

**North Andover School Committee  
Regular Session**

Date: December 4, 2008

Location: Town Hall

Present: Members Allen, Limpert, Nobile, Ormsby, Whidden.

**Call to Order**

At 6:30 p.m. Chair Whidden called the meeting to order.

**Executive Session**

**At 6:30 p.m. Ms. Allen moved to enter executive session to discuss the superintendent search. Mr. Limpert seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 Ms. Allen, Mr. Limpert, Mr. Nobile, Dr. Ormsby and Ms. Whidden.**

**Reconvene**

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

**Public Comment**

Ms. McMillan commended the School Committee on the decision to add modular space to the Kittredge Elementary School.

**Chairman's Report**

Chair Whidden appointed Mr. Limpert to serve on the negotiation subcommittees for the cafeteria workers and maintenance employees.

Chair Whidden stated that Ms. Smedile will be scheduling a budget communications meeting and is trying to schedule a joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen to discuss consolidation.

Mr. Nobile discussed the MASC conference he attended.

**Recognition**

The Committee recognized Valerie Reading and the NAAA for their support of high school athletics.

Chair Whidden recognized Dr. Scuzzarella and the high school staff for their assistance to the Town Clerk in the November election.

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Marini stated that he will update the Committee on the bid for office space at the meeting on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Marini stated that a meeting has been scheduled with the Senators and Representatives to discuss the FY10 budget.

### **Educator Hall of Fame**

Ms. Diane Bassett spoke in support of the nomination of Dr. Arthur Forgetta to the North Andover Educator Hall of Fame.

### **High School Update**

Dr. Scuzzarella discussed the letter sent to NEASC on November 1<sup>st</sup> which addressed the concerns raised by NEASC during the site visit.

Dr. Scuzzarella discussed the chaperone guidelines for overnight field trips. She stated that leaders of the trips will be reviewing the guidelines with all chaperones.

Ms. Gerlund discussed the concerns raised by the Committee about the number of school days missed by students participating in foreign exchange programs.

Dr. Scuzzarella gave a powerpoint presentation regarding the new schedule and discussed the ways the schedule will address the tracking issue that has occurred in the past. She stated that the high school and middle school are working together to make the transition from middle school to high school seamless. She noted that there is still concern in the area of science and they are working to resolve the issue prior to January.

Dr. Scuzzarella discussed the letter sent to colleges informing them of the change resulting in two gaps and two class ranks for seniors. In response to a request from the Committee, Dr. Scuzzarella stated that she would send information from local colleges to the Committee on freshmen remediation rates.

### **K-8 Physical Education/Art/Music Curriculum Update**

Dr. Hutchinson updated the Committee on the K-8 physical education, art, and music curriculum.

### **Gift Policy**

Dr. Hutchinson discussed the proposed policy regarding gifts.

**Ms. Allen moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of approving the gift policy. 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 gift policy as presented. Mr. Limpert seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 Ms. Allen, Mr. Limpert, Mr. Nobile, Dr. Ormsby and Ms. Whidden.**

### **FY10 Capital Budget**

Dr. Marini discussed the proposed capital budget.

**Mr. Nobile moved to approve the capital improvement plan for FY10 to FY14. Mr. Limpert seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 Ms. Allen, Mr. Limpert, Mr. Nobile, Dr. Ormsby and Ms. Whidden.**

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee that Dr. Marini move forward with both the proposed modular project and office space project, including getting a legal opinion on whether Community Program funds can be used for the modulars at Kittredge.

### **Facilities Use Policy**

Ms. Allen discussed the proposed amendment to the Facilities Use Policy.

**Mr. Limpert moved to amend Policy 1201 Facility Use Policy as presented. Mr. Nobile seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 Ms. Allen, Mr. Limpert, Mr. Nobile, Dr. Ormsby and Ms. Whidden.**

### **Bradstreet**

Dr. Marini stated that he had checked with counsel regarding the release of Bradstreet and that the Committee had met its obligation by the vote taken in 2007 releasing the Bradstreet to the Town. In response to a request by the Committee, Dr. Marini stated that he would convey that information to the Town Manager in writing.

The Committee requested that the plaques from the Bradstreet School be put in storage at the Town Clerks office.

### **Town/School Consolidation Update**

Dr. Marini updated the Committee on the status of the consolidation efforts with the Town. Dr. Marini stated that he is also meeting with Town representatives to discuss ways energy conservation can be achieved in both town and school buildings. He discussed the pilot program being run by Greg Roberts at the high school.

### **Superintendent Search Update**

Mr. Limpert announced that the search committee is recommending four finalists to the School Committee, Mr. Kelly Clenchy, Dr. Richard Hoffmann, Mr. Christopher Hottel and Dr. Kevin Hutchinson. The Committee discussed tentative dates for site visits and interviews. Chair Whidden stated that the Committee will receive the resumes of the candidates tomorrow.

### **Sponsorship Program**

Mr. Nobile stated that the Sponsorship Program goal has been met which means that sufficient money has been raised to cover the budget gap, athletic fees will not have to be increased this year, and we will continue to be able to offer waiver of fees for students in need. The Committee thanked Mr. Nobile for his work on this project.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Ms. Allen moved to approve the minutes of October 16, 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 November 6, 2008. Mr. Limpert seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 Ms. Allen, Mr. Limpert, Mr. Nobile, Dr. Ormsby and Ms. Whidden.**

### **Subcommittee Reports**

Personnel Subcommittee ó will meet after the budget process to finalize the manual

Athletics Subcommittee ó working on code of conduct for students

Policy Subcommittee ó meeting to update the policies

Curriculum Subcommittee ó meeting will be schedule in January

School Building Committee ó RFPs for the preschool are due Thursday

### **Adjourn**

**At 10:30 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.**

Approved 2/5/09