

NORTH ANDOVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2007
Place: North Andover Middle School
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, Paul Szymanski, Director of Management Support Services and members of the school department and the community.

Chairman Al Perry called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

1. Recommended Action:

- a. Warrants of Bills Payable were circulated for distribution
- b. Public Participation- None

2. Superintendent's Report

Dr. O'Connor wanted to mention three people. Frank Millerick, the Athletic Director who will be leaving the school system. Our teams have done wonderfully through him.

Katie Vozeolos the Lead Nurse who will be leaving the school system. Katie has implemented many programs that have helped the children of North Andover. Katie has written grants that will continue to help the school system after she has gone. Philips Andover will be lucky to have her.

Paul Szymanski, The Director of Management Support Services, Paul is the type of person who represented our school system well. He was responsible for numerous things in the system, contract development, transportation; food services just to name a few.

Al Perry stated we have lost three very professional people. These people have stepped up and done a phenomenal job.

Tim Pybus- Kate and Frank have done a great job. Paul Szymanski stepped up big time and pulled us through. With Paul's leadership and cooperation we will come out of this.

3. Old Business

- a. Superintendent Search

There was a discussion about the size of the new search committee. Al Perry suggested having two search committee going in tandem; one searching for an interim Superintendent and the other searching for a permanent Superintendent.

Bill Kelly made a motion to set up a search committee for a permanent superintendent which would include five members, two school committee members, the former search committee chair, a teacher and an administrator. Tim Pybus seconded the motion.

Barbara Whidden made a motion to amend the motion to raise the number of members to seven with two members being at large, selected by the School Committee. Roll call vote to amend the motion. Roll call vote. Chairman, Al Perry, Yes, Bill Kelly, Yes, Dr. Ormsby, Yes, Tim Pybus, Yes, Barbara Whidden, Yes. Motion passed. 5-0

Roll call vote on the amended motion.

Roll call vote. Chairman, Al Perry, Yes, Bill Kelly, Yes, Dr. Ormsby, Yes, Tim Pybus, Yes, Barbara Whidden, Yes. Motion passed. 5-0

The new search committee will be made up of Barbara Whidden, Bill Kelly, Marybeth Soucy, Beth Kline, Tom Holland and Ed McGuire.

4. New Business

a. Kindergarten Presentation – J. McAleer

John McAleer stated that it is anticipated that next year will be similar to this current year. Registration will be on March 22, 2007 at the Middle School. Parents can sign up that evening. Registration will continue into the next week. Class sizes are anticipated for full day at 18-22 students per class. A lottery system will be held should we have a class of less than 18. The other children will be given the option of extended day or half day. If at the end of the school year, June 15, we have additional enrollment we will open a full day classroom should we need one. There will be a \$50.00 registration fee for full-day kindergarten. The fee for kindergarten is based on getting a grant. We need to decide what to do if we don't get the grant.

Dr. Bergeron agreed that we should state the cost of full day kindergarten as \$4000 per student and the amount may go down once we secure the grant from the state.

Rick Galante- the Director of Community Programs spoke regarding the extended day program. The program is currently housed at the Atkinson School. Children are bused here from other schools. To keep the program running we will need 18-20 students per session. Whether there will be an extended day program will be contingent on the amount of interest in the program. We are looking for a total of 40 children.

Al Perry stated I appreciate Mr. Szymanski and Mr. Bergeron for the help that they gave to this committee through tough times last year. I am very proud of the new High School. I would like to thank my colleagues from over the years. This is not an easy job. I voted for the best for the children in North Andover. Not every thing was popular. The next chairman has a challenge ahead of him. I pass the gavel over to Dr. Ormsby the most senior member of the committee. I resign my position.

Dr. Ormsby - I know Al Perry has worked for the children. You should be commended for your hard work.

Tim Pybus - For twenty plus years you were dedicated to this town. I want to say thank you and you are appreciated.

Bill Kelly - Thank you, it was a thankless role. You went in with your heart and did what you thought were the right things. You can walk away proud. Our students are first and foremost.

Barbara Whidden- I want to thank you.

1. Electing a chairman-

Tim Pybus nominated Bill Kelly, Barbara Whidden seconded Roll call vote. Chairman, Al Perry, Yes, Bill Kelly, Yes, Dr. Ormsby, Yes, Tim Pybus, Yes, Barbara Whidden, Yes. Motion passed. 5-0

2. Electing a vice- chairman

Tim Pybus nominated Barbara Whidden, Dr. Ormsby seconded the motion Roll call vote. Chairman, Al Perry, Yes, Bill Kelly, Yes, Dr. Ormsby, Yes, Tim Pybus, Yes, Barbara Whidden, Yes. Motion passed. 5-0

3 Recording Secretary

Dr. Ormsby nominated Tim Pybus. Barbara Whidden, seconded. Roll call vote. Chairman, Al Perry, Yes, Bill Kelly, Yes, Dr. Ormsby, Yes, Tim Pybus, Yes, Barbara Whidden, Yes. Motion passed. 5-0

Bill Kelly relayed that he had attended a MASC Division I meeting. It was well attended by many of the Merrimac Valley school committees. Chapter 70 funding, Governors proposals, DOE reporting issues, the MASC legislative agenda, Special Education transportation were discussed. May 1st is MASC day at the state house. Bill Kelly also stated the Chairman of Fincom suggested a joint meeting on March 22.

Al Perry made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with non-union personnel. Tim Pybus seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Chairman, Al Perry, Yes, Bill Kelly, Yes, Dr. Ormsby, Yes, Tim Pybus, Yes, Barbara Whidden, Yes. Motion passed. 5-0

No recording secretary needed per Tim Pybus

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.