

NORTH ANDOVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Executive Session

DATE: Tuesday, January 11, 2005

PLACE: Guidance Office, North Andover High School

PRESENT: Daniel Murphy, Chairman, Alfred Perry, Assistant Chairman, Bruce Baker, Charles C. Ormsby, and Tim Pybus

Also present – Superintendent Harry Harutunian

Chairman Dan Murphy called the meeting to order at 8.00 p.m.

1. NATA Negotiations—Health Insurance and Longer School Day

Dr. Harutunian advised the Committee that the N.A.T.A. had met that afternoon regarding contract negotiations, noting that they had accepted the Committee's offer as a one-way negotiation. Mr. Murphy informed the Committee that the N.A.T.A. voted to file an Unfair Labor Practice based on an article written by Dr. Ormsby which the union stated violated the essence of good-faith negotiations. Mr. Murphy stated that he did not know if the action was against Dr. Ormsby or the School Committee. A discussion ensued among members of the Committee, and it was agreed to authorize the Superintendent to go to Morgan, Brown and Joy for the purpose of hiring legal counsel. In addition, Dr. Harutunian stated that he would set up a date on January 18 for an Executive Session sometime after January 31 for the purpose of drafting a response to the charge of Unfair Labor Practice.

2. Transfer of Land

Dr. Baker indicated that he was interested in crafting a motion whereby the land adjacent to the Atkinson School would revert back to the School Department in the event a public safety center did not prevail. It was agreed by members of the Committee to give authorization to Dr. Baker to contact Town Counsel, Tom Urbelis, to give a ruling on the matter.

3. Update Pending Litigation

Dr. Harutunian advised the Committee that William Allen had agreed to settle his claim against the North Andover School Committee for \$7,500. He stated that the settlement would be treated as payroll with the appropriate taxes withheld. Dr. Harutunian asked the Committee to give him authorization to pay Mr. Allen once the agreement is signed.

On motion made by Bruce Baker and seconded by Charles Ormsby, it was voted to authorize Dr. Harutunian to pay William Allen \$7,500., minus appropriate payroll deductions, in settlement of his outstanding claim against the North Andover School Department. The vote was 5-0; Mr. Murphy, Mr. Perry, Dr. Baker, Dr. Ormsby and Mr. Pybus voted yes.

On motion made by Al Perry and seconded by Tim Pybus, it was voted to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. The vote was 5-0; Mr. Murphy, Mr. Perry, Dr. Baker, Dr. Ormsby and Mr. Pybus voted yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry K. Harutunian, Ph.D., Superintendent
Secretary, North Andover School Committee