

Nauset Regional School Committee Meeting
January 5, 2012
Orleans Town Hall

APPROVED

Present for the Committee: Frank Cummings, Marie Enochy, Brian Kavanaugh,
Sarah Blackwell, Ed Brookshire, Jean Souther,
John O'Reilly, Jon Porteus, Daniel McEnaney

ORLEANS TOWN CLERK

K. Derry Ass

'12 JUN 4 1:43PM

Present for the Administration: Richard Hoffmann, Bonny Gifford, Ann Caretti
Hans Baumhauer, Barbara Lavoine, Tom Conrad

Others: Margie Fulcher, Sheila Vanderhoef, Aimee Eckman, School Committee Members from
Provincetown

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cummings called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA CHANGES

Provincetown Agreement item will follow Item B.

RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Hoffmann read a letter from the Brewster Council on Aging thanking the National Honor Society for the help provided for the holiday event. Dr. Hoffmann also recognized Ms. Allison Beavan and the Honors Chorus for a wonderful performance at the Brewster Council on Aging.

Citizens Speak

John O'Reilly recognized the Honors Chorus and let everyone know they are fundraising to raise money to travel to Carnegie Hall. The fundraiser will be on Friday, February 10th at the Church of the Holy Spirit with shows at 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., tickets are \$15.00. Call John O'Reilly or Allison Beavan to reserve a ticket.

Student Representative Report

No report.

Eastham Wells

Dr. Hoffmann informed the Committee that since their last meeting he has talked with legal counsel and they re-wrote the agreement. Items included in the agreement are:

- Town of Eastham will monitor quality and maintain the new well,
- no cost for 99 years and grant access in perpetuity,
- at their expense will hook up high school to the new well
- Town of Eastham will have an obligation to make modifications to interior plumbing
- When the Town is installing the new pipes, they will replace existing pipes in the wells that go to the irrigation system and irrigate fields from our own water supply. This is something we hope the town could help us with because the pipes are 40 years old.

Sheila Vanderhoef, Town Administrator from Eastham, indicated the irrigation for the field is separate. This is a new piece of work. She indicated it would only be for the potable water supply. She also noted that this information was received late yesterday afternoon and she has not had a chance to share it with Eastham Selectmen. She does have issues with using municipal water to supply irrigation system.

Brian Kavanaugh asked if there was a mechanism in the agreement that would render the agreement null and void if the Town did not vote it. It would be good to have this in writing. Dr. Hoffmann asked the attorney about this and the attorney responded that it was not the way to proceed and a better course would be for further conditions of the agreement. Dr. Hoffmann indicated he would work on this language with both counsels and stated Eastham has already spent a lot of money on the project.

Sheila Vanderhoef reminded the Committee that funding is contingent upon the easement and would appreciate the School Committee signing an agreement.

Brian Kavanaugh reiterated that it should be written that the project would pose no risk and that our purposes would be fully submitted. He also stated that there are very strict rules in the water protection area. (400 ft. buffer zones etc.) Nauset could lose the ability to use those fields and that would be a detriment.

Frank Cummings asked if Nauset would do away with the personnel cost for taking care of the wells. When the Town of Eastham takes care of the major wells, could they take care of checking our separate well? John O'Reilly indicated that non-potable water wells are not regulated by DEP.

Frank Cummings reminded the Committee at the last meeting there was a consensus to have Dr. Hoffmann negotiate the final agreement with Eastham and the attorneys to get this done by the end of January.

Provincetown Agreement

Chair Cummings welcomed members of the School Committee from Provincetown.

Dr. Hoffmann indicated that Nauset only wants to enhance relations with Provincetown and make sure all families understand that we think the students are doing well at Nauset High School.

Dr. Hoffmann reviewed the Tuition Rate Calculation sheet. He also indicated that Nauset is looking for an agreement that is fair and equitable with the four member towns. He asked if there was a role for a different type of partnership going forward, a governance role, a more active role. This needs to be explored in the future. Jon Porteus indicated that Provincetown may wish to be a member of the district. This should be brought forward and discussed. Being a girls' softball coach at Nauset, he has met many girls from Provincetown who have had a good experience at Nauset. He thinks we should continue partnering with Provincetown and the Committee should discuss this.

Jean Souther asked if it was difficult to amend the municipal agreement and Dr. Hoffmann indicated that every town would have to vote. There would be an apportionment of voting and apportionment of costs. Dr. Hoffmann indicated that voting is based on student population.

Jean Souther thought they should be part of the decision-making if they join the region. Dr. Hoffmann mentioned the one man one vote and the federal regulations would have to be carefully reviewed. Chair Cummings thought the law to be based on the census but was not sure if it applied to regional school districts. It is whatever the towns will agree to and he does not see it as a problem. He went on to say we try to educate all students to the best of our ability. He also stated it would be a wonderful thing to add Provincetown to the governance. Ed Brookshire stated that, before there was the Nauset Regional School District, Eastham and Brewster tuitioned students to Orleans and that at least one member from Eastham and Brewster came to the meetings but did not have a vote. He also noted that there have been at least three unsuccessful campaigns to change from K-12 Regional School System.

Margie Fulcher stated that Nauset is behind looking at apportionments based upon the population of the towns. She hopes this will be on an agenda in the future.

Dr. Hoffmann indicated that Truro has an agreement they do not want to change at this time. He then reviewed options of how to calculate a tuition rate. He would like to get the rate close to what the other towns are paying per pupil. The Committee has to think about their portion of the Capital Plan, the escalator clause this year with the override as the budget had a 5.43% increase. (\$740 per student) Capital costs for next year are \$194 per pupil. If students are being tuitioned- in they gain some benefits that School Choice students don't have like shadowing, course selections, etc. Dr. Hoffmann indicated that School Choice student tuition is \$5,000 (state mandated); Provincetown student attending Sturgis Charter School is \$29,943. A Nauset student attending Sturgis Charter School is \$17,912. It is mandated in their formulas that each child pay their share for facilities. (\$893) Dr. Hoffmann noted the students are doing great at Nauset High School, which is an outstanding school. Provincetown is our neighbor and we would like to make this work, but he would like to make the rate close to what the other four towns pay.

Chair Cummings asked that the Committee keep in mind that all four towns just passed overrides. Questions from town officials included the amount that Provincetown and Truro pay to come to Nauset.

John O'Reilly agreed that anyone paying money to the school, should have representation at the table and asked that the Superintendent involve Selectmen and advise them of the discussion so that they have a better understanding.

Administrators' Reports

Chair Cummings indicated that the Administrators oral reports would not be given due to the length of the agenda but could be read on the web site.

At this time the Chair recognized Brian Kavanaugh. Mr. Kavanaugh addressed the Committee regarding an email that was sent by the Chair regarding his attendance at the Provincetown School Committee meeting. He indicated the email message was intentionally misleading and that he never spoke to anyone nor did he insert himself into the negotiation process but was attending the meeting so that he could better understand and gain knowledge of this issue for himself. He noted that he has the right to attend public meetings just as various officials from towns attend the Nauset Regional School Committee meetings. He was appalled and offended by the Chairman's

characterization of him as he fully supports the Committee and respects the role of the school committee members. He asked that the School Committee direct the chair to resist temptations to personally discuss half an issue on a subject in a forum of his choosing and then misuse his authority to have the issue closed.

Chair Cummings noted that he was not interested in debate but felt strongly accused. He went on to say when a committee is appointed, that committee is given responsibility and authority to carry out whatever they are assigned. A committee was assigned to the negotiations and he thought a reasonable person would say another member of this committee appearing at the Provincetown meeting is entering himself into the discussion. That is the reason other members were informed of Mr. Kavanaugh's attendance at the meeting.

Mr. Kavanaugh indicated that attendance at meetings is done routinely and that this was unreasonable.

Margie Fulcher addressed the committee indicating she spoke to the Superintendent and Chair of the Committee about this within the context of the Open Meeting Laws. She would like to see improvement and professionalism between committee members.

FY12 Budget

Hans Baumhauer reviewed the monthly expenditure reports with the committee. Accounts noted #2305 (sizeable balance, funds unencumbered), #2320 (requiring more OT/PT services at HS/MS-deficit \$112,000 – revenue will offset), #3300 – deficit – transportation – unexpected special needs expenditure, added one bus-discuss next month), health insurance (deficit-\$102,000 – will offset between now and the end of the year), Region Shared #1450 – deficit – (\$746 – website, software, hardware issues at Central Office – will try to offset with savings in other accounts). The Committee was asked to email the Business Manager with further questions.

Food Service Program and adding the Point of Sale System was discussed and where would that be placed in the budget. Mr. Baumhauer hopes this can be paid from the cafeteria account or capital plan. The Chair requested monthly reports for the cafeteria.

Excess and Deficiency Account – Dr. Hoffmann reported that the Department of Revenue wants the cafeteria deficit off the books. Cafeterias have been losing money since 2004 and continue to lose money to the total of \$227,000. E & D is presently \$691,569.

On a motion by Sara Blackwell, seconded by Ed Brookshire, it was voted unanimously to cover the cafeteria deficit in the amount of \$227,142. (it was suggested that this be dealt with each year)

Dr. Hoffmann indicated that E & D is presently at \$691,000; \$100,000 is committed to this year's budget which leaves a balance of \$591,000. Dr. Hoffmann indicated he would check the Mass. General Laws regarding regional schools and E & D.

FY13 Budget

Principal Conrad reviewed his budget line-by-line with the Committee. Areas highlighted included school awards being purchased through the budget, no new personnel, Advisor/Advisee Program (freshmen and sophomores will be included next year), Virtual High School (accredited course), medical and health line items up 33% due to needs of students with toileting issues, athletics, and special needs accounts. Overall budget increase is 2.94%.

Goals for the high school going forward include: Advisor/Advisee Program for all students, Virtual Classroom, Financial Program at the High School, STEAM Academy, wireless campus and studying the International Baccalaureate Program.

The committee mentioned electronic devices vs. purchasing textbooks in the future.

Dr. Hoffmann reviewed the summary page with the Committee showing an increase of 2.83%. He also noted that the Principals did an outstanding job on their budgets trying to be fiscally responsible.

Green Project Update

Chair Cummings indicated the Green Project Subcommittee is making good progress. There has been a decision on the roof, reinforce PVC membrane, white color, as well as discussion on the window design. The bids will be in the last week in February.

Dr. Hoffmann indicated as part of the process the MSBA requires the School Committee to take a vote to appoint someone who will be the signatory on project funding agreement. The MSBA Project Funding Agreement was sent to our attorney who sent back a legal opinion. The District must have an Owner's Project Manager. (Dave Lager – NETCO) A designer, Habeeb and Associates, has been hired.

Discussion was held regarding insurance for the Green Project, changes in the project, paying prevailing wages to subcontractors, pro-pay system, bonding, weekly financial updates, postings and minutes. Before the end of the project, the MSBA will have paid their portion upfront. There will be a separate accounting for the project as well. The Building Committee will be voting to approve each invoice and then the Business Manager will submit. The Building Committee has not voted who will be the person on site all the time.

Authorize Superintendent to sign MSBA Document

Motion: On a motion by Marie Enochty, seconded by Jean Souther, it was voted unanimously, that Dr. Richard J. Hoffmann, as Superintendent of Schools of the Nauset Regional School District, is hereby appointed and authorized by and on behalf of the Nauset Regional School District to execute and deliver the Project Funding Agreement and any amendments thereto (the "Agreement") on behalf of the Nauset Regional School District and to bind the Nauset Regional School District to the terms and conditions for such Agreement for or relating to a project for the replacement of approximately 120,000 square feet of roofing and approximately 20,900 square feet of exterior windows at the Nauset Regional High School, located at 100 Cable Road in the

Town of North Eastham, Massachusetts ("the Project"), such Agreement to be between the Nauset Regional School District and the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

Motion: On a motion by John O'Reilly, seconded by Greg O'Brien, it was voted unanimously, that Dr. Richard Hoffmann, as Superintendent of Schools of the Nauset Regional School District is hereby appointed and authorized by and on behalf of the Nauset Regional School District to make final, binding decisions with respect to the Project described in the Project Funding Agreement, and any amendments thereto, on behalf of the Nauset Regional School District.

Appointment to Insurance Advisory Committee

On a motion by John O'Reilly, seconded by Marie Enochy, it was voted to unanimously to appoint Marcia Templeton to the Insurance Advisory Committee representing retirees.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Sarah Blackwell, seconded by Jon Porteus, it was voted to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2012 meeting as amended to include the names of the Middle School students who were honored that evening. (Nicole Gordon, Trevor Branch and Travis VonVleck)

Not voting- Marie Enochy and Ed Brookshire

Sustainability Subcommittee – Greg O'Brien reported that the Sustainability had a good meeting this past week. He thanked Dr. Hoffmann and Dr. Minkoff for all their hard work in facilitating this effort.

Adjournment

On a motion by Jon Porteus, seconded by Ed Brookshire, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.


Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Tefft, Secretary to the Nauset Regional School Committee