

Nauset Regional School Committee
February 2, 2012

APPROVED

Present for the Committee: Sarah Blackwell, Dan McEnaney, Jean Souther, Ed Brookshire, Frank Cummings, Jon Porteus, John O'Reilly, and Marie Enocht

ORLEANS TOWN CLERK ✓

K. Dwyer, Ass't

Present for Administration: Richard Hoffmann, Bonny Gifford, Ann Caretti, Hans Baumhauer, Tom Conrad and Maxine Minkoff

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CALL TO ORDER

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

AGENDA CHANGES – none

RECOGNITION

Dr. Hoffmann recognized Samantha Colgan who won the Lions Club Peace Poster Contest sponsored by the Lions Club. She received a \$100 savings bond and her poster will be on display during the Lions District Convention January 13-15 at the Radisson in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

John Krenick was also recognized for orchestrating "Arts Day" at the Middle School highlighting many forms of artistry. Sarah Blackwell attended the event and marveled at the organization of the event and also noted what a wonderfully fun time it was for students. She thanked John Krenick and the Administration for their support.

CITIZENS SPEAK

Selectmen Ed Lewis addressed the Committee regarding the cost of bus transportation with the new two-tier system. He asked that Administration closely look at and consider going back to the three-tier system.

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS

Dr. Caretti reported that she is beginning to plan the Extended School Year Summer Program.

Dr. Gifford gave a plug for technology, noting textbooks as they are known are changing. As the Administration looks at new initiatives they need to know where they will go with Technology and how do we equip our students with the proper resources to make them career and college ready.

Dr. Hoffmann reported that a request for proposals for a building needs and assessment study for the middle school, high school, and central office has been advertised. He hopes to have a report for each town meeting in April or May. He also reported that the new website is being launched. He has spoken with the Town Administrator from Eastham and the lawyers. The Eastham Well Agreement should be on the next agenda. Dr. Hoffmann also let committee members know of the upcoming Selectmen and Finance Committee meetings where the Region FY13 budget will be reviewed.

Principal Conrad reported on the retirement of two veteran staff members, Val Cohen and Jane Zawardski. He also reported that in the Science area, the Robotics Program, has 42 students signed up. Other items of topic were the master plan for the garden and much needed painting and tree clearing. The Junior Class is holding a dance at the Sheraton.

Chair Cummings asked when people could see committee meetings as they appear on TV.

Principal Conrad reminded the committee that they are pushing Channel 22 which will program everything about Nauset Schools and urged the committee to air meetings on that channel.

Dr. Minkoff reported the success of Arts Day and praised Mr. Krenick and the staff for the great all-school project which concluded with a laser show. Mr. Krenick was recognized for organizing the event and for getting grants with Science teachers for Pleasant Bay, and the Cotuit Center for the Arts. Art work is on display at Snow Library and in Wellfleet at the Martin Luther King Exhibit. Principal Minkoff noted the Adventure Education Program is running with up to 10 students in each class who will enhance their classes outside of the classroom. The program is helping students become more talkative and more confident of themselves. The Laurel School fifth graders toured the school recently and the Book Bowl winners were all sixth grade teams.

Recess at 7:30 p.m.

Reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

FY12 Budget Update

Hans Baumhauer reviewed the monthly expenditure report noting overages in the teacher salary account at the high school due to retirement payouts. The middle school is tracking well and there may be excess funds in utilities. The Region Only budget has issues with health insurance which is in the red \$170,000. The transportation account will be in deficit between now and the end of the year. There is a small deficit in out-of-district tuition. The Region Shared budget is in deficit \$3,700.

Dr. Hoffmann noted that Principals were asked to hold off spending money but now need to purchase things like instructional supplies. The Budget and Finance Subcommittee will review the status of the FY12 Budget at their next meeting.

James MacLeod gave his student report and highlighted the kick-off for the Wellness Policy with over 1,000 pieces of fruit being given out at the high school. He also reported they are coming toward the end of winter sports with gymnastics and wrestling doing very well. The Fine Arts Department is gearing up for the Pops Concert in March and March Madness is being planned.

FY13 Budget Update

Dr. Hoffmann reviewed revenue sources. The Committee asked Dr. Hoffmann to bring the budget in at 2.5% or less but are presently at 3.71% and are \$225,000 over 2.5% due to new special education costs. Administration is cautiously optimistic with the Governor's budget and the overage will be covered by increased revenue.

Hans Baumhauer, Business Manager, reviewed the operating budget with the Committee. He suggested that nothing be cut from the budget right now as revenue news is good.

John O'Reilly asked if money could be restored in accounts 8022, 8033, and 8333 in the high school. Chair Cummings indicated that if it is beneficial to add to those categories that will bring the budget to 2.5%. Marie Enochy indicated that it is prudent to ratify the budget on March 1st. Dr. Hoffmann indicated at the next meeting E & D and School Choice numbers will be discussed.

Capital Project Update

Hans Baumhauer reviewed the FY13-FY17 Capital Plan with the Committee and suggested their approval. Chair Cummings questioned whether the plan would change after the facilities study. Mr. Baumhauer indicated that the Towns have allowed the district to do more important purchases if necessary, even if a plan is voted. It was also noted that unexpended funds are held over from previous years and a school committee vote would be needed to use any balance for a new project. A motion to approve the plan as submitted was not seconded or voted. Chair Cummings suggested that the Budget and Finance Subcommittee look at this.

Provincetown Tuition Agreement

Dr. Hoffmann indicated that he and Jon Porteus have finished negotiations with Provincetown and from their perspective have a final proposal. The Budget and Finance Committee have reviewed it and it has been sent to Provincetown. Dr. Hoffmann and Mr. Porteus had to look at modifying the way per pupil expenditures are

calculated. Taxpayers in Brewster and Provincetown will pay the same amount. They struggled with the fees for capital repair maintenance as Provincetown said they don't own the buildings. The Agreement is for two years and they will negotiate again with Truro when Provincetown's contract is up. Dr. Hoffmann indicated that the feedback from students and families is they love being at Nauset. He also indicated that the agreement must be equitable for the four member towns. Provincetown is moving toward a K-8 program. Nauset has a number of Provincetown students attending now under School Choice.

Green Repair Project

Dr. Hoffmann reported that the project is moving quickly and the bid for windows will open on February 21st. The next day the Green Project Repair Subcommittee will meet and award the bid. The committee is looking at a different roof design using a slightly different material. Cori checks will be completed before workmen are on site and someone from NETCO will be on site every day. Frank Cummings shared the concern the architect had in getting the windows ordered, as they need individual manufacturing. He is very concerned about the delivery date of the windows.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION

Sustainability Subcommittee – Mr. O'Brien reported that the Sustainability Subcommittee is making good progress. He thanked Dr. Minkoff and Dr. Hoffmann for facilitating the process.

Policy Subcommittee – none

Wellness Subcommittee – Sarah Blackwell indicated the Wellness Policy initiatives are being rolled out in each school and a Nauset "Wellness Day" was held throughout the region.

Transportation Subcommittee – Jon Porteus indicated no report at this time but will have a full report on Transportation before the budget is approved.

Collaborative – no report

Middle School Liaison – Sarah Blackwell reported on the greenhouse and the school's desire to bring back intramural basketball.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Sarah Blackwell, seconded by Ed Brookshire, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of January 5, 2012.

On a motion by Sarah Blackwell, seconded by Ed Brookshire, it was voted to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2012 meeting. (Abstaining: Dan McEnaney and Marie Enochy)

On a motion by Marie Enochy, seconded by Jon Porteus, it was voted to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2012 meeting. (Abstaining: John O'Reilly)

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Dan McEnaney, seconded by Jon Porteus, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m.



