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NAUSET REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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Meeting of May 6, 2010  
Held at the Nauset Administration Office

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Chair Bob Jones

#### ROLL CALL:

- For the committee: Sarah Blackwell, Dion Dugan, Bob Jones, Bonnie-Jean Nunheimer, Jon Porteus, Jean Souther, Fred Walters, Greg O'Brien arrived late
- For the administration: Richard Hoffmann, Gail Briere, Hans Baumhauer, Tom Conrad, and Marcia Cameron
- Also present: Town officials, interested citizens

#### CITIZENS SPEAK

Mr. Ed Lewis, Brewster Selectmen, spoke to the Committee regarding the "Rising Stars" article in the Cape Cod Times.

#### RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Hoffmann recognized Nicole O'Leary, First Place Winner in the Law Day Essay Contest, Chloe Heidepriem, Second Place Winner, and Saskia Keller, Third Place Winner. Rachel Smith, Kate Sutton, and Sam Myers received Honorable mention.

Tyler Higgins, Nauset High School senior, was recognized for receiving a National Merit Scholarship.

Lisa Brown was recognized by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Allison Beavan was recognized for the Honors Chorus receiving a Music Club Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 and hopes this helps with expenses incurred.

Bonnie Nunheimer was recognized and thanked for her dedication, service, and commitment to the Nauset Regional School Committee.

#### PRIORITY BUSINESS

Brandon Bausch reported that the campus has come alive with the beautiful weather. The high school musical, "Fame" has scheduled performances May 7, 8, 13, 14, and 15 at the high school auditorium. May 27<sup>th</sup> is Fine and Applied Fine Arts Night. May 28<sup>th</sup> is last day for seniors. June 9<sup>th</sup> is the senior dinner at the Beachcomer featuring a senior slide show. In sports, the sailing team has had a spectacular year, 18-0. The Booster Club Fish Fry at Captain Elmer's is scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Principal Tom Conrad reported that "Chronicle" was on campus interviewing students for their work on the Haiti Project which will air on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The National Honor Society is having its recognition program for members to honor teachers that have had a huge impact on their lives. This will take place on May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton in Eastham. It was also noted that after the concert at the high school, David Gardner and Mrs. Gardner made a donation of \$12,000 for the music program at Nauset High School.

Acting Assistant Principal, Marica Cameron reported that Tyler Higgins was a former NRMS student who selected Brenda Vecchione at the National Honor Society breakfast. A special thanks was given to Katherine Harvey for planning the Book Bowl and to Anne Needel for planning the *Remembrance of the Holocaust* evening. Law Day Poster contest winners were congratulated. Grade Seven students raised \$713.50 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to help raise awareness and pursue a cure for the disease. The Pan Mass Challenge Kids' Ride Team will take place on Saturday, June 12. Special thanks was given to Dawn O'Neil and Kim Thatcher for their roles in the event. The Wizard of Oz was very well attended and an outstanding production. Fifth grade students were invited to a presentation during the day and completed their second visit with a question and answer period with the help of the Nauset Middle School Ambassadors.

Gail Briere, Assistant Superintendent reported that Nauset Regional Middle School has received a \$10,000 Verizon Foundation Infinity Grant to enhance the teaching of the technology side of the science and technology frameworks. The grant was submitted by Technology Director, Kathy Schrock and contains a unit of study on the manufacturing process. The grant will supply the Middle School with one year of Discovery Education Streaming, a set of DVD's, and 15 flip cameras.

Dr. Hoffmann reported that he has been spending time at the Middle School getting to know the faculty and working on enhancing the spirit of collaborative culture. He also reported finishing up the Evaluation Process workshops with principals and attended the joint Parent/Teacher meeting at Orleans Elementary with representatives from all four towns. The Superintendent thanked the Conways for their Prom Night fundraising dinner. It was noted that Tom Conrad and Ann Caretti will be heading up the Bullying Task Force.

Marcia Cameron requested approval of two fundraisers at Papa Ginos and Cape Escape Mini Golfing to assist 8<sup>th</sup> grade students with funding for their Washington D.C. trip.

On a motion by Dion Dugan, seconded by Jon Porteus, it was **voted unanimously** to approve the fundraisers.

#### FY10 Budget

Hans Baumhauers reviewed the monthly summary and noted that the Region Shared needs to be charged and he must do final transfers. The final set of transfers will be at the last meeting of the year with any balances going into the E & D account.

#### FY11 Budget

Dr. Hoffmann reported that cuts and reductions in force have a definitive list with employees needing to receive a letter according to their contracts by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Letters will be hand delivered by Principals on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

On a B by Dion Dugan, seconded by Jon Porteus, it was **voted unanimously** to authorize the Superintendent to implement the reductions in force as listed or to add to, delete, or modify said list as he deems necessary to balance the FY11 Nauset Regional Schools approved budget and comply with all the collective bargaining agreements.

Mrs. Souther indicated that she reluctantly supports this motion as the committee said they would go for an override before they had any further cuts. Discussion was held regarding the planning of an override for next year.

#### Award Regular Day Transportation Bid

On a motion by Mr. Dugan, seconded by Jean Souther, it was **voted unanimously** to award the Regular Day Bus Transportation as specified to First Student, Inc.

#### Capital Plan Update

The FY11 Capital Plan is \$459,000 and is assessed based on enrollment. Presently the Mass. School Building Authority is visiting the schools looking at the building envelope; the roof, windows, doors, and all systems within the schools. They will provide administration with a report that will help put together a five-year plan.

On a motion by Mr. Dugan, seconded by Jon Porteus, it was **voted to approve** the FY11 Capital Plan.

On a motion by Mr. Dugan, seconded by Jon Porteus, made a motion to consider forming a Building Needs Assessment Subcommittee. Discussion ensued. The motion was amended to read:

On a motion by Dion Dugan, seconded by Jon Porteus it was voted 6 yeas, 1 nay (Blackwell) and 1 abstention (Nunheimer). to establish a building needs subcommittee. (no members assigned)

#### Provincetown

Superintendent Beth Singer recapped the last Provincetown School Committee meeting where they voted to authorize her to pursue a tuition agreement with Nauset for one year for the incoming ninth graders. If an agreement was made for one year, then Provincetown would pursue looking at phasing out Provincetown High School over a three year period, while they begin recommendations for regionalization. Presently there are 9 Provincetown students that would be in 9<sup>th</sup> grade and 5 Nauset students attending Provincetown High through School Choice. There are two eighth graders in the Middle School who attend through School Choice. She does not foresee the senior class or junior class "choicing" out. There are about 6 sophomore students that might go to Nauset by school choice. Principal Conrad indicated there was room in most sections and that Nauset could absorb the numbers.

Chairman Jones welcomed the children from Provincetown to Nauset High School and indicated by reaching out to Provincetown, we build a stronger community.

On a **motion** by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Ms. Souther, it was **voted unanimously** to approve that the Superintendent negotiate a tuition agreement with Provincetown.

Mr. Dugan requested that Administration provide the school committee with a report indicating the number of school choice students and where they come from.

#### REPORTS AND INFORMATION

##### Sustainability

Mr. O'Brien would like to get the subcommittee appointed and will meet with Chair Jones and Dr. Hoffmann.

##### Health and Wellness

Ms. Blackwell reported that the first meeting was held with a very enthusiastic and positive committee ready to make changes starting with the school lunch program.

##### Transportation Subcommittee

All bus transportation awards have been voted and the committee will meet again very shortly.

With much regret, Mr. Walters resigned from the Transportation Subcommittee and was thanked for his helpful contributions. Chairman Jones thanked the Transportation Subcommittee for all their hard work.

##### Budget and Finance

Mr. O'Brien reported that sustainability is the most crucial item and that will echo throughout the Budget and Finance Subcommittee. He felt the committee should start thinking about next year.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a **motion** by Ms. Souther, seconded by Mr. Dugan, it was voted 7 yeas and 1 abstention (Chairman Jones) to **approve** the minutes of the April 1, 2010 meeting.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a roll call vote the committee voted to go into Executive Session to discuss items related to collective bargaining and indicated they would not return to open session.

On a roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. O'Brien-yea, Mr. Porteus-yea, Ms. Blackwell-yea, Mr. Dugan-yea, Mr. Walters-yea, Ms. Souther-yea, Ms. Nunheimer-yea, Chairman Jones-yea

The committee went into executive session at 8:33 p.m.

Jon Porteus and Greg O'Brien recused themselves from the executive session due to conflict of interest.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann M. Tefft

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