

NORTH ANDOVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Thursday, January 4, 2007  
Place: North Andover High School Lecture Hall  
Present: Alfred Perry, Chairman, Assistant Chairman, William Kelly, Dr.  
Charles Ormsby, Tim Pybus, and Barbara Whidden

Also Present: Dr. Daniel O'Connor, Superintendent, Richard  
Bergeron, Assistant Superintendent, and members of the school  
department and the community.

Chairman Al Perry called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**1. Recommended Action:**

- a. Warrants of Bills Payable – None
- b. Public Participation – None

**2. Superintendent's Report**

- a. Larry Ames Award-

The North Andover High School has been given the Larry Ames award for the second year in a row.

Mr. Perry offered congratulations to all the participating athletic teams who together as a school achieved this award.

**3. Old Business**

- a. Royal Crest Transportation - Tabled not enough information at this time
- b. Early Release Days- NAHS Sue Nicholson, Principal of the High School and Diane Basset a High School Teacher gave information on the Scope work that must be completed by the High School staff to get ready for the accreditation visit.

Ms. Nicholson explained how the half days would work for the High School children. School would be dismissed at 10:40 for students who have a ride home. Accommodations and supervision would be made for the students who would need to stay at school until the buses could bring them home at the regular dismissal time.

Tim Pybus made a motion to allow five early release days for the High School to allow the staff to prepare for the accreditation. Barbara Whidden seconded the motion. Roll Call vote. Chairman, Al Perry, Yes, Bill Kelly, Yes, Dr. Charles Ormsby, abstained, Tim Pybus, Yes, Barbara Whidden, Yes. Motion passed. 4-0-1

c. Accept the Thomson School Building Project-

Paul Syzmanski requested again that the school committee accept the Thomson school to house students.

Tim Pybus made a motion to accept from the School Building Committee the completed Thomson Elementary for educational purposes. Bill Kelly seconded the motion.

A discussion followed.

Dr. Ormsby motioned to table the motion until a signed letter from the School Building Committee stating that everything has been completed was received. Roll Call vote. Chairman, Al Perry, Yes, Bill Kelly, Yes, Dr. Charles Ormsby, Yes, Tim Pybus, Yes, Barbara Whidden, Yes. Motion passed. 5-0

A member of the public reminded the committee that the once the funds are gone how will the cleaning of the ducts and intake valve problems been provided for?

John McAleer reiterated that the air quality seems to be the foremost problem at the Thomson School.

d. Tiered Elementary Plan-

Dr. Ormsby gave an update on the proposed tiered elementary plan.

The plan was to put all Pre-Kindergarten at the Franklin, and split K-3 into the Franklin, Atkinson, Kittredge and Thomson Schools. Then have grades 4 and 5 at the Sargent School. Unfortunately, the savings in teachers would be eaten up in busing expenses.

Barbara Whidden questioned whether in the redistricting process, consideration should be given to having all the preschool students in one school. Possibly saving money on Occupational Therapists and having to have the preschool nurse travel.

4. New Business

Capital improvement item of an addition on the Atkinson

Bill Kelly questioned that the Town manager will be presenting a five year capital improvement plan with an addition to the Atkinson School on it. The school systems current capital improvement plan calls for replacing the windows at the Atkinson school only.

A discussion followed

5. Other Business

The January 9, 2007 School Committee meeting has been cancelled.

January 16, 2007 will the budget presentation

January 23, 2007 the EQA report will be presented at 6:00, with the regular meeting at 7:00.

January 30, 2007 the School Committee will vote on the FY08 budget

Bill Kelly made a motion to adjourn. Barbara Whidden seconded. Roll Call vote.  
Chairman, Al Perry, Yes. Bill Kelly, Yes, Dr. Charles Ormsby, Yes, Tim Pybus, Yes,  
Barbara Whidden, Yes. Motion passed. 5-0

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.