

ANDOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ANDOVER, CONNECTICUT 06232
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, August 11, 2010
School Library

Present: Jay Linddy, Chairman, Christina Tamburro, Whitney Covell, Kim Hawes, Sharyn Keeney

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

Others: John Gasper, Lindsay Fetzner (Rivereast Bulletin), Michelle Firestone (The Chronicle)

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 Election of Officers

Superintendent Maneggia accepted nominations for Chairman of the Board of Education. Kim Hawes nominated Jay Linddy, seconded by Sharyn Keeney. No other nominations were made.

VOTE: 5 – 0 – 0 (PASSED)

Chairman Linddy nominated Christina Tamburro for Vice Chairperson, seconded by Kim Hawes. No other nominations were made.

VOTE: 5 – 0 – 0 (PASSED)

Kim Hawes nominated Scott Sauyet for Secretary, seconded by Sharyn Keeney. No other nominations were made.

VOTE: 5 – 0 – 0 (PASSED)

3.0 Comments from the Public-None.

4.0 Approval of Minutes

4.1 Regular Meeting of June 9, 2010

The minutes of the June 9, 2010 regular meeting are amended to include Jessica Golemba and Cameron Palmer as being in attendance. Item 8.1 – Vision Statement should read that Scott Sauyet suggested the statement be incorporated into the Student Handbook, not the Policy Handbook.

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2010 regular meeting, as amended, was made by W. Covell and seconded by C. Tamburro.

VOTE: 3 – 0 – 2 (W. Covell and S. Keeney abstained)

4.2 Special Meeting of June 23, 2010

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2010 special meeting was made by K. Hawes and seconded by W. Covell.

VOTE: 3 – 0 – 2 (W. Covell and S. Keeney abstained)

5.0 Opportunity to Add or Delete Items-None.

6.0 Celebrations-None.

7.0 Communications

7.1 Chairperson's Oral Report- The Andover Recreation Department will sponsor a Family Fun End of Summer Celebration on Saturday, August 28, 2010 at the Town Hall Gazebo.

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

7.3 Principal/Director of Curriculum's Report; as presented in packages.

7.4 Superintendent's Report; A study comparing educational statistics of 17 towns shows that Andover expends \$10,833 per student, which is among the lowest average per pupil expenditure.

7.5 Enrollment Report; As of August 11, student enrollment was at 332 students. Five additional students are expected to register for the 2010-2011 school year.

7.6 Health Room Report; as presented in packages.

7.7 Financial Report; as presented in packages.

8.0 New Business

8.1 2010 Connecticut Mastery Test Results

The Board reviewed the 2010 Connecticut Mastery Test results. Overall, the scores reflect continuous progress toward meeting state goals. Of note, 91.2% of Andover's third grade students met the state goal in Reading, which was the highest percentage in the state. The percentage of fifth graders meeting the state goal in Science jumped by almost 20% from 2009 to 2010. 100% of the fifth graders scored at or above proficiency in Math. The Board and administration are very pleased with the progress indicated by the improved scores.

8.2 Teachers' Contract (July 1, 2011 June 30, 2014)

The Teacher Contract for July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014 was filed with the Town Clerk on June 24, 2010. Based upon state statute, the contract is now in effect since 30 days have passed and it is has not been contested.

9.0 Old Business

9.1 Maintenance Report

Since the close of school, the following maintenance projects were completed: the two oil tanks were treated for algae, the basketball court was sealed and striped, the stage doors were replaced, the gym floor was sealed and the sandbox was rebuilt.

While new regulation requires the use of green products beginning this year, all nonconforming products will be used up.

9.2 2009 – 2010 Budget

As of July 29, 2010 there is an unexpended balance of \$165,709.55, which will be returned to the Town. The following accounts had remaining balances: Teachers Salaries \$60,859, Custodian Salary (\$10,485), Instructional Assistant (\$12,645), Medical Benefits (\$49,434) Heating Oil \$13,921) and Diesel Fuel (\$5,389), accounting for 92% of the unexpended balance.

10.0 Personnel

10.1 Resignation- Mrs. Joan Disco

After 24 years of teaching at Andover Elementary, Mrs. Disco has tendered her resignation.

A motion to accept Mrs. Disco's resignation, with deep regret, was made by C. Tamburro and seconded by K. Hawes.

VOTE: 5 – 0 – 0 (PASSED)

10.2 Appointment to Staff

10.2.1 Sarah Cathèll Williams – Music Teacher

Sarah Cathèll-Williams was hired to replace Karen Krinjak. She holds a BA in Music from UMass and a Master's Degree in Music from the Boston Conservatory of Music.

A motion to endorse the appointment of Sarah Cathèll Williams was made by W. Covell and seconded by S. Keeney.

VOTE: 5 – 0 – 0 (PASSED)

10.2.2 Lindsay Exarhoulias – Grade 3 Teacher

Lindsay Exarhoulias was hired, but accepted a position with her previous school district.

11.0 Comments from the Public-None.

12.0 Upcoming Meetings

12.1 Regular Board Meeting – September 8, 2010

13.0 Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. was made by W. Covell and seconded by K. Hawes.

VOTE: 5 – 0 – 0 (PASSED)

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristen Frankenberger