

**North Andover School Committee
Regular Session**

Date: June 18, 2009

Location: Town Hall

Present: Members Allen, Burzlaff, Limpert, Nobile, and Rhoton. Also present Superintendent Marini (arrived at 7:15 p.m.), Assistant Superintendent Hutchinson, and Business Manager Fortado.

Call to Order

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

Public Comment

Mr. Tripp stated there has been discussion about the federal government setting up national standards which may result in watering down the MCAS testing. He encouraged the Committee to send a letter to Governor Patrick asking him not to dilute the requirements of MCAS tests for graduation.

Mr. Ford discussed the Rotary Club student exchange program and encouraged community residents to consider hosting an exchange student between the ages of 15.5 and 18.5

Ms. Howard stated that she was here as part of a committee formed at Sargent School due to concerns about class size. She stated that initially Sargent parents were told that with redistricting they would receive an additional teacher at the second grade level and now that teacher has been moved elsewhere. She stated that she was bringing the concern to the Committee now so the issue is not lost in the shuffle.

Ms. Manke stated that she is also part of the Sargent committee and they are working with Superintendent Marini and incoming Superintendent Hottel to ensure that the issue is addressed over the summer with transparency.

Dr. Marini confirmed that he would be meeting with the Sargent committee and incoming Superintendent Hottel to discuss the issue. He stated that enrollment projections would be posted on the website and updated over the summer months.

Recognition

Chair Limpert stated that he would be attending a ceremony at Sargent honoring the 5th grade students who participated in the U.S. EPA contest.

Dr. Hutchinson recognized the Education Foundation for their contributions.

Thomson PTO President Kelley Plodzick read a letter on behalf of the PTO donating technology equipment to the Thomson School.

Ms. Allen moved to accept the gift as detailed by Ms. Plodzick. Mr. Nobile seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 Ms. Allen, Ms. Burzlaff, Mr. Limpert, Mr. Nobile and Ms. Rhoton.

The Committee recognized the following high school students and coaches/advisors.

Boston Globe Stock Market Game – 1st Place - Hunter Meservey and Adam Bates, Advisor Pete Concannon

Model UN – NAHS awarded 2nd Place in the Best Delegation Category

Best Delegate Gage Wondrasch, Amber Meservey, Joe O’Connell, Andrew Ramos,

2nd Place Best Delegate Rebecca Ely – Syria

Honorable Mention Best Delegate: Kristin Zanotti – Canada

Tim Smedile – Russian Federation

Advisor – Barry Humphreys

Community Service – Volunteers at North Andover Senior Center

Elizabeth Lee Robert Lee

Phillip Ea David Boenitz

Boys’ Baseball

Todd Dulin – Boston Globe Division II Baseball Coach of the Year, Cape Ann League Coach of the Year

Cape Ann League Team Sportsmanship Award

Girls’ Lacrosse Team – Coach Karen Lahey and Girls’ Softball Team – Coach Brian Martin

Girls’ Lacrosse

Karen Lahey – Girls’ Lacrosse – Boston Globe Division II Coach of the Year, Cape Ann League Coach of the Year and Jenn Pino – Girls’ Lacrosse Boston Globe All Scholastic, Boston Herald All Scholastic, Cape Ann League MVP

Boys Lacrosse

Brien O’Connor Boston Herald All Scholastic and Robert Morandi Academic All-American and Moynihan Lumber Student Athlete of the Month for May

Boys’ Outdoor Track

Steve Nugent – Boys’ Outdoor Track Cape Ann League Coach of the Year, Alex Kramer – Boy’s Outdoor Track Boston Globe All Scholastic, Boston Herald All Scholastic, Moynihan Lumber Student Athlete of the Year, Cape Ann League Runner of the Year

Girls’ Outdoor Track

Kirsten Kasper, Girls’ Outdoor Track Boston Globe Female Athlete of the Year, Boston Globe All Scholastic, Boston Herald All Scholastic, Moynihan Lumber Student Athlete of the Year

Ms. Pазie stated that she was attending this evening to ask the Committee to accept the technology donation from the Thomson PTO.

Chairman’s Report

The Committee recognized and thanked Mr. Fortado and Dr. Marini for their work in North Andover. The Committee wished them well in future endeavors.

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Marini thanked Mr. Tripp for helping high school students who were working with students in the Franklin 5th grade to solve the physics problem presented to the Committee by Mr. Tripp.

Dr. Marini stated that Ms. Lathrop had accepted a principal position in Andover. He discussed the process to be used to find an interim principal for the Franklin School. Dr. Marini stated that Ms. Kline would be assuming the literacy position funded through stimulus funds and that a search process would also be held to find an interim principal for the Sargent School. He noted that the literacy position would be a position only as long as stimulus funds are available.

Policy IHBEA

The Committee did a second reading of policy IHBEA.

Mr. Nobile moved to approve policy IHBEA English Language Learners/English Language Acquisition. Ms. Allen seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 Ms. Allen, Ms. Burzlaff, Mr. Limpert, Mr. Nobile and Ms. Rhoton.

Kittredge Modulars

Mr. Fortado updated the Committee on the Kittredge Modulars. He estimated the modulars would be completed by December.

Central Office Move

Mr. Fortado updated the Committee on the status of the move to Osgood Landing. He stated the tentative moving date is July 17th.

Payroll Consolidation

Dr. Marini and Mr. Fortado updated the Committee on the status of payroll consolidation. He stated that he would not be asking for a consolidation vote until the Town Manager has finalized the Town's process. He noted that he anticipated the consolidation vote would take place over the summer.

FY09 – 4th Quarter Report

Mr. Fortado updated the Committee on the 4th quarter budget. He discussed the possible expenditure of \$53,000 for the reading program materials and expending \$28,000 for athletic expenses in order to get the athletics revolving account on an even keel. He discussed the need to transfer all end of year balances in salary accounts to the appropriate expense accounts to prepay the FY10 special education out of district tuition.

Ms. Allen moved to accept Mr. Fortado's recommendation to expend funds for reading program materials and expend funds for athletic expenses. Mr. Nobile seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0. Ms. Allen, Ms. Burzlaff, Mr. Limpert, Mr. Nobile, and Ms. Rhoton.

Ms. Allen moved to accept the information as presented by Mr. Fortado regarding revolving account year end balances being carried over and added to the anticipated revenues in FY10. Mr. Nobile seconded them motion. The vote was 5-0 Ms. Allen, Ms. Burzlaff, Mr. Limpert, Mr. Nobile and Ms. Rhoton

Ms. Allen moved to transfer any remaining funds to prepay special education expenses for FY10. Ms. Rhoton seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 Ms. Allen, Ms. Burzlaff, Mr. Limpert, Mr. Nobile and Ms. Rhoton.

Northshore Coalition

Mr. Nobile discussed the possibility of the Committee working with the Northshore Coalition, a group formed by surrounding communities to lobby for education funding and to look for ways communities can work together to for economy of scales. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee that Mr. Nobile move forward and meet with the Coalition.

SpEd Transportation Contracts

Mr. Fortado discussed special education transportation. He asked that the Committee suspend the rules to vote to approve the sped transportation contracts.

Mr. Nobile moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of approving special education transportation contracts. Ms. Allen seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 Ms. Allen, Ms. Burzlaff, Mr. Limpert, Mr. Nobile, Ms. Rhoton.

Ms. Allen moved to award the special education out of district transportation contract to North Reading Transportation for \$743,940 and the in town special education transportation contract to First Student, Inc. for \$356,800 as outlined in Mr. Fortado's memorandum. Mr. Nobile seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 Ms. Allen, Ms. Burzlaff, Mr. Limpert, Mr. Nobile and Ms. Rhoton.

Subcommittee reports

Athletics – nothing new to report

Policy – Ms. Burzlaff and Ms. Rhoton met with Mr. Gilbert and reviewed Sections J, K and L

School Calendar and Start Time – on hold

Equity Resource – working on draft questionnaire to be distributed at schools

School Building Committee – tentative ribbon cutting ceremony June 30th, further information to follow regarding open houses

Facilities Useage – invited drum and bugle corp and waived fee for corp to use the high school prior to the competition and in return the corp will work with our band students. The subcommittee will finalize the plans and record the waiver of the fee.

Executive Session

Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. Ms. Allen moved to adjourn and enter executive session to discuss collective bargaining, not to return to regular session. Mr. Nobile seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0 Ms. Allen, Ms. Burzlaff, Mr. Limpert, Mr. Nobile and Ms. Rhoton.