

NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE
NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH, MA
October 2, 2017
7:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

The North Attleborough School Committee met on Monday, October 2, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the James M. Rice Conference Room at the Woodcock Administration Building.

Committee members present included: Neal Gouck, Ethan Hamilton, Gary Lake, Kevin O'Donnell, Adam Scanlon and Carol Wagner.

Superintendent Scott Holcomb, Assistant Superintendent Lori McEwen, and Director of Facilities and Grounds Kyle Kummer represented Central Administration.

Acting Chairman Kevin O'Donnell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed, and then a moment of silence was observed for the servicemen and servicewomen here and abroad and also for the lives lost in the horrific tragedy in Las Vegas.

Recognition

Superintendent Holcomb announced the M.A.S.S. Certificate of Academic Excellence Recipients. Each year two high school students are awarded the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendent award for Academic Excellence. Recipients this year were Moriah Lim and Adam Eberle. School Committee members congratulated the two students on their achievements. When asked about their future, Moriah stated his top 3 choices were MIT, Georgia Tech, and UT Austin and Adam's top 3 were Brown, Northeastern and Harvard. A 5-minute recess was taken for picture taking.

When the committee reconvened, Mr. O'Donnell stated that the meeting was being recorded by Trevor Bowman and will be broadcast on North TV.

Superintendent Holcomb reported on North Attleborough High School Advanced Placement Test Results. He explained how many AP courses NAHS offers, AP grading practices, and local AP results compared to state and national averages. Superintendent Holcomb emphasized how we should be proud of the continued success of our advanced placement program and congratulated all those that have made it, and continue to make it, such a great success. Discussion ensued.

Superintendent Holcomb reported on the #LoveNorthSchools initiative. A community survey done last year showed that the public wanted a positive take on North Attleborough Public Schools. Former president of Bishop Feehan High School, Christopher Servant, volunteered to help with the positive PR program. Along with a volunteer group from town, #LoveNorthSchools was developed. Today we had a presentation through twitter, facebook and the district website where the October prompt was released.

Presentations

High School Representative Mackenzie Rosenburg reported NAHS juniors and seniors will take part in a mock accident tomorrow. NA Police and Fire Departments and NAHS Theater Group will participate in the role play. She also reported on girls sports. Aiden Harding reported on boys sports and also talked about all the homecoming festivities in the coming week. Discussion ensued.

Assistant Superintendent Lori McEwen presented progress on the DIP. Dr. McEwen reported on the Key Area of Culture and Climate, Objective 1, Action #4, Pilot Social and Emotional Learning Curriculum Programs. She explained the Paths Program that was piloted at Community School last year and will move forward at Roosevelt and Amvet in the 2017-2018 school year. Dr. McEwen explained the leadership team and teachers are driving this program forward. Discussion ensued.

Action Items

Acting Chairman O'Donnell called for a motion to approve the bills dated September 14, 21, 28, 2017; so moved by Neal Gouck, seconded by Carol Wagner, so voted and passed unanimously 6-0-0.

Acting Chairman O'Donnell called for a motion to approve the September 14, 2017 School Committee minutes; so moved by Neal Gouck, seconded by Carol Wagner, so voted and passed unanimously 6-0-0.

Discussion Items

Acting Chairman O'Donnell discussed the start times of various town meetings. He stated that most start between 6-6:30. He opened the floor for discussion regarding moving School Committee start time to 6:00. Discussion ensued.

Mr. O'Donnell called for a motion to change the start time of School Committee meetings to 6:00; so moved by Neal Gouck, seconded by Carol Wagner; so voted and passed 4-2-0

Chairman's Report

Acting Chairman O'Donnell reiterated that the program #LoveNorthSchools is what we should be focusing on. He discussed the negativity of recent meetings held in town and stated every town department's goal and mission should be that all departments succeed. He stated his goal for the School Committee is to be a part of the problem solving as well as come up with a solution. Mr. O'Donnell stated there would be no executive session and called for a motion to adjourn; so moved by Neal Gouck, seconded by Carol Wagner, so voted and passed unanimously 6-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by: Administrative Assistant to Superintendent/Mary Chagnon