

North Attleborough School Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2013

The North Attleborough School Committee met on Monday, June 10, 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 7:08 P.M. The Pledge of allegiance followed. Chairman Frost indicated that the copious amounts of rain had affected the feed for North TV and Trevor Bowman was working on getting that on line.

Recognition

Victoria Ekk, Middle School Principal was introduced by Chairman Frost. She stated that it has been a wonderful year with lot of great things happening at the Middle School. Students participated in the New England Mathematics Competition and placed 29th out of 101 participating schools. Seventh grade Middle School Recipients were Moriah Lim and Shurobhi Nand. Prerna Jagadeesh, an eighth grader placed third. Mr. Jason Fied and Mr. John Dempsey spoke about Hoops for Heart. Mr. Fied was asked to be on the Founders Executive board for Hoops for Heart and North Attleboro was given 1 out of only 7 Golden Heart awards ever given out by the American Heart Association. North Attleboro Middle School has been doing Hoops for Heart since 1998 and hope to be the first school to raise over a million dollars. Chairman Frost thanked Mr. Jason Feid and Mr. John Dempsey.

Odyssey of the Mind Competition Update ~ Wayne Griffin, Adam Rosen and Aaron Stimpson took 4 teams (22 Students) to Michigan State University for the world championship. There were 14,000 people in attendance and about 800 teams. This is an International level competition. Students did well and got a lot of experience and met many different people they would otherwise not have the opportunity to meet. We did well overall with 3 out of the 4 teams finishing 21st, 24th and 26th.

Music in the Park Awards ~ Mr. Brian McBride and Mr. Dan Snizek took 93 students to NJ through Music in the Parks. The Students showcase talents that they work on throughout the year. Band and choir both placed first by scoring 93. They were rated best overall choir and band. Kids were great, behaved well and were complemented by all. Even with a bus breakdown of 3 hours there was not a complaint. We are very proud of our students.

Superintendent Cullen thanked the Middle School Groups and also wanted to recognize Mr. Joe Beasley, assistant principal at North Attleboro High School, as he is retiring at the end of the school year. Superintendent Cullen acknowledged the great job he did and stated he will be missed.

Chairman Frost recognized Mr. Holcomb and the many staff and volunteers at the High School for a wonderful job with the graduation. He also thanked Trevor Bowman at this time for his work with North TV.

Presentations

Yes for North representatives Brian Hogan, Stacey Nessany, Andrea Levesque, Beth Nobrega and Deb Mark were in attendance to present information on the proposition 2 ½ override. Mr. Hogan began by stating this is not just a school issue but also a town issue and that the town has a revenue problem not an expense problem. He presented factual data regarding information received from all town departments. This is a restorative override not a progressive override.

High School Student Representatives Colin Quinn and Susie Udall presented the High School update. Final exams are coming up. Next week is course selection. Lots of changes are apparent with the construction of the new science labs. Hopefully there will be a freshman step up day planned since last year's was so successful. Special Olympics was

awesome with lots of volunteers. The collaboration with police on parking was great.

Action Items

Mr. McKenna made a motion to accept the bills dated May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2013. Mr. Poirier seconded the motion. So voted and passed unanimously. No abstentions.

Chairman Frost called for a motion to accept the School Committee meeting minutes dated May 6, 2013. So motioned by Mr. McKenna and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell. So voted and passed unanimously.

Issues Requiring Votes

Chairman Frost called for a motion to accept the Jacqueline M. Gadoury Scholarship Fund donation as recommended by the Superintendent. So motioned by Mr. McKenna and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell. Mr. Gouck requested that an acknowledgement be sent to the family from the board. Chairman Frost called for a vote. So voted and passed unanimously. No abstentions.

Vote to approve Superintendent Cullen to serve on the Board of Directors for the Bi-County Collaborative as recommended by the Superintendent. So moved by Mr. McKenna and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell So voted and passed unanimously. No abstentions.

Vote to approve the *first reading* of revised Policy EBCA-R Bomb Threat as recommended by the Curriculum Policy subcommittee. So motioned by Mr. McKenna and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell Discussion: minor modification to bomb threat item 2 added: *the principal or designee will notify the superintendent of schools*. Vote as amended 6-0-1 Mr. Gouck abstained. Mr. Gouck requested an e-copy of the policy to review.

Vote to approve the *first reading* of revised Policy EBCB Power Failure as recommended by the Curriculum Policy subcommittee. So moved by Mr. McKenna and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell. Mr. McKenna stated that the subcommittee added one provision: *at their earliest opportunity, the superintendent's office will notify the chairman of the School Committee*. Old policy provided for relocation of students from one school building to another which could keep the superintendent engaged for possibly hours. Vote as amended 6-0-1 Mr. Gouck abstained.

Vote to approve the *first reading* of revised Policy EBCC Civil Disturbance as recommended by the Curriculum Policy subcommittee. So moved by Mr. McKenna and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell. One typo: 2b minor cosmetic change to *whoever is in charge of the police station at the time*. Vote as amended 6-0-1 Mr. Gouck abstained.

Public Comments/Questions

Mr. O'Donnell wanted to know what happens to old text books or other equipment. Mr. Kummer stated that books are put in a bin and surplused as agreed to by the School Committee last year. Many are of no value. Technology issues are better addressed by that department, although there are no projectors. All are reused. Issue will be addressed again in the coming months.

Discussion Items

Safety Plan Update: Superintendent Cullen stated that Assistant Superintendent Antolini is heading up revising all policies and there will be more to share about the Safety Plan at the next School Committee meeting. She continues meeting on a regular basis with Mr. Craig Jeulis-Middle School representative, Mrs. Michelle McKeon-Elementary school representative, and Mr. Kurt Kummer-High school representative. Also, Mr. Kyle Kummer has been working with Colonel Gavigan, Bristol Sheriff's office, in formulating a security plan for each school. They are working on Incident Command center (ICS) training that is approved by FEMA. Mr. McKenna is concerned that this will become an unfunded state mandate. Mr. Kyle Kummer assured him it is fine tuning the plan we already have in place. RTM approved to have a consultant to coordinate amongst all

departments in town.

Chairman's Report

The August School Committee Meeting will be August 12, 2013. Chairman Frost acknowledged and thanked Officer Pam Brown who will be doing the D.A.R.E graduation for Falls, Martin and St. Mary's Sacred Heart schools on Wednesday, June 12, 2013. Tentatively, the September meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2013. The location is to be decided and discussed in August.

Adjournment to Executive Session

Chairman Frost called for a motion to adjourn the School Committee Meeting to executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with union and nonunion 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 8:50 P.M.

Submitted by: Linda Henriksen