

NORTH ANDOVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Tuesday, May 2, 2007
Place: North Andover Library
Present: Chairman William Kelly, Vice Chairman Barbara Whidden, Dr. Charles Ormsby, Tim Pybus, and Chris Allen

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

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Recommended Action
 - a. Warrants of Bills Payable – None
3. Other Business

Dr. Ormsby wanted to clarify his comments in regards to Dr, Marini, he had no ethical component to his comments. I have every reason to believe Dr. Marini has exemplary ethics.

Mr. Kelly we are near completion of our negotiations with Dr. Marini.

4. Working Session – FY 08 Budget
 - a. Update on Special Education Budget

Dr. Joyce Laundre- Are budget numbers are fluid. We have had some changes that will impact our budget. Some students placements have been delayed and our projected costs have gone down from 130,000-105,000- 78,000 today. We hopefully will see decrease in the impact for next year.

b. Discussion re: Additional \$675,000 Proposed by BOS/FINCOM
Ms. Allen made a motion to allocate \$341,600 plus FTE benefits of \$87,000 for a total of \$429,000 to staff 6.6 staff positions at the High School.

There was discussion on the need for all 6.6 positions as opposed to elementary teachers also.

Dr. Ormsby made a motion to amend to 3.3 teachers plus actual costs for the accreditation as a phase one. No second.

Vote on original motion; Ms. Allen made a motion to allocate \$341,600 plus FTE benefits of \$87,000 for a total of \$429,000 to staff 6.6 staff positions at the High School.
Roll call vote Chairman, Bill Kelly, Yes, Vice Chairman, Whidden, Yes Dr. Ormsby, No, Tim Pybus, Yes, Chris Allen, Yes. Motion passed 4-1

Dr. Ormsby made a motion to restore \$292,500. To cover the 5 elementary positions funding from the \$250,000 one time funding from the town. Motion was seconded by Tim Pybus.

There was discussion ‘

Roll call vote Chairman, Bill Kelly, No, Vice Chairman, Whidden, No, Dr. Ormsby, Yes, Tim Pybus, Yes, Chris Allen, No. Motion failed 3-2

Tim Pybus made a motion to hire an elementary principal. Chris Allen seconded the motion.

There was a discussion on how the Atkinson and Kittredge are doing in the current situation. Could an associate principal be hired for the Kittredge school working under the guidance of the Principal of another school.

Barbara Whidden made a motion to amend to assign an associate to the Kittredge for a salary of \$72,000. Dr. Ormsby seconded.

Roll call vote on amendment Chairman, Bill Kelly, Yes, Vice Chairman, Whidden, No, Dr. Ormsby, Yes, Tim Pybus, No, Chris Allen, No. Motion failed 3-2

Roll call vote on original motion: Tim Pybus made a motion to hire an elementary principal. Chris Allen seconded the motion. Chairman, Bill Kelly, Yes, Vice Chairman, Whidden, Yes, Dr. Ormsby, No, Tim Pybus, Yes, Chris Allen, Yes. Motion passed 4-1

Tim Pybus made a motion to restore Information System Specialist, Database manager for \$122,500. 1.5 FTE and .5 FTE. Motion was second by Barbara Whidden Chairman, Bill Kelly, Yes, Vice Chairman, Whidden, Yes, Dr. Ormsby, No, Tim Pybus, Yes, Chris Allen, Yes. Motion passed 4-1

Tim Pybus made a motion to hire one other mandated position. I elementary psychologist, .4 NAHS Psychologist and .67 procedural secretary to meet state mandated reporting requirements. Barbara Whidden seconded the motion

There was discussion on prioritizing state mandated SPED requirements over regular education.

Roll call vote on motion to hire one other mandated position. I elementary psychologist, .4 NAHS Psychologist and .67 procedural secretary to meet state mandated reporting requirements Chairman, Bill Kelly, Yes, Vice Chairman, Whidden, Yes, Dr. Ormsby, Yes, Tim Pybus, Yes, Chris Allen, Yes. Motion passed 5-0

Chris Allen made a motion to appropriate the remaining funds to the Middle Schools
Seconded by Barbara Whidden

There was discussion on the maintaining teams and scheduling issues.

Roll call vote on amendment Chairman, Bill Kelly, No, Vice Chairman, Whidden, Yes,
Dr. Ormsby, No, Tim Pybus, No, Chris Allen, Yes. Motion failed 3-2

Tim Pybus made a motion to fund professional development for \$30,000
Chairman, Bill Kelly, Yes, Vice Chairman, Whidden, Yes, Dr. Ormsby, Yes, Tim Pybus,
Yes, Chris Allen, Yes. Motion passed 5-0

Chris Allen made a motion to use \$46,000 to fund reading teacher at the middle school
for a total of \$58,000. Motion was seconded by Mr. Pybus.
Chairman, Bill Kelly, Yes, Vice Chairman, Whidden, Yes, Dr. Ormsby, No, Tim Pybus,
Yes, Chris Allen, Yes. Motion passed 4-1

Tim Pybus made a motion to fund professional development for \$9000. To improve math
skills. Seconded by Dr. Ormsby
Chairman, Bill Kelly, Yes, Vice Chairman, Whidden, Yes, Dr. Ormsby, Yes, Tim Pybus,
Yes, Chris Allen, Yes. Motion passed 5-0

b, Report from Budget Communications Group

Bill Kelly- this is a proposed resolution from the communications group that is a plan or road work for town meeting.

This is a draft and minor changes can be made to the wording. FinCom has voted to approve this. The selectman haven't voted yet.

There was a discussion on the logistics of this resolution.

Barbara Whidden made a motion to amend the resolution with the following changes.
Change the wording from commit to agree.

Chairman, Bill Kelly, Yes, Vice Chairman, Whidden, Yes, Dr. Ormsby, Yes, Tim Pybus,
Yes, Chris Allen, Yes. Motion passed 5-0

There was discussion on the amounts in resolution and whether the other committees would accept the wording changes.

Tim Pybus made a motion to accept the resolution as amended by Ms. Whidden.
Chairman, Bill Kelly, Yes, Vice Chairman, Whidden, Yes, Dr. Ormsby, Yes, Tim Pybus,
Yes, Chris Allen, abstained. Motion passed 4-01

Tim Pybus made a motion to adjourn. Chris Allen seconded the motion.
Chairman, Bill Kelly, Yes, Vice Chairman, Whidden, Yes, Dr. Ormsby, Yes, Tim Pybus,
Yes, Chris Allen, Yes. Motion passed 5-0

Meeting was adjourned at 11.03 p.m.