

NORTH ANDOVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, February 1, 2005

PLACE: Superintendent's Conference Room

PRESENT: Daniel Murphy, Chairman, Alfred Perry, Assistant Chairman, Bruce Baker, Charles C. Ormsby, and Tim Pybus

Also Present: Harry Harutunian, Superintendent, Bea Fink and Ted Tripp

I. Call to Order: Dan Murphy, Chairman, called the meeting of the North Andover School Committee to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Recommended Action:

Warrants of Bills Payable – None

Public Participation – No issues were brought up for discussion.

III. Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Harutunian distributed a message he had received from Attorney Urbelis to the Committee in which Mr. Urbelis stated that the Atkinson School property would have to be declared as "surplus."

Motion was made by Tim Pybus that the land on Chickering Road, adjacent to the Atkinson School, is no longer needed for school purposes and that the School Committee give notice of such determination to the Board of Selectmen consistent with the motion previously passed concerning this same tract of land.

A discussion ensued. In answer to a question from Mr. Pybus, Dr. Harutunian stated that the land could not be given up unless it had been declared as "surplus." Later in the discussion, Dr. Harutunian stated that if it appeared that the Police Station will not go forward, he will ask Town Meeting to consider an Article declaring that the land will revert back to the School Department.

The motion was seconded by Al Perry. The vote was 5-0: Mr. Murphy, Mr. Perry, Dr. Baker, Dr. Ormsby and Mr. Pybus voted yes.

Dr. Harutunian made available to those present a letter from State Representative David Torrisi making it clear that there will be no new money coming from the State and that Chapter 70 money would be reduced by \$570. In addition, he said that all S.B.A. money is gone.

IV. Executive Session

On motion made by Bruce Baker and seconded by Tim Pybus, it was voted to enter into Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. for the purpose of conducting strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with the North Andover Teachers' Association, and not to return to regular session. The vote was 5-0: Mr. Murphy, Dr. Baker, Dr. Ormsby, Mr. Perry and Mr. Pybus voted yes.

Respectfully submitted,

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