

NORTH ANDOVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: Monday, November 28, 2005

PLACE: North Andover High School Auditorium

PRESENT: Daniel Murphy, Chairman; Alfred Perry, Assistant Chairman; Charles Ormsby; Timothy Pybus; William Kelly
Also Present: Harry Harutunian, Superintendent; Dick Bergeron, Assistant Superintendent; Paul Szymanski, Director Management Support Services

- I. Call to Order: Dan Murphy, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Murphy addressed the Veterans' Memorial and asked Mr. Rand to speak on their process of choosing a name for the track and field area. Mr. Rand stated they would research North Andover Vietnam Veterans killed in action and put forth all the info on each one. The VFW appreciates all that is being done by the School Committee in naming this field.

Several members of the School Committee had questions regarding the location, size and lighting of this memorial. Dr. Harutunian stated the normal procedure would be to hire an architect for design and location. Money would be raised through private funding for the memorial. Donations can be made to: Ed Mitchell, 120 Main St., North Andover, MA 01845

On motion made by Charles Ormsby to dedicate the NAHS track and field to the fallen heroes of the Vietnam War from North Andover was seconded by William Kelly. Vote: unanimous

Dan Murphy expressed how enthusiastic he is about the memorial. This is why we have our freedom. Thank you

- II. Recommended Action: No warrants

- III. Superintendent's Report: FY07 Budget Discussion

Dr. Harutunian reported the conferences went very well this year. He reported that in 2004 there were 3100 conferences held and in 2005 there were 4000 conferences.

Dr. Harutunian discussed the budget process for FY07. Last year the budget increased by 13%, we will not see an increase like that this year. Dr. Harutunian handed out a draft copy of the estimated cost increases for next year. He proposed this as a maintenance budget with Curriculum Initiatives added would be between 7.50% and 8.32% increase. He told the Committee he would put together the budget they would like him to implement. Dr. Harutunian asked the Committee for direction on costs relating to kindergarten tuition, bussing fees, athletic fees, raising user fees.

Several members discussed the budget process. Their concerns ranged from doing a line by line budget which would help you see exactly what areas the cuts are coming from. Another suggestion for a budget would be to have a baseline budget ranging from 0% to 2.5% and items could be added or cut depending on the need. One member suggested looking into grant money from the State. A parent suggested looking at cost savings.

On motion made by Al Perry to move to direct Superintendent toward a Maintenance Budget with new ideas and special interest was seconded by William Kelly.

Motion amended by Al Perry to move to accept superintendent's recommended \$643,000 to \$698,000 budget increase for FY07 to include utilities, salaries, special education and curriculum initiatives proposed by Dr. Harutunian was seconded by William Kelly. Vote: 4-1

- IV. Old Business: Sub-committee with Tim Pybus and Al Perry was formed to review guidelines for Community Use of NAPS Facilities.

Update on Feasibility Study moved to next meeting.

On motion made by Mr. Charles Ormsby and seconded by Mr. William Kelly this meeting of the North Andover School Committee adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry K. Harutunian, Ph.D., Superintendent
Secretary, North Andover School Committee