

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

January 29, 2013

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE: Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Julie Fay, Reta Rupich, Kara Keith, Jeff Odell (arrived at 6:28 pm), Reta Rupich, Julie Fay, Kara Keith and Lynn Colletti

ADMINISTRATION IN ATTENDANCE: Michael Wood, Superintendent of Schools, George King, Assistant Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Federspiel called the meeting to order at 6:17 PM in the School Committee Conference Room

CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda included:

February 1, 2013 Warrant

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3300	2/1/13	VENDOR	\$ 208,552.55
3301	2/1/13	BENEFIT	\$1,179,072.77
3302	2/1/13	PAYROLL	\$1,168,667.96

Minutes of the January 15, 2013 meeting

CORRESPONDENCE

Stow resident regard preschool offering at Center.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Wood reviewed his Superintendent's report; *(The Superintendent's Report is available in full on the NRSD website at <http://www.nrsd.net>)*

Topics included:

- FY14 Budget Release
- Understanding Excess and deficiency
- NRHS 26 random acts of kindness
- Math Curriculum Update

Fall Athletic Director's Report

Tania Rich attended the meeting to report out on the Fall Sports teams in the district. Ms. Rich highlighted the following accomplishments:

Fall Sports Highlights:

- 7 out of 8 teams qualified for playoffs
- 6 league titles (Football, Girls Soccer, Boys Soccer, Field Hockey, Boys XC, Girls XC)
- 2 district championship teams (GSOC/GXC) and a Super Bowl title
- 45 Total Mid-Wach League All-Stars
- Mid-Wach League MVPs in Girls Soccer, Boys Soccer, Field Hockey, and Offensive and Defensive MVPs in Football
- 18 Telegram & Gazette All-Stars
 - Girls Soccer Player of the Year – Kim Slade
 - Football Defensive Player of the Year – Zack Hume
- As of today, we have 5 seniors student-athletes planning to sign their National Letters of Intent on February 6th to continue their athletic careers at the collegiate level
- 358 fall athletes; 72% of those student-athletes made the Q1 honor roll
- Erin O'Donnell, our senior MIAA Student-Ambassador, won the MIAA Sportsmanship essay contest. She represented Nashoba at Gillette Stadium in October, where she read her essay in front of students and athletic directors across the state.

Boys' Cross Country: 8-1

- League Champions; 4th place in Districts
- 3 state qualifiers
- All Stars (6 of 10): Forrest Hangen (League Championship Winner), Mark Puleo, Jacob Hangen, Adam Heislein, John Atkinson, and Matt Boelens

Girls' Cross Country: Undefeated 8-0

- League Champions (3rd year in a row)
- District Champions
- Rylee Gillen, freshman, won both the league and district meet
- Placed 11th in the state as a team
- All Stars (7 of 10): Rylee Gillen, Kara McCormack, Grace Dempsey, Kelsey Horowitz, Natalie Bettez, Taylor Brady.
- District all stars: Rylee Gillen, Natalie Bettez and Grace Dempsey

Cheerleading

- 1st place at the Algonquin Invitational
- 2nd place in the League Competition
- League All-Stars: Rebecca Jacobs, Shannon Perkins, and Sadie Gauthier

Field Hockey: 16-3-1

- League Champions (first time since 1992)
- Lost in the district semi-finals in double OT
- League All-Stars (6): Katie Lombardozi (MVP), Sammy Gjeltema, Emma Caviness, Tori Danby, Olivia Hurd, Anna Schab
- Katie Lombardozi – Division 1 Player of the Year
- Coach Mariani – Central Mass Coach of the Year

Volleyball: 7-11

- Best season to date of the program

- League All-Stars (2): Kelsey Keenan and Rita Peirce
- Sport is growing in the district; increased numbers in the program this year

Golf: 10-5-1

- Second place in the league
- Placed 9th in the district tournament
- League All-Stars (2): Alec Dempsey and Jared Richard

Boys' Soccer: 12-4-3

- League Champions
- League All-Stars (3): Kevin Dannels (MVP), Bret Perisho, Andrew Parrow
- Coach McKinley – League Coach of the Year

Girls' Soccer: 18-1-4; Ranked No. 1 in the T&G Top 10 the majority of the fall

- League Champions (8 out of the last 10 years)
- District Champions – second year in a row
- State Finalists
- League All-Stars (7): Kim Slade (MVP), Laura Courtney, Jessica Miller, Cori Gillen, Emily Kuefler, Eileen McGarry
- Central Mass All-Stars (5): Kim Slade (MVP), Laura Courtney, Jessica Miller, Cori Gillen, Emily Kuefler
- Kim Slade – League MVP, Central Mass MVP, All State, All New England, and is a candidate for the Mass Gatorade Player of the Year
- Sportsmanship Award from Soccer Officials Association
- Coach Vaughan – League Coach of the Year

Football: Undefeated 13-0; Ranked in the T&G Top 10 all season

- League Champions (3rd year in a row)
- Division 2 Super Bowl Champs – second year in a row
- We currently hold the state's longest winning streak at 26-0
- League-All Stars (10): John Ojukwu (Offensive MVP), Andrew Cross, Garrett Curran, Ethan Benjamin, Zack Hume (Defensive MVP), Jack Sarnoski, Cam Rothfuss, Brady Schartner, Eli Williams, and Frankie Chiodo.
- Zack Hume was selected to the Super 26 All-State and ESPN Top 26 Football team.
- John Ojukwu broke the school's scoring record.

Update on Audit Advisory Committee

Mr. Wood advised the audit advisory committee meet and were very pleased with the findings. Mr. Wood advised the auditors will attend a future meeting to report to the school committee.

MSBA Statement of Interest Application

Mr. Wood advised the Massachusetts School Building Authority runs the statement of interest application annually for school district to identify their needs to partnership with the MSBA for projects. Mr. Wood is not recommending the district entertain the SOI this year, stating next year would be a more reasonable year to look at this.

Assabet Valley Collaborative Audit Report

Mr. Wood advised that under new regulation we are now required to share with the public the audit to the collaborative the district belongs to. Mr. Wood stated he Chairs this board and they are in good financial shape.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Student Advisory Report

Ms. Bennett reported;

Student Recognition for academic achievement in the first quarter.

- Business—Zach Wilson
- Business/Technology—John Kilgo
- Technology Engineering—Luka Schultz
- English Department—Will Clark
- Math Department—Joel Sharin
- Music Department—Louise Bennett
- Art Department—Alisha Fisher
- Social Studies—Alisha Fisher
- World Languages—Andrew “Carson” Bond
- Science Department—Emma Duggan

Tina Orlando won 5 golden keys for the 2013 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. 1 for her portfolio, and the other 4 for individually submitted photographs. She'll go on to another round where, if she makes the top 10, her work will be displayed in an expo in New York.

Hello Dolly will be Friday and Saturday, March 22nd and 23rd at 7:30 PM, and Sunday, March 24th at 2:00 PM.
Adult Tickets \$12 each
Student / Senior Tickets \$10 each

Winter Sports Update

- Boys Basketball has improved to 8-6 with a huge win over Wachusett on Friday night. The team knocked off the number one ranked team in Central Mass with a 47-46 win.
- Girls Basketball is 10-2 and have clinched a playoff spot and they are on the way to a second consecutive league title.
- Ice Hockey is 9-2-2 and off to their best start in school history. The team has clinched a playoff berth and are in the running for a share of the league title.
- Boys and girls indoor track teams are doing well. They will be competing in the league championship this weekend at Fitchburg High School.
- The swim team has improved each meet this season and won their first meet against Worcester a couple of weeks ago. They are competing in the league championship on Thursday at Tantasqua Regional High School.
- The wrestling team has improved to 18-1 and has clinched the league title. The team is currently ranked 10th in the state.
- The alpine and Nordic ski teams are off to a good start with individuals placing in their races.

Finance SubCommittee

Ms. Busch reported the warrants were approved.

Personnel SubCommittee

No Report

Policy SubCommittee

No Report

SPED PAC

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent's Proposed FY14 Budget

Mr. Wood advised the district is in very good financial shape, the administration has worked very hard to put together a budget that is comprehensive, looking at school and district goals. Mr. Wood advised the totally proposed budget is increasing by 3.88% with offsets the net budget is increasing by 1.61%. Mr. Wood provided a powerpoint presentation and reviewed each slide during the presentation. Presentation can be found at www.nrsd.net

Overview of all day (February 2nd) Budget Workshop

Mr. Wood advised the workshop will be conducted in the traditional budget workshop format, there will be an over and each Principal/Director will have 15 minutes to review their school budget needs and will end with Q & A. Ms. Federspiel asked the committee to review the budget provided last week and come prepared with their questions.

Second Quarter Finance Report

Mr. King advised the second quarter finance report is provided in the packet tonight and advised there are a couple of obvious issues, first being the contract services line, which has to do with the science lab initiative, that will need to be back filled, this will be done later in the year after we see what the MSBA will reimburse. The other large amount is the school choice going out, this is a revolving fund, every year the school committee votes to transfer fund and that vote has not occurred yet. Mr. King all other areas of the report look good.

Student Activity Policy

Mr. King advised that Pompositticut and Center have had separate student activity funds and with the closing of Pompositticut, Mr. King is asking for a vote to merge the funds of the Pompositticut School with that of the present Center School student activity account.

MOTION

Jeff Odell made a motion to merge the student activity funds of the Pompositticut School with that of the present Center School fund; seconded by Julie Fay **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Reta Rupich, Julie Fay, Jeff Odell, Kara Keith and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED.**

UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)

Endowment Fund Gift to NRHS

Mr. Wood stated there is a memo in the packet from the NRHS Endowment Fund Board regarding of a grant that Harold Becker, foreign language head at NRHS applied for and was granted. Mr. Wood advised the school committee will need to vote to accept this grant.

MOTION

Jeff Odell made a motion to accept the NRHS Endowment Fund grant up to \$2500 to be used for the purchase and installation of an EPSON Powerlite projector in the Spanish Classroom seconded by Reta Rupich **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Reta Rupich, Julie Fay, Jeff Odell, Kara Keith and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

OLD BUSINESS

District Improvement Plan FY14 (and beyond): Next Steps.

Ms. Federspiel stated the next step will be to put together a survey to get more citizen feedback on. Mr. Wood stated there were a number of topics that ranged from 12 votes to 0 votes. Mr. Wood advised he has developed questions for the topics that received the most votes and suggested that a couple of the school committee members work together to wordsmith the survey to get the answers to the questions they are seeking. Mr. Odell and Ms. Rupich will work on the survey.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

MOTION

Reta Rupich made a motion to adjourn at 8:18 pm seconded by Maureen Busch **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Reta Rupich, Julie Fay, Jeff Odell, Kara Keith and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

Respectfully Submitted,
Aleta Masterson
Executive Assistant