

APPROVED

NAUSET REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
Meeting of June 3, 2010  
Held at the Nauset Regional Middle School

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Superintendent Richard Hoffmann.

ROLL CALL:

- For the Committee: Ed Brookshire, Sarah Blackwell, Dion Dugan, Bob Jones, Marie Enochy, Frank Cummings, Jean Souther, Fred Walters, Jon Porteus, Greg O'Brien arrived late
- For the Administration: Richard Hoffmann, Gail Briere, Hans Baumhauer, Tom Conrad, Marcia Cameron and Kathy Schrock
- Also present: Town officials, interested citizens

REORGANIZATION:

On a motion by Marie Enochy, seconded by Jon Porteus, it was voted unanimously to appoint Bob Jones the Chairman of the Nauset Regional School Committee.

Vice Chair – Dion Dugan  
Secretary – Ann Tefft  
Treasurer – Bill Dugan  
Asst. Treasurer – Jean Souther  
Payroll Authorizer – Jean Souther  
Payroll Authorizer Alternate: Frank Cummings

Subcommittees:

Policy – Dion Dugan and Jean Souther  
Policy (Region Only) – Marie Enochy  
Budget & Finance Review – Frank Cummings, Ed Brookshire, Jon Porteus, and Jean Souther  
Union Region Budget – Frank Cummings and Ed Brookshire  
Negotiations – Bob Jones and Dion Dugan

Committee Representatives:

Cape Cod Collaborative – Marie Enochy  
Charter School Liaisons – Fred Walters, Ed Brookshire, Bob Jones  
Middle School Council – Sarah Blackwell  
High School council – Fred Walters

CITIZENS SPEAK – none

RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Hoffmann recognized Mariellen Sears, Berg Hagopian, and Mark Prall for their outstanding performance and three gold medals at the Great East Festival. Dr. Hoffmann indicated that he had just recently attended the "Prism" concert at the Nauset Middle School which was an amazing display of musical talent.

Mr. George Buckley, Assistant Director of Environmental Management Program at Harvard presented a special recognition to Kathleen Tringale, Science Department Chair at Nauset High School for her dynamic endeavors with students on the Pleasant Bay Project.

Principal Conrad indicated he received a check from the Friends of Pleasant Bay in the amount of \$2,375 to purchase special materials for the project, including cameras, batteries, and ink cartridges. He explained to the Committee that the goal was to familiarize students with Pleasant Bay and the environmental legacy that needs protection. The high school students, in turn, are teaching students at Eddy Elementary about Pleasant Bay. Principal Conrad also went on to thank Mrs. Tringale and the Science Department for helping with the raised beds and the greenhouses. He also noted they just harvested their first crop of lettuce and radishes that were served to students in the cafeteria.

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Brandon Bausch, student representative to the school committee, was recognized for his exemplary service to the Nauset School Committee by keeping the members up-to-date on the student activities at the high school. Chairman Jones went on to thank Brandon and praised him for his impeccable character and leadership.

PRIORITY BUSINESS

Student Representative Report

Brandon Bausch introduced the new student representative, Bobby Montero. Brandon reported that the days have been hectic at the high school with many activities taking place. The Nauset Booster Club Fish Fry, relay races, car washes, and the Memorial Day Soccer Tournament were some fundraising activities taking place. Brandon also reported that Nauset's Fine and Applied Arts Night was sensational! Senior week was coming up with many activities throughout the week such as the prom, sports awards, beachcomber, scholarship night, picnic and graduation. Step up day is June 14<sup>th</sup> for incoming freshmen. Brandon thanked everyone at Nauset High School and throughout the district for all he had been given over the years. He felt everyone should be proud of the Nauset students' successes. He thanked the Administration indicating it was an honor to serve on the committee.

Administrators' Reports

Principal Conrad noted that Angela Mossesso was chosen to travel to London to study in a graduate program, representing Nauset abroad.

Principal Conrad thanked Brandon Bausch and the videographers for their assistance throughout the year.

Principal Baecker reported that the 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be participating in Step Up Day on June 14<sup>th</sup>, a family picnic for incoming 5<sup>th</sup> graders and their families is taking place, and in September fifth graders can come in early and meet their homeroom teachers. The Prism Concert was a wonderful performance by 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade musicians. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade concert is Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. June 15<sup>th</sup> the 8<sup>th</sup> graders will depart for Washington D.C. Those remaining will have an opportunity to go to Boston on a field trip. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade dinner dance is Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The Cape Cod Foundation awarded two checks to the Nauset Middle School - \$850 for the band and \$500 for awards to be given out at graduation.

Principal Baecker recognized Marcia Cameron, Assistant Principal and the Nauset Ambassadors for working with incoming fifth graders by answering questions and helping with transitioning. He thanked Marcia Cameron for her initiative in creating that program.

Mr. Ed Lewis reported on the Lower Cape Outreach Weekend of Hope. Framed art work of Nauset students is on display at the Addison Gallery with half the proceeds benefiting the Lower Cape Outreach Council and half going to the young artists.

Assistant Superintendent Gail Briere reported on summer grant activities. The Title I School Improvement Grant in the amount of \$4,771 is pending approval. This grant will enable middle school teachers to review and update Essential Mathematics Curriculum for grades 6, 7, 8. The Academic Support Summer Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$5,000 will help High School Project Access mathematics teachers create and pilot four mathematics learning modules for students who have been identified as high risk for not meeting the high school competency requirements. The units will be piloted during the summer of 2010 with an expectation that refined versions of these learning modules will be used during the 2010-2011 tutorial programs and as part of some mathematics courses.

Superintendent Hoffmann reported that on June 10<sup>th</sup> at the Joint School Committee meeting he will be asking the committee to appoint the next Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Bonny Gifford, who is currently a Principal of Hastings Middle School in Fairhaven, Massachusetts. She will begin on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Superintendent reported that he met with the four Police Chiefs to examine the Anti-Bullying Law. They established an internal task force headed up by Dr. Ann Caretti and Principal Tom Conrad. They will be meeting in the summer to discuss policy revisions while working within the guidelines of the Department of Education. Dr. Hoffmann also reported that he attended the Fine and Applied Arts night

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which was wonderful and had lunch at the Captain Linnell House with fifth grade students from Orleans Elementary School where manners and etiquette were taught by Mrs. Shelly Conway. He watched the Eastham Memorial Day Parade and attended an incredible dinner for retirees honoring their years of dedication and service to Nauset at the Captain Linnell House.

FY10 Budget

Mr. Baumhauer, Business Manager, reported that the middle school and high school monthly balances are in good shape. Transfers will be done at the end of June. Dr. Hoffmann reported that the Principals were asked to freeze their budgets back in December and that Mr. Conrad and Mr. Baecker did an outstanding job keeping costs and expenses down.

FY11 Budget

Dr. Hoffmann reported good news for next year with regard to ARRA Funds. There is \$179,000 to spend in reinvestment which will serve special needs students in a variety of ways and will also provide some Professional Development for special needs staff. \$102,000 will be used towards existing staff in Special Education who will work on Project Independence. This project will promote independence, improve study skills, provide some vocational exploration, and build technology skills. This money will be used for training teachers at the middle school and high school as well as explore the use of adaptable technologies for students.

Dr. Hoffmann also reported on an increase in the number of School Choice students for FY11 and the potential for \$200,000 in new revenues that these students bring to the district. Principal Baecker indicated that he would like to use some of the School Choice funds to restore some critical things that were lost at the middle school this year. Mr. Baecker passed out his end of the year budget summary sheet and reviewed it with the committee. The plan to restructure the special needs program and eliminate one special needs classroom was discussed. The plan will net a \$45,000 savings which could then be used to increase the computer teacher by 20%, increase technology education by 20% adding a Pre-Vocational Builders Program for special needs students, increase the reading teacher by 20%, and create two stipend-based positions for pre-vocational programs. Finally, he noted Nauset Middle School would benefit from restoring a physical education teacher (approximately 40%), an American Sign Language Teacher for eight hours per week and increase the two counselor positions restoring them to 100%. Also under consideration would be restoring an art teacher an art teacher for twelve periods per week.

Dr. Ann Caretti thanked Principal Baecker for his plan because he has designed something for everyone. It was requested by the school committee members that the public be informed as to why we have intensive programs in special education at the Middle School.

Principal Conrad indicated that the high school eliminated five full time teaching positions and had two retirees. He would like to bring back two teachers who were laid off: a full time Applied and Fine Arts teacher, and a full time counselor. Administration felt School Choice revenues or funds from the Provincetown tuition agreement would fund these positions and the committee agreed. Dr. Hoffmann asked the committee for a consensus to proceed with the plan of restoring positions. A question was raised regarding deluding our programs by having too many choice students. Principal Conrad indicated that they had a highly unusual low 8<sup>th</sup> grade class last year and that they had the staff to deal with 240-250 freshmen students. Principal Secretary, Autumn Collette has resigned and her position will not be filled if the money is needed for a teacher. Principal Conrad is confident only a few classes will have more than 30 students with most in the low 20's. It was the consensus of the Committee to move forward with the plan. The Committee requested that Mr. Conrad report back with further information on enrollment.

Community Education Budget

Dr. Hoffmann reviewed the Community Education budget with the Committee noting the changes in Account 11143 building use. The Central Office will receive \$1,000, (up from \$200), the Middle School will receive \$6,000 (up from \$4,000) and the Orleans Elementary School will receive \$3,500 to cover costs associated with having the adult education program at these locations.

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On a motion by Marie Enochy, seconded by Jean Souther, it was voted unanimously to accept the Adult Education budget.

Tuition Agreement with Provincetown

Dr. Hoffmann reviewed the DRAFT agreement with the Committee. The Agreement is similar Truro noting the following changes: 1 year agreement, only focuses on grade 9 students. Dr. Hoffmann proposed that the committee insert a clause that would get the tuition closer to the Nauset per pupil cost for high school students.

This rate will be calculated by dividing Nauset's net school spending for Nauset High School (as identified in the most recently approved Nauset End of Year Report published by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education) by Nauset's October 1 enrollment in grades 9-12 of the same fiscal year. Billing will be done on a monthly basis. Adjustments may be made to the tuition costs after the school year begins based on enrollment changes.

Insert the following directly after the above language:

In addition, this base tuition rate, described above, will increase or decrease based upon the percentage increase or decrease of Nauset's certified budget for the prior fiscal year (FY10).

FY11 Tuition Calculation

Per Pupil Expenditure for FY09 (High School Only)	\$11,442
Increase in Nauset Certified Budget from FY09 to FY10 – 2.50%	286
Total Per Pupil Tuition for FY11	\$11,728

On a motion by Marie Enochy, seconded by Greg O'Brien, it was voted unanimously to accept the proposed agreement.

The above motion was amended and voted unanimously to accept tuition agreement as amended and to include changes in the language concerning three subsequent years and an escalator.

Discussion was held regarding tuitions for students at Nauset High School, fairness of the fee, cost of capital projects, taxpayer costs, and Nauset students who use School Choice to go elsewhere. It was mentioned that the district cannot choose not to admit school choice students and theoretically, there is no additional cost to accept these students.

The Chair welcomed Provincetown with open arms and thanked Principal Conrad and Dr. Caretti for visiting Provincetown and welcoming their students and families.

Policy

Mr. O'Brien requested that the Policy Committee look at school email usage by outside groups.

On a motion by Marie Enochy, seconded by Greg O'Brien, it was voted unanimously to request the Policy Subcommittee review email lists and usage. (It was suggested that this be put on all school Committee agendas)

Goals for the Middle School

Principal Baecker reported on and reviewed the middle school goals.

On a motion by Marie Enochy, seconded by Greg O'Brien, it was voted unanimously to accept the goals. It was noted that Mr. Baecker will work on measureable goals.

Summer Schedule

On a motion by Chair Jones, seconded by Marie Enochy, it was voted that the Nauset Regional School Committee will not meet in August but may meet in July on the Strategic Plan.

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OTHER REPORTS AND INFORMATION

Budget and Finance Committee – no report  
Transportation Committee – no report

Sustainability Committee – Mr. O'Brien reported that he met with Dr. Hoffmann and Chair Jones and would like to talk with other stakeholders, like the selectmen. The committee will be an advisory committee and will look at all expenses, revenues, and other resources, especially in this uncertain economy.

Health and Wellness Committee – Sarah Blackwell reported the committee held its second meeting and are working on a survey for high school students regarding the school lunch menu. Everything is going very well.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Greg O'Brien, seconded by Jon Porteus, it was voted to approve the minutes of May 6, 2010. (not voting Marie Enochy, Ed Brookshire and Greg O'Brien)

Executive Session – On a motion by Greg O'Brien, seconded by Marie Enochy, it was voted by roll call to go into executive session for the purposes of collective bargaining at 9:17 p.m. On a roll call the vote was as follows:

Ed Brookshire – aye, Sarah Blackwell – aye, Dion Dugan – aye, Bob Jones- aye, Frank Cummings – aye, Jean Souther – aye, Fred Walters – aye, Jon Porteus – aye, and Greg O'Brien – aye.

On a motion by Greg O'Brien, seconded by Marie Enochy, it was voted to go out of Executive Session. On a roll call the vote was as follows:

Ed Brookshire – aye, Sarah Blackwell – aye, Dion Dugan – aye, Bob Jones- aye, Frank Cummings – aye, Jean Souther – aye, Fred Walters – aye, Jon Porteus – aye, and Greg O'Brien – aye.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Marie Enochy, seconded by Greg O'Brien, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Tefft, Recording Secretary

