

**North Andover School Committee
Regular Session**

Date: June 19, 2008

Location: Town Hall

Present: Ms. Allen, Mr. Limpert, Mr. Nobile, Dr. Ormsby, and Ms. Whidden. Also present were Superintendent Marini, Assistant Superintendent Hutchinson and Business Manager Fortado.

Call to Order

Chairman Whidden called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Donation – Friends of Lacrosse

Ms. Coppa discussed the \$3,500 donation to the North Andover Public Schools from the Friends of Lacrosse.

Mr. Nobile moved to accepted the \$3,5000 donation as designated. Mr. Limpert seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 Ms. Allen, Mr. Limpert, Mr. Nobile, Dr. Ormsby and Ms. Whidden.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Chairman's Report

Chair Whidden informed the Committee that a summary of the May 7th meeting with Glen Koocher regarding the superintendent search was included in the packet.

Chair Whidden thanked Dr. Scuzzarella, the staff, and the students for a wonderful graduation.

Recognition

The Committer recognized John McAleer for his 11 years of service to the North Andover Public Schools.

Presentation – Franklin and Thomson Elementary Schools

Mr. McAleer and Ms. Lathrop discussed the accomplishments of the Thomson and Franklin Schools during the 2007-2008 school year and the goals for the 2008-2009 school year.

Ms. Lathrop stated that in response to recent vandalism, Director of Maintenance Valentino would be installing cameras at the Thomson Field over the summer.

Science Curriculum

Dr. Hutchinson thanked the members of the science curriculum committee for their work. The teachers discussed the new elementary science program.

FY09 Athletic Budget and User Fee

Mr. Longley and Mr. Nobile discussed the proposed user fee increase as well as other options looked at by the subcommittee to raise funds. The subcommittee recommended that the Committee vote to approve the increased user fee. If funds are raised through other options the user fee increase would not be implemented.

Dr. Ormsby discussed his proposal of four tiers plus ice hockey.

Mr. Nobile moved to increase the athletic fee for multiple sports and if sufficient revenue is being generated to cover expenses then the increase would not be implemented. Ms. Allen seconded the motion.

Dr. Ormsby moved to amend the motion to have students pay the fee for the sport(s) they are participating in and pay separately to subsidize others sports. There was no second to the amendment.

The vote on the motion was 4-1 Ms. Allen, Mr. Limpert, Mr. Nobile and Ms. Whidden voted yes, Dr. Ormsby voted no.

Mr. Nobile moved to approve the FY09 athletic budget. Ms. Allen seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 Ms. Allen, Mr. Limpert, Mr. Nobile, Dr. Ormsby and Ms. Whidden voted yes.

Superintendent Salary - FY10

The Committee discussed the superintendent salary range for FY10.

Dr. Ormsby moved to set the superintendent salary range from \$160,000 to \$180,000 with negotiable merit compensation. Mr. Nobile seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 Ms. Allen, Mr. Limpert, Mr. Nobile, Dr. Ormsby and Ms. Whidden.

FY08 Final Budget Report

Mr. Fortado updated the Committee on the FY08 budget.

Dr. Ormsby moved to transfer end of year salary balances, approximately \$180,000 to expense accounts. Mr. Nobile seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 Ms. Allen, Mr. Limpert, Mr. Nobile, Dr. Ormsby and Ms. Whidden.

Mr. Nobile moved to approve the advanced payment of special education tuition expense. Mr. Limpert seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 Ms. Allen, Mr. Limpert, Mr. Nobile, Dr. Ormsby and Ms. Whidden.

Wellness Policy

Dr. Marini discussed the draft Wellness Policy. Dr. Ormsby asked Dr. Marini to provide clarification at the second reading of the policy on what we are monitoring as noted in the policy.

Substitute Teacher Process

Dr. Marini discussed the proposal to change the way the district employees substitute teachers.

Ms. Allen moved to transfer the funds from the substitute expense account to the salary account. Dr. Ormsby seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 Ms. Allen, Mr. Limpert, Mr. Nobile, Dr. Ormsby and Ms. Whidden.

Preview on AYP for FY09

Dr. Hutchinson gave an overview of the district's obligations to students if Thomson fails to meet AYP. Dr. Hutchinson anticipates the district will be notified sometime in August regarding the AYP results.

Educator Hall of Fame

Dr. Ormsby and the Committee discussed the draft Educator Hall of Fame policy. Any proposed changes to the policy should be sent to Dr. Ormsby as soon as possible.

Subcommittee Report Updates

Personnel – meeting next week.

Facilities Usage Fee – it was decided that community members looking for an interpretation of current policy will bring the issue before the subcommittee for review. If the subcommittee feels the issue has merit they will bring to the full School Committee for discussion.

School Committee Policy – no update
Superintendent Search – first meeting last week.
Budget and Communications Group – no update
Education Foundation – update regarding fundraiser at Smolak farm.

Adjourn

At 9:55 p.m. Ms. Allen moved to adjourn. Mr. Nobile seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 Ms. Allen, Mr. Limpert, Mr. Nobile, Dr. Omrsby and Ms. Whidden.