

NORTH ANDOVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Tuesday, January 16, 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
Dr. O'Connor discussed some of the informational documents given to the Committee including a recap on the November MCAS results and letter regarding the Thomson School Building Project from the MASB.

3. Old Business
Accept the Thomson School Building Project
Paul Szymanski presented a letter from DiNisco Design stating that all of the building codes and documents in regards to the Thomson School Building Project are in compliance. All certificates are in order.
Dr. Ormsby requested a letter from the School Building Committee asking the School Committee to accept the building.

Bill Kelly made a motion to accept the Thomson School Building with the Provision that a letter is presented from the school building committee Requesting that we accept the school for education purposes. Tim Pybus Seconded the motion. Roll Call vote. Vice Chairman Bill Kelly, Yes, Dr. Charles Ormsby, Yes, Tim Pybus, Yes, Barbara Whidden, Yes. Motion Passed 4-0.

4. New Business

a. Approval of Cheerleading Trip to Connecticut

Tim Pybus made a motion to suspend the rules to approve the field trip to Connecticut. Barbara Whidden seconded the motion. All in favor

Barbara Whidden made a motion to approve the High School cheerleading field trip to Connecticut. Tim Pybus seconded the motion. All in favor.

Motion passed. 4-0

b. Superintendent's FY08 Budget Presentation (See Attached)

Interim Superintendent Dr. O'Connor gave a presentation of the proposed FY08 budget as put forth by the administration. Dr. O'Connor reiterated this is a fluid document and subject change.

The School Administration tried to find what was reasonable and critical to maintaining accreditation at the high school and give a quality education to all students.

Some of the elementary restorations were:

1. Restore the Atkinson Principal
2. Restore 9 classroom teachers to keep class sizes down to 25 or less
3. a .4 guidance councilor
4. Reading teachers system wide
5. Library/Media specialists

Middle School

1. Restore 6 teachers to related arts
2. Special education teachers for the Middle School
3. 4 academic teachers
4. One Library media specialist (There is currently no library open)
5. Reading Teacher

High School

The accreditation process will cost \$25,000. We need to be ready for June.

The accreditation team will visit in October

An emotional and behavioral needs program to be run in the evening.

System wide-

We will need an assistant Network Manger

Data Base Manager

Thomson School professional development, to deal with underperforming in academic areas.

A district wide professional development calendar

The Administrative Council fielded individual questions from the committee.

There was a discussion on the Special Town Meeting being cancelled. Dr. Ormsby questioned whether the school system could force a special town meeting. Bill Kelly stated that a meeting with the town has been scheduled.

Dr. Ormsby made a motion to move into executive session in regards to strategy with non-union personnel. Tim Pybus seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Chairman Al Perry, Yes, Vice Chair, Bill Kelly, Yes, Dr. Charles Ormsby, Yes, Tim Pybus, Yes, Barbara Whidden, Yes.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.