

NORTH ANDOVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Executive Session

DATE: Tuesday, August 31, 2004

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: Harry K. Harutunian, Superintendent

Chairman Daniel Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:55 p.m.

Pending Litigation:

Mr. Murphy expressed frustration that he had been unable to speak with Attorney Kulak concerning the pending litigation with Dr. Allen. Dr. Harutunian asked the Committee to approve his calling in another law firm he had worked with in the past, Morgan, Brown & Joy of One Boston Place, Boston, MA. Dr. Harutunian stated that he would work with Larry Donahue, a member of Morgan, Brown & Joy, in an effort to resolve the matter. In answer to Dr. Ormsby's question regarding whether the Committee had given authorization to resolve the matter, Dr. Harutunian replied that basically the Committee had authorized \$10,000 to settle the matter. Mr. Murphy stated that Attorney Kulak had stated that the contract supports the School Committee's interpretation in answer to another question from Dr. Ormsby.

On motion made Bruce Baker and seconded by Al Perry, it was voted to authorize Dr. Harutunian to engage legal counsel in an effort to reach a resolution to the pending litigation with Dr. Allen. The vote was 5-0; Mr. Murphy, Mr. Perry, Dr. Baker, Dr. Ormsby and Mr. Pybus voted yes.

Coca-Cola Proposal:

Dr. Harutunian distributed a proposal from Coca Cola to the Committee and stated that he will meet with representatives from Coca Cola tomorrow to discuss the proposal whereby Coca Cola would be given exclusive rights for all soft drink/water machines in the District. He stated the money would be used to supplement the athletic programs.

Assistant Superintendent's Contract

Dr. Harutunian presented a letter to the Committee indicating the Assistant Superintendent's intention to retire pending a decision by the Retirement Board. Once the information has been received by Dr. Binkney from the Retirement Board, anticipated sometime in December, his final day will be determined.

On motion made by Charles Ormsby and seconded by Tim Pybus, it was voted to adjourn at 8:30 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