

NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE
NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH, MA
December 4, 2017
6:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

The North Attleborough School Committee met on Monday, December 4, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the James M. Rice Conference Room at the Woodcock Administration Building.

Committee members present included: James McKenna, Neal Gouck, Ethan Hamilton, Gary Lake, Kevin O'Donnell, and Carol Wagner. Adam Scanlon accessed the meeting remotely.

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. Mr. McKenna asked the Grade 3 students present at the meeting to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. He began the meeting by explaining School Committee Member, Adam Scanlon, would be participating in the meeting remotely. Visual and auditory levels were confirmed. Chairman McKenna explained all votes taken at the meeting would be roll call votes as stipulated in the remote access policy.

Recognition:

Superintendent Holcomb explained the receipt of dictionaries to all Grade 3 students in the district by the North Attleboro Elks. Mr. Holcomb introduced the 3rd Grade students and the members of the North Attleboro Elks that were present at the meeting to the School Committee. Terry Calligan from the Elks spoke about the Dictionary Program, when it started and how long the North Attleboro Elks had been participating. Discussion ensued and a 5-minute recess was had for pictures.

The meeting reconvened at 6:10 pm. Chairman McKenna stated the meeting was being recorded by Jared Ware and would be broadcast on North TV.

Presentations

North Attleborough High School Student Representatives: Mackenzie Rosenburg reported on a "Student Voice Summit" being held on December 12th. She explained it is being instituted by Mr. Haviland and included all the class officers and student council members from each grade level and 8 additional students elected by teachers. The purpose of the summit is to discuss how to make NAHS a better place. Mackenzie also reported on the success of the play "Harvey" and explained a fundraiser run by the Student Council to support the Adopt-a-Family Program in support of 12 families. Aidan Harding talked about the Super Bowl and how great it was to play at Gillette Stadium. He said it was impressive to see the huge show of Big Red Pride present at the game. He explained that fall sports were complete and winter sports tryouts were held last week and full practices were being held this week. Discussion ensued.

Principal Peter Haviland gave an update on the NEASC Special Progress Report. He began by summarizing the history of the report and NAHS being placed on a warning status in two areas: Community Resources for Learning and Curriculum, Instruction and Leadership. A progress report was sent in September and in our most current response back from NEASC, we have been removed from warning status in the area of Curriculum, Instruction and Leadership. Mr. Haviland stated we are still on warning status for Community Resources for Learning. He reported updates on the field renovation, the soundproofing of music room and hiring an outside consultant to aid the application of that. Portable classrooms have been updated with new carpeting, furniture and technology based on the recommendation from the November, 2016 report. In October 2018 we will submit our final report with progress on the significant progress in all areas of concern. Discussion ensued.

Superintendent Holcomb and Business Administrator David Flynn presented the FY2019 Budget request. Mr. Holcomb began the budget presentation with a brief overview of student assessment data using comparability reports taken from the Department of Elementary Education's site. He used the DART system of analysis which compares North Attleborough to comparable towns. The budget was presented into three categories: Level Service, One-Time Costs, and Recurring Costs. Chairman McKenna called for a motion to accept the 1st reading of the FY2019 Budget request of \$45,633,282.00. So moved by Kevin O'Donnell, seconded by Neal Gouck. Discussion ensued.

So voted by roll call:

Ethan Hamilton – Yes

Carol Wagner – Yes

Neal Gouck – Yes

James McKenna – Yes
Kevin O'Donnell – Yes
Gary Lake – Yes
Adam Scanlon – Yes
Passed unanimously 7-0-0

Superintendent Holcomb explained the unveiling of the transparency center which can be found on our District website. He announced it would be going live on Monday, December 4th and would increase the communication to our community.

Action Items

Chairman McKenna called for a motion to approve the bills dated: November 9, 16, 22 and 30, 2017, so moved by Kevin O'Donnell, seconded by Neal Gouck, so voted by roll call:

Ethan Hamilton – Yes
Carol Wagner – Yes
Neal Gouck – Yes
James McKenna – Yes
Kevin O'Donnell – Yes
Gary Lake – Yes
Adam Scanlon – Yes
Passed unanimously 7-0-0

Chairman McKenna called for a motion to approve the minutes dated November 6, 2017, so moved by Kevin O'Donnell, seconded by Neal Gouck, so voted by roll call:

Ethan Hamilton – Yes
Carol Wagner – Yes
Neal Gouck – Abstained
James McKenna – Abstained
Kevin O'Donnell – Yes
Gary Lake – Yes
Adam Scanlon – Yes
Passed 5-0-2

Chairman's Report

Chairman McKenna thanked everyone for their help in setting up the remote connection including Superintendent Holcomb and Gary Lake. He stated the public evaluation of Superintendent Holcomb would take place at the February School Committee Meeting. There is no need for executive session. Mr. McKenna called for a motion to adjourn, so moved by Kevin O'Donnell, seconded by Neal Gouck, so voted by roll call:

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 7:37 p.m.

Submitted by: Administrative Assistant to Superintendent/Mary Chagnon