

Nantucket School Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2018

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2 Present Members: Zona Butler, Jennifer Iller, Tim Lepore, Melissa Murphy, Pauline Proch & Natalie Gammons
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4 The meeting was called to order, entering from Public Hearing to Regular Session, by Chair, Melissa Murphy, at
5 6:45 PM in the Large Group Instruction room at NHS. Tim Lepore made the motion to approve the agenda, and
6 Pauline Proch seconded, the motion was approved.
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8 **Comments from the Public**

9 Mr. David Dickson, community member, addressed the School Committee, declaring in honor of Martin Luther King
10 Day, he wanted to review and ask why we were continuing to underserve the African American population in our
11 school district. He cited some numbers and percentages of our district versus the state and various other public and
12 charter schools and inferred we were still failing this population of students on this island, and that that their scores
13 were abysmal.
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15 Mrs. Tracy Mailloux, parent (and CPS teacher) had a number of things to say, stating she has been faithfully
16 attending SC meetings for over a year. She shared that; she is frustrated with the lack of a full board at meetings;
17 disappointed with staff presentations that have more graphs and less content; and unhappy with the constant focus on
18 MCAS, making MCAS scores the constant dialogue as opposed to the many other areas in education. She also
19 shared that the School Committee/District needs to do a better job of positive public relations, noting that if we don't
20 do this someone else will tell just the negative side. She then added that she was hopeful about: reinstating more
21 concentrated Professional Development; hopeful for more focus on whole child; hopeful for a new Strategic Plan
22 being rolled out and happy to hear there will be reports on the changes in standards for science and social studies.
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24 **Presentations and discussions of interest to the Committee**

25 **2nd Quarter Budget Presentation – Director of Finance, Martin Anguelov**

26 Mr. Anguelov presented the budget for the end of our second fiscal quarter, noting nothing unexpected and
27 percentages where they should be – total expenditures (payroll and expenses combined) at \$831,519 or 48% in
28 comparison to 47% a year ago. With payroll expenses at an increase of \$704,741, this is only 39% expended so far
29 for the year as compared to 38% for last year. Mr. Anguelov is very comfortable with these ranges as a year-to-year
30 comparison, the fluctuations are very minimal. He did want to note a few items he was keenly reviewing, because
31 even though the ranges of percentage are close, the actual numbers are increased now that we have another school
32 (Nantucket Intermediate School) to bring into the equation. He also wanted to mention the graduate course
33 reimbursements for staff are over spent at this time by \$1,740, but we advocate furthering education and it is not an
34 egregious overage. Additionally, now that the actual numbers for utilities are rolling in from NIS, we are at 60% of
35 the budgeted amount early on for the year.
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37 The Nantucket Community School is showing positive trends on the revenue side and he is cautiously optimistic. He
38 mentioned Adult Education has taken off successfully, expenses are down, we no longer have rental expenses and we
39 do not have a new vehicle this year which offset numbers last year. NCS has come in with operations at \$82,667, a
40 modest gain over last year. The number represents income in the Adult revolver, an increase in the Pool revolver, an
41 increase in Extended Day revenues and an increase in Summer Camp revenues. NCS expenses during the 2nd quarter
42 decreased by \$35,499 compared to last year and we continue to stay committed to sustaining programming in a
43 fiscally responsible way.
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45 The School Lunch Program does not have data available for performance of the end of December 2017, therefore it
46 will be presented at the next School Committee meeting on February 6, 2018.
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48 Pauline Proch had a number of questions regarding line items for salaries and how the revolvers correctly reflect the
49 numbers. She also wanted to ensure she was reading gift actuals and how they are posted as guided by donors.
50 Finance Director Martin Anguelov did walk her through the line items and noted to date \$58,000 dollars have been
51 gifted and specified to correct accounting.

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New Policy for Consideration – Policy IMA, Teaching Activities/Presentations - DRAFT

The Policy Sub-Committee suggested this for a new adoption of policy. Mrs. Butler offered in standard reviewing of the policies as part of the Sub-Committee, this IMA is a new recommendation by MASC. Therefore, they felt it was prudent to adopt. She mentioned that it is not typical to always adopt policy if we do not feel strongly about a policy, but this one was a beneficial addition. Mrs. Proch asked if the Principals follow up on this particular reference and Mrs. Butler stated it is/should be part of their evaluations. Superintendent Cozort added this policy does not change practice, it institutionalizes what is already in place even though it is not formally written. Mrs. Murphy asked for a vote at the next meeting.

Committee discussion and votes to be taken

Vote to Approve School Improvement Plans, presented November 7, 2017. Tim Lepore made a motion, seconded by Pauline Proch, with none opposed, the motion was approved.

Vote to Approve the MOA with Nantucket Teachers Association, Collective Bargaining Agreement Language Change for Separation Benefit. This has not been returned by the NTA and will need to be tabled.

Vote to Accept Donation from Island Lumber Company to NHS Gift Account for NHS Wood Shop, \$200. Tim Lepore made a motion, seconded by Pauline Proch, with none opposed, the motion was approved.

Vote to Approve the January 9, 2018, Meeting Minutes. Jenn Iller made a motion to approve the minutes, Pauline Proch seconded, and the motion was approved.

Vote to Approve the Transfers & Invoices

None

Superintendent’s Report–W. Michael Cozort

On the Horizon

FinCom presentation on January 18 at 4:30. For the February 6 meeting, a presentation of Social Studies curriculum, with Science for the 2nd meeting in February. Also, a vote on the FY2019 Budget, an Enrollment update. Mrs. Murphy reminded the School Committee, their Self-Evaluations will be coming up with the new format and new questions for the Committee based on last year’s re-working what was thought to be stale for an evaluation.

Subcommittees & Acknowledgements

Sub-Committees:

The Policy committee have a meeting on Thursday, starting the J Policies.

Negotiations:

Teaching Assistant negotiations are continuing.

Student Council member Natalie Gammons stated there was really nothing more since last week.

At 7:12pm the School Committee adjourned on a motion made by Pauline Proch and seconded by Tim Lepore, and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Logan O’Connor, School Committee Clerk