

**North Andover School Committee  
Regular Session**

Date: August 19, 2008

Present: Members Allen, Ormsby, Nobile, Limpert, and Whidden, Superintendent Marini, Assistant Superintendent Hutchinson, and Business Administrator Fortado

Location: NAHS Lecture Hall

**Call to Order:**

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

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Chair Report**

Chair Whidden reminded the Committee of the upcoming Rachelø's Challenge event.

Chair Whidden reminded Dr. Marini that the Committee is waiting to receive a draft of the letter that will be sent to colleges explaining why our students have two transcripts.

**Donation**

Ms. Donato discussed the donation from the Foundation for Education.

**Ms. Allen moved to accept the donation of \$21,000 from the North Andover Foundation for Education to be used in funding a pilot program of the Scott Foresman Reading Street Curriculum for grades K-5. Mr. Limpert seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 Ms. Allen, Mr. Nobile, Dr. Ormsby, Mr. Limpert and Ms. Whidden.**

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Marini stated that he anticipates having a report on turnover savings at the next meeting.

Dr. Marini stated that the estimated release date for AYP results from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is the week of August 25<sup>th</sup>. He stated that for planning purposes a letter has been sent to all Thomson parents informing them of the option of school choice if Thomson does not meet AYP and providing them an

opportunity to make their school choice selection now in the event Thomson does not meet AYP.

Dr. Marini updated the Committee on the status of the Thomson field project.

Dr. Marini discussed the Open Meeting Law Summary included in the packet.

### **Thomson Presentation**

Principal Gilligan thanked the parents and staff for the support he has received over the summer. He stated that he is awaiting AYP results but is moving forward to improve instruction at the Thomson School including the implementation of Foundations and Write Traits and the hiring of a part time guidance counselor. Mr. Gilligan discussed the summer program run at Thomson for students who were struggling academically. The Committee thanked Principal Gilligan for the presentation.

Dr. Marini discussed the process being used for school choice assignments.

Chair Whidden opened the meeting to public comment regarding Thomson AYP.

Ms. Moriarty thanked Mr. Gilligan and asked what he would be doing to help students to feel more challenged.

Principal Gilligan discussed the work being done on differentiated instruction.

### **NEASC Update**

Dr. Marini stated that in May the high school received a letter from NEASC placing NAHS back on warning status. He stated that he and Dr. Scuzzarella met with NEASC to express their concerns about the process and inform NEASC that much of what had been written in the report had already been addressed. Dr. Marini stated that Dr. Scuzzarella is working on a response letter to NEASC to be delivered in October.

Dr. Scuzzarella discussed the NEASC decision to place NAHS back on warning. She stated that during the meeting the liaison from NEASC did admit to a few inaccuracies in their report however NAHS was hit hard in the report on the schedule and lack of electives. Dr. Scuzzarella stated that the schedule issue should be resolved with the changes being made for the 2009-2010 school year. Dr. Scuzzarella will continue working on the special report due to NEASC by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

In response to comments by the Committee, Dr. Scuzzarella stated that she would be back in September to discuss how the tracking issue will be resolved.

## Elementary Libraries

Dr. Marini stated that although the budget could not sustain the hiring of elementary librarians, the principals are committed to making the library resources available to students. He stated that the principals would be working with parent volunteers to have the resources available beginning in September.

## FY08 Close Out

Mr. Fortado discussed the FY08 budget close out details including the prepayment of special education out of district tuition. He noted that the FY09 budget is tight and will need to be monitored closely. In response to questions from the Committee, Mr. Fortado discussed the status of BudgetSense and the chart of accounts. He noted that he has asked the Town to look into whether we will be able to offer parents the opportunity to pay fees on line in the future.

## Capital Planning

Chair Whidden read the proposed joint resolution on the Capital Building Planning Committee. She asked that Committee members forward to her as soon as possible information on individuals who want to serve on the committee.

**Mr. Nobile moved to approve the joint resolution for the Capital Building Planning Committee. Ms Allen seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 Ms. Allen, Mr. Limpert, Mr. Nobile, Dr. Ormsby and Ms. Whidden.**

## Educator Hall of Fame

The Committee discussed the Educator Hall of Fame guidelines including the criteria for recognition, election process and recognition/award. After discussion it was decided that the criteria should be changed to read: retired from *full-time* K-12 teaching. The award is limited to one person per year except for the first two years during which up to three awards are allowed per year. For 2008, nominations will be made in October rather than September, and nomination packages should be mailed to the Vice Chairman at the Central Office where they will be held for pick up.

**Dr. Ormsby moved that the Committee establish an Educator Hall of Fame as outlined in the handout with the revisions of adding *full-time K-12 teaching* to the criteria and allowing up to three awardees per year during the first two years. Mr. Limpert seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 Ms. Allen, Mr. Limpert, Mr. Nobile, Dr. Ormsby and Ms. Whidden.**

## GLEC

After discussion regarding the proposed GLEC agreement, it was agreed that Dr. Marini would schedule Joyce Laundre and a representative of GLEC to come to a future School Committee meeting to give the Committee an overview of the programs offered by GLEC.

### **Sponsorship Program**

Mr. Nobile updated the Committee on the status of the Sponsorship Program and requested that the Committee waive the School Committee policy on advertising so the program can move forward.

**Ms. Allen moved to suspend the rules in order to vote on the waiver on school policy. Dr. Ormsby seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 Ms. Allen, Mr. Limpert, Mr. Nobile, Dr. Ormsby and Ms. Whidden.**

**Mr. Nobile moved to waive Policy 1101 for the specific purpose of approving the Sponsorship Program. Ms. Allen 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 Sponsorship Partner Program as presented in the packet. Mr. Limpert seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 Ms. Allen, Mr. Limpert, Mr. Nobile, Dr. Ormsby and Ms. Whidden.**

### **Minutes**

**Ms. Allen moved to approve the minutes of April 17, 2008. Mr. Limpert seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 Ms. Allen, Mr. Limpert, Mr. Nobile, Dr. Ormsby and Ms. Whidden.**

**Ms. Allen moved to approve the minutes of June 5, 2008 . Mr. Limpert 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 minutes of June 19, 2008 with change as noted. Ms. Allen seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 Ms. Allen, Mr. Limpet, Mr. Nobile, Dr. Omrsby and Ms. Whidden.**

### **Subcommittee Reports**

Technology Subcommittee ó Chair Whidden asked that anyone interested in serving on the new technology subcommittee contact her.

Usage Fee Subcommittee ó Ms. Allen stated that the subcommittee is looking into the use of auditoriums at the high school and middle school and will report back at a future meeting.

Policy Subcommittee ó Ms. Allen stated that she will be working with Mr. Gilbert regarding policies.

Athletics Subcommittee ó Mr. Nobile reported that beverage vending machines have been placed at the track and they are looking into contracts for snack machines.

Curriculum Subcommittee - Chair Whidden stated that a meeting should be scheduled with Dr. Hutchinson.

Superintendent Search Committee ó Mr. Limpert updated the Committee on the search. He stated that the advertisement should be posted by mid-September.

Chair Whidden reminded the members to submit their subcommittee minutes.

## **Adjourn**

**At 8:55 p.m. Mr. Nobile moved to adjourn. Mr. Limpert seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 Ms. Allen, Mr. Limpert, Mr. Nobile, Dr. Ormsby and Ms. Whidden.**

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