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NAUSET PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Joint School Committees - Meeting of June 11, 2009
Held at the Nauset Regional Middle School

Celebration of Excellence

The Committees and Administrators honored retirees, and Region Teacher of the Year Michael Butts, Elementary Teacher of the Year Nancy Souder, and Employee of the Year Kathy Marino.

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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. by Supt. Gradone.

ROLL CALL:

Brewster: Marie Enochty, Stephen Jones, John O'Reilly, Jennifer Rabold, David Telman
Eastham: (Absent: Sean Fleming, Wendy Frazier, Darin Krum, David Sheptyck, Joanna Stevens)
Orleans: Gwynne Guzzeau, Mary Lyttle, Josh Stewart (Absent: Pam Jordan, Fred Walters)
Wellfleet: Jan Plaue, Jill Putnam, Peggy Donoghue (Absent: Terri Frazier, Mort Inger)
Region: Sarah Blackwell, Ed Brookshire, Dion Dugan, Marie Enochty, Bob Jones, Jon Porteus, Jean Souther (Absent: Bonnie-Jean Nunheimer, Greg O'Brien, Fred Walters)
Administration: Michael Gradone, Gail Briere, Hans Baumhauer, Ann Caretti, Tom Conrad, Denise Fronius, Keith Gauley, Sue Helman, Diane Carreiro, Teecia Kent

REORGANIZATION

- Steve Jones was nominated and, there being no other nominations, was voted Chair unanimously. Mort Inger was also voted unanimously to be Vice Chair and B.J. Newmier was voted unanimously to be Secretary.

CITIZENS SPEAK - None

PRIORITY BUSINESS

- House Bill 3733
Alan Castellano, High School teacher, reviewed House Bill 3733, An Act to Provide for Early Retirement for Classroom Teachers. He asked the School Committees to endorse this bill. There were questions regarding how this might affect the retirement

system and funds. Supt. Gradone explained that the Legislature will have researched this and will protect the system. *It was moved by Gwynne Guzzeau and seconded by Bob Jones to support the bill. Voted unanimously.*

- Regionalization Planning Update

Gwynne Guzzeau reported that representatives of the Boards of Selectmen also attended the June 8 meeting. The Summit was facilitated by John Goodrich of Mass. Office of Dispute Resolution (MODR) at UMass, Boston. After discussion of Regionalization issues, there were break-out groups. Elementary committees (from Brewster to Provincetown) talked about what they want education to be for their district and how to move forward as a group, local control issues, what each values and identifies as important. She reported that Truro is not looking at restructuring. Bob Jones reported that the Governor's office is pushing for regionalization. He asked that everyone mark their calendars for a Public Forum with Demographer Peter Francese on June 25 from 9 to 3:30 p.m. at the Middle School. The Selectmen are looking at other regionalization issues in their towns, so it is not just the schools.

- Award Bids

Fuel Oil Bid Awards

Brewster – *It was moved, seconded and voted unanimously to award the contract to Peterson's Oil Service for the provision of #2 fuel oil for the 2009-2010 school year for its low fixed price bid of \$2.1275 for motor transport at Stony Brook Elementary School.*

Wellfleet – *It was moved, seconded and voted unanimously to award the contract to Peterson's Oil Service for tank wagon delivery for Wellfleet Elementary School at \$2.1925 for 2009-2010 school year.*

Region - *It was moved, seconded and voted unanimously to award the contract to Peterson's Oil Service for tank wagon delivery for Nauset Regional Middle School at \$2.1925 for 2009-2010 school year.*

Copy Paper Bid Award

It was moved, seconded and voted unanimously to award the contract to WB Mason for the supply and delivery of copy paper at a price of \$25.55 per carton for the 2009-10 school year.

- Consider Disposition of Superintendent's Computer

It was moved by Bob Jones, seconded by Jan Plaue and voted unanimously to approve the purchase of the iMac computer by Michael Gradone at the fair market value of \$650.

- Parting Thoughts

Supt. Gradone reviewed the changes in the administrative responsibilities and titles over the years since he's been superintendent as well as the changes technology has brought. Information requirements from the DESE have put a large load in the area of personnel, CORI's have to be done every 3 years. The economy has meant we've had more lay-offs this year than in his first 16 years as superintendent. He advised the Committee not to be surprised if additional help may be needed in this area.

He sees DESE pushing regionalization. It is important to remember the needs of the students are paramount. The Committees need to be open to regionalization options in these difficult economic times.

He made a respectful suggestion to members to understand the demands on the superintendent, even when on vacation in these times you are never out of touch with emails and cell phones, and so give Dr. Hoffmann some time, not over tax him with too many Emails and requests of his time (remember there are 28 school committee members alone) as he gets to know his administrators and staff.

Bob Jones commented that the Committees are facing the biggest challenge and it will be important to have a clear vision and mission and really work hard to do the job members are elected to do.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes of January 29, 2009 – *moved, seconded and voted: 9 Aye, 6 Not Voting (S. Jones, J. O'Reilly, J. Rabold, G. Guzzeau, J. Putnam, B. Jones)*
- Executive Session Minutes of January 29, 2009 – *moved, seconded and voted: 9 Aye, 6 Not Voting (S. Jones, J. O'Reilly, J. Rabold, G. Guzzeau, J. Putnam, B. Jones)*
- Minutes of March 19, 2009 – *moved, seconded and voted: 15 Aye, 3 Not Voting (D. Dugan, J. Souther, S. Blackwell)*
- Executive Session Minutes of March 19, 2009 – *moved, seconded and voted: 15 Aye, 3 Not Voting (D. Dugan, J. Souther, S. Blackwell)*
- Minutes of March 24, 2009 – *moved, seconded and voted: 11 Aye, 5 Not Voting (J. Rabold, J. Stewart, J. Plaue, J. Putnam, P. Donoghue)*

ADJOURNMENT

- *It was moved, seconded by voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,



B.J. Newmier
Secretary