

Nauset Regional School Committee
March 1, 2012

APPROVED

Present for the Committee: Brian Kavanaugh, Sarah Blackwell, Ed Brookshire, Frank Cummings, Jon Porteus, John O'Reilly, Dan McEnaney and Marie Enochty

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 – Discuss MOU with the Insurance Advisory Council Agreement.

RECOGNITION –

Superintendent's Excellence Award

Annabel Convery Zinn and Nathan Scalise were recognized as recipients of the Superintendent's Excellence Award and will be joining Principal Conrad at Cape Cod Tech with other recipients from across the Cape and Islands. Principal Conrad also noted that Nate Scalise is also a National Merit Finalist.

CITIZENS SPEAK-

Julie Brooks addressed the committee regarding a decision at the Middle School to eliminate advanced classes in grade 6, without consulting parents and the committee. There is a forum of Monday evening and she asked School Committee members to attend to hear parents' concerns.

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS

Dr. Gifford gave highlights of her written report relative to Math, ELA, and Science, noting that curriculum mapping in those areas is taking place. When drafts are ready she will have some examples to show the committee.

Principal Conrad invited everyone to visit the TV studio at the high school, noting the space being utilized by students all day. Channel 22 will be the Nauset channel in the future. He also recognized the custodians for cutting brush and tree limbs around the building. The school council is doing a great job and is presently looking a concussions/medical absences, which is a key issue.

Principal Minkoff reported that there was a wonderful turnout for parent conferences. Parents indicated they were pleased with the way things are going at the middle school. The PTA provided staff with an evening meal which was much appreciated. Principal Minkoff reported that sixth grade Math and Language Arts advanced classes were eliminated because teachers were confident they could address all students' needs through differentiated instruction. More discussion relative to grade six advanced classes will take place at the forum. Thirty students participated in the Youth Art Show in Orleans. Sixth graders from Truro visited the middle school in preparation for next year.

Dr. Caretti reported the Parent Advisory Committee meeting is being held on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at the Central Office. She invited any parents of students with special needs to attend. There will be a series of workshops on Special Needs, rights and responsibilities on March 5th, March 6th, and March 7th. She provided a handout for school committee members with times and places.

Dr. Hoffmann reported that School Committee members were sent an invitation to the forum at the middle school on March 5th. He noted the Joint School Committee was meeting on March 8th. The Health and Wellness Subcommittee met and prioritized areas they wish to explore. The Superintendent indicated he is meeting with Sheila Vanderhoef about the well easement and hopes to settle this and vote at the next meeting.

He also indicated that there is a RFP advertised for a building study and he will report out at town meeting.

FY12 Budget

Hans Baumhauer, Business Manager suggested a 10 year facilities master plan for the middle school and high school. The Budget and Finance Subcommittee met and will have transfers available for the April meeting. Mr. Baumhauer indicated he is not concerned with balances and feels we will come in on budget. Utility encumbrances will be reduced to reflect usage during the mild winter months. Hans indicated he and the accountant will review all the encumbrances. Revenues and E & D Account were discussed. Mr. Baumhauer stated he would have health insurance and transportation costs at the next meeting.

Dr. Hoffmann indicated that the Principals were told earlier in the year to hold off on discretionary spending and now the Superintendent will let them know they can begin to spend down their balances. Many instructional items have not yet been purchased that are needed in the classrooms.

FY13 Budget

The Superintendent reviewed the FY13 budget with the Committee using the Revenue Source Sheet dated 3-1-2012. The Budget and Finance Subcommittee requested information as to how revenues have changed over the years which was included in school committee packets. Dr. Hoffmann also indicated that the Governor's budget figures are not official until July 1st and that the Region School Committee did due diligence in projections in 2009-10. On June 30th the Governor's budget was received and showed a \$200,000 reduction in transportation aid for that year. This prompted the lay-off of three teachers at the Middle School. Dr. Hoffmann reviewed the Charter School Aid, Transportation Aid, Truro Tuition, Provincetown Tuition, Choice Tuition and Circuit Breaker Reimbursement with the Committee. The Cape Cod Municipal Health Group will also have a one-time reduction of \$81,700. The E & D Account is \$691,569 with \$100,000 committed to subsidize the FY12 budget. The E & D Account will likely have a balance of about 1.1 million on July 1, 2012. A discussion was held regarding the conservative estimating and having too much in E & D Account. Margie Fulcher, Chair of the Orleans Board of Selectmen inquired about the savings from health insurance. Mr. Baumhauer indicated he calculated the savings with the Cape Cod Municipal Health Group. Discussion ensued regarding retirees, new staff and health plan costs.

MOTION: On a motion by Sarah Blackwell, seconded by Ed Brookshire it was voted 7 yeas, 1 nay (Brian Kavanaugh) to certify the FY13 assessments to each member town as presented.

Mr. O'Reilly requested that going forward the Budget and Finance Subcommittee be included in dialog regarding E& D in advance of school committee meetings.

Transportation

Jon Porteus, Chair of the Transportation Subcommittee addressed the Committee indicating the shift from the 3 tier to 2 tier bus systems has not gone as well as hoped. The high school is experiencing benefits from the later start time while the elementary schools are experiencing increased tardiness. He indicated another ridership survey will be conducted as well as a parent survey. The Transportation Subcommittee will continue to meet and review issues and hopefully find solutions. Ms. Enochy indicated this should be discussed at a Joint School Committee meeting but the Chair of the Region Committee felt it should be on the agenda for discussion at the Region level as the committee has not had a discussion about the cost for the changes.

It was requested that the Transportation discussion be tabled as it will be on the Joint Meeting agenda on March 8th.

Provincetown Tuition Agreement

Dr. Hoffmann reported to the Committee that the agreement is not signed yet. He thanked Jon Porteus for his assistance in working toward an equitable agreement with Provincetown as well as the four towns.

The tuition agreement includes \$13,347 per student with an escalator clause of 2.43%. They declined to discuss regionalization at this time and added a nominal fee of \$50.00 per student for capital expenses. Provincetown decided on a two year agreement that will expire 6-30-2014 and will continue discussion with Monomoy. As far as Special Needs costs, Provincetown will pay for any IEP plans beyond the regular classroom and will pay all costs for transportation. Total per pupil cost: \$13,731. Discussion ensued regarding Provincetown pursuing an agreement with Monomoy.

MOTION: On a motion by John O'Reilly, seconded by Ed Brookshire, it was voted unanimously to accept the tuition agreement that was negotiated with Provincetown.

Green Repair Project Update

Dr. Hoffmann indicated bids were opened for windows and the low bidder was accepted. It is anticipated that the windows will be in before school opens in the fall. The roof bids are out and are due back in the coming weeks.

John O'Reilly indicated that the Project Manager has worked recently with the low bidder and felt very comfortable going with this particular company.

School Choice

Dr. Hoffmann reviewed the summary for school choice that included:

School	Grade	#of new seats
Middle	6	22
Middle	7	17
Middle	8	0
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High	9	30
High	10	7
High	11	5
High	23	0
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Continuing students 153

Total Choice students 193 (currently there are 187 Choice students)

MOTION: On a motion by Marie Enochy, seconded by John O'Reilly, it was voted unanimously to approve the maximum number of seats per grade as listed.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION

Policy Subcommittee

Dr. Hoffmann mentioned that Jim Hardy, MASC, will be at the Joint meeting to discuss an interesting component of the Policy Manual Project which includes an online hosting for \$500.

Wellness Subcommittee

No report

Cape Cod Collaborative

Marie Enochy reported on new legislation coming that will impact Nauset – Governance – 22 people on a board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Marie Enochy, seconded by Sarah Blackwell, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of February 2, 2012.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

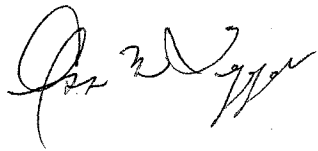
On a motion by Marie Enochy, seconded by Sarah Blackwell, it was voted by roll call vote to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

Brian Kavanaugh-aye, Sarah Blackwell – aye, Ed Brookshire- aye, Frank Cummings-aye, Jon Porteus - aye, John O'Reilly - aye, Dan McEnaney- aye and Marie Enochy-aye.

The Committee went into Executive Session at 9:04 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Sarah Blackwell, seconded by Jon Porteus, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

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