

## **North Andover Public Schools School Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2006

Place: North Andover High School Auditorium

Present: Mr. Daniel Murphy, Chairman, Alfred Perry, Assistant Chairman,  
Dr. Charles C. Ormsby, Mr. Tim Pybus, and Mr. William Kelly

Also Present: Dr. Harry Harutunian, Superintendent, Dr. Richard Bergeron, Assistant Superintendent, Paul Szymanski, Director of Management Support Services, and members of the School Department and the community.

I. Call to Order Chairperson Murphy called the meeting of the North Andover School Committee to order at 6:38 p.m.

### II. Recommended Action:

Warrants of bills payable were circulated for signature.

Chairperson Murphy stated the purpose of this meeting was to present the budget. The public participation tonight is for clarification, not discussion. Budget discussions will be encouraged in the next few months. He then invited the audience to bring forth any questions they may have.

Public Participation:

Susan Donato, a Sargent School parent presented a written request that the School committee make a motion to accept all funds donated by her non-profit foundation for the sole purpose of reducing class size. Chairperson Murphy said this would be considered for a future meeting.

### III. Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Harutunian discussed his joint meeting with the Board of Selectman and the Finance Committee.

Dr. Harutunian shared communication he sent to our senators requesting they attend a meeting on March 21, 2006.

Dr. Harutunian gave an update on a memorial plaque naming the new high school gymnasium after Howard "Tug" Crozier.

Bill Kelly made a motion for the school committee to accept the Thomson School Project. Al Perry seconded the motion. Dr. Ormsby wanted to put off the vote until he could see things in writing. Bill Kelly motioned to table the vote, with Dr. Ormsby second. All voted in favor 5-1

Dr. Harutunian stated there was a memo regarding Dr. Ormsby's request to look into town owned properties for the school system in regards to the Foster Farm Feasibility Project.

Dr. Harutunian presented the top 15 accounts operating in a deficit, as requested by the school committee. Dr. Harutunian then shared plans to offset these unanticipated expenses.

#### IV. FY07 Budget

Dr. Harutunian presented the FY07 recommended reductions plans, explaining where the budget reductions would come from. A hand-out was provided sharing two plans, (Plan A and Plan B) for recommended staff reductions.

At this time Chairperson Murphy turned the chairperson's gavel over to Al Perry.

A motion was made by Dan Murphy and seconded by Tim Pybus to ask the Finance Committee to look into asking for an override. This motion was discussed and approved 3-2 with Dan Murphy, Tim Pybus and Al Perry in favor and Bill Kelly and Charles Ormsby against.

There was an audience discussion regarding an override. Many suggestions were made to ask for more school support from the state.

With the resignation of Mr. Murphy, Mr. Pybus made a motion to suspend the rules for the purpose of replacing the chair and vice- chair. Mr. Perry seconded this motion. The motion was voted on 4-1 in favor. Mr. Murphy, Mr. Perry, Mr. Pybus and Mr. Kelly voted in favor. Dr. Ormsby voted against.

Mr. Pybus made a motion to elect Mr. Perry as chair with the motion being seconded by Al Perry. Motion is carried with 3-2 in favor. Mr. Murphy, Mr. Perry, Mr. Pybus voted in favor and Mr. Kelly and Dr. Ormsby voted against.

Mr. Kelly then made a motion to appoint Dr. Ormsby as vice chair. Mr. Pybus seconded the motion. All voted in favor. 5-0

Mr. Kelly motioned for adjournment at 8:23 p.m. All voted in favor 5-0