

*Natick Public Schools
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
June 2, 2014*

The School Committee held a meeting on Monday, June 2, 2014 at 7:15 p.m. in the School Committee Room, 3rd Floor, Town Hall. Chairperson Mistrot called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

Members Present: Anne Blanchard, Tom Campbell, Dirk Coburn, Paul Laurent, David Margil, Amy Mistrot, Firkins Reed

Others Present:	Peter Sanchioni	Superintendent of Schools
	Anna Nolin	Assistant Superintendent
	William Hurley	Director of Fiscal & Management Services
	James Araujo	Teacher Representative
	Sammy Ferrera	Student Representative
	Sharon Reilly	Recording Secretary

Request from Natick Trails Maintenance Committee to install trail kiosks on school property

Ms. Sara Hanna came before the School Committee on behalf of the Natick Trails Maintenance Committee to request the School Committee's permission to install trail kiosks on two properties owned by the Natick Public Schools as follows:

- Timothy Coolidge Hill (near the high school baseball field)
- Memorial School - rear of the parking lot

Information about the trails and kiosks, maps and photographs showing the type of kiosk to be installed and the proposed locations were provided. These trails have been in existence for a number of years - the kiosks would mark the trail entrances and provide information (trail maps, information concerning plants, animals, natural features, etc. to be seen along the trail).

Prior to the installation of the kiosks, DigSafe will be notified and they will coordinate with the Natick Department of Public Works regarding any potential underground utilities in the area.

They are not seeking any funding from the School Department for the design, construction, installation, or maintenance of the kiosks.

Mr. Campbell moved to approve the installation of the kiosks as outlined. Mr. Margil seconded.

Mr. Coburn moved to amend the motion to include that the installation of the kiosks be contingent upon collaboration with the school administration to establish security measures for the use of the trails during school hours. A discussion continued. The motion to amend was not seconded.

Chairperson Mistrot called for a vote on Mr. Campbell's motion to approve the installation of the kiosks as outlined. The motion carried by six votes. Mr. Coburn abstained.

Student Celebrations

The following student celebrations were highlighted:

Award Winning League of Women Voters Video

NHS Students, Kidest Assefa-McNeil and Addison Dlott came before the School Committee to present and discuss their award winning video, titled *Change* which was submitted to the League of Women Voters for their “Dear Future Governor” video contest. These students were awarded 2nd place for their video which addressed raising the minimum wage from \$8.00/hour to \$10.10/hour to help those suffering in poverty. Members of the School Committee and administration congratulated Ms. Assefa-McNeil and Ms. Dlott and presented them with a Certificate of Achievement.

Recognition of BPA Students – Doug Scott

Mr. Doug Scott reported on a recent trip where students in the Business Professionals of America program traveled to Indianapolis to participate in a national competition. He is pleased to announce that the Network Design Team came in 1st place. He introduced the winning team members: Olivia VanAmsterdam, Adam Kwok, Kate Garry and Craig Coco. Members of the School Committee and administration congratulated these students and presented them with Certificates of Achievement.

NHS Lemelson-MIT Students Trip to Washington

Mr. Doug Scott reported on a recent trip where students on the Lemelson-MIT team were invited to Washington D.C. to participate in the White House Science Fair. Students on the Natick High School Lemelson-MIT team developed a remotely operated vehicle for ice-search and rescue-dive teams. Two students, Katelyn Sweeney and Olivia Van Amsterdam represented the team on the trip to Washington where they met President Barack Obama and had a chance to demonstrate their ROV. Mr. Scott presented a video of the trip which included the team’s development of the ROV. Members of the School Committee and Administration congratulated these students for their work in this area. The video will be available on the Natick Public Schools website.

Natick High School Speech Team

Ms. Sarah Donnelly, Natick High School Speech Team Head Coach, came before the School Committee to announce that the Natick Speech Team recently competed at the Grand National Championship of the National Catholic Forensic League in Chicago. The team was represented by the following students, each of whom had to qualify in order to compete: Jenna Davidson, Julia Grace, Joseph Guidi, Jeff Heithmar, Marie Libbin, Anna Meyer, Danielle Rosen, Ryan Ward, Natasha Amaravadi, Patrick Conaway, Connor Shea, Emma Foley, and Julianne Kelleher.

Ms. Donnelly was thrilled to announce that the team received the Founders Award, an award given to the top 5 speech schools in the nation - a first for Natick in their 48 year history! Members of the School Committee and Administration congratulated these students and presented them with Certificates of Achievement.

Transfer of Flags Ceremony

Chairperson Mistrot paid tribute to all the students who participated in the 90th Transfer of Flags Ceremony held on May 21st at Kennedy Middle School. She commended and thanked the students for their outstanding speeches and for their participation in this program.

Public Speak

Ms. Colleen O'Leary, Lilja parent, came before the School Committee on behalf of Lilja parents to express concern about the leadership and culture of Lilja School. She requested School Committee members to attend a meeting tomorrow night that Dr. Sanchioni has agreed to have with some of the Lilja parents.

Office of Online Learning Update - Grace Magley

Grace Magley gave an update to the school committee for the newly established Office of Online Learning. Grace presented the department's goals and accomplishments this year as well as an update on what the priorities will be for next year. Some of the topics discussed were the department website, the Blended Learning Symposium, Professional Development opportunities for staff, Model lessons from pilot teachers, Innovation Team work, and plans for the elementary schools who will receive 5 iPads per classroom in the fall.

PARCC

Dr. Sanchioni stated that per the recommendation of MASS and MASC the decision to administer PARCC for the Spring of 2015 is a major policy decision that requires the approval of the School Committee. The Natick Public School district has to make a decision to either continue with MCAS for one more year (Spring 2015) or transition to the PARCC. Dr. Sanchioni provided an overview of the pilot testing of the PARCC held this past spring. Dr. Sanchioni stated that the Superintendent/Administration recommends using the online PARCC for grades 3 – 8 for ELA and Math and to continue to use MCAS science for grades 5, 8, and 9; and MCAS for grade 10 ELA and Math in the spring of 2015. He reported that eventually PARCC will replace the tenth grade MCAS as a graduation requirement (2018) and it makes sense to provide those students in 7th and 8th grade with as many opportunities now to take the test so that we may remediate any deficiencies. Mr. Campbell moved to approve that in the Spring of 2015, the district administer the online PARCC for grades 3 – 8 for ELA and Math and to continue to use MCAS science for grades 5, 8, and 9; and MCAS for grade 10 ELA and Math. Mr. Coburn seconded. It was the consensus of the School Committee to waive their policy of waiting to the next meeting to approve a policy change. Mr. Campbell's motion was unanimously approved.

2014-2105 Enrollment Projections Update

Dr. Sanchioni provided the School Committee with an update of the 2014-2015 projected enrollments. Ben-Hem and Memorial kindergarten numbers remain high. He will be making a decision by the end of June if he plans to add any staff for these large class sizes.

FY'14 Budget Update

Mr. Hurley provided the School Committee with an update on the FY'14 budget. Mr. Hurley is very optimistic of closing the year in good shape with a slight surplus.

Approval of School Committee Meeting Schedule for 2014-2015

Chairperson Mistrot discussed the draft School Committee meeting schedule and explained why the coordination with the Board of Selectmen meeting schedule doesn't work due to many Monday holidays/school vacations, etc. The following dates were presented to the School Committee for the 2014-2015 school year. Chairperson Mistrot reported that she added an extra retreat meeting date in January for a mid-year review.

MEETING START TIME - 7:15 P.M.

2014

August

Monday August 25

September

Monday September 8

Monday September 22

October

Monday October 6

Monday October 20

November

Monday November 3

Monday November 17

December

Monday December 1

Monday December 15

2015

January

Monday January 5

Monday January 12 – Retreat – Mid Year Review

Monday January 26

February

Monday February 9

Monday February 23

March

Monday March 9

Monday March 23

April

Monday April 6 – Reorganization Meeting

Monday April 27

May

Monday May 4

Monday May 18

June

Monday June 1

Monday June 15

All meetings will be in the School Committee Room, Town Hall unless noted otherwise. **Please note that this schedule is subject to change.** Meeting information can be found at <http://natickschools.novusagenda.com/agendapublic>

Mr. Margil moved to approve this meeting schedule as outlined. Ms. Reed seconded. It was unanimously approved.

Exercise Option for Food Service Contract for the 2014-2015 School Year

Mr. Hurley recommended that the School Committee extend the contract with Aramark to provide management of the Natick Public Schools Food Service Operation for the 2014-2015 School Year. This is the second of two 1 year extensions that may be granted by the School Committee under the contract agreement and is in compliance with the National School Lunch Program regulations and previously approved by DESE.

The Administrative Fee and Management Fee under this contract extension have increased by an amount equal to the increase in the Employment Cost Index, Private Industry, Compensation, not Seasonally Adjusted over the preceding twelve month period as follows:

	<u>FY14</u>	<u>FY15</u>
Administrative Fee (*)	\$ 5,440 per month	\$ 5,552 per month
Management Fee	\$.0374 per meal	\$.0381 per meal

() Aramark Administrative Fee is contingent on an operating profit guarantee for school year 2014-2015 of \$117,438.*

All other terms and conditions contained in the Agreement shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

Mr. Laurent moved approval to extend the Food Service Contract to Aramark for the 2014-2015 school year. Mr. Margil seconded. It was unanimously approved.

Approval of Non-Rep Salary Schedule

Dr. Sanchioni requested that the School Committee approve the non-rep salary schedule for FY'15 as outlined. The pay schedule provides a 2% increase to all ranges and steps, effective on July 1, 2014, or on the date specified. All increases are included in the FY15 budget. Dr. Sanchioni reviewed the additions, deletions and exceptions. The School Committee met in Executive Session two weeks ago and reviewed and discussed the non-rep salary schedule. Mr. Margil moved to approve the pay schedule as outlined. Mr. Laurent seconded. It was unanimously approved.

Approval of School Committee Minutes of May 12, 2014

Approval of School Committee Minutes of May 19, 2014

Approval of School Committee Executive Session Minutes of May 19, 2014

Mr. Margil moved to approve the School Committee Minutes of May 12, 2014, the School Committee Minutes of May 19, 2014 and the School Committee Executive Session Minutes of May 19, 2014. Mr. Laurent seconded. They were unanimously approved.

Members Concern

Chairperson Mistrot announced the dates of the upcoming School Committee Forums to discuss potential changes to school start times – Saturday, June 7 at 9:00 a.m. at Brown School and Monday, June 9 at 7:00 p.m. at Natick High School.

Chairperson Mistrot announced that the League of Women Voters is holding a speaker event on Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Natick Community Senior Center featuring guest speaker, Geoff Foster, speaking on Future Leaders – Empowering Young Voters. They will also be screening the winning entries of the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts “*Dear Future Governor*” student video contest – featuring Natick High School students with their winning entry of “*Change*”.

Mr. Araujo indicated that the EAN still has some details to settle in regard to the switch over to Moodle.

Mr. Margil reminded the Committee that if a quorum of the School Committee is present at the meeting tomorrow night with the Superintendent and Lilja parents, no debate will be allowed as it’s not a posted public meeting.

At 9:50 p.m. , Mr. Campbell moved to adjourn. Ms. Reed seconded. It was unanimously approved.

Attest: _____

Peter Sanchioni, Ph.D.
Superintendent
Secretary to the School Committee

Sharon Reilly
Recording Secretary

Documents provided (electronically via Novus Agenda):

Request from Natick Trails Maintenance Committee to install trail kiosks on school property
Memorandum to Exercise Option for Food Service Contract for the 2014-2015 School Year
Draft of School Committee Meeting Schedule for 2014-2015
Non-Rep Salary Schedule
School Committee Minutes of May 12, 2014
School Committee Minutes of May 19, 2014
School Committee Executive Session Minutes of May 19, 2014
FY'14 Budget Update
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PARCC
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