

**North Andover School Committee  
Regular Session**

Date: January 22, 2009

Present: Members Allen, Limpert, Nobile, Ormsby and Whidden. Also present Superintendent Marini, Assistant Superintendent Hutchinson and Business Manager Fortado.

Location: Town Hall

**Call to Order**

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

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Chair's Report**

The Committee discussed the proposed stimulus package and its possible impact on North Andover. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee to inform the state delegation of their concerns.

**Recognition**

Mr. Limpert thanked Ms. Kline, Mr. Fortado, Dr. Marini and all involved in helping during the recent flood at the Sargent School.

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Marini updated the Committee on the work of the redistricting committee and his discussions regarding the proposed community program modulars.

**Executive Session**

**At 7:10 p.m. Ms. Allen moved to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation and to reconvene in regular session in approximately 15 minutes. Mr. Nobile seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 Ms. Allen, Mr. Limpert, Mr. Nobile, Dr. Ormsby and Ms. Whidden.**

**Call Back to Order**

At 7:25 p.m. Chair Whidden called the meeting back to order.

**FY09 Semi-Annual Gift Report**

The Committee thanked Mr. Nobile for his work on the sponsorship program.

**Approval of Budget Adjustments in the FY09 Community Programs Budget**

The Committee discussed the proposed adjustments to the Community Programs budget and the rate at which the community programs surplus funds should be expended. The Committee requested that they be provided in the near future with a more detailed analysis of community programs and a cash flow analysis for all revolving account.

**Ms. Allen moved to approve the FY09 community program's budget adjustment requests. Mr. Nobile seconded the motion. The vote was 4-1 Ms. Allen, Mr. Limpert, Mr. Nobile and Ms. Whidden voted yes, Dr. Ormsby voted no.**

### **Preschool Budget**

Ms. Laundre discussed the preschool program, the tuitions charged by local private and public preschools, and her recommendation for a revised preschool fee and a 4.5 day program. The Committee will take action on this matter at a future meeting.

### **Curriculum Renewal**

Dr. Hutchinson gave a powerpoint presentation regarding curriculum renewal. Dr. Hutchinson stated that every year we make adjustments to curriculum renewal. He stated that renewal does not necessarily reflect major changes in curriculum it simply maps out a schedule to review curriculum. Dr. Hutchinson agreed to look into whether or not NAMS had sufficient foreign language books for the program put in place.

### **FY10 Budget**

Dr. Marini stated that the Committee needs to approve the FY10 budget and forward to the Town Manager. The Committee discussed the salary reserve figure and the potential energy savings including whether the budget could be reduced to reflect possible energy savings.

Dr. Marini stated that energy conservation is on the agenda for the meeting on Monday evening with the Selectmen.

The Committee discussed the fact that the budget figure represents an artificial place holder in order to meet the timeline established by the Town. The Committee discussed the fact that there are not yet firm numbers on Chapter 70 funding, town revenue numbers, energy savings, preschool fees and a host of other factors.

**Mr. Limpert moved to approve the FY10 budget of \$38,139,269. Ms. Allen seconded the motion.**

Dr. Ormsby stated that he would not vote in favor of the budget although he is committed to no cut in services to students he wants to see the salary reserve and energy lines reduced.

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

### **Subcommittee Reports**

Personnel – wrapping up the draft policy manual and will present to the Committee in the near future.

Policies – policy sections A and B are ready for review by the Committee. Electronic copies of the proposed policies will be forwarded to the Committee.

Athletics – working on code of conduct for athletes and the ESPN enterprise program.

Curriculum – given Dr. Hutchinson’s presentation the curriculum subcommittee can now be dissolved.

**Dr. Ormsby moved to dissolve the curriculum committee. Mr. Limpert seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 Ms. Allen, Mr. Limeprt, Mr. Nobile, Dr. Ormsby and Chair Whidden.**

Superintendent Search – questions regarding the minutes will be referred to counsel for review.

Audit Committee – the committee discussed the purpose of the audit committee and the management letter.

In response to a request from the Committee, Mr. Fortado will talk with the town manager regarding the capability to process on line payments.

**Executive Session**

**At 9:15 p.m. Ms. Allen moved to enter into executive session not to return to public session. Mr. Limpert seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 Ms. Allen, Mr. Limpert, Mr. Nobile, Dr. Ormsby and Ms. Whidden.**