

NORTH ANDOVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2006  
Place: North Andover High School Lecture Hall  
Present: Alfred Perry, Chairman, Assistant Chairman, William Kelly, Dr.  
Charles Ormsby, Tim Pybus, and Barbara Whidden

Call to Order:

Chairman Al Perry called the meeting of the North Andover School Committee at 7:00 p.m.

Also Present: Dr. Daniel O'Connor, Superintendent, Richard Bergeron, Assistant Superintendent, Paul Szymanski, Director of Management Support Services and members of the school department and the community.

7:00 p.m. Call to Order

1. Recognition of Rotary Youth Exchange Program -

Jackie Bannister presented the foreign exchange program run by the Rotary Club

- Warrants of Bills Payable were circulated for signature

- Public Participation -

A member of the public suggested that the School Committee include an update on the schools in the newsletter that the town sends with the water/tax bills.

Chairman Al Perry will look into this.

2. Superintendent's Update

- NEASC Update

Dr. O'Connor presented a letter stating North Andover High School has been put on warning status by NEASC.

A discussion followed

- Status of \$250,000. Expenditure-

Dr. O'Connor gave an update on how the process of hiring long term substitutes for the elementary and middle school positions is going.

A discussion followed

- Merrimack College Donation-

Merrimack College donated \$50,000 to the school system for a teacher.

- Special Education Schools Tuition Increase

Dr. O'Connor presented a report showing the Special Education Increases

- NAMS Non-Curricular Ski Trip  
Dr. O'Connor presented a letter describing the Annual Middle School Ski Trip.
- School Committee Calendar -  
Three additional working sessions were scheduled October 24, 2006, October 25, 2006 and October 30, 2006.  
A discussion followed regarding what committee members would like to discuss in the working sessions.

Barbara Whidden made a motion to prioritize the High School accreditation. Tim Pybus seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Chairman Al Perry, Yes, Bill Kelly, Yes, Dr. Charles Ormsby, obtained, Tim Pybus, Yes, Barbara Whidden, Yes. Motion passed. 4-1

Bill Kelly made a motion that the second meeting should address the Middle School and the third the Elementary Schools. Motion was seconded by Barbara Whidden. Roll call vote. Chairman Al Perry, Yes, Bill Kelly, Yes, Dr. Charles Ormsby, Yes, Tim Pybus, Yes, Barbara Whidden, Yes. Motion passed. 5-0

- Discussion re: School Committee Schedule to meet with NAHS Student Advisory Committee

### 3. Old Business

- Education Report  
Dr. Bergeron gave a report regarding
  - Elementary Report Cards
  - Primary Grade Assessments
  - Preliminary MCAS Report – Grades 3-8
- Approval of Capital Improvement Plan  
Paul Szymanski presented an updated copy of the Capital Improvement Plan  
A discussion followed

### 4. New Business

A subcommittee for the Tiered Elementary School proposal was formed. Dr. Ormsby and Chairman Al Perry, along with someone from the Busing program.

Motion to adjourn into executive session to discuss personnel matter was made by Bill Kelly. Motion was seconded by Tim Pybus.