

**NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH, MA**  
**FEBRUARY 1, 2021**  
**6:00 P.M. VIRTUAL MEETING**

The North Attleborough School Committee held a virtual meeting on Monday, February 1, 2021 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  
Kathryn Hobbs - Present  
Kevin O'Donnell - Present  
Carol Wagner - Absent

Secretary Ethan Hamilton - Present  
Chairman James McKenna - Present  
Sarah Stone - Present  
Town Council President Keith Lapointe - Present

**Central Administration:**

Superintendent Scott Holcomb - Present  
Business Administrator David Flynn - Present  
High School Principal Peter Haviland - Present

Assistant Superintendent Michelle McKeon - Present  
Interim Dir. of Facilities and Grounds - Christopher George - Present  
Technology Director - Gideon Gaudette - Present

**Student Representatives:**

Shruti Srinivasan - Absent  
Dylan Desrosiers - Present  
Grace Noreck - Absent

Brody Rosenberg - Present  
Joseph Perriello - Present

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 Dylan Desrosiers followed.

***Recognition***

Chairman McKenna called on Superintendent Holcomb for his recognition. Mr. Holcomb stated as we prepare for the vaccination of our school personnel, he wanted to recognize the North Attleboro Fire Department, Town Board of Health Nurse Anne Marie Fleming and school nurses and school personnel for their efforts to coordinate the process. Mr. Holcomb thanked Principal Haviland and Chris George for the work they have done to prepare the High School and Middle School as the complex to administer the vaccinations. Discussion ensued.

***Presentations***

Chairman McKenna called on the NAHS Student Representatives for their update on the happenings at the High School. Dylan Desrosiers gave an update on Active Minds. Dylan explained the Green Bandana Project would take place next week stating green bandanas and cards produced in the Innovation Lab would be distributed to students to raise mental health awareness. Dylan reported that the North Attleboro Police Department had created custom patches to be sold to benefit Active Minds and that 100 of the 300 created had already been sold. Brody Rosenberg reported on the recent Student Voice Summit held 2 weeks ago. He stated discussions were had about new and improved ways to handle the XBlock on Tuesdays and Fridays. The students discussed different ways to engage students with fun activities such as trivia that would promote interactions with each other.

Chairman McKenna announced Carol Wagner arrived at the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Joseph Perriello reported on the group High School Helpers. He stated it was organized originally as a tutoring system which as a result of COVID has not been successful. Joseph explained at the recent SVS discussions were had about revamping the program entirely which will be implemented in the upcoming months. The revised program will pair freshmen with upperclassmen to advise them with whatever issues come up. They have also generated a google form that can be completed anonymously and in upcoming Google Meets, during XBlock, they will address any problems students may be having. Joseph stated they will be setting up a Google Classroom so all can join and go over any things that come up on the forms. Discussion ensued.

Chairman McKenna introduced Interim Facilities and Grounds Director Chris George for his update. Mr. George reported on the completion of LED lighting at Community School and North Attleborough High School. Mr. George reported on the Community School steam pipes maintenance. Discussion ensued.

Chairman McKenna called on Superintendent Scott Holcomb for his presentation of evidence for his evaluation. Superintendent Holcomb referred to the backup packet that had been delivered to the committee highlighting his accomplishments in the district from last March to the present. Mr. Holcomb explained his evaluation is a litmus test of all the people in the district and their accomplishments. Mr. Holcomb stated that over 700 people in the district came together to make the opening of schools possible. He explained the few school districts were able to do in person learning over the summer but because of the relationships with outside vendors and our outstanding Director of Student Services Meg Camire and her staff of Special Educators, we were able to get everything we needed in place to have students come in and be safe in July. We were also able to start school on DESE's timeline of September 16th. Mr. Holcomb stated free lunches were given out all summer long to our community. He stated we opened our schools, we kept people safe and schools continue to be open as we increase the number of students to in-person learning. He explained our entire staff worked together along with the union to get all of it done. Discussion ensued.

### ***School Committee Members Community Announcements***

Kevin O'Donnell asked to send our prayers out to AJ Quetta and his family as he recovers from a severe injury suffered in a hockey game last week. AJ is a student from Bishop Feehan High School.

Carol Wagner personally thanked Keith Lapointe and Mike Lennox for all the years of service they have given to the Town's people of North Attleborough and she wished them well.

Keith Lapointe reminded everyone that preliminary budgets were due for Town Council review on Monday February 8th.

Chairman McKenna wished Captain Joseph DiRenzo and Sergeant Chris Ciccio well in their retirement from the North Attleborough Police Department.

### ***Action Items***

Chairman McKenna called for a motion to approve the bills dated January 15, 22, 29, 2021, so moved by Kevin O'Donnell, seconded by Carol Wagner. Discussion ensued. So voted by roll call vote:

#### **Roll call vote:**

John Costello - Yes

Kathryn Hobbs - Yes

Carol Wagner - Yes

Chairman James McKenna - Abstain

Motion passed 5-0-2

Secretary Ethan Hamilton - Abstain

Kevin O'Donnell - Yes

Sarah Stone - Yes

Chairman McKenna called for a motion to approve the minutes dated January 11, 2021, 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

### ***Issues Requiring Votes:***

Chairman McKenna called for a motion to approve the first reading of the 2021-2022 School Calendar as presented with the addition of September 3rd being designated as a vacation day and as recommended by the Curriculum Policy Subcommittee, so moved by Carol Wagner, seconded by Kevin O'Donnell. Discussion ensued. 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

Chairman McKenna moved on to the vote to approve the first reading of the 2021-2022 High School Program of Studies as recommended by the Curriculum Policy Subcommittee and introduced Assistant Superintendent Michelle McKeon for a review of the proposed document. Mrs. McKeon called on HS Principal Peter Haviland for a description of the revisions being proposed to the Program of Studies for 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Haviland went on to describe the proposed revisions to the NorthServes Graduation Requirement, Social Studies, World Languages and Special Education course selections. Chairman McKenna called for a motion to approve the proposed revisions, so moved by Carol Wagner, seconded by Kevin O'Donnell. Discussion ensued. 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

**Discussion Items**

Chairman McKenna explained to stay in compliance with open meeting law pertaining to the Superintendent's Evaluation, he was proposing an additional meeting on February 25th specifically to release the copies of the Superintendent Evaluations completed by all members and the composite for the committee's review. Mr. McKenna stated this additional meeting would facilitate a more organized meeting on March 1st in which they would present the Superintendent with his evaluation. Discussion ensued. Mr. McKenna called for motion to suspend the agenda policy for 30 days, 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

**Executive Session**

Chairman McKenna called for a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with Union Personnel which may have a detrimental effect if held in open session and the chairman so declares, 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

Chairman McKenna stated they would not be returning from the Executive Session.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Administrative Assistant Mary Chagnon.*