

Andover School Committee
Regular Meeting of April 27, 2010
School Administration Building - School Committee Room

Members in Attendance: Chair Dennis Forgue, Annie Gilbert, Richard J. Collins, and Paula Colby-Clements

Others in Attendance: Dr. Claudia L. Bach, Superintendent, Dr. Susan M. Nicholson, Assistant Superintendent

I. Regular meeting in the School Committee Room

A. Salute to the Flag

Chair Dennis Forgue called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. Mr. Collins asked for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Recognition of Achievement

Dr. Bach recognized and congratulated Joe Spanos and the members of the AHS DECA Team who are participating in the International DECA Competition in Kentucky. She also announced that the solar panels installed at DMS and WMS and were put into operation on April 2nd by Ralph Knight of Plant and Facilities.

Dr. Bach congratulated Ruth Olney of the Food Services Department who has earned the credential of School Nutrition Specialist.

Dr. Nicholson presented Dr. Bach a bouquet of flowers and recognized her for her twelve years of dedication to the school district, her strong commitment to students, her support of the staff, and her vision for the school district.

Annie Gilbert recognized Dr. Bach on her vision, most notably for the origination of the ACE Foundation leading to the development of the Engineering Program and for the creation of the Foreign Language Lab at AHS. Her insight in rolling out programs has left her mark on the district. Mrs. Gilbert thanked Dr. Bach for the difference she has made in the Andover School System. Mr. Collins appreciates all that Dr. Bach has done for the system and stated she has been an excellent Superintendent. Paula Colby-Clements said she has always been impressed with Dr. Bach's vision for learning. Dennis Forgue greatly appreciates the strength she has shown especially with the challenges the school district has been faced with, and recognized her longevity as Superintendent the last twelve years.

Tina Girdwood, 15 Tucker Road thanked Dr. Bach for now, and for the many months and years to come, because through many difficult budgets she has managed to be creative in finding opportunities for students to attain 21st Century Skills that will have long lasting effects. We wish Claudia well in the exciting opportunity she has ahead.

Diane Costagliola, 15 Belknap Drive spoke on behalf of all parents, thanking Dr. Bach for being the consummate fighter. She always encouraged everyone to keep pushing forward and stressed the importance of education. Andover is in a better place now than it was twelve years ago due to her dedication.

F. Policy - Second Pass Tabled to next meeting

G. Finances

1. YTD Finances

Dr. Bach has reviewed the YTD finances submitted to the School Committee. Dennis Forgue reported he has also reviewed the YTD finances submitted and has no question with the information.

2. FY-11 Budget

Chairman Forgue said an agreement on the budget was reached last week by all three Boards. However, the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee have concerns with the agreement on the \$650,000 requested for supplemental appropriations and have requested the School Committee motion be amended to indicate that any excess funds not needed be returned to Free Cash.

Annie Gilbert motioned to amend the motion for Warrant Article 7 – Supplemental Appropriations to include that should the requested amount of \$650,000 to close the FY-2010 budget be less than that amount, the remaining balance will be returned to Free Cash. The motion was seconded by Paula Colby-Clements, voted 4-0 and approved.

H. Adjournment

On a motion by Paula Colby-Clements and a second by Annie Gilbert it was voted 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee DeLorenzo

Dee DeLorenzo, Recorder