

APPROVED

NAUSET REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting April 7, 2011

Held in the Conference Room, Central Administration Building

ORLEANS TOWN CLERK

ROLL CALL:

For the Committee: Marie Enochy, Frank Cummings, Jean Souther, Jon Porteus, Bob Jones, Dion Dugan, Fred Walters, and Sarah Blackwell

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For the Administration: Richard Hoffmann, Bonny Gifford, Hans Baumhauer, Ann Caretti, Tom Conrad
Student Representative: Robert Montano

Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

RECOGNITION

Dr. Hoffmann presented the Committee with two checks from the American Legion Post #308 Orleans through the Cape Cod Foundation, for \$750 earmarked for the band at the Nauset Middle School and \$500 for US Savings Bonds to present as awards.

On a motion by Marie Enochy, seconded by Jean Souther, it was voted unanimously to accept the donations, with gratitude.

Citizens Speak

None

PRIORITY BUSINESS

Administrators' Reports

Robert Montano, student representative, reported that seniors are deciding on colleges as offers and scholarships are becoming known. The Green Club has entered a contest with a video noting the importance of recycling. Students just returned from the Italian Exchange, winter sports wrapping up. Noteworthy is Brendon Battles-Santos finishing 3rd place in his Division. Spring sports have started including baseball, softball, track, and sailing.

Principal Conrad reported on the April Fools Plunge for Kevin Fitzgerald, Nauset student, battling a serious illness. The community support from students and staff made him so proud and the outpouring of care and concern for Kevin and his family was remarkable. He thanked his staff or always digging into their pockets to help kids and other staff members. 150 participated in the event raising \$4,000+ for the Fitzgerald family. He considers the staff and students heroes as they rise up to fight for this student. Other upcoming community fundraising activities are: Relay for Life, PAN MASS Challenge, and Project Graduation. The SWS students are learning about U.S. History and the Civil Rights Movement. Teachers, Diane Keon and Karen Novacon are accompanying students on April vacation to the Martin Luther King Memorial and other historic places along the civil rights trail. Students have also been in the community interviewing people who lived through that period in history.

Dr. Ann Caretti reported that the Department of Education has completed the record review for Civil Rights, Special Education, and ELL, with a report forthcoming in September.

Dr. Bonny Gifford updated the Committee on the Curriculum Leadership Team, District Literacy Action Team, District Math Literacy Team, Data Initiatives, STEM, and MELA-O Training. She will do a presentation in late June so that the Committee can get a better sense of the changes taking place in the curriculum areas.

Dr. Hoffmann reported his attendance at various Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee meetings in the four towns explaining and answering questions regarding the budgets as well as impacts on schools if overrides fail. He met with the Truro School Committee on March 26th regarding their tuition agreement hoping to include costs from the Capital Plan and an escalator clause. The Truro Committee declined to open their agreement at this time, that ends in June, 2014. He announced the Principal of Eastham Elementary School, Susan Helman, is retiring this year and over 40 applicants have applied for this position. Dr. Gifford and Dr. Caretti will start the process for hiring a new principal and will set up an interview team. Dr. Hoffmann also reported visiting the Wellfleet Elementary School Grade 4, Washington DC Day, which included tours of replicated monuments and historic buildings. He also visited Orleans Elementary School who have been partnering with a teacher from Japan for over 18 years. Japanese students ages 8-15 performed for students the traditional fan dance of Japan.

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Chair Jones reported the Joint School Committee ratified the Teachers' Contract. School Committee and Union Reps engaged in open deliberations and a thoughtful process in getting this accomplished. He felt this was the most collaborative, collegial experience that he has ever had in negotiating a settlement. He thanked all the people on the School Committee who participated on the Negotiating Team. He indicated it was time to bring the School Committee message to the public at Town Meetings and Elections. He especially thanked the Superintendent, Asst. Superintendent, Business Manager, and Tom Conrad for supplying the School Committee Negotiating Team with updated data on a regular basis.

Vice Chair Dugan reported on attendance at the MASC Day on the Hill. He and the Superintendent met with legislators and spoke about School Choice funding and regional transportation issues.

Consider FY11 Budget

Hans Baumhauer met with the Budget Finance Subcommittee and reviewed the line item transfers. He reported on March 31st they will receive their third payment of revenue from the State.

Mr. Porteus recommended the approval of transfers as reviewed by the Budget Finance Subcommittee. Dr. Cummings would like further explanations on funding sources and expenditures.

On a motion by Dr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Porteus, it was voted to approve the transfers as presented. (1 abstention- Ms. Souther)

Warrant Signatures

Mr. Baumhauer reported the Budget and Finance Subcommittee would like to formalize procedures relating to the signing of warrants. Warrants will be ready on Thursday by noon for signatures every two weeks. The three Committee members who will sign the warrants are: Jean Souther, Frank Cummings, and Sarah Blackwell with Jon Porteus as an alternate. The back-up signee for the Treasurer will be Jean Souther.

Capital Plan Update

Hans Baumhauer reviewed the Capital list noting that everything was on track. (a list of projects and status will be forwarded to the Committee)

MSBA Green School Project

Hans Baumhauer reported that a Committee is being formed as required by the State for this type of project. The Committee has been given the resumes of three project managers and designers approved by MSBA. NETCO was chosen as the project manager and Habeeb the designer. Cost of the project manager is \$15,000 (set by the MSBA) and the cost of the designer is \$40,000 range. They need to negotiate a contract with the designer for roofs and windows. (Frank Cummings on the Committee) Once everything is in place, the School Committee will bring to town meeting to ask for other half of funding. Brewster is the only Town that has an annual Fall Town meeting so Administration will have to meet with Town Administrators, if we get the approval from MSBA, go to a special town meeting to request a debt exclusion and go ahead with the project.

On a motion by Dr. Cummings, seconded by Ms. Enochy, it was voted unanimously to approve a contract with NETCO for \$15,000 to manage the MSBA Green School Project.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION

Policy Subcommittee – Dr. Hoffmann reported the Policy Subcommittee met and reviewed the revised Health and Wellness Policy, Service Animal Policy, and Email List Policy.

Transportation Subcommittee – Mr. Dugan reported the Committee is taking the \$90,000 savings from the two-tier system and giving it back to the taxpayers.

Sustainability Subcommittee – Chair Jones reported in Mr. O'Brien's absence and requested the Superintendent and Business Manager supply Sustainability Subcommittee with issues and data that effect sustainability.

Wellness Subcommittee – Ms. Blackwell reported the Policy Subcommittee reviewed the revised Wellness Policy and now it will be forwarded to the Joint Committee for approval.

Cape Cod Collaborative – No report.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a **motion** by Mr. Dugan, seconded by Ms. Blackwell, it was voted to approve the minutes of March 3, 2011.
(Abstaining: Dr. Cummings)

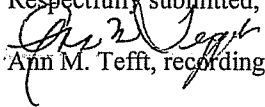
On a motion by Mr. Dugan, seconded by Ms. Blackwell, it was voted to approved the minutes of March 16, 2011.
(Abstaining: Mr. Porteus)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Ms. Enochty, seconded by Ms. Souther, it was voted by roll call to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing discussing pending litigation On a roll call the vote was as follows: Marie Enochty-aye, Frank Cummings-aye, Jean Souther-aye, Jon Porteus-aye, Bob Jones-aye, Dion Dugan-aye, Fred Walters-aye, and Sarah Blackwell-aye.

The Committee went into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. and announced they would not come back into public session.

Respectfully submitted,


Ann M. Tefft, recording secretary

