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NAUSET REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
Meeting of February 3, 2011  
Held in the Nauset Room, Orleans Town Hall

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Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

The Chair thanked the Orleans Town Hall for accommodating the School Committee, in particular Margie Fulcher for her assistance in moving this forward so the meetings can be televised.

ROLL CALL:

For the Committee: Jon Porteus, Frank Cummings, Dion Dugan, Bob Jones, Ed Brookshire, Sarah Blackwell, Jean Souther, Marie Enochty, Fred Walters, and Greg O'Brien (8:00 p.m.)

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

AGENDA CHANGES

The Chair announced that the Transportation Subcommittee would present a PowerPoint Presentation following the Administrators' reports and MSBA Notification will be discussed after Provincetown Tuition Agreement.

RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Hoffmann informed the Committee that six Nauset High School students were selected for the All State Music Festival. The following students were congratulated for their outstanding achievement: Anna Hirst, Marina Wells, Bridget Kinahan, Emily Faris, Emily Johnson and Alexandra Nelson.

At this time Dr. Hoffmann announced the retirement of Kathy Schrock, Director of Technology in the Nauset Public Schools. Kathy has made a huge impact on the district by integrating technology into every day teaching. This is a great loss for Nauset and she is wished all the best in her ventures in the private sector.

CITIZEN SPEAK - none

PRIORITY BUSINESS

Superintendent's Excellence Award

Dr. Hoffmann recognized Gillian Bridgewood not only for her academic excellence but for her creativity, leadership, and good character, then presented her with the Superintendent's Excellence Award. The accolades were numerous. Principal Conrad also shared the news that she is the number one candidate coming out of Senator Scott Brown's office for the United States Naval Academy.

Administrators' Reports

Principal Conrad reported that students in grades K-2 attended an anti-bullying play, funded by Arts Link and put on by the students in Judy Hamer's drama class, which was very well received. Presently students are taking mid-terms and they are moving into the second semester.

Principal Minkoff recognized Allegra Martin and Nick Smith who completed the "Art on the Edge" program at the Provincetown Art Association and Museum. She also reported that 40 students attended the all-day Model United Nations conference at Northeastern University, Mock Trial is beginning to prepare for competition, in addition to the "Music Works" program there is multi-cultural music being played during passing times between classes. Arts Day was wonderful and a huge success with many thanks to John Krenik for all his efforts. The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Book Bowl is underway, informational session for sixth grade parents was held, entire sixth grade participated in field trips to the Cotuit Center for the Arts to experience the exhibit, "So Big!" which was paid for through the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod, faculty coffees are being held, and eleven students were selected to represent Nauset Middle School at the Jr. Festival.

Dr. Ann Caretti, Director of Student Services, reported that she has been working hard on the upcoming Coordinated Program Review, Civil Rights, and assessing classes and compliance. She told the School Committee Members that they will be receiving an invitation to a breakfast at the Middle School for parents of students with special needs. She is also beginning to work on the extended school year services.

Dr. Bonny Gifford, Assistant Superintendent, reported on the new Mass Frameworks, Curriculum Leadership Team, Title I Review, Coordinated Program Review, Bullying Prevention and Intervention, and Middle School Principal's search.

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Dr. Hoffmann, Superintendent, reported that he visited the Provincetown Art Association and Museum where he was very excited to see the High School and Middle School art on display. He would like to see more participation with our students working with professional artists. He attended Art's Day at the Nauset Middle School and recognized John Krenik for doing such a wonderful job in planning this event.

### Transportation Update

Mr. Dion Dugan, Chair of the Transportation Subcommittee gave a PowerPoint Presentation entitled, "Looking for Efficiencies." Principal Tom Conrad spoke to the audience about the adolescent sleep habits and Dr. Hoffmann reviewed the results of the transportation survey.

### FY11 Budget Update

Hans Baumhauer, Business Manager, met with Finance Subcommittee members, Jean Souther and Frank Cummings regarding signing warrants in a timely and more efficient manner. It was also suggested that monthly expense reports be accompanied by an explanation from the Principals as to why there are overages in various accounts. Mr. Baumhauer thanked the subcommittee members for coming forward with their good ideas.

### FY12 Budget Update

Dr. Hoffmann reviewed Revenue Sources; Excess & Deficiency, Tuition, Choice and Revolving Fund. It was recommended that \$575,819 be put toward the FY12 budget.

Principal Minkoff reviewed her priority list dated 2/3/11 noting changes. Chair Jones reminded Committee Members that the push in math is in response to students not reaching proficient levels before moving onto high school.

Principal Conrad reviewed his priority list and justified the increase in nursing staff and the need for a security officer on campus as well as the additional teaching staff that is needed to keep classes at 25 students or less. Discussion ensued regarding the security officer, safety, bullying, harassment issues, and internet use. Principal Conrad indicated that staffing is critical going forward.

Questions and comments regarding an override, class size, self-funded sports, resource officer, new employee and benefit costs were discussed. The need to justify every line item was mentioned. Chair Jones indicated that the priority lists have been cut and revised and that the process has been ongoing. He indicated that due consideration has been given to what an override will look like and what it means. He noted that the Principals have done a good job giving the Committee what they need to run the schools while ensuring student achievement. Committee members were concerned about cutting for so many years. It was indicated that the Committee has been looking out for the taxpayers for the past three years and now it is time to stand up for the students and the programs needed to ensure quality education for our students in the Nauset district. Discussion was held regarding overrides and the how to educate the public, as well as the need to get the parents out to vote. Further discussion was held regarding funding the budget using some E & D money as in the past, but it was decided that it would not be a good decision at this point due to cost of benefits and negotiations.

On a **motion** by Dr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Brookshire, it was voted 9 yeas, 1 nay, (Ms. Enochty) to accept the budget as presented by Administration in the amount of **\$18,801,011**.

### Capital Project Update

Dr. Hoffmann indicated that the FY12 Capital Plan will be on the warrants in each town. Principal Conrad indicated he would like to purchase classroom furniture (#31) and begin renovations on the cafeteria. Mr. Baumhauer indicated that the Central Office Capital Plan includes replacing original carpeting that is causing poor air quality and health issues. He also asked that the Committee remove the move of the Central Office to the Middle School as it is not realistic at this time due to the increase in special education students and programs.

On a **motion** by Ms. Enochty, seconded by Ms. Souther, it was voted unanimously to approve the FY12 Capital Plan as presented.

### Provincetown Tuition Agreement

The Superintendent and the Chair of the Region School Committee met with the Supt. from Provincetown and reviewed the draft agreement. The proposed agreement included a 2% increase and per pupil cost for capital plan expenditures. Presently there is a 5-year agreement with Truro and the Capital Plan is not part of their agreement. It may be unfair if one town pays and one does not pay for capital expenses. The Superintendent indicated that he has written to the Superintendent in Truro and

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made him aware of the problem hoping he would consider reopening the present contract to include capital plan costs or an escalation clause. This will be an item on the March 21<sup>st</sup> Truro School Committee agenda.

Notification from Mass. School Building Authority

Dr. Hoffmann reported that he received word from the MSBA indicating they want to move along in the process. On a motion by Mr. Dugan, seconded by Mr. Porteus, it was voted unanimously to establish a subcommittee called Nauset Selection/Building Committee (NSBC) charged with selecting the designer and ultimately the contractor for the Green Repair Projects. The Committee will be made up of one School Committee Member, Superintendent, a Town Administrator, and three other members for a total of six. Dr. Cummings volunteered to be the School Committee member on the Committee.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION

Policy Subcommittee – It was suggested that a meeting be scheduled. Members include: Ms. Enochy, Gwynne Guzzeeau, Betsty Pontius, Dion Dugan, Jean Souther and Chair, Sean Fleming.

Transportation Subcommittee – Chair Jones thanked the Transportation Subcommittee for doing such a good job.

Sustainability Subcommittee – Mr. O'Brien suggested getting financial materials to Subcommittee members and onto the website.

Health and Wellness Subcommittee – Chair Blackwell reported the Committee is still working on revising the Wellness Policy hoping to finalize it and submit it for review at their next meeting. She also mentioned that she would like to see the upgrading of the kitchen at the High School. The Committee wants to move towards healthier lunches and a self-funding program.

Cape Collaborative Report – none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Ms. Enochy, seconded by Mr. Brookshire, it was voted to approve the minutes of January 6, 2011 meeting. (1 not voting – Ms. Enochy)


On a motion by Ms. Enochy, seconded by Mr. Brookshire, it was voted to approve the minutes of January 13, 2011 meeting. (not voting – Mr. Watlers)

On a motion by Mr. O'Brien, seconded by Ms. Enochy, it was voted to approve the minutes of January 19, 2011 meeting. (not voting – Mr. Walters)

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Brookshire, seconded by Mr. Dugan, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Ann M. Tefft

