

NAUSET REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Meeting May 5, 2011
Held in the Conference Room, Central Administration Building

APPROVED

ROLL CALL:

For the Committee: Sarah Blackwell, Jean Souther, Bob Jones, Dion Dugan, Jon Porteus, and Fred Walters, Greg O'Brien arrived at 7:45 p.m.

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For the Administration: Richard Hoffmann, Hans Baumhauer, Tom Conrad, and Maxine Minkoff
Student Representative: Robert Montano

Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

RECOGNITION

Dr. Minkoff recognized the Mock trial participants: Reed Jenkins, Karley Rojas-Vienneau, Claire Roycroft, Colton Leach, Darby Gavin, Haley Benz, Katie Hoffman, Amanda McGrath, Jessica Taylor, Nick McCarthy, Eli Simon, and John Montano. Law Day Essay Contest from the Middle School included: 1st place: Jane Marks, 2nd place: Claire Roycroft, 3rd place: Amanda McGrath, Honorable mention: Shaye Ellard, Noah Johnson, and Nick McCarthy.

Citizens Speak

Tom Howes, Parent of a senior at Nauset High School addressed the Committee regarding the rescheduling of the Senior Sports Banquet from May 17th to Sunday, May 15th due to Election Day in three of the four towns. Dr. Hoffmann stated that it was a School Committee directive that nothing be scheduled on Election Day in the four towns. On a motion by Mr. Dugan, seconded by Ms. Blackwell, it was not voted to reschedule the event back to the original date of May 17th.
(nay: Mr. Jones, Dr. Souther, Dr. Cummings, Mr. Walters)

PRIORITY BUSINESS

Administrators' Reports

Robert Montano reported on the Music Program, Fine and Applied Arts Night May 25th and May 26th, "upcoming performance of *Hello Dolly*, May SAT's for Juniors, AP Testing, MCAS testing, and the results of sports activities including softball, baseball, tennis, and sailing.

Principal Conrad reported tickets for "Hello Dolly" are available for School Committee members. He also received an unsolicited letter from Victoria Ginsburg filled with accolades about the Nauset Students. The theme of the month is testing, testing and more testing. The Sheraton will be the location for the upcoming US History test for 82 students. Principal Conrad recognized Jamie Fitzgerald and Nathan Scalesee for being chosen to attend the Congressional Academy for History in Washington, D.C. this summer where they will enter into "think tanks" for a 2 week period.

Principal Minkoff reported "Grease" was very successful, entertaining, and congratulated the director and students. The Model United Nations Club had a wonderful time in New York City. All of the students did a great job in committee, but four were recognized at the final awards ceremony: Karley Rojas-Vienneau, Jessica Taylor, Tyler Cremins, and William Powers. The Mock Trial team competed with Lighthouse Charter School and Barnstable Middle School. Nauset had six students who played both lawyer and witnesses: Reed Jenkins, Karley Rojas-Vienneau, Claire Roycroft, Colton Leach, Darby Gavin, and Haley Benz. Students assuming lawyer roles for the middle School included: Katie Hoffman, Amanda McGrath, Jessica Taylor, Nick McCarthy, Eli Simon, and John Montano. Principal Minkoff thanked Mid Cape Home Centers for the donation of six picnic tables, The American Legion Post #308 for \$500 in U.S. Savings Bonds which will be awarded at graduation and a \$750 for use by the band. Ms. Barbara Domenic, School Adjustment Counselor and Builder's Club Adviser, received a Flip Video and Ultra HD Camcorder valued at \$200. Dr. Minkoff reported that she and a few teachers attended the New England League of Middle School Conference in Providence, RI which they found very beneficial in helping with useful, practical strategies for the classroom.

Dr. Hoffmann reported on the status of town meetings and the overwhelming approval of the override in Wellfleet for the Region. Wellfleet funded the elementary school budget by transferring funds from a legal account to the school budget account. He also noted that Jon Porteus and Tom Conrad did an excellent job in presenting. Brewster had several informational events including: Forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters and the Brewster In Bloom Parade leading up to the town meeting where the budget was passed with overwhelming support. Dr. Hoffmann also met with the Orleans Taxpayers Association along with Dr. Souther and Chair Jones. A few Nauset students interviewed Dr. Hoffmann

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and will air a program regarding issues and overrides. Dr. Hoffmann also attended a workshop at the Cape Cod Community College with Dr. Herbert Benson regarding Relaxation Response. He also attended a meeting of the MIT Club of Cape Cod where five or six members indicated they would be willing to help with the engineering and robotics courses at the High School. Project Graduation Auction is scheduled for Saturday, May 7th.

FY11 Budget

Hans Baumhauer, Business Manager, indicated that transfers from last meeting have been included in the monthly reports. He will be meeting with Principals to review their budgets and encumbrances as the year comes to a close.

FY12 Budget

Dr. Hoffmann reviewed the state aid projected revenues, which are still unclear, with the Committee. He also reported that there is information on the overrides on the website, as well as the PowerPoint Presentation for public viewing. He encouraged people to attend town meetings and vote on Election Day in the various towns. The Nauset S.O.S. group produced a brochure which will be distributed as well as signs indicating to "Vote YES on Question One." Dr. Cummings indicated that Marie Enochy is Nauset's SOS leader and mentioned that everyone owes her a great deal of gratitude. Dr. Hoffmann reported that information was sent home before town meetings which were approved by the Office of Campaign Finance for distribution. Unfortunately, nothing can be sent out for elections.

MSBA Green Project

Hans Baumhauer indicated that a project manager has been hired and will meet with the designer, Habeeb and Associates. They have visited the High School, obtaining a set of plans, and feel we can meet the July deadline. We are moving toward receiving a schematic design and price. The project will continue to move forward. Chair Jones asked if the issue had been addressed with Town Administrators and it was indicated, not formally yet. The reimbursement rate for the project is 37.5%, non-negotiable.

Superintendent's Evaluation

Chair Jones led a discussion regarding the Superintendent's evaluation. Individually Committee Members presented their evaluations indicating commendations and recommendations. Each Committee Member indicated "high marks" for Dr. Hoffmann and commended him at the highest level. Chair Jones also commented that the duties and responsibilities of the Superintendent have become more complex and difficult as time goes on and indicated the need for the Committee to support the Superintendent realizing the hours that he puts into the position.

Dr. Hoffmann thanked the Committee for their constructive criticism and will take all their comments under advisement. The final review of the Superintendent will take place at the Joint School Committee meeting.

Policies (First Reading)

Dr. Hoffmann thanked Sarah Blackwell and the Wellness Committee for reviewing and updating the Wellness Policy and highlighted some of the revisions. He also reviewed the Email Policy and the Service Animal to School Policy with members of the Committee. On a motion by Mr. Dugan, seconded by Dr. Souther, it was voted unanimously to approve the policies for a first reading.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION

Policy Subcommittee – no report

Transportation Subcommittee – Mr. Dugan indicated that he and the Business Manager would be meeting to review the new bus routes. It was noted that when routes become available, they will be posted on the website. It was asked if at the end of the year they could try the new system for a few days but it was indicated that Administration needs to have a plan in place for childcare prior to this happening.

Sustainability Subcommittee – Mr. O'Brien reported to the Committee that they have made individual and collective proposals on the subject of sustainability. It is his hope to move forward on this and asked for a list of financial documents be forwarded to him. Townspeople and the NEA President, Mark Mathison, have shown interest in working with the Superintendent on this matter.

Cape Cod Collaborative – Mr. Walters reported, in Ms. Enochy's absence, that the Collaborative experienced some vandalism on campus outside of the building on the grounds. This situation has been repaired. The enrollment is up slightly. Dr. Joseph Gilbert from the Cape Cod Collaborative will be sending out information on classes for teachers. (Oct. 7th)

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Ms. Blackwell, seconded by Dr. Souther, it was voted to approve the minutes of April 7, 2011.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

The Committee went into Executive Session at 8:42 p.m. and announced they would not come back into public session.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Tefft, recording secretary

