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Regular Meeting Minutes NPS Board of Education

Date: December 8, 2025

Time: 5:30 P.M.

Location: Room 300, Northport Public School

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. by President Ben Purdy.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Ben Purdy, Ryan Blessing, Tom Wetherbee, Danielle Percy, Dan Duffiney, Jamie Scripps, Benjamin Hale (arrived 5:35 P.M.)

Members Absent: None

A quorum was present.

III. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Tom Wetherbee, supported by Danielle Percy, to approve the agenda for the December 8, 2025, regular meeting of the Northport Board of Education.

Motion carried 6–0.

IV. Students of the Month

Elementary: Finn Buss (recognized from last month), presented by Alex Post

Finnegan Moffett, presented by Tracy Denoyer.

Secondary: Alejandro Mejia-Cook, presented by Corrine Wetherbee.

V. Superintendent's Report

- Service agreement with LIFT under attorney review.
- Leland Township Planning Commission requesting use of school auditorium.
- Hanover Survey update – 83 respondents so far.

VI. Public Comments

- Becca from LIFT thanked the Board and shared staffing updates.
- PTO update from Laura Cavendish.

VII. Consent Agenda

- Approval of November 10, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes.
- Approval of Bills Presented for Payment totaling \$137,845.58.

Approved by consent.

VIII. Action Items

a. Board Policy Updates

MOTION: Moved by Tom Wetherbee, supported by Ryan Blessing, “that the Northport Board of Education approve the proposed changes to the following policies, as presented: Policy 1422/3122/4122 - Nondiscrimination, Equal Employment Opportunity, and Anti-Harassment (Replacement)

- Policy 1422.02/3122.02/4122.02 - Nondiscrimination Based on Genetic Information of the Employee (Delete/Rescind)
- Policy 1662/3362/4362 - Anti-Harassment (Delete/Rescind)
- Policy 2260 - Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity (Technical Correction)
- Policy 2260.01 - Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Discrimination Based on Disability (Technical Correction)
- Policy 1623/3123/4123 - Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment (Technical Correction)
- Policy 2210 - Curriculum Development - Approved Courses (Revised)
- Policy 2266 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities (Revised)
- Policy 2412 - Homebound Instruction Program (Revised)
- Policy 4162 - Controlled Substance and Alcohol Policy for Commercial Motor Vehicle ("CMV") Drivers and Other Employees Who Perform Safety-Sensitive Functions (Revised)
- Policy 5120 - Assignment within District (Revised)
- Policy 5460 - Graduation Requirements (Revised)
- Policy 5517.01 - Bullying and Other Aggressive Behavior toward Students (Revised)
- Policy 7540.02 - Digital Content and Accessibility (Revised)
- Policy 7541 - Electronic Data Processing Disaster Recovery Plan (Rescind)
- Policy 8300 - Continuity of Organizational Operations Plan (Revised)
- Policy 8305 - Information Security (Revised)”

Motion carried 7–0.

b. Wireless Access Point Project

MOTION: Moved by Danielle Percy, supported by Dan Duffiney, “that the Northport Board of Education accept the bid from Vector Tech Group, not to exceed \$32,615, to upgrade the wireless access points.”

Motion carried 7–0.

c. 31aa Recission Resolution

MOTION: Moved by Ryan Blessing, supported by Jamie Scripps, “that the Northport Board of Education approve the Resolution D2: Ratification of Opt-In, Subject to Recission, regarding 31aa funding, as presented.”

DISCUSSION: This document allows the board to rescind Northport Public School’s opting-in to the 31aa funding at any time. Motion carried 7–0 (Roll Call).

d. Superintendent Evaluation

MOTION: Moved by Jamie Scripps, supported by Ryan Blessing, “that the Northport Board of Education approve the rating of Effective for the evaluation of Superintendent Neil Wetherbee.”

Motion carried 6–0–1 (Tom Wetherbee abstained).

e. Superintendent Contract Extension

MOTION: The Personnel and Finance Committee recommendation acted as the motion, supported by Dan Duffiney, “that the Northport Board of Education approve the contract extension for Superintendent Neil Wetherbee, as presented.”

Motion carried 6–0–1 (Tom Wetherbee abstained).

IX. Discussion Items

- Senior Trip proposal – Several members of the Class of 2026 presented their request to travel to Chicago for 3 days as a Senior Trip. Students detailed their many fundraising activities and a basic budget for the trip. Students requested that the school cover expenses for travel and educational activities. Board members indicated support and offered a motion from the floor.

MOTION: Moved by Ben Purdy, supported by Ben Hale, “that the Northport Board of Education agree to cover transportation and educational activity expenses for the senior trip to Chicago in 2026.”

Motion carried 7–0.

- Organizational Meeting – January officer elections and planning.

X. Old Business

None.

XI. New Business

None.

XII. Superintendent’s Comments

- Appreciation expressed for Board support.

- Requested continued feedback throughout the year.

XIII. Public Comments

Comment regarding clarifying communication on surveys.

XIV. Board Member Comments

- Benjamin Hale: Requested clarification about the Superintendent evaluation process.
- Ben Purdy: Thanked Eric Potes for coaching the elementary girls' basketball team.

XV. Adjournment

MOTION: Motioned by Ryan Blessing, supported by Danielle Percy, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried 7-0.

Adjourned at 6:14 P.M.