

North Attleborough School Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
December 3, 2012

The North Attleborough School Committee met on Monday, December 3, 2012 at 7:00 in the James M. Rice Conference Room at the Woodcock Administration Building.

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

James McKenna was not in attendance.

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

Business Administrator David Flynn was not in attendance.

Chairman Christopher Frost called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for the Veterans who have given the ultimate sacrifice followed.

Chairman Frost stated that the meeting is televised by North TV and controls are manned by Trevor Bowman. He also thanked Mr. Gay for his support of approx. \$1800.00 from the sale of school activities on cd.

**Recognition**

Chairman Frost recognized The Bristol County Savings Bank for their donation from their charitable foundation and introduced Bristol County President Pat Murray. Also on hand from Bristol County Savings Bank were: Paul Linehan, Sandy Vandette, Michelle Roberts and Dennis Kelley. Mr. Murray stated that the bank is honored to be here to present this check from their charitable foundation. Mr. Murray also stated that the foundation has been able to support our community with over 9 million dollars; 1.2 million awarded this year alone. Mr. Murray stated that their focus is on education and that they made a donation that enabled the high school and middle school to collaborate on a freshman "step up" orientation program. Mr. Murray presented a check for \$17,000.00 for the purpose of supporting an afterschool support program.

Chairman Frost thanked the bank and called a brief 5 minute recess to again thank the Bristol County Savings Bank.

Chairman Frost called the meeting back to order at 7:12.

**Presentations:**

Ms. Kate Kummer provided the committee with the High School update. Report cards were issued on the Friday before Thanksgiving. The annual Thanksgiving rally took place on Wednesday before the break. Ms. Kummer stated the rally unified the students and boosted the North Spirit. The football slideshow and victory by North contributed to the spirit. Ms. Kummer also stated that the gym floor was re-finished and

winter sports have begun. Teacher conferences were held last week and the freshman sophomore social is next.

Mrs. Danielle Klingaman presented an update on the J.W. Martin Elementary School improvement plan. Mrs. Klingaman thanked Assistant Principal, Mr. Ted Barrett, parent representatives Mr. Pete Regan and Mrs. Dakota for their support and assistance with the plan. Mrs. Klingaman stated that they are off to a great start, working to establish focus areas based on the district and core values. Mrs. Klingaman discussed the following goals:

- Student Achievement
- Respectful Learning Community
- Collaboration
- Resources

Mrs. Klingaman also stated a grant from Stop&Shop and YMCA helped to build a walking track and the students are tracking their health while walking the track. Mrs. Klingaman also commented that they continue working on Rachel's Challenge and being more proactive to the bullying issues. Mr. Ted Barrett has initiated a recess group in conjunction with Mr. Chris Perron from the high school. It involves student PE leaders from the high school coming to recess to facilitate play with the students. Mr. Barrett stated that it has been mutually beneficial.

Chairman Frost called for a motion to approve the Martin School Improvement Plan so moved by Mr. Poirier seconded by Mr. O'Donnell so voted and passed unanimously.

Mr. Poirier excused himself from the meeting at 7:30

Mrs. Sheila Burgess presented the Early Learning Center school improvement plan. Mrs. Burgess stated that the two focus areas are:

- Teacher Evaluation Standards of Highest Importance
- Seek and obtain NAEYC Re-Accreditation

Mrs. Burgess is working on identifying data sources and looking at entry and exit data. She has seen the scores improve 1% - 11%. Mrs. Burgess also stated that the parent council has grown.

Chairman Frost called for a motion to approve the Early Learning Center Improvement Plan so moved by Mr. Gouck seconded by Mr. O'Donnell so voted and passed unanimously.

Chairman Frost introduced Town Administrator Mr. Mark Fisher who presented Phase II FY2013 goal of maintaining stability in local services. Mr. Fisher explained what makes up our revenue and spending. He stated that the tax levy can only go up 2.5%. New growth has reduced, state aid is 30% and many cuts are forecasted; local receipts should have 4.1% growth. Mr. Fisher stated that spending is three main areas; school department, public works and public safety. Mr. Fisher stated that the tax override would only be part of the solution.

Chairman Frost thanked Mr. Fisher

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **BILLS DATED**

Chairman Frost called for a vote to approve bills dated November 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 2012 so moved by Mr. O'Donnell seconded Mr. Gouck so voted and passed unanimously.

## **MINUTES**

Chairman Frost called for a vote to approve the November 5, 2012 School Committee meeting minutes so moved by Mr. O'Donnell seconded by Mr. Gouck so voted and passed 2 abstentions. Mrs. Wagner and Mr. Gouck abstained.

Chairman Frost called for a vote to approve the November 19, 2012 Special School Committee meeting minutes so moved by Mr. O'Donnell seconded by Mr. Gouck so voted and passed 1 abstention. Mr. Gouck abstained.

### **ACTION ITEMS ~ REQUIRING VOTES**

Vote to approve the presentation of the FY14 Budget proposal at the January 14, 2013 Public Hearing Meeting as recommended by the Budget subcommittee.

Mr. O'Donnell made motion to accept FY14 Budget proposal at the January 14, 2013 Public Hearing Meeting as recommended by the Budget subcommittee. Seconded by Ms. Meilan, so voted and passed unanimously

Mr. O'Donnell made motion to accept Capital Improvement Plan as recommended by the CIP subcommittee seconded by Mr. Gouck, so voted and passed unanimously.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Frost made a motion to adjourn to executive session for purposes of reviewing minutes of prior executive sessions and to discuss collective bargaining strategies with union and non-union personnel where discussion in open meeting may have a detrimental effect if held in open session and that the School Committee would not be coming back to open session so moved by Mr. O'Donnell seconded by Mr. Gouck so voted by roll call vote: Ms. Meilan, Ms. Walker, Mr. Gouck, Mr. O'Donnell, and Chairman Frost.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm