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NAUSET REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Meeting of December 9, 2010
Held in the Nauset Room, Orleans Town Hall

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The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chair Bob Jones

ROLL CALL:

For the Committee: Jon Porteus, Greg O'Brien, Jean Souther, Dion Dugan, Bob Jones,
Marie Enochty, Frank Cummings, and Sarah Blackwell

For the Administration: Richard Hoffmann, Bonny Gifford, Ann Caretti, Hans Baumhauer

Also present: Town officials, interested citizens

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. Dr. Hoffmann indicated it was the first televised meeting at the Town Hall and he thanked John Kelly, Peter Van Dyke, Margie Fulcher, as well as the video technicians, Morgan and Coco for this opportunity.

RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Hoffmann recognized the following High School students who were chosen for the 2010/11 Senior District Music Festival to be held in January:

Shirley Ann Belleus	Allison Concra	Rowan Cornell
Emily Faris	Stephen Gomez	Lily Harrington
Anna Hirst	Emily Johnson	Saskia Keller
Bridget Kinahan	Mary McDonald	Alexandra Nelson
Evyn Newton	Noland O'Connor	Jordan Parris
Thomas Reed	Raisa Riikonen	Nicholas Suchecki
Marina Wells		

The following students were recognized for attending the annual Northeastern Model United Nations Conference: Reed Jenkins, Colton Leach, Haley Benz, Amanda McGrath, Carolyn Saunders and Mike Cabral.

At this time the Chair asked for a moment of silence to remember Tom Newton from Eastham, a staunch supporter for the schools, who passed away recently.

CITIZENS SPEAK

None

PRIORITY BUSINESS

Project Independence

Dr. Ann Caretti presented the Committee with a brief overview of the exciting new program, Project Independence, highlighting the goal for students with special needs to acquire and reinforce a variety of skills that promote greater independence in school and at home. Students will learn social skills, study skills, research skills, organizational skills, pre-vocational skills and vocational skills, self advocacy skills, life skills, health and wellness, reading and writing skills, use of adaptive technologies, and have links to the community – service or jobs.

Daria Rice, occupational therapist, gave an overview of her role in the program by helping students become more successful while engaging in hands-on life skill activities. The Breakfast Café at the Middle School and the School Store give special needs students an opportunity to develop skills through working such as; following a recipe, measuring, social skills, speaking, writing, monetary value, how to use a washer and dryer, cleanliness, problem solving, and budget planning. The Breakfast Café has branched out into the community and receives donations from Phoenix Fruit and Jo Mammias Bagels.

Christine Crozier, special needs teacher at Nauset High School gave the Committee an overview of Kurzweil 2000, a new multi-sensory learning software program purchased for most of the schools, with the exception of Brewster.

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This program fosters independence by helping students with digital text, reads to them individually, can assist with tests and essays, helps improve organization and enables students to feel more independent.

Dr. Caretti also mentioned that the Parent Advisory Committee meets on the second Thursday of every month and have developed a brochure to inform the public and parents regarding special education.

Student Representative Report

Robert Montano reported that fall sports have concluded with football having a winning record for the first time in a decade the Soccer team being successful as well. Winter sports have begun. Cheerleaders holding tryouts for basketball, wrestling and hockey will begin very soon. Wrestling had their most successful year ever. The fall sports award night is coming up where athletes who excelled will be recognized. The music program has received numerous accolades for competitions and performances. The Winter Festival was very successful, sold out of Christmas trees and has proven to be a wonderful community event. Concerts at the Middle School and High School are scheduled on the calendar next week. The Drama Department is holding auditions for "Hello Dolly" which will be performed in the spring.

Administrative Reports

Principal Conrad commended the Music Department and the students for their outstanding achievements in the Cape and Islands Music Festival where 45 students performed and 19 moved onto the finals. Eleven of these students have earned the recognition to move on to try out for All State. (if you are All State, you get to perform at Boston Symphony Hall) Five students scored in their own principal seats, number one in their areas. John Erickson and Mack Ryan have been nominated for All State in the Art Department. Ben Alneau has been recognized as all ACL and has the distinction of All State, and has verbally committed to attend UVM next year. Tyler Savonen, has been recognized as All ACL, All District, All State and will be recognized as All New England, for Soccer and will be attending Tufts University. The Rotary Interact Club, a club based on community service, is up and running at the high school with co-chairs Alana McGillis and Kaitlyn Rice.

Principal Conrad informed the Committee that the overgrown trees in the front of the campus have been cut down by community volunteers. Diana Back, School Resource Officer, with the help of Eastham Police, Eastham Fire Department, Park Services, Horticultural Department at Cape Tech, and the leadership classes have been working on this project. You can now see the High School from Cable Road, thanks to their efforts.

He also indicated that the Music Department is a tremendous ambassador for the High School. This month they have been performing throughout the community at the Chocolate Sparrow, Brewster Ladies Library, Elementary Schools, Councils on Aging and many other venues.

Principal Maxine Minkoff informed the Committee that Isabel Hanson was the creator of the winning poster for the Lower Cape Cod Lighthouse Lions Club peace poster contest. The Drama Club had their first production involving 60 students. Early morning gym has begun and is a huge success with 30 students coming every morning. The enhanced math classes have begun with over 40 students participating every day after school with the help of a few teachers and high school students. The Annual Book Bowl Competition is underway and will take place on January 21st. (reading and studying 15 books) At this time there are 30 teams participating or 145 students. The Community Education Program has moved into the Middle School building. Due to adults coming to the Middle School for registration purposes, it is necessary that the security system be activated. The fifth grade parents were invited to school to learn about the sixth grade program.

Dr. Bonny Gifford highlighted the Professional Development Day that was held with Attorney Tobin, which was a very comprehensive, concise, and informative conference regarding the Anti-Bullying Policy. In-district trainers attended a workshop and are working with staffs. She also indicated that a draft of the policy and the intervention plan is posted on the website for public comment will be completed and submitted to the State. The other staff development day had a variety of workshops including Reciprocal Teaching, Asperger's Training, and Math. The Literacy Planning Committee met and is moving along quite well. Literacy is "the plate" and if we are not literate, we do not produce literate students. The Math Literacy Team, under the guidance of Dr. Gifford and Dr. Minkoff is moving forward looking at Math as literacy. They are hoping to integrate it with the whole literacy plan. This will be the topic of the January 14th professional development. Common Core State Standards – looking at a roll out publication of the new Massachusetts Framework. A district team is being established to facilitate a K-12

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curriculum team so that curriculum can be realigned. Grant Updates-Presently waiting for the Safe and Drug Free Grant to be approved. Academic Support Grant for the High School has been approved and will be used at the High School to offer extra classes for students who are not scoring proficiently on the MCAS. The Race to the Top Grant plans have been approved and we will be looking for funds by the end of December.

Dr. Hoffmann reported that he has had the pleasure of reading to fourth grade students at Eastham Elementary School, attended the Orleans Elementary School Craft Fair, and purchased a Christmas tree from the High School. He also attended the Cape Cod Museum of Art opening where students displayed their incredible artwork, jewelry, and guitars.

Dr. Hoffmann thanked Town Officials, Selectmen Chairs, and Finance Committee Chairs, for attending a recent meeting held at the Central Office regarding budgets and how to proceed together as a community.

FY11 Budget Update

Line item
Transfers
Approved

Hans Baumhauer reviewed the High School and Middle School Expense Reports and requested that all line item transfers be approved.

On a **motion** by Ms. Enochy, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, it was **voted unanimously** to approve the line item transfers as presented.

FY12 Budget Update

Review
"draft"
FY12
Budget

Dr. Hoffmann presented the Committee with a "working draft" of the FY12 budget and gave an overview of expenses at the Middle School, High School, Region, and Central Office. He reviewed the various components of the FY12 budget. The operation budget is up 3.3%, but does not include anything that was funded by one time grants. Once some of those items are moved back into the budget, the budget will increase. (It was noted that the Provincetown Tuition Agreement must be reviewed at the next meeting as well as transfers from the balance in the E & D Account and School Choice Account) Because revenue is projected to decline, the total Budget is up 4.7%.

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Hans Baumhauer reviewed the debt service with the Committee showing a surplus of \$770,000. In using the Region formula, town assessments will go down in most towns with the exception of Eastham and Wellfleet, due to an increase of student population. The question was raised as to whether or not there was a statute or regulations indicating if these funds must go toward lowering assessments or to the general fund in the towns. Mr. Baumhauer reported that town administrators thought it would go toward lowering assessments. Mr. Baumhauer indicated he would obtain the statute.

The Committee was assured that adequate funding has been included in the budget for math at the Middle School. Dr. Hoffmann reviewed the impact of no longer having the Jobs Bill money or the ARRA funding, as well as the need for "Restore and Needs Based" columns in the working budget. These items will need to be carefully reviewed as they are put into the budget.

Tuition
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A question was raised regarding Provincetown Tuition Students and clarification was made that in FY12 ninth and tenth graders will be included in the Tuition Agreement and the following year all high school students will be included in the agreement. If a Middle School student from Provincetown wants to go to Nauset, he/she would attend through School Choice.

Amend Capital Plan

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Emergency
Capital
Plan

Hans Baumhauer informed the Committee of a drainage/air quality situation at the Middle School. A total of \$40,000 is necessary for plans and creation of new drainage, as well as new carpeting for the area in question. He indicated this could not be done from the Capital Plan without a vote to approve an emergency Capital transfer. Mr. Baumhauer indicated that Item 10, remove tennis courts, replace with fields - \$30,000, was not going to be needed so those funds could be transferred to the new items. Money was also set aside for the Building Needs Survey at the High School, however, part of this, roofs and windows, has been looked at by the MSBA Program. It was suggested that line #34, Building Needs Assessment Study - \$40,000 be reduced to \$30,000.

On a **motion** by Ms. Enochy, seconded by Mr. Porteus, it was **voted unanimously** to transfer \$10,000 from line Item #34, High School Capital Plan and \$30,000 from line Item #10, Middle School Capital Plan which will enable us to manage the \$40,000 request to take care of drainage problem/air quality situation at the Nauset Middle School.

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Entry Door Buzzer

Dr. Hoffmann informed the Committee that due to the Community Education Program moving to the Middle School, the security system needs to be activated (it is already in place). A window will also be installed so that staff can see people entering and leaving the building.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION

Policy Subcommittee – no report

Transportation Subcommittee – Dion Dugan reported that he will give a report at the Joint meeting regarding the concept and potential savings of the two-tier system.

Sustainability Subcommittee – no report

Wellness Subcommittee – Sarah Blackwell reported that the subcommittee is revising the Wellness Policy. She also indicated that she is seeking donations for picnic tables for the Middle School.

Cape Cod Collaborative – Marie Enochy will send a written report to School Committee members.

Chair Jones thanked the Region School Committee for their participation in subcommittees and all their good work.

Approval of Minutes

On a **motion** by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Ms. Blackwell, it was voted to **approve** the minutes of the November 17, 2010 meeting. Not voting: Ms. Enochy and Mr. O'Brien

Executive Session

The Executive Session is being held at the Joint Meeting.

Adjournment

On a **motion** by Mr. Dugan, seconded by Ms. Blackwell, it was **voted unanimously** to adjourn at 5:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Tefft, recording secretary