

**North Andover Public Schools
School Committee
April 10,2007**

Chair Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. Present were School Committee Members Allen, Kelly, Pybus, Ormsby and Whidden. Also present were Dr. Daniel O'Connor, Superintendent, Richard Bergeron, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Stephen Fortado, Business Administrator and members of the school department and the community.

Recommended Action:

- a. Warrants of Bills Payable were circulated for signature.
 - b. Mr. Holland from the Superintendent Search Committee addressed the committee. He informed the committee that a candidate has been found who has all the qualities the Committee has been looking for. Dr. Jim Marini, currently Superintendent of the Winchester Schools. He will be retiring in June. Mr. Holland urged the committee to contact Dr. Marini to begin contract negotiations immediately.
 - b. Public Participation
Mr. Lennhoff discussed his article in the paper last week. A discussion followed regarding the budgeting process compared to other towns.
3. Meeting with State Representatives and Senators re: Funding
Mr. Kelly introduced members of our State legislature. Mr. Torrisi, Mrs. L'Italien, and Mr. Tarr. They discussed current legislation regarding Chapter 70 funding and funding Special Education. They are developing a local aid resolution. Letting towns know earlier what aid they can expect as a minimum. There are other changes being looked at for future years, such as raising circuit breaker reimbursement to 80%. There is software being piloted that looks at transportation in broader regional approach, using a school or town as a hub to surrounding communities. There was discussion on the costs of private specialty schools and what they can offer a child compared to the local consortiums.
4. Old Business
- a. Proposal to Redistrict Royal Crest and Preschool Programs and Move Full-Day Kindergarten lottery to April 30th.
Ms. Lathrop discussed the proposal being looked at for redistricting the Royal Crest Apartments to the Franklin School. This would require moving two preschool programs to the Atkinson School and the programs for developmentally delayed students. This would free up four classrooms and the library at the Franklin. There were many things that would need to be addressed at the Atkinson school to accommodate these programs. These changes would cost a significant amount of money. This would only be temporary fix and the program might need to be moved at a later date. There was discussion about looking at

different more permanent spaces for preschool like the Bradstreet or possibly the High School. A meeting was scheduled for Friday at 9:00 am at the central office with PTO members and Chris Allen and Dr. Ormsby to discuss the redistricting issues and look at the data more closely.

5. Superintendent's Report

Dr. O'Connor informed the committee that Mr. Peter Berry will come to the May 22, 2007 meeting and would like to meet at 6:00 p.m. in executive session to discuss contract negotiations.

Mr. Steinberg for the Central Office Lease company requests we notify him prior to August 1, 2007 of our intent to renew to the lease at 43 High St. There was a discussion on revamping the RFP, cutting down the amount of space needed.

There was discussion on what would be put on the warrant in regards to restorations by the school department. Mr. Kelly stated he would talk to the town and insist that the original budget be presented in the warrant.

6. New Business

a. Award of Contract for Franklin Roof Repair

Dr. O'Connor informed the committee that the bid for the roof replacement came in under budget and the town manager has agreed to put the repair of ceiling tiles damaged due to leaks in the warrant.

Mr. Pybus made a motion to suspend the rules Mrs. Whidden seconded the motion. All in favor 5-0.

Tim Pybus made a motion to award the contract for the Franklin School roof replacement to SOM Construction Enterprises of Dudley, MA and further authorize the Superintendent to sign the contract for the School Committee.

Motion was seconded by Chris Allen.

Roll call vote.

Tim Pybus made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss negotiations with non-union personnel. Chris Allen seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Chairman, Bill Kelly, Yes, Vice Chair, Barbara Whidden, Yes, Dr. Ormsby, Yes, Tim Pybus, Yes, Chris Allen, Yes. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0

No recording secretary needed per Chairman Kelly.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.