

NORTH ANDOVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Tuesday, November 28, 2006
Place: North Andover High School Library
Present: Alfred Perry, Chairman, Assistant Chairman, William Kelly, Dr. Charles Ormsby, Tim Pybus, and Barbara Whidden

Also Present: Dr. Daniel O'Connor, Superintendent, Richard Bergeron, Assistant Superintendent, and members of the school department and the community.

Chairman Al Perry called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Working Session re: Special Education & Community Programs
Rick Gallante gave an update and answered questions regarding the Community Programs.
Dr. Joyce Laundre gave a brief update on Sped. Dept. Due to time constraints the committee requested Dr. Laundre reschedule her presentation for the next committee meeting.

Chairman Al Perry called the regular School Committee Meeting to order

2. Recommended Action:
Warrants of Bills Payable – None

Public Participation-

Kim Dawlie requested an update on the Full-day Kindergarten program fees.

A discussion followed

3. Superintendent's Report
Dr. O'Connor informed the committee that the School health grant allocation has been made and we should receive \$6000.00 more.

Dr. O'Connor requested the committee accept the gift of books from Mrs. Canetti to the Sargent School.

Tim Pybus made motion to accept the gift of books. Dr. Ormsby seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed. 5-0

Dr. O'Connor requested the committee recognize Paul Szymanski for his work with NEMLEC.

4. Old Business

Approval to Field Trip to Quebec City-

Juliette Darmon requested permission to take a group of her French class students on an overnight trip to Quebec City.

A discussion followed.

Barbara Whidden made a motion stipulating that any field trip that results in the cost of a substitute teacher have a fee added to cover the substitute cost. Dr. Ormsby seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed. 5-0

Barbara Whidden made a motion to approve the field trip to Quebec City. Bill Kelly seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed. 5-0

Education Report –

Dr. Bergeron presented documentation regarding linear goals.

A discussion followed

Approval of District Improvement Plan –

Dr. Bergeron requested the committee approve the District Improvement Plan.

Barbara Whidden made a motion to approve the District Improvement Plan as put forth by Dr. Bergeron. Bill Kelly seconded motion.

Dr. Ormsby motioned to amend the motion to ask that the first goals meet or exceed the school district linear progress targets. And that the committee accept this goal tentatively. Bill Kelly seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Chairman, Al Perry, NO, Vice Chairman, Bill Kelly, YES, Dr. Ormsby, YES, Barbara Whidden, NO, Tim Pybus, NO. Amendment Failed. 3-2

Roll call vote on original motion Chairman, Al Perry, YES, Vice Chairman, Bill Kelly, YES, Dr. Ormsby, NO, Barbara Whidden, YES, Tim Pybus, YES. Motion passed. 4-1

Award of Contract- Architect for Roof Replacement

Paul Szymanski requested the committee award the architecture contract to replace the Franklin roof.

Bill Kelly made a motion to accept the contract with a fee limited to \$70,000. Motion was not seconded.

The committee requested more information on this

5. New Business

Education Technology Statue Report

Dr. Bergeron distributed the technology status report

A working session for the technology department was scheduled for Dec 5.

Chairman, Al Perry informed the committee that the North Andover High School Girls Field Hockey team are division champions and will go on to the state championships. Also, the North Andover High School Cheerleaders qualified for nationals for the first time.

Chairman Perry also recognized the Drama Club for the Macbeth presentation.

Chairman Al Perry requested that the December 5 meeting have only two items on it. The FY08 budget and the Full day kindergarten.

6. Other Business

Bill Kelly made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to possible litigation. Not returning to regular session. Tim Pybus seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Chairman, Al Perry, YES, Vice Chairman, Bill Kelly, YES, Dr. Ormsby, YES, Barbara Whidden, YES, Tim Pybus, YES. All in favor. 5-0

Meeting was adjourned 9:25 p.m.