

**North Andover School Committee
Regular Session**

Date: June 4, 2009

Location: Town Hall

Present: Members Allen, Burzlaff, Limpert, Nobile, and Rhoton. Also present Superintendent Marini, Assistant Superintendent Hutchinson, Business Manager Fortado and Selectman Nardella

Call to Order

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

Executive Session

At 6:31 p.m. Ms. Allen moved to enter executive session to discuss collective bargaining strategies, to return to regular session at approximately 7:00 p.m. Mr. Nobile seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 Ms. Allen, Ms. Burzlaff, Mr. Limpert, Mr. Nobile and Ms. Rhoton.

Call Back to Order

At 7:20 p.m. Chair Limpert called the meeting back to order.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Recognition

Chair Limpert and the School Committee recognized Mr. Terry Holland for his generous fundraising and support for groups in Town.

Gift

Mr. Larry Ayers, President of North Andover Lacrosse , discussed the lacrosse program and presented the School Committee with a gift of \$4,000 which friends of Lacrosse is requesting be used to pay a stipend to the two high school assistant coaches.

Ms. Allen moved to accept the donation of \$4,000 from North Andover Lacrosse. Ms. Burzlaff seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 Ms. Allen, Ms. Burzlaff, Mr. Limpert, Mr. Nobile and Ms. Rhoton.

Chairman's Report

Chair Limpert congratulated Dr. Scuzzarella, Mr. Nugent and the high school administration for a successful senior week.

Chair Limpert stated that the Committee would delay moving forward with the dedication committee until early fall.

Chair Limpert stated that he has asked Ms. Rhoton to head up the Finance Subcommittee, Ms. Allen will be heading up most of the negotiations subcommittees, and the summer retreat is scheduled for July 23rd.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Marini distributed the latest enrollment figures for the 2009-2010 school year. He noted that the administration and Committee should monitor Sargent 2nd grade numbers over the summer to see if additional support is needed.

Ms. Burzlaff distributed a letter from a concerned parent of a 2nd grade student at the Sargent School.

Dr. Hutchinson updated the Committee on the ARRA grants. After discussion regarding ARRA funds, it was the consensus of the Committee that the district move forward with the literacy initiative at the elementary schools with the goal of addressing student needs before they enter the special education system.

School Physician

Dr. Marini introduced school physician, Dr. Chan. He discussed the important role Dr. Chan and Lead Nurse Cheryl Barczak play in providing health guidance for students, parents and staff. He stated that each year the School Committee is required to appoint a school physician.

Dr. Chan discussed his work during the 2008-2009 school year.

Ms. Allen moved to appoint Dr. Chan to serve as the school physician for FY10 for a stipend of \$6,300. Ms. Burzlaff seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 Ms. Allen, Ms. Burzlaff, Mr. Limpert, Mr. Nobile and Ms. Rhoton.

Ms. Barczak updated the Committee on the nursing activities during the 2008-2009 school year. She also noted that the health grant has been cut by 20%. Ms. Barczak introduced school nurses Hedstrom and Hydjak.

Preschool

Ms. Burzlaff stated that the preschool substantial completion date is June 24th and anticipated opening for the playground is mid-July. She stated that dates for an open house would be discussed at the next School Building Committee meeting on June 11th.

Modulars

Mr. Fortado updated the Committee on the status of the modular classrooms at the Kittredge Elementary School. He stated that the School Building Committee is already involved in this project and that incoming Business Administrator, James Mealey, is scheduled to attend the June 11th School Building Committee meeting to ensure there is a smooth transition with all building projects.

Payroll Consolidation

Dr. Marini discussed the work done on consolidation to date and stated that consolidation is slated to happen in July. He will be asking the School Committee to take a formal vote on consolidation at the June 18th meeting.

Community Program Administrative Support

Dr. Marini stated that he is asking the Committee to approve the transfer of a .5 position to Community Programs. Community Programs will be taking over the facilities rentals process and the .5 support position for rentals should be paid from Community Programs.

Mr. Nobile moved to fund a .5 position through Community Programs revolving account. Ms. Allen seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 Ms. Allen, Ms. Burzlaff, Mr. Limpert, Mr. Nobile and Ms. Rhoton.

Finance Subcommittee

Mr. Limpert stated that at a future meeting he would be asking the Committee to suspend the current policy and allow the Finance Subcommittee to become a standing subcommittee.

FY09 Budget Update

Mr. Fortado updated the Committee on the status of the FY09 budget. He estimated the end of the year balance to be approximately \$239,000.

Supervision and Evaluation

Dr. Hutchinson updated the Committee on the status of the supervision and evaluation committee. Dr. Hutchinson reminded the Committee that although the teachers' association has been working with him as part of the committee on the evaluation tool, it is part of the contract and will be included in negotiation discussions.

Policy Sections C, D, E and F

The Committee did a first reading of policy sections C, D, E and F. Chair Limpert stated that he would be looking at procedures as well as policies in the upcoming months. The Committee invited the public to view all draft policies posted on the school's website. They encouraged community members to attend a school committee meeting to bring any concerns regarding draft policies to the attention of the Committee.

Policy IHBEA

The Committee did a first reading of Policy IHBEA. The policy needs to be implemented as soon as possible to meet the requirements from the Coordinated Program review.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Allen moved to approve the minutes of April 2, April 16, April 29, May 7, May 12 and May 29, 2009. Mr. Nobile seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 Ms. Allen, Ms. Burzlaff, Mr. Limpert, Mr. Nobile and Ms. Rhoton.

Subcommittee Reports

Athletics - continuing to work on handbook
School Start Time – trying to coordinate meeting time
Elementary School Resources – meeting Monday

Adjourn

At 9:25 p.m. Ms. Allen moved to adjourn. Ms. Rhoton seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 Ms. Allen, Ms. Burzlaff, Mr. Limpert, Mr. Nobile and Ms. Rhoton.

Approved 8-20-09