

## Joint School Committee Meeting

October 24, 2013

### Present for the Committees:

Region: John O'Reilly, Jon Porteus, Cheryl Codair, Sue Skidmore, Jayne Fowler, and Ed Lewis

Brewster: David Telman, Donna Kalinick (left at 7:45 p.m.), Trish Hill and Marie Enochty

Eastham: Ann Crozier, Mary Lou Sette, Laura Freeman, and Amy Handel

Orleans: Josh Stewart, Eric Ehnstrom, Ed Rohmer, and David Abel

Wellfleet: Jan Plaue, Terri Frazier, Mort Inger, Betsy Pontius, Jill Putnam

### Present for the Administration:

Dr. Hoffmann, Keith Gauley, Tom Conrad, Maxine Minkoff, Mary Beth Rodman, Diane Carreiro, Scotti Finnegan, Denise Fronius and Joanna Hughes

### Call to Order

Jan Plaue called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Dr. Maxine Minkoff, Principal at Nauset Regional Middle School, introduced the presenters; Fiona Jensen, Dianne Vaconda and Adria Kennedy, who gave a brief overview of *Calmer Choice*, a stress reduction, self-regulation, and mindfulness program for students. They reported the history, research and success they have witnessed with children using the program. Julie Flanagan and Mary Stack are introducing this to sixth graders at the Middle School as part of their Health and Wellness Program. Principal Diane Carreiro, Orleans Elementary School, addressed the committee with many accolades about the program from parents and staff. Orleans students participated in the program last year in Grades K-4 for eight weeks, 2 sessions per week, and 30 minutes per class and saw positive results in a short amount of time. In particular, the program had a positive impact on special needs children and autistic children.

### Chair of Union 54

Motion: On a motion by Laura Freeman, seconded by Mort Inger, it was voted unanimously to appoint Ann Crozier as Chair of Union 54.

### Superintendent's Evaluation

Dr. Hoffmann reviewed the goals, summary, sample of evidence, and action steps in the Superintendent's Evaluation. He also reported on the survey that was sent to parents and the Citizens' Technology Forum that was held recently.

School Committee members shared thoughts of the Superintendent's Evaluation that included:

- K-2 not addressed through bullying (it was later noted that K-2 is not applicable)
- Cyberbullying

- Long range Tech Plan – Recommendation was a subcommittee be formed to include elementary schools as well as the region and have a district-wide vision.

### Transportation

Giovanna Venditti updated the committee on the transportation system indicating opening day, ridership study, bus change requests, and renewal of the First Student contract for another year.

The Flahive Consulting Group has been asked to assist in the preparation of the bus transportation bid to look at competitive prices. She also noted a substantial savings in the special needs transportation contract that went from per bus to per mile. Orleans PreK program moved from Orleans to Eastham and so they experienced a greater cost. Committee members asked about bullying on the bus, bus monitors, videotaping, and discipline on the bus.

### Policy Manual Update

#### **CONCUSSION POLICY**

##### REGION

On a motion by John O'Reilly, seconded by Sue Skidmore it was voted 6 yeas to reaffirm the Concussion Policy.

##### WELLFLEET

On a motion by Jill Putnam, seconded by Mort Inger, it was voted 5 yeas to reaffirm the Concussion Policy.

##### EASTHAM

On a motion by Ann Crozier, seconded by Laura Freeman, it was voted 4 yeas to reaffirm the Concussion Policy.

##### ORLEANS

On a motion by Josh Stewart, seconded by Eric Ehnstrom, it was voted 4 yeas to reaffirm the Concussion Policy.

##### BREWSTER

On a motion by Marie Enochty, seconded by Dave Telman, it was voted 3 yeas to reaffirm the Concussion Policy.

#### **BULLYING POLICY**

##### REGION

On a motion by John O'Reilly, seconded by Jon Porteus, it was voted 6 yeas to approve the policy on bullying for a second reading and adoption with the addition of wording to include "staff."

##### WELLFLEET

On a motion by Jill Putnam, seconded by Mort Inger, it was voted 5 yeas to approve the policy on bullying for a second reading and adoption with the addition of wording to include "staff."

##### EASTHAM

On a motion by Ann Crozier, seconded by Laura Freeman, it was voted 4 yeas to approve the policy on bullying for a second reading and adoption with the addition of wording to include "staff."

## ORLEANS

On a motion by Josh Stewart, seconded by Eric Ehnstrom, it was voted 4 yeas to approve the policy on bullying for a second reading and adoption with the addition of working to include “staff.”

## BREWSTER

On a motion by Dave Telman, seconded by Trish Hill, it was voted 3 yeas to approve the policy on bullying for a second reading and adoption with the addition of working to include “staff.”

## **POLICIES G (PERSONNEL) and H (NEGOTIATIONS)**

Brewster, Eastham and Wellfleet voted the policies G and H for a first reading. Orleans and the Region tabled the first reading until their next meeting. It was the consensus of the Joint Committee to hold off voting the policies for a second reading until they see if Orleans or the Region are voting the policies or recommending otherwise. Dr. Hoffmann noted that the individual committees can have their own version of a policy, but as a district every effort is made to keep our Nauset policies the same throughout the district.

## Approval of Minutes

### **Minutes of March 14, 2013**

On a motion by Mort Inger, seconded by Jill Putnam, it was voted 3 yeas to approve the minutes of March 14, 2013. (Putnam, Inger, Pontius)

On a motion by David Telman, seconded by Marie Enochty it was voted 3 yeas to approve the minutes of March 14, 2013. (Telman, Hill, Enochty)

On a motion by Ann Crozier, seconded by Laura Freeman, it was voted 3 yeas to approve the minutes of March 14, 2013. (Crozier, Freeman, Sette)

On a motion by Josh Stewart, seconded by Eric Ehnstrom, it was voted 3 yeas to approve the minutes of March 14, 2013. (Stewart, Ehnstrom, Rohmer)

On a motion by John O’Reilly, seconded by Jon Porteus, it was voted 6 yeas to approve the minutes of March 14, 2013.

### **Minutes of May 23, 2013**

On a motion by Marie Enochty, seconded by John O’Reilly it was voted to approve the minutes of May 23, 2013 –

Brewster – 2 yeas ( Hill, Telman) and 1 Abstention (Marie Enochty)

Wellfleet – 3 yeas (Putnam, Inger, Pontius)

Orleans – 3 yeas (Stewart, Ehnstrom, Rohmer)

Eastham – 3 yeas (Crozier, Freeman, Sette)

Region – 5 yeas and 1 Abstention (Ed Lewis)

### **Minutes of July 15, 2013**

On a motion by John O’Reilly, seconded by David Telman, it was voted to approve the minutes of July 15, 2013 –

Brewster – 3 yeas (Telman, Hill, Enochty)

Wellfleet – 3 yeas (Inger, Putnam, Pontius)

Orleans – 3 yeas (Stewart, Ehnstrom, Rohmer)

Eastham – 3 yeas (Crozier, Freeman, Sette)

Region – 6 yeas

**Minutes of September 18, 2013**

On a motion by Laura Freeman, seconded by Ann Crozier it was voted to approve the minutes of September 18, 2013 as amended (12 elements should read 10 elements).

Brewster – 2 yeas ( Enochty, Hill) and 1 Abstention (David Telman)

Wellfleet – 3 yeas (Pontius, Inger, Putnam) and correct spelling of Betsy

Orleans – 3 yeas (Stewart, Ehnstrom, Rohmer)

Eastham – 3 yeas (Crozier, Freeman, Sette)

Region – 6 yeas

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mort Inger seconded by David Telman, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8 :10 p.m.