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NAUSET REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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Meeting March 3, 2011

Held in the Conference Room, Central Administration Building

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ROLL CALL:

For the Committee: Jean Souther, Sarah Blackwell, Ed Brookshire, Dion Dugan, Fred Walters, Marie Enocht (7:15 p.m.)
Bob Jones

For the Administration: Richard Hoffmann, Bonny Gifford, Hans Baumhauer, Ann Caretti, Tom Conrad, Maxine Minkoff
Other: Jake Coburn from Senator Dan Wolfe's office

Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

RECOGNITION

Dr. Hoffmann thanked Snow's Home and Garden, especially Mary Lou Foley, for the generous gift of \$710, money raised from the purchase of the Nauset bead.

On a **motion** by Mr. Brookshire, seconded by Ms. Souther, it was voted unanimously to accept the donation of \$710, with gratitude, from Snow's Home and Garden Center.

Dr. Hoffmann also recognized some very talented musicians from Nauset High School who will be performing at Symphony Hall on Saturday, March 26th. The students are: Anna Hirst, alto (chorus), Emily Johnson, viola (orchestra), Bridget Kinahan, alto (chorus), Emily Faris, cello (orchestra), Marina Wells, soprano (chorus) and Alexandra Nelson, bassoon (concert band).

CITIZEN SPEAK

Mrs. Emily O'Reilly, President of the Parent Group at Nauset Regional Middle School, thanked the Committee for everything they have done for the children in the district and acknowledged the Principals for keeping the schools together in these difficult economic times. She went onto to address the TV audience stressing the difficult budgets and how this is about community. She stated the community needs to get behind the students and parents need to get behind their children and support the budgets.

PRIORITY BUSINESS

Administrators' Reports

Principal Conrad invited the Committee to the Pops Concert on Friday evening. He also reported MCAS testing is coming up, retests have been done in some areas, students are pre-registering for fall classes, he is meeting with Middle School and Charter School eighth grade students, they are building a new master schedule and Step Up Day is in June. He had a discussion with people at W.H.A.T. Theatre in Wellfleet looking at the possibility of having some partnership with ability to use the facility. March Madness events are ongoing. Marie Chamberlain, freshmen, won State Championship for swimming. Brendan Santos Battle, won State Championship in wrestling. He will represent Nauset at the New England Championships.

Principal Minkoff reported that Middle School art students will exhibit and sell their art work at Hillcrest Pizza in Orleans, parent conferences are being held, 8th graders sold 764 lbs. of fudge to help defray cost of the D.C. trip, students saw "So Big" through a grant from the Cape Cod Foundation, sixth graders visited for Step Up Day on February 10th, and a dance for 7th/8th graders was held with over 100 students participating. Reed Jenkins won the National Geography Bee and will continue to the State Finals. With the help of Parents In Education, and through the generosity of Barbara Niggle, owner of Willy's Gym, March 26th there will be an event for parents and students in all grades to participate in wall climbing, dancing, Karaoke and basketball at Willy's gym. The Builder's Club under the supervision of Barbara Domenic and Anne Needel collected seven bags full of shoes for the club's "Soles-4-Souls" shoe drive. The Special Education Coordinators have been impressed with the early morning Breakfast Club with breakfasts prepared by student chefs on Wednesday and Thursdays.

Dr. Ann Caretti indicated they are in the process of identifying students and staff for the extended school year.

Dr. Bonny Gifford updated the Committee on Mass Frameworks, ELA and Math Curriculum Leadership Teams, District Literacy Team with students working on a public service announcement to tell School Committee about the Literacy Plan. New focus and priority is on using data in our schools that will be addressed at a workshop on March 16th. Bullying Prevention Intervention Task Force met again to continue developing and refining curriculum.

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Dr. Hoffmann reported on addressing town boards to report on the Region budget. He thanked Greg O'Brien, Frank Cummings, Dion Dugan and Jon Porteus for attending Finance and Selectmen's meetings in their perspective towns supporting the budget. He attended a wonderful exhibit entitled, "Love in Bloom" at Orleans Elementary School where students made collages and drawings while members of the Orleans Garden Club created arrangements to mimic their art work. He also attended the Healthy Heart event in Eastham where everyone in the school had to get up and get moving. Community Read Day gave him several opportunities to read in classrooms. He also reported that the Two-Tier Bus Transportation Forum was very well attended and he thanked all the people for coming to the event. March 10th the Joint School Committee will vote on the plan. February 17-20th he attended the National Conference on Education, in Denver, Colorado where he was one of 60 Superintendents invited to a presentation by Terry Abbott, former Chief of Staff, US Dept. of Education. He also attended the following workshops: Doug Reeves- Getting Accountability Right, Michael Fullan-Motion Leadership, Rick Hess-The Same Thing Over and Over, James Rickabaugh-The Calvary Isn't Coming – Are you Ready, Communication in Challenging Times, Darrel Scott – Rachel's Challenge, Baldrige Award in Education-Measuring What Matters Most, and Bill Miliken-Communities in Schools.

Consider FY11 Budget

Hans Baumhauer reported the monthly expense reports look good, transfers and overages will be explained in detail by Principals, and submitted to the Finance Subcommittee. Transfers will be voted at the April meeting. Both Principals have done a really good job in keeping a close watch on their budgets.

At this time Chair Jones asked the Committee paused and acknowledged the passing of John Stewart, an outstanding teacher for 44 years who taught at Nauset Regional Middle School and was co-founder of the Lighthouse Charter School. He will be missed and remembered as someone who valued and nurtured young minds.

Public Hearing FY12 Budget

Dr. Hoffmann reviewed the FY12 Budget in the amount of \$18,801,011 or a 5.84% increase. He reviewed income sources and special needs expenses.

Certify Assessments

Dr. Hoffmann reviewed the assessments for each town as follows:

Brewster - \$9,064,773

Eastham - \$3,693,056

Orleans - \$3,721,033

Wellfleet - \$2,322,149

Total - \$18,801,013

On a motion by Mr. Brookshire, seconded by Ms. Souther, it was voted unanimously to adopt the assessments as read.

MSBA Green School Project

Hans Baumhauer updated the Committee on the high school window and roof application. The MSBA asked Nauset to go to Phase II and to form a committee that would choose a designer and project manager. May 25th – potential approval. Nauset is still going through the process which is moving very quickly. Chair Jones asked about town meeting votes. Mr. Baumhauer explained that all construction has to be finished by the end of this year, town meeting warrants are already printed and he will see what is needed to file, to be placed on special town meeting warrants in the fall.

Consider School Choice

Dr. Hoffmann reviewed the cost benefit analysis sheet with the Committee. Through class size research, it was indicated that at the Middle School and the High School choice students have not had a big impact on class size except for a couple of classes and is not hurting students from the four towns.

Dr. Hoffmann indicated that he and the Principals have reviewed the number of seats available for school choice as follows:

Middle School -	Gr. 6 – 16 seats
	Gr. 7 – 16 seats
	Gr. 8 – 2 sibling seats
High School –	Gr. 9 – 45 seats
	Gr. 10 – 25 seats
	Grade 11 – none
	Grade 12 – none

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On a **motion** by Mr. Brookshire, seconded by Ms. Blackwell, it was voted unanimously to participate in School Choice with the number of seats indicated.

Provincetown Tuition Agreement

Dr. Hoffmann reported this year there is a per pupil cost for the Capital Plan. (Finance Committees and Selectmen support this idea) and he is presently waiting for signatures from Provincetown Superintendent and School Committee.

On a motion by Ms. Souther, seconded by Mr. Brookshire, it was voted unanimously to approve the tuition agreement between Nauset Schools and Provincetown.

Dr. Hoffmann indicated on March 21st he will be appearing before the Truro School Committee to ask them to consider opening their contract to have the same agreement that Provincetown has regarding the Capital Plan.

Building Use

Hans Baumhauer reviewed the standardized document for the rental of school facilities and indicated the costs were competitive. This district-wide application will be considered at the Joint School Committee meeting for adoption.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION

Policy Subcommittee – scheduling a meeting

Transportation Subcommittee – Mr. Dugan reported they are moving forward with the Two-Tier Transportation Plan for voting at the March Joint Committee Meeting.

Sustainability Subcommittee – none

Wellness Subcommittee – Ms. Blackwell reported the subcommittee has finished revising the Wellness Policy which will be forwarded to the Policy Subcommittee for review and recommendation.

Cape Cod Collaborative – Ms. Enochy noted she will email report to members

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a **motion** by Mr. Brookshire, seconded by Ms. Blackwell, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of February 3, 2011.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Ms. Souther, seconded by Mr. Brookshire, it was voted by roll call to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining. On a roll call the vote was as follows:

Jean Souther,- aye, Sara Blackwell-aye, Ed Brookshire-aye, Dion Dugan-aye, Fred Walters-aye, Marie Enochy-aye, and Chair Jones-aye

The Committee went into Executive Session at 8:22 p.m. and announced they would not come back into public session.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Tefft, recording secretary

