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NAUSET REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Meeting of July 9, 2009
Held at the Nauset Administration Office

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Bob Jones

ROLL CALL:

- For the committee: Sarah Blackwell, Ed Brookshire, Dion Dugan, Marie Enochy, Bob Jones, Bonnie-Jean Nunheimer, Jon Porteus, Jean Souther, Fred Walters (Absent: Greg O'Brien)
- For the administration: Richard Hoffmann, Gail Briere, Ann Caretti, Hans Baumhauer, Tom Conrad, Greg Baecker, Kathy Schrock, Paul Markovich
- Also present: Town Officials Fulcher, Guertin; interested citizens

CITIZENS SPEAK - None

PRIORITY BUSINESS

- FY 10 Budget Update
Dr. Hoffmann advised the Committee on what we know about state aid reimbursements and how the FY 10 budget will be impacted further. The Committee will not vote any cuts tonight because the administration has to look at their budgets in order to recommend specific reductions. However, there will have to be further cuts. The potential deficit is approximately \$400,000. Business Manager Baumhauer reported on the difficulties we will be encountering due to the state aid coming in lower than our estimates. He advised that the cost of unemployment for those whose positions were eliminated is an unknown factor at this time but he should have an idea at the end of the month. Marie Enochy pointed out that a number of those people will be working summer jobs and so may not apply until fall. The savings that had been projected for staff opting for lower cost health insurance plans were not fully realized. Dr. Hoffmann will talk with NEA to see if they will agree to talk with teachers on Master Health Plus to encourage them to change their coverage (deadline is July 31).
- Administrators' Reports
Assistant Superintendent Briere reported on grants and the fact that they are not going to help us as much as in the past. Dr. Caretti reported that the extended school year program is running in all schools except Stony Brook with 105 children participating. Mrs. Schrock reported that they are doing maintenance on all of the computers this summer. Principal Baecker reported that the NYC trip went well and he recognized Jill Stewart, school nurse, for her extraordinary attention to a student who had health issues on the trip; students moved to their new team on the last day and will have a walk-through in late August; custodians are doing a great job getting the building cleaned. Principal Conrad reported on the end-of-year activities including senior week, graduation, step-up day; enrollment next year is at 990; he'll bring yearbooks to the next meeting; and he's had three meetings since the last School Committee meeting regarding the Wind Turbine. He reported on those meetings with Eastham Town Administrator and Planner and Brewster Town Administrator and Selectmen. The possibility of putting up a 75' Turbine on the campus as well as putting a larger one in Brewster. The location does not have to be on campus. This could be an educational tool on Green Energy with the students working on monitoring it; Dr. Markovich is looking at a grant to support a Renewable Energy Academy.

Mr. Jones welcomed Dr. Hoffmann. Dr. Hoffmann reviewed his visits to the district from April to June getting to most all classrooms in all of the schools and meeting staff, parents and students while school was still in session; meeting with Mike Gradone; and attending the regionalization meetings. He also reviewed the outline for his 100 Day

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Leadership Transition Plan. He noted that he is planning on staying a long time and he is anxious to get to know everyone.

- Orientation & Communication between Superintendent & School Committee

Dr. Hoffmann led a discussion on this topic including the need to define roles in order to be a strong team, keeping the focus on kids and their achievement. It is important that the Committee keep administration accountable. He also reminded everyone that email is a public record. He will keep members aware of things as they come up and he requests the same from School Committee members so there are no surprises. If one member requests information, he will give the full committee the information as well. He would like an item added to the agendas following Citizens Speak to recognize achievement(s). If anyone has someone or something that is worthy of recognition, he'd like to know about it so that he can publicly recognize that person/team and he'll follow up with a letter to the honoree(s). He asks that he be called when something comes to a Committee member's attention and he will do the same so everyone can respond appropriately to constituents.

Pressing Priorities

Dr. Hoffmann asked that members express any thoughts or issues that they see as important priorities over the next six months and gave some examples: communication, budget concerns, staffing, policy, programs & services, and any other thoughts and/or concerns.

- Future Agenda Items

Chair Jones proposed that a special meeting be scheduled so that the Committee can work at being more effective. The Committee also discussed the need to have an additional budget meeting. Since cuts will have to be made and that means it affects staff, it should be sooner than later. They agreed to meet at 5:00 on July 30 to consider budget cuts and to discuss how to be more effective.

OTHER REPORTS AND INFORMATION

- Recognition

Jon Porteus asked that a letter be sent to John Adams who assisted in getting the gift of having Mike Gradone honored on the field at Fenway Park on July 30. Marie Enochy also asked that a letter of thanks be sent to the Kennedys for their generosity in giving tickets for Mike's family to attend the game as well. And, Bob Jones requested a letter also be sent to the Middle School nurse for her extra attention and care of a student on the New York City trip. The Committee endorsed having Dr. Hoffmann send letters on their behalf.

- Title Change

Jon Porteus asked that Bob Lewis' title be changed from High School Head Custodian to Facilities Manager in order for him to take courses this winter. There will be no change in salary or responsibilities and he is paying for the courses himself. *It was moved by Dion Dugan and seconded by Ed Brookshire to change Bob Lewis' title to Facilities Manager. Voted unanimously.*

- Boilers Subcommittee Report

Dion Dugan reported that the engineering report the Subcommittee received on NRHS boilers does not address the real need at the High School and he reviewed what the subcommittee is looking at including getting new software to alert someone when there is a malfunction, having the kitchen have its own hot water heater, etc. Hans Baumhauer said that the Capital Plan needs to be revised to include costs for a second opinion for the boilers. Tom Conrad said they will continue with annual maintenance.

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- Regionalization Planning Update
Bob Jones reported on the seminar that was held on June 25 with Demographer Peter Francese saying it was stimulating and the presentation was very good. Chatham and Harwich schools are talking about regionalization with each other. The Joint meeting scheduled on September 10 will have Steve Hemman from MARS (Mass. Assn. of Regional Schools) and discussion will focus on regionalization issues.

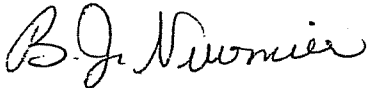
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- *It was moved by Marie Enochy, seconded with Ed Brookshire to approve the minutes of June 4, 2009. **Voted unanimously.***

ADJOURNMENT

- *It was moved, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:18 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,



B.J. Newmier,
Secretary, NRSC

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- For the administration: Michael Gradone, Gail Briere, Hans Baumhauer, Tom Conrad, Greg Baecker
- Also present: Town officials, interested citizens

REORGANIZATION

Supt. Gradone asked for nominations for Chair. Marie Enochy nominated Bob Jones, seconded by Bonnie Nunheimer and it was **voted unanimously**. Chair Jones asked for nominations for Vice Chair. Bonnie Nunheimer was nominated; there being no other nominations, Bonnie was voted Vice Chair. Also voted by acclamation were: Secretary - B.J. Newmier, Policy - Dion Dugan, Sarah Blackwell, and for Region Only Policy - Marie Enochy; Union/Region Budget - Ed Brookshire, Dion Dugan; Budget/Finance Review - Ed Brookshire, Greg O'Brien, Jon Porteus, Jean Souther; Negotiations - Bob Jones, Bonnie Nunheimer; Cape Cod Collaborative - Marie Enochy; Charter School Liaisons - Marie Enochy, Bonnie Nunheimer, Fred Walters; High School Council - Ed Brookshire; Middle School Council - Fred Walters; Payroll Authorizer - Jean Souther, Alternate Fred Walters; Treasurer - Bill Dugan; Assistant Treasurer - Jim Nowack.

CITIZENS SPEAK

A representative of Nauset High Neighbors and Abutters presented a petition, signed by 90 neighbors and abutters, opposing installation of an industrial turbine at Nauset High School. Mr. Lothrop expressed his desire to know what is going on regarding this issue. Chair Jones invited people to stay for the Update from the Wind Turbine Subcommittee which is on the agenda under Reports and Information. They did not stay.

PRIORITY BUSINESS

- Administrators' Reports
Principal Conrad reported that the Fine and Applied Arts night was great; MCAS testing was completed; and reviewed the senior activities.

Principal Baecker reported on the students' trip to Quebec; a picnic for incoming fifth graders was sponsored by the PTA; 140 eighth graders will be going to New York City, followed by their 8th grade dinner/dance; awards ceremonies are upcoming; closing exercises will be the morning of June 23 at 9:25; the elementary schools have done a fine job providing information about the incoming 6th grade students.

Asst. Supt. Briere reported the bad news that we didn't get the grant they had applied for; and the good news that she announced the teachers of the year and employee of the year - High School Teacher Mimi Butts is the Region Teacher of the Year, Elementary Teacher of the Year is Nancy Souder (Eddy), and Employee of the Year is Kathy Marino; all three will be recognized at the Joint School Committee meeting.

Mr. Jones encouraged everyone to attend the Joint meeting and noted that retiring staff will also be recognized as well as school committee people leaving.

Supt. Gradone reported that the state budget was reduced by \$380,000 below what we forecast and the Committee will be kept up to date. He is advising staff that the budget may continue to evolve over the summer. He reported that the Eastham Police Department has applied for a grant to fund the Resource Officer so that program may be