

North Andover Andover Public Schools  
School Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2006  
Place: North Andover High School Auditorium  
Present: Chairman, Alfred Perry, Assistant Chairman, Charles C. Orsmy,  
Tim Pybus, William Kelly and Barbara Whidden

Also present were Dr. Richard Bergeron, Paul P. Szymanski, Director of Management Support Services, members of the school department, and the community.

Call to order:

Chairman, Al Perry called the meeting of the North Andover School Committee at 7:04 p.m.

1. Recommended Action:

- Warrants of Bills Payable  
The warrants were circulated for signature
- Public Participation  
None

2. Interview-Interim Superintendent Candidate

Al Perry introduced Dr. Daniel O'Connor to the committee and the public. Dr. O'Connor shared his philosophy for the role of the Interim Superintendent. Dr. O'Connor took questions from the committee and the public.

3. Superintendent's Update

- Consent Agenda
  - Triton Regional School Committee Correspondence

Dr. Bergeron presented the committee with a letter from the Triton School District inviting the North Andover School System to join them for a meeting to discuss feasibility of filing a lawsuit against the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the inequity in the distribution of Chapter 70 funds.

Dr. Bergeron informed the committee that the senate budget has been completed. It will now go to the Joint Conference Committee.

Dr. Bergeron shared a letter from Northern Essex Community College stating that Susan LaFleur has been chosen as the Presidential Scholar from North Andover High School.

- Key Dates

Dr. Bergeron shared with the committee that the DOE has granted the North Andover School System a waiver for the 180 days of school rule. The last day of school for the school year 2005/2006 will be Friday, June 23, 2006, a full day for students.

4. Reports and Information

There were none

5. Old Business

Initial Discussion re: Town Meeting Presentation

Dr. Bergeron presented the committee and the public with the Power point presentation that would be presented at Town Meeting. The committee gave their feedback as to how they felt the presentation should be adjusted.

Dr. Ormsby made a motion to direct the superintendent to waive the facilities fees for the Center of Performing Arts, keeping the custodial fees. Bill Kelly seconded the motion. Chairman, Al Perry, refrained from voting as he had personal ties to the Center of Performing Arts. Motion passed. 4-0-1

6. New Business

o Discussion re: Food Services

Paul Szymanski discussed the Food Services deficit and requested that the committee give him authorization to work with the town and Mr. Sullivan and address and identify options to eliminate the deficit.

Dr. Ormsby made a motion to bypass the bylaws to suspend the rules. Bill Kelly seconded the motion. Motion passed. 5-0

Bill Kelly made a motion to move to appoint Mr. Szymanski as liaison between the School Committee, the Town Manager, and the Town Manager's designated staff, in facilitating the development of options for the purpose of eliminating the forecasted Food Services deficit. Further, Mr. Szymanski will issue meeting minutes to the Committee in a timely manner until this matter is resolved. Motion was seconded by Tim Pybus. Roll call vote Al Perry, Yes, Dr. Ormsby, Yes, Tim Pybus, Yes, Bill Kelly, Yes, Barbara Whidden, Yes. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0

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Bill Kelly motioned to adjourn. Barbara Whidden seconded the motion. All in favor. 5-0

Meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted for your approval,

Lucy McCarthy  
School Committee Secretary