

*Natick Public Schools
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 7, 2014*

The School Committee held a meeting on Monday, April 7, 2014 at 7:15 p.m. in the School Committee Room, Third Floor, Town Hall. Mr. Coburn 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
	Sharon Reilly	Recording Secretary
	Brooke Alston/Brandon Thornhill	Student Representatives

Reorganization of the School Committee

Dr. Sanchioni congratulated Ms. Mistrot and Mr. Coburn on their recent reelection to the School Committee.

Dr. Sanchioni requested that the School Committee appoint Ms. Sharon Reilly as the School Committee's Recording Secretary. Mr. Campbell moved to appoint Ms. Sharon Reilly as Recording Secretary. Ms. Mistrot seconded. It was unanimously approved.

Dr. Sanchioni requested that the School Committee reaffirm its attorney. Mr. Coburn moved to reaffirm the appointment of the School Committee's Attorney, Andrew Waugh, from the firm Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane. Mr. Campbell seconded. It was unanimously approved.

Dr. Sanchioni called for nominations for Chair of the School Committee. Mr. Coburn nominated Ms. Amy Mistrot as Chairperson of the Natick School Committee. Ms. Mistrot accepted the nomination. Seeing no more nominations, Dr. Sanchioni called for a vote on the nomination of Amy Mistrot as Chairperson. It was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Chairperson Mistrot then presided over the meeting and sought nominations for Vice Chair. Ms. Blanchard nominated Ms. Firkins Reed as Vice Chairperson of the Natick School Committee. Ms. Reed accepted the nomination. Seeing no more nominations, Chairperson Mistrot called for a vote on the nomination of Firkins Reed as Vice Chairperson. It was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Chairperson Mistrot then sought nominations for Clerk. Mr. Margil nominated Mr. Tom Campbell as Clerk of the Natick School Committee. Mr. Campbell accepted the nomination. Seeing no more nominations, Chairperson Mistrot called for a vote on the nomination of Tom Campbell as Clerk. It was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Recognition of Student Representative

The School Committee recognized and thanked Ms. Brooke Alston for serving as Student Representative to the School Committee for the past two years. Dr. Sanchioni presented Brooke with a recognition plaque. Committee members and the administration congratulated Brooke and offered their best wishes.

Ms. Alston introduced the new Student Representative to the School Committee, Mr. Brandon Thornhill, currently a junior at Natick High School. Committee members welcomed Mr. Thornhill as the new student representative to the School Committee.

Approval of Out of Country Travel – NHS Speech Team to Chicago, IL and Overland, KS

Ms. Amanda Parker, NHS Speech Team Coach, came before the School Committee to request permission for members of the Natick High School Speech Team to travel to Chicago, IL on May 22-26, 2014 to participate in the NCFL Grand National Speech Tournament. Mr. Coburn moved to approve this trip. Mr. Laurent seconded. It was unanimously approved.

Ms. Parker also requested permission for members of the Natick High School Speech Team to travel to Overland, KS on June 14-21, 2014 to participate in the NFL National Speech Tournament. Mr. Coburn moved to approve this trip. Ms. Reed seconded. It was unanimously approved.

Approval of Out of Country Travel – KMS to Canada

Ms. Rosemary Vickery and Ms. Katherine Presswood came before the School Committee to request out of country travel for 8th grade students at Kennedy Middle School to travel to Quebec, Canada on Saturday, November 8 to Monday November 10, 2014. This trip will offer students a travel experience that will allow them to broaden their understanding of French-Canadian culture and allow them practice in speaking a second language. Mr. Margil moved to approve this trip. Mr. Laurent seconded. It was unanimously approved.

Meet Teresa Carney & Liam Hurley

Dr. Sanchioni introduced Ms. Teresa Carney, new Wilson Middle School Principal and Mr. Liam Hurley, new Director of Finance who will be coming on board this summer. Both Ms. Carney and Mr. Hurley expressed enthusiasm for their new positions here in Natick. Committee members welcomed them.

Price Increases for School Lunches

Mr. Hurley reported to the School Committee that lunch prices have remained constant since 2008 while costs for labor and food have risen each year. Aramark has effectively managed to contain costs, while offering superior service, however food prices for items such as milk, eggs and apples have increased 34%, 55% and 30% respectively since 2009. Additionally, labor costs have increased 10% since 2009. He provided the Committee with a cost analysis. Mr. Hurley recommends raising the current school lunch prices \$.25 effective for the start of the 2014-2015 school year. Mr. Stephen Marshall, Natick's Food Service Director was also present and responded to questions from Committee members. This item will be brought back to the next meeting for a vote.

1:1 Laptop Update

Dr. Sanchioni reported that this topic was discussed earlier in retreat. The administration will be adding more information to this topic which will be presented on April 28.

Projected Enrollment Update

Dr. Sanchioni provided the School Committee with an updated report of the 2014-2015 projected enrollments. Areas of concern continue to be Brown and Memorial kindergarten. He will continue to monitor these numbers.

Update of School Committee Subcommittees

Chairperson Mistrot requested that the School Committee review the subcommittee list which was provided and to follow-up with her to confirm if they wish to stay on the current subcommittees as listed and to let her know who is willing to share the coverage for the new requests as follows:

- Safe Streets Grant/Walkability Guide Liaison
- Community-Senior Center Liaison
- Strategic Vision Committee - shadow Tom Campbell for several months to then take over

The subcommittee list will be brought back to the next meeting for approval.

Approval of Donations

Mr. Hurley requested that the School Committee accept the following donations:

<u>Source/Donation</u>	<u>Amount/Value</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Mr. & Ms. John van Amsterdam	\$2,000	NHS – Student Activity – BPA*
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hauck	\$200	NHS – Student Activity – DECA Trip**
Natick Education Foundation	\$18,770	iPad keyboards for elementary schools

* Business Professionals of America

** Distributive Education Clubs of America

Mr. Laurent moved approval to accept these donations with gratitude. Mr. Campbell seconded. It was unanimously approved.

Approval of School Committee Minutes

Mr. Margil reported that he had made some changes to the minutes of March 24 today with Ms. Reilly which have been amended and are in the agenda packet this evening. He moved to approve the minutes of March 10, March 17, March 20 and March 24. Mr. Campbell seconded. They were unanimously approved.

Members Concerns

Mr. Jim Araujo, Teacher Representative, stated that he is grateful that the long term outlook on class size is being watched.

Ms. Reed announced that there is a meeting of Natick Together for Youth being held tomorrow at 8:30-10:00 in the Natick High School Faculty Dining Room.

Ms. Blanchard extended her thanks and appreciation to Mr. Coburn for serving as Chairman of the School Committee this past year.

Mr. Coburn indicated that the work of the High School Building Committee is pretty much completed. The final audit still needs to be done. He expects there will be an event planned to thank the Committee. This Committee will need to be disbanded by Town Meeting as well.

At 8:20 p.m. Mr. Coburn moved to adjourn. Ms. Blanchard 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):

Out of Country Travel Requests – NHS Speech team to Chicago IL and Overland, KS

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2014-2015 Projected Enrollment Update

Approval of Donations Request Memo

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School Lunch Price Increase Request

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School Committee Subcommittee List (2013-2014)

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