

**NORTH ANDOVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2006
Place: North Andover High School Auditorium
Present: Alfred Perry, Chairman, Assistant Chairman, Charles C. Ormsby, Tim Pybus, William Kelly and Barbara Whidden

Also Present: Richard Bergeron, Acting Superintendent, Paul Szymanski, Director of Management Support Services and members of the school department and the community.

Call to Order:

Chairman Al Perry called the meeting of the North Andover School Committee at 7:07 p.m.

1. **Recommended Action:**
 - Warrants of bills payable: None
 - Public Participation: None
2. **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Bergeron gave an informative report reflecting on the reading seminar attended by Beth Kline, Cheryl Raimondo and Dr. Bergeron.

Dr. Bergeron gave the results of the admin council's response to the tiered plan presented by Dr. Ormsby. Dr. Bergeron suggested the committee solicit public input in regards to the philosophical aspects of the plan and then direct the administration as to how best to proceed.
3. **Old Business**
 - **Public Discussion re: User Fees**

Frank Millerick presented a revised athletic fee plan for the High School.

 1.
 - a) \$250 for student's participating in one sport
 - b) \$50 additional for student's participating in more than one sport
 - c) \$100 additional for student's participating in the ice hockey program
 2.
 - a) Family cap of \$600 for non- ice hockey families, \$800 for ice hockey families
 - b) All family's requesting a waiver must qualify for the Free and Reduced Lunch program.

Public gave into as to the athletic fee schedule.

Mrs. Whidden motioned to accept the recommendation as proposed by Mr. Millerick. Mr. Pybus seconded the Motion. Dr. Ormsby motioned to amend Mrs. Whidden motion with his own tiered Plan. No one seconded this motion. Roll call vote on the original motion. Al Perry, Yes, Dr. Ormsby, No, Tim Pybus, Yes, Bill Kelly, Yes, Barbara Whidden, Yes. Motion passed 4-1.
 - **Interim Superintendent**

Chairman Perry, handed out ballot sheets with the names of the four finalists for interim superintendent lettered A, B,C, and D for the committee members to rate in order from 4 the highest to 1 the lowest. Stating that if there were a clear cut decision for one candidate then the committee would invite that individual to come to the School Committee meeting on Thursday, May 25, 2006 and be interviewed by the public and the committee members once again. The votes were tallied

Candidate A 1,1,1,3,3
Candidate B 3,3,3,2,2
Candidate C 2,2,2,1,1
Candidate D 4,4,4,4,4

Chairman Perry stated that the committee would do some due diligence; and invite candidate D to come to the meeting on Thursday.

○ Working Session-FY07 Budget

Dr. Bergeron gave out a printed copy of a revised PowerPoint presentation from May 16, 2006.

Administrators told of the measures taken at the schools to reduce the budget.

There was discussion on the revised 07 budget.

Tim Pybus motioned to bring a level service budget to Town Meeting. Barbara Whidden seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Barbara Whidden motioned to amend the motion to go with a budget of \$34,795,111 subject to the presentation of public, private and collaborative tuitions from SPED. Tim Pybus seconded the motion. Roll call vote Chairman Perry, Yes, Dr. Ormsby, No, Tim Pybus, Yes, Bill Kelly, No, Barbara Whidden, Yes. Motion passed 3-2

4. New Business

Dr. Bergeron asked the committee to allow Dr. Bergeron and Joan Liporto to open negotiations with Collective Bargaining Units Re; Reduction In Force Language.

Tim Pybus made a motion to suspend the rules. Barbara Whidden seconded the motion. A discussion followed.

Tim Pybus made the motion to engage Dr. Bergeron and Joan Liporto to notify the bargaining unit that we may have some reductions in staff. Motion was not seconded.

Tim Pybus made motion to accept the school committee minutes for the dates of April 6, April 11, April 25, April 27, May 2 and May 9. Bill Kelly seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0

5. Old Business

There was some discussion on the tiered redistricting plan and the implantation of a policy regarding voluntary redistricting.

Tim Pybus made a motion to adjourn. Barbara Whidden seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion passed. 5-0

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.