

North Attleborough School Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
November 5, 2012

The North Attleborough School Committee met on Monday, November 5, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in the School Committee Conference Room at the Woodcock Administration Building.

Committee members present included: Joan Meilan, Kevin O'Donnell, James McKenna, Chip Poirier and High School student representatives Kate Kummer and Ryan Kingsley. Chris Frost, Neal Gouck, and Carol Wagner were not in attendance.

Superintendent Suzan B. Cullen, Director of Facilities Kyle Kummer and Business Administrator David Flynn represented Central Administration.

Secretary Poirier called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Pledge of Allegiance followed.

## **RECOGNITION**

### **North Attleboro Elks**

Superintendent Cullen introduced and welcomed Terry Calligan, Philip Mayer, Kathy Lumnar and John Clarner who were in attendance on behalf of the North Attleboro Elks. Superintendent Cullen stated that the North Attleboro Elks have donated dictionaries to each third grade student in our District again this year and thanked the Elks for their continued support of the North Attleboro Public Schools third grade students. Superintendent Cullen recognized each third grade representative: Will Copley, Allen Avenue School; Griffin Gouck, Amvet Boulevard School; Joshua Donato, Community School; Allison Levine, Falls School; John Sugrue, Martin School and Sophia Carges, Roosevelt School.

Exalted Ruler, Philip Mayer stated that the Elks have been donating dictionaries to all third grade students in North Attleboro since 2004 and to date over 1.5 million dictionaries have been donated statewide. Mr. Mayer stated that the Elks Club is very supportive in the education of children and are the second largest giver of scholarships in the country and that it is a privilege and honor to give the dictionaries to our children

Secretary Poirier adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m. for a photo opportunity. The meeting resumed at 7:10 p.m.

Neal Gouck arrived at 7:23 p.m.

### **Nurse Leader Judy Aubin**

Superintendent Cullen congratulated Nurse Leader, Judy Aubin who has been awarded the School Nurse Administrator of the Year by the Massachusetts School Nurse Organization (MSNO). Superintendent Cullen stated that nominations must include the following aspects: you must be a member of the MSNO and the National Association of School Nurses for a minimum of 2 years and that Mrs. Aubin has been involved in these organizations for almost twenty years. Additionally the nominee must be identified as an Administrator with qualities that promote school health service, development a health manual with substitute folders containing data management information for daily use, effective management of school health programs through priority setting, decision-making and work organization, review needs of student staff population to develop appropriate programs such as health fairs, flu clinics, mock accidents, hearing and vision updates, health education development, and the ability to utilize resources, both human and material and to improve school health programs. After completing the requirements for the essential services grant, Mrs. Aubin became the nurse leader in 2000. As a firm believer in a full time nurse in every school one of the first acts using the grant was to hire the professional nurses for the North Attleboro schools. The grant has brought over one million dollars to the North Attleboro Public School District. Superintendent Cullen continued by stating that Mrs. Aubin is the Vice President of MSNO and the region chairperson and in these roles she is responsible for developing appropriate professional development programs responding to the needs of the members.

Mrs. Aubin thanked all her peers that nominated her as well as current Superintendent Cullen, Assistant Superintendent Antolini and former Superintendents Rick Smith and Jim Rice and Principal Klingaman for believing in her and allowing her the opportunity to work with the children of North Attleboro.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Technology Update**

Director of Technology Lynn Wiegel was in attendance to share the projects that the Technology Department is working on. Mrs. Wiegel presented the following: 350 new desktop computers are in the process of being deployed across nine buildings; 95 mounted projectors across nine buildings and twelve ENO boards; complete installation so that entire High School has wireless available in preparation for moving towards a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) environment; add wireless hotspots in all other buildings (2 in Middle School, 1 in each elementary school). Mrs. Wiegel noted that Allen Avenue is completely wireless and the plan is to have every building completely wireless in the near future. Mrs. Wiegel continued by stating that 20 iPads have been purchased and are being deployed to Administrators to help improve their access to data and information as they are traveling through their building and attending meetings. Mrs. Wiegel continued by stating that work continues on updating the new website and that training opportunities are being provided to staff, students have begun to activate their accounts and that the Technology Department will work with parents later in the fall to provide them with access to the site as well as the parent portal in Aspen X2; the Technology Department has updated student computer labs in the Martin, Amvet, Community & Falls School with refurbished computers. Mrs. Wiegel concluded by stating that document cameras have been donated by parent boards and the Food Service Department POS system has been updated, along with many other duties that are regularly attended to including backups, inventory, account maintenance, server support, assistive technology, etc. Mrs. Wiegel stated that Beth Ladouceur the new Data Analyst has been working on the summer rollover of X2 updating student and staff information, schedules, global connect and library programs, Civil Rights Data Collection Report, DESE October Reports, EPIMS, SCS and SIMS reports; as well as maintaining and updating Aspen X2.

### **High School Representatives**

High School Student Representatives Ryan Kingsley updated the School Committee members with the activities that are happening at the high school starting with the Theatre Departments production of Agatha Christies “Mouse Trap” which will be performed November 16 & 17 at the Judith Cobb Theater and that the NA High School National Honor Society annual craft fair will be held November 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 3:00 in the HS gymnasium. Kate Kummer proceeded by sharing that all of the fall sport teams have done very well this season and the majority of them qualified for the MIAA tournament. Our Field Hockey team had an amazing season, having both a winning season and qualifying for the tournament for the first time since 2000. The boys soccer, and volleyball teams also made the tournament and the girls’ soccer team is farther in the tournament than anyone can remember. Kate continued with the Career Expo stating that the NAHS Career Expo was held on October 26<sup>th</sup> and helped students try to find what type of career pathway they were suited for. Kate stated that it was a really fun experience with a great number of presenters from different companies and colleges, who interacted with students to try and help them identify a career path. The Career Expo is coordinated by Mrs. Ensign who spent weeks organizing this very successful event.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **BILLS DATED**

Secretary Poirier called for a vote to approve bills dated October 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2012 so moved by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Mr. O’Donnell, so voted and passed unanimously.

## **MINUTES**

Secretary Poirier called for a vote to approve the minutes of October 1, 2012 School Committee meeting, so moved by Mr. O’Donnell, seconded by Mrs. Meilan. , so voted and passed 3-0-2 with Mr. McKenna and Mr. Gouck abstaining.

**REQUIRING VOTES**

**Vote to approve the Middle School Band and Chorus New Jersey Trip, May 2013 as recommended by the Superintendent**

Secretary Poirier called for a vote to approve the Middle School Band and Chorus New Jersey Trip, May 2013 as recommended by the Superintendent, so moved by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Mr. O’Donnell, so voted and passed unanimously.

**Vote to send the preliminary budget to the Budget Subcommittee as recommended by the Superintendent**

Secretary Poirier called for a vote to send the preliminary budget to the Budget Subcommittee as recommended by the Superintendent so moved by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Mr. O’Donnell, so voted and passed unanimously.

**Vote to reappoint Superintendent Cullen to the Bi-County Collaborative Board of Directors for the 2012-2013 school year.**

Secretary Poirier called for a vote to reappoint Superintendent Cullen to the Bi-County Collaborative Board of Directors for the 2012-2013 school year so moved by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Mr. O’Donnell, so voted and passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS - NONE**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Budget Timeline**

Superintendent Cullen asked the School Committee to hold the budget timeline meeting in January at the Police Facility to provide a larger venue for folks in the Community to attend. The School Committee members all agreed.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

Secretary Poirier reminded everyone to please vote tomorrow.

Mr. McKenna asked for a moment of silence for John F. Kennedy on the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Secretary Poirier made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining with union and non-union personnel where discussion in open meeting may have a detrimental effect if held in open session so moved by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Mr. O’Donnell.

A roll call vote followed:

Mr. Gouck	Yes
Mr. Poirier	Yes
Mr. O’Donnell	Yes
Mr. McKenna	Yes
Mrs. Meilan	Yes

Adjourned 7:55 PM

*Submitted by: Emily Sugrue*