

Nauset Regional School Committee
May, 3, 2012

APPROVED

Present for the Committee: Chairman Frank Cummings, Sarah Blackwell, Jon Porteus, Dan McEnaney, Brian Kavanaugh, Jean Souther, Marie Enochy, John O'Reilly and Greg O'Brien (7:40 p.m.)

Present for Administration: Richard Hoffmann, Bonny Gifford, Ann Caretti, Thomas Conrad and Maxine Minkoff

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cummings called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

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AGENDA CHANGES – None

RECOGNITION –

Chair Cummings recognized Jean Souther and Marie Enochy for their service to the Nauset Regional Schools. Both individuals will not be seeking re-election and were thanked for their commitment and service to the children of the district.

STEM Presentation –

Dr. Gifford introduced the guest speaker, Christopher Hartmann, from PTC, who gave a PowerPoint Presentation regarding STEM Education, Robotics and Modern Product Development in the Nauset Public Schools. He outlined the company's belief in partnering with the schools to encourage and empower students to solve real world economic, social, and environmental challenges. Working with educators in the schools enhances the teaching and learning of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education.

Mr. Roger Faucher, science robotics teacher at Nauset High School gave an informative and exciting presentation about his robotics class, curriculum mapping, and future plans for advanced robotics. Gavin Kimball, Zachary Morris, and Samuel Harry demonstrated robots that they built in class.

CITIZENS SPEAK- None

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS

Dr. Bonny Gifford reviewed the Coordinated Program Review for ELL. There were a few areas that needed attention and an action plan for those areas has been submitted to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Dr. Minkoff recognized the following students who were winners of the 2012 Veterans for Peace – Peace Poetry Contest: Eva Boucher, Kelly Rothenerger, Oscar Farrell, Karli Herwig, Dyllan Lague, Tanner Deegan, Nicole Gordon, Mary Doucette, and Tommy Andre. Dr. Minkoff also recognized the following students who were winners of the local Law Day Essay contest: Abby Pollack, William Powers, Joe Moss, Tommy Andre, Lucy Wingard and Ashley Loder. Mr. John Krenick and Debra Keavey were recognized for being awarded a grant from the Friends of Pleasant Bay. Members of the Committee were invited to the upcoming performance of *Seussical the Musical*. A grant from the American Legion Post, #308 of Orleans, Veterans Fund of the Cape Cod Foundation in the amount of \$600 to be used for the middle school band and the other grant is in the amount of \$300 to be used for U.S. Savings Bond Awards. Ms. Bonnie Jackman, advisor to the NRMS Gay-Straight Alliance, received a \$1,000 grant from the Gale Fund of the Cape Cod Foundation to be used to provide a resource library at the school.

MOTION: On a motion by John O'Reilly, seconded by Marie Enochy, it was voted unanimously to accept the grants.

Dr. Minkoff also reported on the very successful field trip of seventh graders to Fenway Park where they investigated, researched and studied many aspects of the park relating it to curriculum in ELA and Math.

Principal Conrad reported that the main entrance to the school has five new lights on the walkway at no expense to the district through the studies project. He also thanked Betsy Lebow and Gretel Norgeot, master gardeners who are instructing and assisting students with the garden project every day after school. They are presently fundraising for fencing. Principal Conrad thanked Sharon Mabile and the Project Graduation Auction Committee for a tremendous event to help keep students safe after graduation. It was noted high school students are moving into MCAS, and AP testing. He

also reported that over 500 AP exams will be given over the next two weeks and the high school will collect approximately \$50,000 with a great deal of coordination taking place by the Guidance Department Head. Going forward, he would like to talk about the responsibilities of this initiative as well as those of a coordinator for the student exchange program.

Dr. Ann Caretti, Director of Student Services, thanked Jean Souther and Marie Enochty for their service to the district as well as their support for the Special Needs Programs. She reported that the Parent Advisory group met and is developing a community based social recreation program which would start at the middle school and high school levels.

Dr. Hoffmann reported that the interviewing for Director of Finance and Operations has been completed with 22 applicants, 8 interviews and 3 finalists. The Joint School Committee will vote on May 10th with a recommendation from the search committee. Members of the search committee included: John O'Reilly, Joanne Irish, Dave Telman, Mary Lytle, Mort Inger, Bonny Gifford, Ann Caretti, Renie Dumont, Keith Gauley, and Dr. Hoffmann.

The interviewing process for the Food Service Director will begin next week with 20 applicants and 7 interviews taking place. There has been a lot of work done on the new Teacher Evaluation System collaboratively between the Union and the Administration. The Superintendent and members of the Business Office are reviewing end of year expenses. Town meetings and elections are being held in the four towns. The Superintendent asked the committee to accept donations from the Martin Nerber estate.

Motion: On a motion by Marie Enochty, seconded by John O'Reilly, it was voted unanimously to accept the gift of \$75,000 for scholarships for the high school and \$37,500 for the Haiti Club at Nauset High School.

FY12 Budget Update

The Superintendent reviewed the monthly budget expense report with the Committee dated April 25, 2012 which was also reviewed by the Budget and Finance Subcommittee. He also reviewed the FY12 expenditure plan through June 30, 2012. It was noted the Middle School and High School expenditures show a balance. The Region and the Central Office are in deficit because of increased costs for transportation, health insurance, and special education tuitions. The Committee would like to get more accurate monthly statements. The Committee is looking forward to new personnel who can assist them in that area. The Superintendent recommended approval of the final spending plans that were reviewed and told the Committee that in order to do so they would need to expend additional funds from the School Choice and Circuit Breaker revolving funds. The Superintendent stated that these plans were the maximum spending and could be lower by year's end.

Motion: On a motion by John O'Reilly, seconded by Jon Porteus, it was voted 6 yeas, 1 abstention (Brian Kavanaugh) to utilize up to \$152,925 from School Choice Funds and utilize up to \$73,486 from the Circuit Breaker Fund to implement the FY12 spending plan as submitted, and balance the FY12 budget. (Mr. O'Brien was out of the room and did not vote.)

FY13 Budget

Dr. Hoffmann reviewed an updated revenue sheet with the Committee indicating Chapter 70 funds will increase but there are 12 additional students going to the Sturgis Charter School which could cost over \$200,000.

Green Repair Project

Dr. Hoffmann reported the roof component of the bid has been awarded and vendors are at the high school measuring and going through the submittal process for the architect's approval. He hopes the project will begin on June 20th. The Green Repair Budget is between \$7-800,000 less than predicted, as both bids are about \$400,000 lower than the budget. It was noted the district's attorney, Nancy Campany, is reviewing all the documents and insurance certificates.

Capital Plan

Dr. Hoffmann reviewed the FY10 Capital Plan with the Committee noting that \$35,000 was to be expended for the boiler controls line #30273 and funds needs to be put back into the account for the settlement.

Motion: On a motion by John O'Reilly, seconded by Sarah Blackwell, it was voted 6 yeas and 1 abstention, to transfer \$15,000 from account 30269 into account 30273 and \$20,000 from 30268 into 30273.

Mr. Levasseur asked that the school committee keep the integrity of the Capital Plan Program going forward. It is his hope that the capital plan projects will be completed in a timelier manner.

School Committee Summer Dates

It was suggested that the School Committee look at various dates for a summer meeting which would consist of one day and one evening. Dates will be circulated and a determination will be made as to which works for the majority.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION

Policy Subcommittee – no report

Transportation Subcommittee – no report

Cape Cod Collaborative – no report

Middle School Liaison – no report

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by John O'Reilly, seconded by Sarah Blackwell, it was voted 5 yeas, 2 abstentions (Frank Cummings and Marie Enochy) to approve the minutes of April 5, 2012.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Jean Souther, seconded by Sarah Blackwell, it was voted by roll call vote to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. The Committee went into executive session at 9:05 p.m.

Mr. Kavanaugh – aye, Ms. Blackwell – aye, Mr. Porteus, Ms. Enochy – aye, Mr. McEnaney-aye, Ms. Souther-aye, Mr. O'Reilly-aye and Chair Cummings - aye

The Committee went into executive session at 9:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Jon Porteus, seconded by Brian Kavanaugh, the committee adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.



Ann M. Tefft
Recording Secretary

