

Joint Meeting of the Nauset School Committees
Nauset Regional Middle School
May 23, 2013

Present for the Brewster Committee: Dave Telman, Donna Kalinick, Brenda Cazeault, Trish Hill

Present for Eastham Committee: Laura Freeman, Joanne Irish, Mary Lou Sette, Ann Crozier

Present for Orleans Committee: Josh Stewart, Ed Rohmer, David Abel

Present for Wellfleet Committee: Chair Plaue, Betsy Pontius, Terry Frazier, Jill Putnam, Mort Inger

Present for Region Committee: Sarah Blackwell, Cheryl Codair, Jayne Fowler, Jon Porteus, Chris Galazzi, and Brian Kavanaugh

Present for Administration: Richard Hoffmann, Bonny Gifford, Giovanna Venditti

6:00 p.m. – Celebration of Excellence – Honoring Nauset’s Teacher of the Year, Tom Faris and Perry Andac and Nauset Employees of the Year, Susan Ford and Paul Richard. Retirees were also honored with a special recognition for Greg O’Brien, member of the Regional School Committee for 18 years. Representative Sarah Peake and Representative Cleon Turner attended the event and presented the honorees with citations.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Plaue called the business meeting to order at 7:02 p.m

CITIZENS SPEAK

None

PRIORITY BUSINESS

Items B and C were tabled until School Committee boards had a chance to reorganize. The second reading of the policy will be at the June meetings of the Committee.

Superintendent’s Evaluation

Gwynne Guzzeau, Chair of Union 54, indicated that 16 out of 20 members submitted an evaluation and reported that at the working Union 54 meeting that members voiced that they found the evaluation tool to be too cumbersome, goals too ambitious, difficulty in accessing formatting, and not enough practical data to show evidence. Members felt next year would be better with input from staff and principals.

Ms. Guzzeau gave a brief summary of the results and read a couple of very positive comments and a couple of comments noting constructive criticisms from members.

Sara Blackwell, Vice Chair of the Regional School Committee, read a few comments from members noting proficiency and also commended Dr. Hoffmann for working so well in the four town system and fulfilling obligations.

Chair Plaue asked if any members wanted to add anything to the reports and none responded. Members did, however, express feelings about the evaluation tool, the evidence taking too much time, and how they did not feel qualified to make comments in some areas.

Chair Plaue suggested the evaluation tool be reviewed in the summer in the hopes of making something more efficient for members.

Superintendent Hoffmann thanked School Committee members who took the time to complete the evaluation. He will draft a better tool for the School Committee to use and bring it to the summer meeting. He also indicated that last summer the Joint Committee spent one and a half days working on the Superintendent's evaluation document.

Summer Meeting Date

The Committee decided to schedule July 15th and July 29th from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. for summer meeting dates. Some suggestions for the meeting topics included: Smart Goals for School Committees, Supt. Evaluation Tool, the role of the School Committee members, and School Committee's self-evaluation.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Sarah Blackwell, seconded by Dave Telman, it was voted to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2013 meeting. (Abstaining: Mort Inger and Donna Kalinick)

Adjournment

On a motion by Sarah Blackwell, seconded by Dave Telman, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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