

NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE
NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH, MA
November 6, 2017
6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

The North Attleborough School Committee met on Monday, November 6, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the James M. Rice Conference Room at the Woodcock Administration Building.

Committee members present included: Ethan Hamilton, Gary Lake, James McKenna, Kevin O'Donnell, Adam Scanlon and Carol Wagner. Neal Gouck arrived at 6:53 p.m.

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

Chairman McKenna called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed, and then a moment of silence was observed for our veterans. Chairman McKenna stated that the meeting was being recorded by Jared Ware and will be broadcast on North TV.

Recognition

Superintendent Holcomb introduced NAMS Student, Kyle Hughes, and YMCA Director of Childcare Services, Kim Jennings. He explained Kyle's accomplishment of being the Reach for the Stars ~ National Rocket Competition Winner. Kyle explained his trip to Space Camp in Huntsville, AL. Discussion ensued. A short recess was taken to take pictures.

Superintendent Holcomb reported on the NAED Calendar Contest. Mr. Holcomb described the Award Ceremony held at the Electric Company on October 25th. He congratulated the list of winners.

Superintendent Holcomb reported on the attendance of school department staff at the Massachusetts Computer Using Educators (MassCUE) conference held at Gillette Stadium in October. Mr. Holcomb listed the faculty members who presented at the conference and described their presentations to the committee.

Mr. Holcomb went on to congratulate the NAHS Girls' Soccer Team for winning the MIAA Soccer Team Sportsmanship Award that will be presented at half-time at the State Finals on Saturday, November 18th.

Presentations

High School Representative Mackenzie Rosenburg spoke about the girls' sports teams starting with the excitement surrounding the MIAA Sportsmanship award for the girls' soccer team. She described a program the soccer coach initiated this season. With every win, every team member must donate a canned good to Lenore's Pantry. 1 win = 1 can, 2 wins = 2 cans etc. The soccer team has won 15 straight games so each team member must donate 15 cans. Mackenzie reported that the field hockey team ended their season on Saturday and that 8th graders from NAMS were coming to visit the High School this week to learn about sports and clubs. Aiden Harding spoke about the boys' soccer team, the football team and the golf team. Aiden reported that the theater group will be performing *Harvey* on November 17th and 18th.

At this time Chairman McKenna skipped ahead on the agenda to Issues Requiring Votes.

Issues Requiring Vote

Assistant Principal Metcalf and Teacher TJ Rizzo from the High School presented the plan for the NAHS Music Department Field Trip to Toronto/Niagara Falls, April 12-15, 2018. Discussion ensued. Chairman McKenna called for a motion to approve the NAHS Music Department Field Trip to Toronto/Niagara Falls on April 12, 2018, so moved by Kevin O'Donnell, seconded by Gary Lake, so voted and passed 6-0-0.

Chairman McKenna reverted back to the order of the agenda.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Holcomb gave an update on community communication. Both the North Attleboro Public Schools Facebook page and the #LoveNorthSchools page have increased the number of followers to about 2000 for both the pages combined. #LoveNorthSchools has been updated with a new prompt, "Identify a school experience that you as a parent are particularly grateful for."

Dr. Lori McEwen reported on the progress of the District Improvement Plan focusing on Professional Development day held on October 10th. Dr. McEwen explained Professional Development day was devoted to three key areas: Curriculum Revision via Understanding by Design; Social Emotional Learning; and Digital Literacy and Computer Science Standards. Dr. McEwen shared an overview of the day and described some of the next steps that will take place.

Dr. McEwen then reported on MCAS results. Students in grades 3-8 took the “Next Generation MCAS” last spring. Dr. McEwen explained how the 2017 scores represent baseline results and cannot be compared to results from previous years. High school students took the “legacy” MCAS assessment, so that scores are reported similarly to years past. Dr. McEwen reported in all cases we continue to outperform the state. Discussion ensued.

Action Items

Chairman McKenna called for a motion to approve the bills dated: October 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2017, so moved by Kevin O’Donnell, seconded by Adam Scanlon, so voted unanimously 7-0-0.

Chairman McKenna called for a motion to approve the minutes dated October 2, 2017, so moved by Kevin O’Donnell, seconded by Adam Scanlon, so voted and passed 6-0-1 Chairman McKenna abstained due to his absence from last month’s meeting.

Issues Requiring Vote

Superintendent Holcomb reported that the BICO Board would like to add two school systems to become official members of the Collaborative. Mr. Holcomb explained the students from these towns have been attending BICO programs for years and this would formalize their membership and commitment to the collaborative. Chairman McKenna called for a motion to approve an amendment to Bi-County’s Collaborative Agreement adding Hopedale and Uxbridge Public Schools to the membership to be effective July 1, 2018, so moved by Kevin O’Donnell, seconded by Adam Scanlon, so voted and passed unanimously 7-0-0

Chairman McKenna called for a motion to approve the second reading of the School Committee Remote Access Participation policy as recommended by the Policy Subcommittee, so moved by Kevin O’Donnell, Adam Scanlon seconded. Discussion ensued. So voted and passed unanimously 7-0-0

Discussion Items

Kyle Kummer reported on the Turf Field project. He stated the work started on October 30th and all dirt in the field had been relocated and they would start on the sub-base next. Mr. Kummer also reported the Roosevelt roof contracts should be returned to Town Hall tomorrow and work is slated to begin this coming holiday weekend and will take about 3 weeks to complete.

Chairman McKenna called for a motion to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with Union and Non Union Personnel which may have a detrimental effect if held in open session, so moved by Kevin O’Donnell, seconded by Adam Scanlon. Mr. McKenna called for a roll-call vote and stated that they would not return.

Adam Scanlon - Y

Gary Lake – Y

Carol Wagner – Y

Neal Gouck - Y

James McKenna - Y

Kevin O’Donnell - Y

Ethan Hamilton – Y

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Submitted by: Administrative Assistant to Superintendent/Mary Chagnon