

NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE
NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH, MA
JUNE 27, 2019
7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

The North Attleborough School Committee met on Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the James M. Rice Conference Room at the Woodcock Administration Building.

Committee members present included: Kathryn Hobbs, James McKenna, Kevin O'Donnell, Adam Scanlon and John Costello. Ethan Hamilton and Carol Wagner was absent.

Superintendent Scott Holcomb represented Central Administration.

Chairman McKenna called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Chairman McKenna recognized Jared Ware and stated the meeting was being recorded and broadcast on NorthTV.

Superintendent Holcomb announced the resignation of Assistant Superintendent Lori McEwen and read a quote from the newspaper article announcement. "Dr. McEwen has enjoyed her time in North Attleborough and is very proud of the work everyone has done together however, she has many exciting opportunities in front of her that caused her decision to resign. She will spend time with family and give the district time to find a replacement." Mr. Holcomb thanked her for her service, leadership and curriculum and assessment work and wished her well in her future endeavors. Superintendent Holcomb then introduced Amvet Principal Michelle McKeon. Mr. Holcomb recommended Mrs. McKeon as the new Assistant Superintendent of North Attleborough Public Schools. Mr. Holcomb went on to describe Mrs. McKeon's core strengths and experiences that led him to his recommendation. High School Principal Peter Haviland and Middle School Principal Brianne Kelleher spoke of their support of Mrs. McKeon's recommendation.

Chairman McKenna asked Mrs. McKeon to introduce herself and speak to her strengths. Mrs. McKeon thanked the Committee for considering her for the position of Assistant Superintendent. She stated there were 3 important things she wanted the Committee to know about her as moved forward in this new role. She supports teachers, she embraces collaboration and most importantly she cares about children and their education. Discussion ensued.

Chairman McKenna called for a motion to vote to approve Michelle McKeon as Assistant Superintendent as recommended by Superintendent Holcomb, so moved by Kathryn Hobbs, seconded by Kevin O'Donnell, discussion ensued. So voted and passed unanimously 5-0-0. A five minute recess was taken.

The meeting re-adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Superintendent Holcomb discussed the purchase of the 2 new Special Education buses. He explained how 3 buses have been taken off the road due to extensive repair. A request was made to the town for CIP funds be used for the bus purchases and the request has been deferred until October when free cash will be available. Buses take 12 - 15 weeks once they were ordered. Mr. Holcomb explained how Circuit Breaker funding was used for the purchase. Discussion ensued.

Chairman McKenna went on to discuss Adam Scanlon's election to the Town Council and his resignation from the School Committee. Scenarios were discussed and it was decided to wait until Monday, July 1st and his swearing in as Town Council which would automatically vacate his seat on the Committee under the new form of government. Discussion ensued.

Chairman McKenna called for a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations with Union and Non-Union Personnel which may have a detrimental effect if held in open session, so moved by Kevin O'Donnell and seconded by John Costello. Roll call vote:

Kathryn Hobbs - Y

Adam Scanlon - Y

James McKenna - Y

Kevin O'Donnell - Y

John Costello - Y

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. Chairman McKenna stated they would be returning to open session.

Submitted by Mary Chagnon, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent