

ANDOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ANDOVER, CONNECTICUT 06232
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, June 8, 2011
School Library

Present: Jay Linddy, Chairman, Scott Sauyet, Whitney Covell, Sharyn Keeney,
Kim Hawes, Danny Holtsclaw

Administration: Andrew Maneggia, Superintendent, H. David Griffin, Principal/Director
of Curriculum

Others: Mrs. Hafner, Ms. Correia, Holtsclaw family, Tamburro family, Courtney
Strekel

1.0 Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Linddy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 Superintendent's Awards – Paul Tamburro and Claudia Holtsclaw received the Superintendent's Award. Mrs. Hafner and Ms. Correia praised the students on their academic achievement, community service and leadership qualities. The Board congratulated the students and their families.

3.0 Comments from the Public- None.

4.0 Approval of Minutes

4.1 Regular Meeting of May 11, 2011

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2011 regular meeting was made by W. Covell and seconded by S. Sauyet.

4 – 2 – 0 (PASSED)
(K. Hawes and W. Covell abstained)

5.0 Opportunity to Add or Delete Agenda Items

A motion to add Item 8.4 – Budget Transfers was made by S. Sauyet and seconded by D. Holtsclaw.

6 – 0 – 0 (PASSED)

6.0 Celebrations – Scott Sauyet concluded his service to the Board by stating that he has enjoyed his many years on the Board, and looks forward to pursuing his other interests. Danny Holtsclaw shared that his thesis has been confirmed and he anticipates receiving his Master's degree in August.

7.0 Communications

7.1 Chairperson's Oral Report

7.2 Assistant Principal/Director of Special Education's Report-*as presented in packages.*

7.3 Principal/Director of Curriculum Report-*as presented in packages.*

7.4 Superintendent's Report-*as presented in packages.*

- 7.5 **Enrollment Report**-as presented in packages.
- 7.6 **Health Room Report**-as presented in packages.
- 7.7 **Financial Report** –as presented in packages.

8.0 New Business

8.1 Strategic School Profile

The Board reviewed the 2009 – 2010 Strategic School Profile issued by the State of Connecticut Department of Education. Last year, there were 335 students enrolled, a 12.3% decrease over the past five years. Average class size remained between 15 to 17 students, 2 – 3 students less than the state average. Of the 27 special education students in Andover, 25 spend the majority of their day with their nondisabled peers, 16% more than the state average. The seven students identified as gifted and/or talented received special services. **Notably, last year’s third grade class received the highest reading scores on the CMT in the state.** As a whole, Andover continues to score higher than the state average in all three areas of the CMT. Andover’s per pupil expenditure was \$11,790, or \$1,596 less than the state average. The report also includes comparative data regarding staff members, school diversity, educational programs, library resources, computers and student behavior. Overall, the report substantiates that Andover’s students receive a better than average education with a smaller budget.

8.2 Format of Agenda (Citizen’s Forum)

At the May meeting, the Board discussed limiting the second public commentary to a discussion of only those items listed in the agenda. The issue was put to vote and the change will be effective in August 2011.

A motion to limit the second portion of the public comment to discussion of issues pertaining to the agenda was made by D. Holtsclaw and seconded by S. Keeney.

**5 – 0 – 1 (PASSED)
(S. Sauyet dissenting)**

8.3 School Maintenance

The following maintenance projects have been scheduled:

- Seal and line the amesite in the parking lots \$13,000
- Repair the roof gutters \$ 1,845
- Paint the gym and stage \$15,000 - \$20,000
- Refurbish the playground mulch \$ 3,600
- Clean brass kick plates on doors \$ 4,700

A motion to endorse the recommendation to undertake the scheduled maintenance projects was made by S. Sauyet and seconded by K. Hawes.

6 – 0 – 0 (PASSED)

8.4 Budget Transfers

The following transfers are requested:

- \$15,225 from Technology to Custodial Equipment – to cover the cost of purchasing the tractor and ongoing work to the generator

- \$11,289 from Heating Oil to General Maintenance
- \$7,000 from Salary for Music Teacher to General Maintenance

A motion to approve the requested transfers was made by W. Covell and seconded by K. Hawes.

6 – 0 – 0 (PASSED)

9.0 Personnel

9.1 Recall of Staff

In February, the Board voted, in light of budgetary and enrollment uncertainties, to non-renew the contracts of Amanda Pintarich, Jaime Webber, Courtney Strelkel, Lisa Robinson and Kathy Balula at the end of this school year. Now that the budget has passed and kindergarten enrollment has increased, the Board may now rescind its action.

A motion to rescind the Board's nonrenewal of the above named teachers' contracts was made by S. Sauyet and seconded by K. Hawes.

6 – 0 – 0 (PASSED)

10.0 Comments from the Public – None.

11.0 Upcoming Meetings

11.1 Regular Meeting – August 17, 2011

12.0 Executive Session – Personnel Matter

A motion to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter was made by S. Keeney and seconded by S. Sauyet.

6 – 0 – 0 (PASSED)

A motion to increase the Superintendent's salary for the 2011-2012 school year by \$2,400.00 was made by S. Sauyet and seconded by W. Covell.

6 – 0 – 0 (PASSED)

A motion to pay the Superintendent of Schools \$5,000.00 for the additional days he has worked during the 2010-2011 school year was made by S. Sauyet. This amount represents less than half of the amount he is entitled but it is based upon his request. The motion was seconded by D. Holtsclaw.

6 – 0 – 0 (PASSED)

13.0 Adjournment - A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:47 p.m. by S. Sauyet and seconded by W. Covell.

6 – 0 – 0 (PASSED)

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristen Hitchcock
Board Clerk