	\$4,728,194
2021-22	0%	1.68%	\$2,747,986
2022-23	.61%	1.82%	\$2,895,084
2023-24	1.99%	2.27%	\$4,597,034
2024-25	2.33%*	2.41%	\$4,097,034

\*Proposed levy as of Budget Draft #3

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### Town of Huntington - Tax Rate & School Tax Comparison

2023-24 Town of Huntington Tax Rates \$500k Assessed Value Home in Town of Huntington Assessed Value of 3800		
District	Tax Rate	School Tax
Elwood	313.155	\$ 11,900
Commack	307.438	\$ 11,683
South Huntington	290.523	\$ 11,040
Harborfields	284.545	\$ 10,813
Cold Spring Harbor	262.131	\$ 9,961
Huntington	253.205	\$ 9,622
Half Hollow Hills	243.33	\$ 9,247
NorthportEast Northport	214.79	\$ 8,162

N-EN has the lowest tax rate of the nine school districts in the Town of Huntington

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### Long Island School Districts Tax Levy Increase 2012-13 through 2023-24 School Year

Average Levy Increase since the tax levy limit was enacted during the 2012-13 School year

Northport-East Northport

1.31% Average Increase

Tax Levy Increase Ranking Long Island

24th lowest of 124 Districts on

Long Island Average Long Island

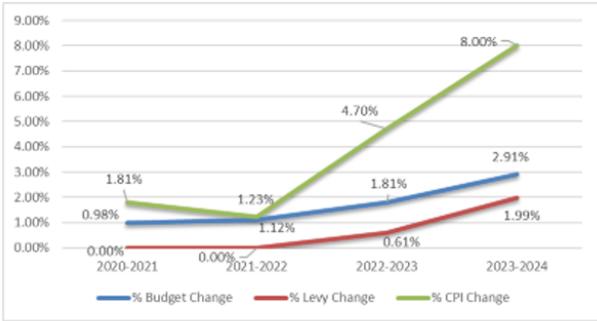
1.82% Average Increase on

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### 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%



\*<https://www.osc.ny.gov/files/10/government/propertytax-cap/pdf/inflationend-allowablelevy-growth-factors.pdf>

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### State Aid



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**TIGERS** Executive Proposal - State Aid

- Proposed Foundation Aid Change
  - Remove "Save Harmless"
  - Changed Inflation Adjustment
    - From Yearly (4.12%)
    - To 10 Year Average (2.4%)
- Save Harmless removal resulted a loss of \$239,063 for NEN UFSD
- Change in State Aid
  - Per Executive Proposal
    - \$98,139 or .46%
  - Per Budget to Budget
    - \$186,113 or .93%

Per Executive Proposal 1-16-2024				
State Aid	2023-24	2024-25	Change \$	Change %
Foundation Aid	13,943,188	13,704,125	(239,063)	-1.71%
UPK	1,222,972	1,222,972	-	0.00%
BOCES Aid	2,183,875	2,533,934	350,059	16.03%
High Cost Excess Cost Aid	376,473	598,143	221,670	58.88%
Private Excess Cost Aid	276,920	257,936	(18,984)	-6.86%
Software, Library, Textbook Aid	391,704	379,220	(12,484)	-3.19%
Transportation Aid	1,124,452	1,096,840	(27,612)	-2.46%
Building Aid	1,158,944	983,497	(175,447)	-15.14%
High Tax Aid	735,742	735,742	-	0.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,414,270</b>	<b>21,512,409</b>	<b>98,139</b>	<b>0.46%</b>
<b>General Fund Aid (Excludes UPK)</b>				
	20,191,298	20,289,437	98,139	0.49%

State Aid	2023-24	2024-25	Change \$	Change %
Budget	20,103,324	20,289,437	186,113	0.93%

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**TIGERS** State Aid Scenarios

Scenario 1 (Draft #1 Budget)				
Executive Proposal 1-16-2024				
State Aid	2023-24	2024-25	Change \$	Change %
Budget	20,103,324	20,289,437	186,113	0.93%

Scenario 2				
Executive Proposal 1-16-2024 + Hold Harmless Restored				
State Aid	2023-24	2024-25	Change \$	Change %
Budget	20,103,324	20,528,500	425,176	2.11%

Scenario 3				
Executive Proposal 1-16-2024 + Hold Harmless Restored +2% Increase to Foundati				
State Aid	2023-24	2024-25	Change \$	Change %
Budget	20,103,324	20,807,364	704,040	3.50%

Changes to Budgeted State Aid per Scenario		Change
Scenario 1 (Draft #1 Budget)		-
Scenario 2		239,063
Scenario 3		517,927

- State budget is due April 1st but indications that it will be late
- We may not know official state aid numbers at budget adoption
- Highly likely to achieve at least scenario 2 and fairly likely to achieve scenario 3

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**Fund Balance & Reserves**



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## Reserve & Fund Balance Usage

Draft 3

	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
ASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	2,400,000	2,375,000	4,391,473	2,411,265	2,559,240	3,860,313	3,360,313
APPROPRIATED RESERVES	234,969	336,721	336,721	336,721	336,721	736,721	736,721
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE &amp; RESERVES</b>	<b>2,634,969</b>	<b>2,711,721</b>	<b>4,728,194</b>	<b>2,747,986</b>	<b>2,895,961</b>	<b>4,597,034</b>	<b>4,097,034</b>
TOTAL BUDGET	166,810,381	171,077,668	172,752,759	174,689,788	177,856,084	183,038,428	187,932,561
% RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE	1.58%	1.59%	2.74%	1.57%	1.63%	2.51%	2.18%

- The district has utilized Reserves & Fund Balance as a revenue to reduce the tax levy.
- The 2023-24 budget had 2.51% of the budget being funded by Reserves & Fund Balance.
- Reliance on Reserves & Fund balance to balance budgets is not a recommended practice. Fund balance should be utilized to cover unanticipated one time expenses or provide time for the district to adjust to macroeconomic conditions and balance future budget without the reliance on Reserves & Fund balance.

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## Types of Reserves & Fund Balance

- **Non-Spendable (Not reported as Fund Balance by New York State)**
  - Prepaids
    - July health insurance bill
- **Restricted Reserves**
  - Can only be used for the legally established use of the reserve
  - Use cannot exceed the actual expense for the respective reserve
- **Fund Balance**
  - Assigned
  - Reduces Tax Levy
    - Reduces Tax levy
    - Encumbrances (open purchase orders at year end)
  - Unassigned (4% of Budget)
    - The most liquid Fund Balance would fund the district operations for a total of 14.6 days

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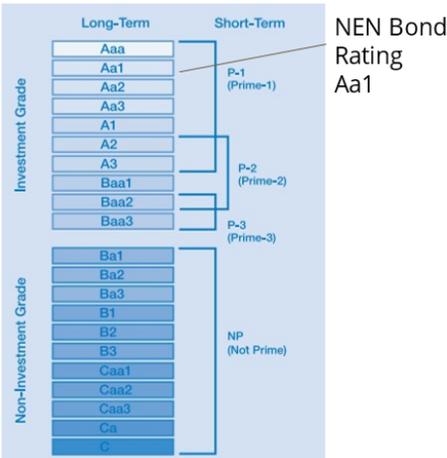
## Reserves & Fund Balance

	Actual 06/30/19	Actual 06/30/20	Actual 06/30/21	Actual 06/30/22	Actual 06/30/23	Projected 06/30/24
<b><u>Nonspendable</u></b>						
Prepaids	1,997,719	1,903,437	1,983,291	2,160,236	2,297,717	2,527,489
<b>TOTAL NONSPENDABLE</b>	<b>1,997,719</b>	<b>1,903,437</b>	<b>1,983,291</b>	<b>2,160,236</b>	<b>2,297,717</b>	<b>2,527,489</b>
<b><u>Restricted Reserves</u></b>						
Capital	1,671,067	1,692,155	5,694,661	2,374,944	1,000,000	1,237,505
Unemployment Insurance	825,922	831,073	832,285	830,929	838,592	233,592
Insurance	50,564	51,189	51,264	51,292	52,078	552,078
Employee Benefit Accrued Liability	2,992,231	2,978,612	2,232,882	2,184,063	2,166,780	2,116,780
Workers' Compensation	2,637,332	2,528,212	2,391,694	2,252,912	2,145,305	2,005,305
Retirement Contribution	3,523,720	3,423,818	4,908,412	6,210,941	7,156,467	8,081,560
<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED RESERVES</b>	<b>11,700,836</b>	<b>11,505,059</b>	<b>16,111,198</b>	<b>13,905,081</b>	<b>13,359,222</b>	<b>14,226,820</b>
<b><u>Fund Balance</u></b>						
Assigned - reduce tax levy	2,375,000	4,391,473	2,411,265	2,559,240	3,860,313	3,360,313
Assigned - encumbrances	661,527	501,594	878,528	1,334,299	767,529	900,000
Unassigned	6,843,106	5,754,880	6,987,592	7,114,243	7,321,537	7,517,302
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>9,879,633</b>	<b>10,647,947</b>	<b>10,277,385</b>	<b>11,007,782</b>	<b>11,949,379</b>	<b>11,777,615</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE &amp; RESERVES</b>	<b>23,578,188</b>	<b>24,056,443</b>	<b>28,371,874</b>	<b>27,073,099</b>	<b>27,606,318</b>	<b>28,531,924</b>
<b>Net Change</b>	<b>-144,128</b>	<b>478,255</b>	<b>4,315,431</b>	<b>-1,298,775</b>	<b>533,219</b>	<b>925,606</b>



### Moody's Bond Rating Analysis

- Moody's Bond rating analysis
  - Bond rating Aa1
  - Fund Balance is a major factor in determining bond rating
- Available fund balance ratio
  - Northport-East Northport 13.8% (lower than peer group)
  - Aa Medians 28.9%
- Better Bond ratings reduce borrowing costs and save the taxpayers on the cost of borrowing



## 2024-25 Budget Draft #3



### 2024-25 Draft #3 Budget - Expenses

Description	2023- 24 Budget	2024- 25 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
PERSONAL SERVICES	92,145,276	93,010,485	865,209	0.94%
EQUIPMENT	1,117,434	1,156,094	38,660	3.46%
CONTRACTUAL	34,183,675	34,555,632	371,957	1.09%
MATERIAL & SUPPLIES	2,315,300	2,332,229	16,929	0.73%
DEBT SERVICE	4,781,146	4,779,673	-1,473	-0.03%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	43,731,183	47,384,034	3,652,851	8.35%
INTERFUND TRANSFERS	4,764,414	4,714,414	-50,000	-1.05%
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>183,038,428</b>	<b>187,932,561</b>	<b>4,894,133</b>	<b>2.67%</b>

## 2024-25 Draft #3 Budget - Revenue

Description	2023 - 24 Budget	2024 - 25 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
Tax Levy	153,632,970	157,214,163	3,581,193	2.33%
State Aid	20,103,324	20,807,364	704,040	3.50%
Assigned Fund Balance	3,860,313	3,360,313	-500,000	-12.95%
Use of Reserves	736,721	736,721	0	0.00%
Other Revenue	4,705,100	5,814,000	1,108,900	23.57%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>183,038,428</b>	<b>187,932,561</b>	<b>4,894,133</b>	<b>2.67%</b>

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## Draft #2 vs Draft #3 - Expenses

Description	2024 - 25 Draft #2	2024 - 25 Draft #3	\$ Change	% Change
<b>PERSONAL SERVICES</b>	<b>93,247,404</b>	<b>93,010,485</b>	<b>-236,919</b>	<b>-0.25%</b>
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>1,307,999</b>	<b>1,156,094</b>	<b>-151,905</b>	<b>-11.61%</b>
<b>CONTRACTUAL</b>	<b>34,985,634</b>	<b>34,555,632</b>	<b>-430,002</b>	<b>-1.23%</b>
<b>MATERIAL &amp; SUPPLIES</b>	<b>2,456,594</b>	<b>2,332,229</b>	<b>-124,365</b>	<b>-5.06%</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>4,779,673</b>	<b>4,779,673</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>	<b>47,384,034</b>	<b>47,384,034</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>INTERFUND TRANSFERS</b>	<b>4,714,414</b>	<b>4,714,414</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>188,875,752</b>	<b>187,932,561</b>	<b>-943,191</b>	<b>-0.50%</b>

- Personal Services
  - Cut Clubs and Activities by approximately (100k)
  - Reduced 1 Contingency Position (94k)
  - -5 FTE Support staff (45k)
- Equipment
  - Removed Backhoe (129K)
  - Removed Laser Cutter fume extraction system (23K)
- Contractual
  - Cut 4 large school bus routes (400k)
  - Reduced in postage for mailings (30k)
- Materials & Supplies
  - Removed HEPA filter replacement (50k)
  - Reduced paper and toner funding (74k)

## Draft #2 vs Draft #3 - Revenue

Description	2024 - 25 Draft #2	2024 - 25 Draft #3	\$ Change	% Change
<b>Tax Levy</b>	<b>156,690,266</b>	<b>157,214,163</b>	<b>523,897</b>	<b>0.33%</b>
<b>State Aid</b>	<b>20,807,364</b>	<b>20,807,364</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Assigned Fund Balance</b>	<b>3,860,313</b>	<b>3,360,313</b>	<b>-500,000</b>	<b>-12.95%</b>
<b>Use of Reserves</b>	<b>736,721</b>	<b>736,721</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>5,314,000</b>	<b>5,814,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>9.41%</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>187,408,664</b>	<b>187,932,561</b>	<b>523,897</b>	<b>0.28%</b>

- Tax Levy
  - Levy increase changed from 1.99% to 2.33% resulting in 523,897 in additional revenue
- Assigned Fund Balance
  - Reduced assigned fund balance by 500k due to increase in expected interest income
- Other Revenue
  - Increase to budgeted interest income due to the latest Fed Reserve information

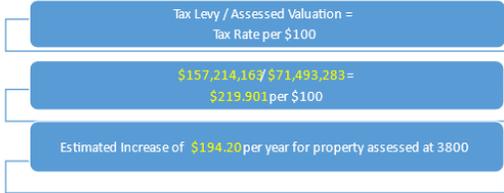
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# Summary of Current Draft Budget

Proposed budget: \$187,932,567 (2.67% budget to budget increase)  
 Proposed Levy: 2.33% (Tax Levy Limit: 2.41%)  
 This represents an increase to the average taxpayer of \$194.20

### Estimated Tax Rate Calculation



For questions about your tax bill please contact: Jillian Guthman Esq, Town of Huntington  
 Phone: (631) 3543217 JGuthman@HuntingtonNY.gov

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# Direction for Construction of the Final Budget for April 16

- State Aid
- Transportation
- Services, Levy, Fund Balance Considerations

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# Budget Calendar

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There was a Board discussion regarding the retirement contributions and proposal for a change in Tier 6, bond rating, district printers, assigned fund balance, 10% cut in clubs and activities and the analysis of student involvement, school bus routes, postage expenses, insurance, State Aid across the town, contingency position, and assigned fund balance.

Dr. Moyer summarized the Board's discussion stated that the Board would like to see the 2.33 tax levy down a bit more, consider transportation as part of the deliberations when the rfp is received, see comparison information of State Aid numbers from local districts. The goal is to chip away at the levy number and scrutinize transportation.

## **9. PRELIMINARY PUBLIC HEARING ON SUPERINTENDENT'S PROPOSED 2024-2025 BUDGET**

Discussion: 9.01 Opportunity for public input regarding the school budget for 2024-2025

<u>Name</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Lauren Cierski Parent	Urged the Board to preserve current level of support for SF60K.
Vivienne Cierski Student	Stated her support for SF60K to maintain the integrity of the club.
Allison Bilawsky Parent	Stated that the Board should reconsider the changes to the policy regarding transportation services. The removal of transportation for students requesting variances due to the closure of buildings is unfairly penalizing them.
Tara Herr Parent	Stated that she is disappointed in the discontinuation of transportation for students after the school closings and rezoning. They are being punished by the District's choice. Urged the Board to reconsider.
Owen Simpson Student	Stated his support for SF60K and how it holds significance in his life.
Sky Cleary Student	Stated that SF60 is an integral part of the Districts.
Hannah Cho Student	Thanked the Board for the opportunities available in the District and stated that SF60K has become a cornerstone for her experience at the high school.
Sage Anderson Student	Encouraged the Board to support SF60K as it is a cornerstone of the high school.
Braelyn Hankins	Stated that she struggled with a sense of belonging at the high school before the service trip to Kenya and asked the Board to support SF60K.
Sarah Anderson Parent	Stated that her children are a part of SF60K and encouraged the Board to support the club as a cornerstone of the high school.
Christina Karman Parent	Stated that the Bellerose and Dickinson communities have had to suffer because of the school closings. The Board needs to rectify this moving forward. Buses should be removed from Brightside and busing for variances should be approved.
Tara Hohman Parent	Stated that the District stated that they would prioritize students' well-being and offered variances with transportation. The rezoning of schools unfairly separated kids. Removing bus service is unfair for all and will place a huge burden on families.
Denise Schwartz	Stated that the previous budget books showed what expenses were for previous

- Community Member      years and that some numbers are being budgeted three times as much. Millions of dollars of surplus go back into reserves every year. The reorganization was a complete disrespect for the community.
- Margaret Granger  
Community Member      Asked about the absence of the three District properties available on the Newmark website as it is perplexing that the contract has been exclusively to entertain the leasing of all three buildings. The discrepancies raise concerns in the community.
- Leonid Olijnyk  
Community Member      Stated that the District needs to invest in the future. Suggested turning Bellerose into a bus depot and putting up solar panels. He doesn't want to see cuts but investments.
- Peter White  
Former SF60K advisor      Stated he was here in support of SF60K program.
- Grace Mulroy  
Student      Stated that decreasing the size of SF60K would devastate the program. SF60K is vital to Northport High School.
- Lori-Ann Rodriguez  
Parent      Stated that she went through the budget book line by line and there are a lot of areas that are confusing. Asked where the savings that were put into reserves. Asked how less than 100 students is costing \$365,000 for transportation.
- Teresa Ford  
Parent      Asked why WJB was ever considered for lease when it is 100% occupied. Stated that we will need to use the schools in the future.

Dr. Moyer stated that all previous budgets are available online. Administrators have a bargaining unit and their salaries are reflected in the negotiated agreements. The \$400,000 busing has to do with the consolidation of routes, which is unrelated to accepted variances. To transport students with variances to other schools, the cost is \$325,000. Looking at staffing, one area looked at at the high school was 7.7 teachers on special assignment. Typically, a teacher teaches five classes each semester. The proposed reduction is to reduce that to 5.7. A reduction of .4 release from teaching would mean a teacher teaching three classes each semester.

## **10. BUSINESS AGENDA**

Action: 10.01 Minutes

Recommendation to approve the following minutes:

10.01.1 March 14, 2024 - Special Meeting

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, 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

Action: 10.02 Personnel Actions Report

Recommendation to approve the Personnel Actions Report dated April 4, 2024

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, 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

Action: 10.03 Schedule J - Committee on Special Education

Recommendation to approve Schedule J - Committee on Special Education

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, 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

Action: 10.04 Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Suffolk County

Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, various educational and municipal corporations located with the State of New York desire to bid jointly for generally needed services and standardizes supply and equipment items; and

WHEREAS, the Northport-East Northport U.F.S.D., an educational/municipal corporation (hereinafter the "Participant") is desirous of selectively participating with other educational and/or municipal corporations in the State of New York in joint bidding in the areas mentioned above pursuant to General Municipal Law §119-o and Education Law Section 1950; and

WHEREAS, the Participant is a municipality within the meaning of General Municipal Law §119-n and is eligible to participate in the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, First Supervisory District of Suffolk County (hereinafter Eastern Suffolk BOCES) Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program (hereinafter the "Program") in the areas mentioned above; and

WHEREAS, the Participant acknowledges receipt of the Program description inclusive of Eastern Suffolk BOCES' standard bid packet and the general conditions relating to said Program; and

WHEREAS, with respect to all activities conducted by the Program, the Participant wishes to delegate to Eastern Suffolk BOCES the responsibility for drafting of bid specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, awarding bids, and reporting the results to the Participant.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Participant hereby appoints Eastern Suffolk BOCES to represent it and to act as the lead agent in all matters related to the Program as described above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Participant hereby authorizes Eastern Suffolk BOCES to place all legal advertisements for any required cooperative bidding in Newsday, which is designated as the official paper for the Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Participant Meeting shall be held annually consisting of a representative from each Program Participant. Notice of the meeting shall be given to each representative at least five (5) days prior to such meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an Advisory Committee will be formed consisting of five to ten representatives of Program Participants for a term of three (3) years as authorized by General Municipal Law §119-o-2.j.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Agreement with the Participant shall be for a term of one (1) year as authorized by General Municipal Law §119.0.2.j.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Participant agrees to pay Eastern Suffolk BOCES an annual fee determined annually by Eastern Suffolk BOCES to act as the lead agent for the Program."

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, 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

Action: 10.05 Twin County Driving School

Recommendation to renew the contract between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Twin County Driving School for In-Car Driver Instruction for the 2024-2025 school year at the current rate of \$495.00 per pupil (Community Service)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, 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

Action: 10.06 Paraco Gas Co.

Recommendation to renew the contract between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Paraco Gas Co., Bid #22-118, Propane Fuel for Buses, for the 2024-2025 school year at the current monthly Terminal Rack Price plus \$1.10 cents/gallon.

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, 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

Action: 10.07 Health and Welfare Service Agreements

Recommendation to authorize the Board President to sign Health and Welfare Service Agreements with the following districts to provide Health Services for Northport-East Northport students attending school in that district during the 2023-2024 school year:

10.07.1 Brentwood Union Free School District, one (1) student attending MDQ Academy @ \$961.24, totaling \$961.24

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, 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

Action: 10.08 Town of Brookhaven Department of Parks, Recreation and Sports, and Cultural Resources

Recommendation to approve a Waiver and Liability Release between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Town of Brookhaven Department of Parks, Recreation and Sports, and Cultural Resources for use of the baseball fields by the Northport High School Baseball Team League Baseball Games (Athletics)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, 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

Action: 10.09 SCOPE

Recommendation to approve a License and Operating Agreement between the Board of Education of the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and SCOPE Education Services for Before and After School Child Care Program (Business)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, 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

Action: 10.10 Helping Hands Licensed Behavioral Analyst Services, PLLC  
Recommendation to approve an Amendment to the July 1, 2023 Agreement between the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District and Helping Hands Licensed Behavioral Analyst Services, PLLC to provide related services (Spec. Ed.)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, 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

Action: 10.11 Claims Auditor's Report

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

February 9, 2024 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), February 2, 2024 (GCG-Comp. Warrant), February 14, 2024 (Accounts Payable Warrant), February 23, 2024 (Payroll Trust & Agency Warrant), February 20 & 29, 2024 (GCG-Comp. Warrant), February 29, 2024 (Accounts Payable Warrant), February 2024 (Claims Audit Report)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, 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

Action: 10.12 Treasurer's Report and Monthly Summary of Receipts and Disbursements

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

10.12.1 Treasurer's Report for the Period July 1, 2023 - February 29, 2024

10.12.2 Monthly Summary of Receipts and Disbursements for the Month Ending February 29, 2024

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, 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

Action: 10.13 Schedule of Investments

Recommendation to approve the Schedule of Investments as of February 29, 2024

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, 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

Action: 10.14 Collateral Schedule

Recommendation to approve the Collateral Schedule as of February 29, 2024

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, 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

Action: 10.15 Bank Reconciliation  
Recommendation to approve the Bank Reconciliation Report for the Month Ended February 29, 2024

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, 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

Action: 10.16 Projected Cash Flow Statement

Recommendation to approve the Projected Cash Flow Statement, Actual Data July 1, 2023 - February 29, 2024, Estimated Data March 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, 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

Action: 10.17 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 - February 29, 2024

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, 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

Action: 10.18 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 - February 29, 2024

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, 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

Action: 10.19 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 - February 29, 2024

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, 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

Action: 10.20 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 - February 29, 2024

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, 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

Action: 10.21 School Lunch Profit and Loss

Recommendation to approve the School Lunch Profit and Loss Statement for the period July 1, 2023 - February 29, 2024

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, 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

Action: 10.22 Transfer of General Fund Appropriations

Recommendation to approve the Transfer of General Fund Appropriations in the 2023-2024 fiscal year (\$88,555.14)

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, 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

Action: 10.23 Calendar of Board Meetings for 2024-2025

Recommendation to approve the 2024-2025 Calendar of Board Meetings

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, 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

Action: 10.24 Project PATCH Grants

Recommendation to approve the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the following two grants to support Northport's Project PATCH: The New York Bar Foundation Grant in the amount of \$2,525 to cover expenses related to the Northport 50th Annual Law Day Program, coordinated by Project PATCH, and the Touro Law Center grant in the amount of \$2,000 to support initiatives by Project PATCH for the Northport Law and Civic Education Partnership with Touro Law Center.

RESOLVED, that budget code F7 2110.4010.23.9598 be increased by \$3,525 and budget code F7 2110.5030.23.9598 be increased by \$1,000 with the understanding that these increases are the result of donations from The New York Bar Foundation and Touro Law Center."

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, 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

## **11. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Dr. Moyer stated that Northport-East Northport School District has been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from The NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education. This is the 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive year the District has received this honor. Northport has the third highest rate of students achieving an Advanced Regents Diploma in Suffolk County. Congratulations to the East Northport Middle School cast of "Matilda, Jr." and best of luck to the Northport Middle School cast on their upcoming performance of "Annie". The St. Baldrick's "Brave the Shave" fundraiser raised over \$52,000 for children battling cancer. The Rotary's "Soles for Souls" collection boxes in all the schools collected over 10,500 shoes.

## **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

## **13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **14. NEW BUSINESS**

Action: 14.01 Policies - Second Read and Adopt

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

- 14.01.1 Policy #6100 "Annual Budget"
- 14.01.2 Policy #6410 "Authorized Signature"
- 14.01.3 Policy #6660 "Independent/External Audits"
- 14.01.4 Policy #6670 "Petty Cash - Petty Cash Accounts"
- 14.01.5 Policy #6680 "Internal Audit Function"

Motion by Carol A Taylor, second by Allison C Noonan.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Not Present at Vote: David Badanes

Action: 14.02 Policies - First Read

Recommendation to receive for a first read the following policies:

- 14.02.1 Policy #0115 - "Bullying and Harassment"
- 14.02.2 Policy #5605 - "Student Voter Registration and Pre-Registration"
- 14.02.3 Policy #6010 - "Fiscal Controls"

Motion by Victoria Buscareno, 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: 14.03 Policies - First Read, Waive Second Read and Adopt

Recommendation to receive for a first read, waive second read, and adopt the following policies:

- 14.03.1 Policy #2200 - "Annual Budget Vote and School Board Elections"
- 14.03.2 Policy #9501 - "Vacations"

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 March 8, 2024 - March 15, 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**

Information: 17.01 Upcoming Meetings

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

SPECIAL MEETING HEARING ON FINALIZED BUDGET

Thursday, May 9, 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 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

At 10:35 p.m., the chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth M. Nystrom  
District Clerk