

NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE
NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH, MA
DECEMBER 17, 2020
VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING MEETING/REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M.

The North Attleborough School Committee held a virtual Public Hearing Meeting on Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman McKenna called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Attendance Roll Call:

School Committee:

John Costello - Present	Secretary Ethan Hamilton - Present
Kathryn Hobbs - Present	Kevin O'Donnell - Present
Carol Wagner - Present	Sarah Stone - Present
Chairman James McKenna - Present	Town Council President Keith Lapointe - Present

Central Administration:

Superintendent Scott Holcomb - Present	Assistant Superintendent Michelle McKeon - Present
Business Administrator David Flynn - Present	Interim Dir. of Facilities and Grounds - Christopher George - Present
Administrative Assistant Mary Chagnon - Absent	Director of Student Services - Meg Camire - Present

Student Representatives:

Shruti Srinivasan - Present	Brody Rosenberg - Present
Dylan Desrosiers - Absent	Joseph Perriello - Absent
Grace Noreck - Absent	

Mr. McKenna announced the meeting was being held remotely due to the Executive Order of Governor Baker on March 12, 2020 and read the order into the record.

The Pledge of Allegiance led by Brody Rosenberg followed.

Chairman McKenna started the public hearing by calling on any members of the public who may be present that would like to address the School Committee on the FY22 School Budget. Hearing no response, Chairman McKenna called for a motion to adjourn the public hearing portion of the meeting, so moved by Kevin O'Donnell, seconded by Carol Wagner. No discussion. So voted by roll call vote:

Roll call vote:

John Costello - Yes	Secretary Ethan Hamilton - Yes
Kathryn Hobbs - Yes	Kevin O'Donnell - Yes
Sarah Stone - Yes	Carol Wagner - Yes
Chairman James McKenna - Yes	

Motion passed 7-0-0

Public hearing portion of the meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Chairman McKenna called the regular meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Attendance Roll Call:

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John Costello - Present	Secretary Ethan Hamilton - Present
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Issues Requiring Votes

Chairman McKenna moved to the next item on the agenda, a vote to approve the FY22 Budget as recommended by the Budget Subcommittee and called on Budget Subcommittee Members Kevin O'Donnell, Ethan Hamilton and John Costello, for comment. Mr. O'Donnell began the discussion by stating the subcommittee met on December 9th at 5:00p.m. with Superintendent Holcomb and Business Administrator David Flynn. Mr. O'Donnell explained the original figure that was presented for review for FY22 was \$43,960,830.00. After discussions within the subcommittee, it was agreed to include 4 Technology Integration Specialists and to fund FDK bringing the revised figure to \$44,595,839.00. Chairman McKenna called on Mr. O'Donnell for a motion to approve the FY22 Budget request of \$44,595,839.00 as recommended by the Budget Subcommittee, seconded by Carol Wagner. Discussion ensued. Ethan Hamilton stated he advocated for funding FDK in North Attleborough. John Costello stated he agreed with Mr. Hamilton on funding FDK. Chairman McKenna called on Superintendent Holcomb for his thoughts and recommendations. Mr. Holcomb began by thanking Business Administrator David Flynn, Assistant Superintendent Michelle McKeon and Director of Student Services, Meg Camire and the Administrative Team along with the Subcommittee members for their diligence, hard work and input into the FY22 Budget request. Mr. Holcomb referred to Mr. Flynn for a summarization of how he came up with the figure of \$44,595,839.00. Mr. Flynn stated there were 5 components that went into the 8.432% increased request over last year's budget. 1. \$842,205.00 shortfall from level service in FY21. 2. \$1,590,873 - Bring all existing staff back next year using calculations for step increases and lane changes. 3. \$200,000 - Increase the Special Education tuition line item to offset increased tuitions and decreases in grant funding and Circuit Breaker reimbursements. 4. \$200,000 - Add 4 Technology Integration Specialists 5. \$635,000 - Fully fund FDK as recommended by Asst. Supt. Michelle McKeon and Dir. of Student Services Meg Camire. All 5 components total \$3,468,078 over level service. Chairman McKenna called on Assistant Superintendent Michelle McKeon for some input on the benefits of funding FDK. Mrs. McKeon stated year after year we are contacted by parents with requests to fund FDK. Mrs. McKeon stated studies show there is evidence that students benefit tremendously from a full day of exposure to the curriculum as opposed to a half day. Director of Student Services Meg Camire stated her office focuses on the intervention of students. They also spend a lot of energy on the prevention of students and their success and FDK is one of our core components of preventing our students from regressing and increasing the likelihood of success in our school system. Discussion ensued. Motion voted on by roll call vote:

Roll call vote:

John Costello - Yes
 Kathryn Hobbs - Yes
 Carol Wagner - Yes
 Chairman James McKenna - Yes
 Motion passed 7-0-0

Secretary Ethan Hamilton - Yes
 Kevin O'Donnell - Yes
 Sarah Stone - Yes

Chairman McKenna called for a motion to waive the School Committee agenda policy for the next meeting on January 4, 2021, so moved by Kevin O'Donnell and seconded by Carol Wagner. Discussion ensued. Motion voted on by roll call vote:

Roll call vote:

John Costello - Yes

Kathryn Hobbs - Yes

Carol Wagner - Yes

Chairman James McKenna - Yes

Motion passed 6-1-0

Secretary Ethan Hamilton - No

Kevin O'Donnell - Yes

Sarah Stone - Yes

Executive Session

Chairman McKenna stated there was no reason to go into Executive Session and reported the Negotiations Subcommittees would be meeting in January for discussions on the Office Professional, Paraprofessional and Food Service Workers collective bargaining agreements.

Chairman McKenna called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, so moved by Kevin O'Donnell, seconded by Carol Wagner. No discussion. So voted by roll call vote:

Roll call vote:

John Costello - Yes

Kathryn Hobbs - Yes

Carol Wagner - Yes

Chairman James McKenna - Yes

Motion passed 7-0-0

Secretary Ethan Hamilton - Yes

Kevin O'Donnell - Yes

Sarah Stone - Yes

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Assistant Mary Chagnon.