

**North Andover School Committee
Regular Session**

Date: October 2, 2007

Location: NAHS Library

Call to Order: Chair Whidden called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Present were School Committee Members Allen, Ormsby, Kelly, Pybus and Whidden and Superintendent Marini.

Executive Session: Mr. Pybus moved to enter into executive session for the purpose of collective bargaining strategy and litigation and to interview Peter Berry of Deutsch Williams with a return to regular session. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 Ms. Allen, Mr. Kelly, Dr. Ormsby, Mr. Pybus and Ms. Whidden.

Reconvene: At 7:00 p.m. Chair Whidden called the open session back to order.

Chair Whidden distributed a draft set of guidelines for public comment. She stated that the Committee would discuss the guidelines at the meeting on Thursday evening.

Working Session – FY09 Budget Process Overview – Dr. Marini

The Committee, Superintendent Marini, Assistant Superintendent Hutchinson, Director of Special Education Laundre and Business Manager Fortado discussed factors to be considered in the development of the budget as well as priorities/goals for the FY09 budget. Dr. Marini requested clear direction from the Committee on the FY09 budget development.

Dr. Ormsby made a motion to accept the following FY09 Budget Directives:

1. Continue to move forward with the School Committee FY08 Budget Directives:
 - Keep high school accreditation
 - Foreign language back in NAMS . full year program in 8th grade
 - Propose NAMS year long music program
 - Reasonable class sizes at elementary level
 - Consistent standards based curriculum across the district
 - Library services returned
 - Inflationary costs for utilities/transportation, etc.
 - District wide technology
2. Achieve cost savings through proposed reorganization or identification of efficiencies.
3. Support standards based program proposed by Dr. Hutchinson and MCAS related scores that need to be addressed.

4. Meaningful steps to substantially increase AP offerings/enrollments.
5. Enhance the music program at NAHS
6. Support the formation of a district-wide emergency committee to address security issues.
7. Put in place adequate revolving fund budget process.
8. Provide additional special education staff to reduce reliance on costly contracted therapeutic services and out-of-district placements.
9. Comprehensive literacy plan PK to 5.

Ms. Allen seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 Ms. Allen, Mr. Kelly, Dr. Ormsby, Mr. Pybus, Ms. Whidden voted yes.

Adjourn

At 9:00 p.m. Mr. Pybus made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 Ms. Allen, Mr. Kelly, Dr. Ormsby, Mr. Pybus and Ms Whidden voted yes.

Approved 10/18/07