

NAUSET REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Meeting of January 19, 2011
Held in the Nauset Room, Orleans Town Hall

APPROVED

Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

For the Committee: Jean Souther, Bob Jones, Sarah Blackwell, Jon Porteus, Frank Cummings, Dion Dugan arrived at 4:37 p.m. and Greg O'Brien arrived at 5:17 p.m.

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For the Administration: Richard Hoffmann, Bonny Gifford, Ann Caretti, Han Baumhauer, Tom Conrad and Maxine Minkoff

CITIZEN SPEAK – NONE

PRIORITY BUSINESS

Lower Cape Community Access TV

Han Baumhauer indicated that the Murphy, Lamere, and Murphy reviewed, revised the contract and he thanked Tom Cole and Dave Schopfer for their assistance in finalizing the contract. He recommended that the School Committee approve the contract as presented. Tom Cole addressed the Committee thanking them for making this a reality as it has been in the works for more than five years. He indicated they are ready to begin the real work creating the studio and serving the five towns. Dave Schofer thanked the Committee for expediting this and for their permission to use school property. He reviewed the contract with great care and indicated that it has the approval of every member of the Board of Directors from Community Access Cablevision. Dave Schopfer gave a brief history of the project. He also indicated that Nauset will have several channels; government Channel 18, Educational Channel 22, and Public Access Channel 17.

Contract language corrections included: Typo on page 15 *NRS HI, NRHS* shall designate a minimum of 5 parking spaces etc. The rental fee of \$400 per month was discussed. Mr. Conrad indicated that the High School will receive close to a quarter of a million dollars coming into their facility by upgrading the current video program. He also indicated it is a great opportunity to operate the Tech Video Program without expenses. There will be very little custodial involvement in that area and it will have minimal impact on the operating budget. Principal Conrad thinks this is a fantastic opportunity for Nauset students as it will be like bringing the school into their homes. Other programs and ideas for programming include: a Superintendent's Program, Guidance Program, and opportunities for intergenerational programming.

MOTION:

On a motion by Jean Souther, seconded by Dion Dugan, it was voted unanimously to approve the contracted as corrected.

Timeline: Tom Cole indicated they would get started right away by presenting the document to each of the five towns. When they receive those funds they will begin changing the equipment that exists at the High School. They will also move forward with soundproofing, lighting, and provide Mrs. McCully with as much help as she needs to bring students up to the digital world.

FY12 Budget Update

Mr. Baumhauer reviewed the Region Revenue Projection for FY12 including the E& D balance, Choice tuition, and the Capital Plan receivables problem. Dr. Hoffmann indicated the Committee will need to make recommendations on how much they want to leave in E&D and School Choice Revolving Account.

Principal Minkoff reviewed the priority list for the Middle School. Chair Jones asked that we address the needs of those students who need help in math. Dr. Minkoff indicated that having three teachers' means they can have another math teacher at each grade level with smaller class sizes. Chair Jones indicated that the Committee will be looking at those scores and will hold people accountable for improvement. Principal Minkoff indicated that she will eliminate, with great regret, one special needs teacher that she wanted for a new program.

Principal Conrad reviewed the priority list for the High School. He indicated that he needs 25 days worth of secretarial time to cover the summer months. Some of the items included are: a math teacher to reduce class size, monies for the Advisor/Advisee Program, Professional Development, textbooks, a part time nurse, a school resource officer, one special needs teacher and a new position for the reading program so they can move forward with good assessments in reading. Also included

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was a full time science teaching position that would service 4 sections in the day class and one in the Access Program, an English teacher to reduce class size as 7 sections with over 25 students, bring back a Spanish teacher as 6 sections with over 25 students. This year had 39 students in a French class. Athletics was discussed and the need to fund coaches for volleyball, and lacrosse. These teams would be responsible for funding uniforms, officials, and equipment.

Total for Middle School and High School Priority Lists = \$1,040,000.

Discussion was held regarding the school resource officer. Principal Conrad indicated this position was as essential as any of the other positions. Some Committee members voiced their support of this position.

Dr. Hoffmann indicated at the next meeting they will adjust some figures and try to get a sense of a figure that the community will support. If they stay within 2.5%, people would be laid off at both schools and the program would be devastated. Dr. Hoffmann is hoping that on February 3rd the Committee will vote on the budget so that if an override is needed, there is time to properly inform the citizens of each town. Mr. O'Brien indicated that the Committee must show the community that they understand the financial issues people are facing and that they understand the issue of sustainability, but need to give our children quality education that the taxpayers can afford.

Executive Session

On a motion by Mr. Cummings, seconded by Ms. Blackwell, it was voted to go into Executive Session at 5:42 p.m.

On a roll call the vote was as follows: Jean Souther-aye, Bob Jones-aye, Sarah Blackwell-aye, Jon Porteus-aye, Frank Cummings-aye, Dion Dugan-aye, and Greg O'Brien-aye.

The Committee announced it would not return to public session.

Respectfully submitted,


Ann M. Tefft

Recording Secretary