

NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH, MA  
May 7, 2018  
7:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

The North Attleborough School Committee met on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the James M. Rice Conference Room at the Woodcock Administration Building.

Committee members present included James McKenna, Ethan Hamilton, Kathryn Hobbs, Gary Lake, Kevin O'Donnell, Adam Scanlon, and Carol Wagner.

Chairman McKenna called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. Chairman McKenna stated that the meeting was being recorded by Jared Ware and will be broadcast on North TV.

Superintendent Holcomb began by recognizing NAHS Senior Moriah Lim who has been selected as a 2018 U. S. Presidential Scholars Competition Finalist. Mr. Holcomb stated Moriah has received the highest level of recognition from the US Department of Education and this is the first time a North Attleborough student has been recognized at this level.

Superintendent Holcomb reported on the NAMS Hoops for Hearts Fundraiser. Mr. Holcomb reported NAMS had another successful fundraiser for healthy living and continues to be the model school for fundraising in the Nation which was made possible by staff who are dedicated towards the cause of heart disease prevention. Superintendent Holcomb stated the extra effort the students and school put in to make this such a meaningful event is worthy of recognition and sincerely appreciated. Mr. Holcomb thanked all the people that put in their hard work for this initiative.

Chairman McKenna explained that the High School Representatives were running late due to athletics and asked Superintendent Holcomb for his update.

At this time, Superintendent Holcomb asked to go out of order and move to Issues Requiring Votes. He invited Mr. Kurt Kummer to the microphone to field any questions regarding the revisions in the facilities use policy pertaining to the fees schedules for the NAHS field use. Mr. Holcomb introduced Dr. Lori McEwen, member of the Policy Subcommittee who explained the revised fee schedule. Discussion ensued. Chairman McKenna called for a motion to approve the revisions in the facilities use policy as recommended by the Policy Subcommittee, so moved by Carol Wagner, seconded by Gary Lake, so voted and passed unanimously 7-0-0.

Chairman McKenna asked for a motion to approve the bills dated April 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2018, so moved by Kevin O'Donnell, seconded by Gary Lake, so voted and passed unanimously 7-0-0.

Chairman McKenna asked for a motion to approve the minutes dated April 4, 2018, so moved by Kevin O'Donnell, seconded by Carol Wagner, so voted and passed unanimously 7-0-0.

Chairman McKenna continued on to Issues Requiring Votes and called for a motion to designate and authorize Kevin O'Donnell to sign all Payrolls and Payroll and Vendor Bills on behalf of the Committee, so moved by Carol Wagner, seconded by Gary Lake. Discussion ensued with David Flynn explaining details of the vote. So voted and passed unanimously 7-0-0.

At this time Chairman McKenna introduced the High School Representatives and asked for their report. Aidan Harding reported the AP exams started this week and spring sports were off to a great start. Aidan stated all teams were doing well. Aidan stated the Jr. Prom was two weeks ago and the Sr. Prom was this upcoming weekend and everyone was excited about that. Mackenzie stated the NAHS Arts Show was this Thursday in the High School gymnasium and encouraged everyone to attend. She reported that May 1<sup>st</sup> was the cutoff date for Seniors to commit to their colleges and it was fun to see everyone represent their after-graduation choices with t-shirts. Mackenzie reported they had their last Student Voice Summit and talked about a Special Olympics rally, a new peer tutoring program for next year and adding some fundraising programs. Seniors have 14 days left and they just announced the top ten of the senior class. She congratulated Moriah Lim as the Valedictorian and Julia Tolfa as the Salutatorian. Discussion ensued and Chairman McKenna stated they would offer their evaluations of the School Committee at the next meeting.

Chairman McKenna then moved to Superintendent Holcomb's update. Superintendent Holcomb reported the need for a study regarding the reconfiguration and consolidation of our school system. He explained the appropriate timelines and steps for a successful completion of the study by January 2019. Mr. Holcomb stated the study will help the school department with long-term and long-range planning of the physical plants along with optimizing the learning environments for students. He reported on four different models that will be investigated. Mr. Holcomb explained the three elements to be studied: academic achievement, intellectual development and physical development, social and emotional development, and estimated financial costs and savings and the details of each one. Supt. Holcomb expanded on the process that they will take to complete this study including creating a task force and invited any member of the school committee to become a member of this task force. Discussion ensued.

Chairman McKenna moved to discussion items and opened the topic of School Committee meetings start time and asked for preferences from the board. Discussion ensued. A compromise was made to begin the meetings at 6:30 p.m. moving forward.

Chairman McKenna moved to his report. He spoke about the proposed meeting on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. He reminded the board that school principals would be present at next month's meeting to report on their school improvement plans.

Chairman McKenna stated they would not be going into Executive Session for the purpose to consider the purchase, exchange, transfer, lease or value of real property due to an error on his part and then called for a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose to discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices, or strategies with respect thereto if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the position of the public body and the safety of the general public; so moved by Carol Wagner, seconded by Kevin O'Donnell, and so voted by roll call:

Kathryn Hobbs – Yes

Adam Scanlon - Yes

Gary Lake - Yes

Carol Wagner - Yes

Jim McKenna - Yes

Kevin O'Donnell - Yes

Ethan Hamilton – Yes

Passed unanimously 7-0-0

Mr. McKenna stated they would not be returning after Executive Session.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

*Submitted by: Administrative Assistant to Superintendent/Mary Chagnon*