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NAUSET REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Meeting of October 1, 2009
Held at the Nauset Administration Office

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Nunheimer

ROLL CALL:

- For the committee: Sarah Blackwell, Ed Brookshire, Dion Dugan, Marie Enochy, Bonnie-Jean Nunheimer, Greg O'Brien, Jon Porteus, Jean Souther, Fred Walters, Student Rep. Brandon Bausch (Absent: Bob Jones)
- For the administration: Richard Hoffmann, Gail Briere, Ann Caretti, Hans Baumhauer, Tom Conrad, Greg Baecker
- Also present: Town officials, interested citizens, staff, press

CITIZENS SPEAK

- Bob Cowan addressed the committee about the drivers' ed cars saying they should be replaced and he questioned the use of funds collected for the program.

RECOGNITION

Supt. Hoffmann recognized Central Office staff who have gone above and beyond the call of duty ensuring the work got done during the transition of payroll & benefits and accounts payable personnel - Jim Nowack (accounting manager), Marcia Templeton (personnel coordinator), Laurie Davis (business manager's secretary), and Joyce Kanavos (accounts payable).

PRIORITY BUSINESS

- Student Representative Report
Brandon Bausch was welcomed to the committee. He reported that the senior class will have their prom at the Cape Codder Resort; Homecoming and Spirit Days are October 19 to 24; the upcoming drama production is Romeo and Juliet.
- Administrators' Reports
Ms. Briere reported on MCAS results and how they are being reviewed; looking at all the elementary schools together comparing the results to the state levels; their work with students in need of improvement. Overall the scores were very high.

Mr. Conrad reviewed the results of the MCAS at the High School with a three-year comparison; a task force will be brought together to look at how to help the students who need extra help to be able to perform at higher levels.

Dr. Caretti reported that she has scheduled presentations on Parents, Students, and Schools as Partners – Rights and Responsibilities in Special Education on October 20 at the Central Office at 9:30 a.m., at Eastham Elementary at 5:30 p.m., and at Eddy Elementary on October 27 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Baecker reported on the Middle School MCAS results recognizing the focus on early literacy at the elementary levels has resulted in great performance in ELA. The loss of the double period of math for students in 8th grade needing help to improve is a sad thing.

Dr. Hoffmann reported that he's visiting all of the schools, shadowing the principal, having lunch with the students and holding "office hours" to meet with staff; the administrative team is focusing on professional development, data driven decision making, MCAS data, supervision and evaluation of teachers, all to support teachers to be the best they can be;

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on October 14 and 15 three members of MASBO (Massachusetts Association of School Business Officials) will be looking at our financial operations for the Region, budget planning and development, financial processes, to see if they can make recommendations for us to be more efficient and effective; and at the November 5 meeting Jim Hardy from MASC will make a presentation to this Committee regarding their self-evaluation results and he will lead the discussion on being a more effective board.

- FY 09 Closeout

Mr. Baumhauer reviewed the FY 09 budget closeout which included deficits in the Middle School SPED due to unanticipated/unbudgeted expenses, and the region's share of the Central Office budget (retirement costs, IT technician, and other miscellaneous expenses). \$520,831 is the estimated unreserved E&D for 2009.

- FY 10 Budget Update

Mr. Baumhauer reviewed the revised budget reports. The Budget & Finance Subcommittee will be looking at account 9300 – Non-Public Tuition and Circuit Breaker to decide how to report this. Dr. Hoffmann, in developing the FY 11 budget, wants to show revenue and to prepare the budget expenses and revenue needs to be tracked so it is clear to everyone where the budgets stand.

- Capital Plan

Mr. Baumhauer reviewed the Capital Plan and asked that the Committee approve the plan as presented for FY 10. He reported that he hopes to develop a 5-year plan (2009-2014) for Committee review. Following discussion and questions, *it was moved by Marie Enochty, seconded by Greg O'Brien and **voted unanimously** to approve the Capital Plan for FY 10 at \$361,192 for the High School, \$163,100 for the Middle School, and \$5,000 for the Central Office.*

- Brewster Elementary School Consolidation

Dr. Hoffmann opened the discussion about the consolidation of the two Brewster elementary schools, explaining that Brewster citizens will vote on putting an addition to the Stony Brook Elementary School so that all the Brewster students can fit into one building. The Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School has to agree to purchase the current town offices. This would pay for the addition to the Stony Brook school, and renovations to the Eddy school to change it to the new Town Hall. It (Eddy school) would also house the Council on Aging, Recreation and have space available for an educational program for K-12 students. By putting an educational program in the Eddy building, MSBA may approve continued payments to the town. If no educational program goes in at Eddy, then the state reimbursement payments could be eliminated. The reason this is being brought up to the Regional Committee is that this is an opportunity to have a program at Eddy that could be good for the Region students as well as keeping the debt service funding for Brewster. Marie Enochty (also on the Brewster School Committee) explained that the BSC has made it clear that they would not take one elementary grade and put them at Eddy. Mr. O'Reilly (Chair of the Brewster School Committee) explained that they (BSC) wanted the Region to be aware of this and if this does pass at town meeting, then consideration of what might work at the Region level can be discussed. Concern was expressed over the Charter School expanding and enrolling more of the Nauset Middle School students. Mr. O'Reilly explained that if a Region program would be housed in the Eddy school it would not be at the expense of the Region, Brewster would not expect that.

OTHER REPORTS AND INFORMATION

- Transportation Subcommittee Update

Dion Dugan reported that they met with some of the administrators to discuss school schedules. They are continuing in their work.

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- Policy Subcommittee Update
Sarah Blackwell reported that they are working on drafts of transportation policies and they will be meeting in three weeks.
- Budget & Finance Subcommittee Update
Greg O'Brien reported on the need to work more closely with the towns and give them more information on the budgets, answer questions and concerns and be more active.
- Wind Turbine Subcommittee Update
Tom Conrad reported that MTC is looking at the Brewster site for a 400' turbine. A \$580,000 grant is available that we may be eligible for. The Brewster Selectmen will do the application. We should know two weeks before the Thanksgiving break.

OTHER ACTION ITEM

- Approve Fund Raisers
*It was moved by Dion Dugan, seconded by Fred Walters and **voted unanimously** to approve the fund raising activities for the Grade 8 class trip.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- *It was moved by Dion Dugan, seconded by Ed Brookshire and **voted unanimously** to approve the minutes of September 3, 2009.*

ADJOURNMENT

- *It was moved, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn subject to paying bills at 8:45 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,



B.J. Newmier,
Secretary, NRSC