

North Attleborough School Committee
Special Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2012

The North Attleborough School Committee met on Monday, November 19, 2012 at 7:00 in the James M. Rice Conference Room at the Woodcock Administration Building.

Committee members included: James McKenna, Kevin O'Donnell, Chip Poirier, Carol Wagner, Joan Meilan and Chairman, Christopher Frost. Neal Gouck was not in attendance.

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

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.

Christopher Frost stated that the meeting is televised by North TV and controls are manned by Trevor Bowman. Chairman Frost also introduced Linda Henriksen as the minute's recorder.

FY2013 Budget

Discussion regarding letter sent to Superintendent Cullen from Town Administrator, Mark Fisher, on behalf of the Board of Selectmen asking to consider submitting an article to Town meeting to appropriate funds from the stabilization fund to refund activity fees at the High School.

Discussion

Chairman Frost stated he is not in support of submitting this article. Mr. McKenna asked how much money, \$452,000. Mr. Flynn stated that \$300,000 has been collected thus far and that it would take approximately 850 hours to process refunds. Mr. McKenna asked about using a temp agency and what would the cost be. Mr. Flynn stated that a temp agency would cost upwards of \$16 an hour which would cost approximately \$16,000 to \$20,000. Mr. Poirier stated that if school department is allocated \$450,000, he would like to see other things restored first before fees are refunded. Ms. Meilan stated that as the FY2014 budget is being prepared; many things in the classrooms should be restored before fees are refunded, such as kindergarten paraprofessionals as well as the dire straits the classrooms. Ms. Wagner stated the education of our students should be our top priority. Mr. O'Donnell stated he doesn't like fees but felt that it was a necessity and that this is a town problem not just a school problem. If we start refunding the fees now we will have a problem to start next year. Chairman Frost stated that this has been coming for many years now and that the School Committee would be setting a bad precedent of charging fees and refunding them again..

Mr. McKenna made a motion to send the fee policy to the policy curriculum subcommittee for consideration, no second therefore motion failed.

Mr. McKenna made a motion that Superintendent Cullen submit an article for the January 7, 2013 Special Town Meeting on behalf of the School Committee to supplement the fiscal year 2013 budget and increase the FY2013 budget by \$452,000, seconded by Ms. Meilan so voted and passed 4-2 with Mr. O'Donnell and Mr. Poirier opposing.

Mr. McKenna made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. O'Donnell.

A roll call vote followed:

Mr. Frost	Yes
Mr. Poirier	Yes
Mr. O'Donnell	Yes
Mr. McKenna	Yes
Mrs. Meilan	Yes
Ms. Wagner	Yes

Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.

Submitted by: Linda Henriksen