

ANDOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ANDOVER, CONNECTICUT 06232
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, February 9, 2011
School Library

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

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

Others: Lisa Robinson, Jennie Marshall, Courtney Parent, Michelle Firestone

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 Comments from the Public – None.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2011 regular meeting, as amended, was made by W. Covell and seconded by C. Tamburro.

2 – 0 – 2 (PASSED)
(W. Covell, S. Keeney abstained)

4.0 Opportunity to Add or Delete Agenda Items – None.

5.0 Celebrations – Paul Tamburro and Erika Bates were honored on February 7 at the Aqua Turf as recipients of the Connecticut Association of Schools Fine Arts Awards.

6.0 Communications

6.1 Chairperson's Oral Report- Chairman Linddy commended the Andover Department of Public Works and Andover Elementary custodians for their hard work in clearing the snow from the school roof on February 1.

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

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

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

6.5 Enrollment Report-At present, there are 35 fourth graders and 37 fifth graders.

6.6 Health Room Report- No inhaler usage during the month of January.

6.7 Financial Report- Due to the increase in the Municipal Employee Retirement Fund, there will be a projected \$18,000 shortage in the Retirement Contributions account. The departure of two special needs students will result in an anticipated

\$30,000 - \$35,000 surplus in the Professional and Technical Services account. Also, based on the current balance of \$45,085, there will likely be a surplus in the oil/heating account.

7.0 New Business

7.1 Copy of Board of Ed's Proposed Budget for 2011 – 2012

The Board of Finance will meet with the Board of Education on February 16, 2011 to discuss the proposed budget.

7.2 Reduction in Force

Due to budgetary uncertainties, Mr. Maneggia recommends the Board non-renew the following teachers' contracts: Mrs. Jaime Webber, Mrs. Lisa Robinson, Miss Amanda Pinarich, Mrs. Courtney Strelkel and Mrs. Kathy Balula. The recommendation is not a reflection of job performance, but based solely on anticipated budgetary constraints.

A motion to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to non-renew the contracts of Mrs. Jaime Webber, Mrs. Lisa Robinson, Miss Amanda Pinarich, Mrs. Courtney Strelkel, and Mrs. Kathy Balula at the end of this school year and to notify said staff of their non-renewal was made by C. Tamburro and seconded by S. Keeney.

3 – 1 – 0 (PASSED)
(J. Lindy against)

7.3 School Calendar 2011-2012

The proposed 2011 – 2012 school calendar was drafted in coordination with Region 8 and EastConn. The professional development day traditionally scheduled the day after Martin Luther King Day will be moved to Friday, August 26. December 23 will be a half-day of school.

June 13 will be the start of make-up days for snow or emergency closings. However, if by March 1, there have been more than 8 school cancellations, any additional make-up days will be taken from the April vacation, starting April 16th.

A motion to approve the 2011 – 2012 school calendar as presented was made by W. Covell and seconded by S. Keeney.

4 – 0 – 0 (PASSED)

As of February 3, 2011, there have been six (6) school cancellations, five (5) late openings, one (1) early dismissal and the cancellation of one (1) professional development day. The 2010 – 2011 school calendar designates June 16 as the start of make up days for snow or emergency closings. The last day of school is June 23, leaving five additional days, up to and including June 28, to make up any

additional cancellations. Mr. Maneggia urged the Board to adhere to the policy as written.

7.4 Snow Removal from School Roof

On February 1, Mr. Maneggia requested the Town Building Inspector and the Fire Chief inspect the snow accumulation on the school roof. It was agreed that the snow accumulation, which had reached 7 feet in some areas, required immediate removal. The school received two bids similar in price, and due to their availability, Lenco Electrical Contractors was awarded the bid. It took 27 workers, 8 snow blowers, a boom truck and temporary night lighting. The snow day on February 2 allowed an additional day to remove the compacted snow that had been removed from the roof from the doorways and sidewalks. The total cost of the snow removal was \$22,489.69.

A motion to approve the Superintendent's decision to hire Lenco Electrical Contractors, and incur the expense, to remove the snow from the school roof was made by S. Keeney and seconded by C. Tamburro.

4 – 0 – 0 (PASSED)

8.0 Comments from the Public – None.

9.0 Upcoming Meetings

9.1 Regular Board Meeting - March 9, 2011

10.0 Request for Executive Session – Personnel Matter

A motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter was made by W. Covell and seconded by C. Tamburro.

4 – 0 – 0 (PASSED)

11.0 Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:38 p.m. by S. Keeney and seconded by C. Tamburro.

4 – 0 – 0 (PASSED)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen Frankenberger
Board Clerk