

North Attleborough School Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
May 6, 2013

The North Attleborough School Committee met on Monday, May 6, 2013 at 7:00pm in the James M. Rice Conference Room at the Woodcock Administration Building.

Committee members present included: Carol Wagner, Joan Meilan, Neal Gouck, Christopher Frost, Chip Poirier, Kevin O'Donnell, and James McKenna.

Superintendent Suzan Cullen, Assistant Superintendent Joel Antolini, Business Administrator David Flynn, and Facilities and Grounds Administrator Kyle Kummer represented Central Administration.

Chairman Frost called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M. The Pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence for the victims of the Boston Marathon bombings followed.

**Recognition**

Superintendent Cullen began by recognizing that it is teacher appreciation week and thanked the teachers for their commitment to our students. Coach Wayne Griffin is the recipient of the 2013 MIAA Wrestling Coach of the Year. The award is based on excellence of character, impact on students and community and coaching quality. He is eligible for the national award. Superintendent Cullen then recognized North Attleboro High School, Attleboro High School and Bishop Feehan High School for receiving the MIAA Community Service Award for their participation in Project Unite. And finally, the North Attleboro School Department received a \$64,000 donation from the estate of Ms. Jacqueline Gadoury. Presented by Mr. Leo Tanguay, the donation is to be used as a scholarship for a student that studied foreign language. Mr. Kyle Kummer then recognized the North Attleboro Historical Commission and Anne Chapeldaine for loaning some prints to the North Attleboro School District. The Historical Commission restored, reframed and donated the prints to us to be hung around various places in the schools. There is no monetary value to the prints.

**Presentations**

Chairman Frost thanked High School student representatives Ryan Kingsley and Kate Kummer for all their time and volunteering this year. He then called a quick recess to take a photograph of the students and the School Committee at 7:12 P.M.

Chairman Frost called the meeting back to order at 7:16 P.M.

Ryan Kingsley and Kate Kummer introduced Susie Udall and Colin Quinn, the new High School student representatives and then continued with the High School update. The Junior and Senior proms were held on April 27<sup>th</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup> respectively. Both were a great success. Advance Placement tests began the week of May 6<sup>th</sup>. May 16<sup>th</sup> is the National Honor Society awards ceremony. The art show is coming up this week. May 21<sup>st</sup> is Special Olympics. Last day of class for seniors is May 24<sup>th</sup> for finals and May 31<sup>st</sup> for school. Final day for the underclassmen is June 26<sup>th</sup>. The Fisher Kelley awards ceremony is May 21<sup>st</sup>. Colin Quinn then invited everyone to the Special Olympics. On a final note, Heritage Day was held last Friday May 3, 2013 at the Middle School with 80 High School students helping out with the presentations.

Superintendent Cullen introduced Andrew Mackin, Owner's project manager from Skanska, Krystal Burrows of M. O'Connor Contracting, Inc., and Mike Hurley on site project manager from Skanska. Mr. Mackin stated that M. O'Connor was the lowest eligible bidder for the Science Lab Initiative and Evergreen Construction was awarded the Roosevelt Ave. School project. Mr. Mackin stated two very important things are taking place as the projects are beginning.

1. *All workers will be CORI checked prior to beginning any onsite jobs. All workers will have a sticker affixed to their helmet.*
2. *An email has been established for all comments questions and concerns. [Naconstruction2013@gmail.com](mailto:Naconstruction2013@gmail.com)*

Ms. Burrows presented an update on the Science Lab thus far indicating that work is on track and contingency plans have been worked out if the project extends beyond the anticipated end date late August. Mr. Scott Holcomb, Principal of the High School, confirmed that a contingency plan is in place for minimal effect on the start of school and return of students.

A brief discussion ensued regarding parking while the construction takes place. Mr. Kummer assured everyone that the concerns have been addressed and he does not anticipate any problems.

Assistant Superintendent Joel Antolini and Mrs. Corinne Brems presented on Common Core State Standards (CCSS), Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career (PARCC) and District Determined Measures (DDMS). CCSS will provide continuity among school. PARCC will be instituted by 2016. The report is available online at [naschools.net](http://naschools.net). All these changes required by the state will have real implications on the budget. They are unfunded state mandates that will require real budget planning.

Ryan Kingsley and Kate Kummer left the meeting at 8:13 P.M.

### **Action Items**

Mr. Poirier made a motion to accept the bills dated April 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2013. Mr. McKenna seconded the motion. So moved and passed by a vote 6-0-1. Mr. O'Donnell abstained.

Chairman Frost called for a motion to accept the School Committee Reorganization meeting and Regular School Committee meeting minutes dated April 3, 2013. So motioned by Mr. Poirier and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell. So voted 5-0-2. Mr. O'Donnell and Mr. McKenna abstained.

### **Issues Requiring Votes**

Chairman Frost called for a motion to accept Superintendent Cullen's Goals as presented. So moved by Mr. McKenna and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell.

Superintendent Cullen indicated that after the goals are approved by The School Committee they will be posted on line. Ms. Meilan requested that the security goals be updated in public session going forward.

Chairman Frost called for a vote so voted and passed unanimously, not abstentions.

### **Discussion Items**

Superintendent Cullen provided the budget update. The requested budget of \$37,068,359 still stands. As of April 22, 2013 the House figure is \$34,956,279 which is a gap of \$2,112,081. The Senate information

will be out May 15, 2013. Superintendent Cullen stated that this is a fluid situation and that the School Department has been working closely with the town.

Chairman Frost recognized that two years ago Dr. Rice passed away. Chairman Frost commented that Dr. Rice had a vision for the School Department and Superintendent Cullen is carrying on.

Chairman Frost then called for a motion to adjourn the School Committee Meeting to executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with union personnel that would have a detrimental effect if held in open session. So moved by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Mr. O'Donnell So voted by roll call:

Ms. Meilan-yes

Ms. Wagner-yes

Mr. Gouck-yes

Mr. Poirier-yes

Chairman Frost-yes

Mr. O'Donnell-yes

Mr. McKenna-yes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

*Submitted by: Linda Henriksen*