

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

October 22, 2013

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Cathy Thier, Julie Fay, Lynn Colletti, and Kara Keith

**ABSENT:** Reta Rupich and Jeff Odell

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Federspiel called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM in the School Committee Conference Room.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Topics on consent agenda included:

**October 25, 2013 Warrants**

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3359	10/25/13	VENDOR	\$ 289,749.96
3360	10/25/13	BENEFIT	\$ 45,254.16
3361	10/25/13	PAYROLL	\$1,265,190.66

Minutes of the October 8, 2013 meeting

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Ms. Fay received correspondence from a teacher expressing concerns about the new evaluation process being implemented and how they feel administration is handling the implementation.

Ms. Thier received an email regarding the appointment of the basketball coach.

**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 Approval
- Instructional Student Support Plans (ISSP)
- Personalized Learning
- Educator Evaluation Update
- NEASC
- School Bus Safety
- Vacancy on the School Committee
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)
- District Determined Measures
- Transportation
- Board of Education Meeting

### **Nashoba Regional High School Council Report**

Dr. Graham and Rhonda Jardine-Yeats attended the meeting to provide an update on the high school school council. Dr. Graham provided an overview of the preparation for the NEASC visit. Ms. Jardine-Yeats advised the committee has only met twice and provided an overview of the council make up. Dr. Graham advised the upcoming topics to be covered this year are teenage driving, school safety, green initiative at the high school and the student handbook.

### **Hale Middle School Council Report**

Mr. King advised Hale has a "new" council this year, with almost all new members this year, three parents and three teachers. Mr. King advised the committee will be working on the school improvement plan as the current plan ended last year. Mr. King advised during the first meeting the committee focused the discussion on setting goals and initiatives for the year. Mr. King provided an updated on the Washington DC trip this Spring, advising the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class is 113 students and 110 are signed up to attend.

### **The Center School School Council Report**

Mr. Kevin Lacoste advised the council has met once and have elected a new chair. Mr. Lacoste stated at the first meeting the committee discussed the goals for the year, the student handbook, the school improvement plan and the bi laws. Mr. Lacoste provided an update on the pilot of the balanced literacy model, the enrichment program and advised that The Center School was award the Greenest School in Mass.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Student Advisory Report**

Ms. Gurijala reported;

Sports:

The fall regular season is coming to an end this week and 7 out of 8 varsity teams have qualified for the post season. This week is also Homecoming Week and we have numerous night games scheduled and Senior Nights to celebrate before Playoffs will begin next week! We also have invited the youth teams in the district to attend games this week and support the high school teams.

- The cross country teams finished the regular season undefeated. Both teams are ranked in the top 10 in central mass. The boys team won the Class B Wachusett Invitational two weeks ago. Both teams will compete in the League Championship this Saturday.
- The golf team won the Mid-Wach B League Championship last week and competed in the Division 1 Central Mass District Championship today and placed 4th overall with one of our golfers qualifying for the state championship next week.
- The volleyball team has improved 9-8 and has qualified for playoffs for the first time in school history. The team hosts Leominster tomorrow night for Senior Night.
- The football team is fallen to 3-3 playing three very tough teams the last few weeks. The team is hoping to rebound this week as they host Fitchburg on Friday night. Football playoffs begin next week and we will find out our seed and opponent this weekend.
- The cheerleading team competed in their first competition of the season last weekend and won 2nd place in their division at the Wachusett Invitational. They compete this week in Gardner and Marlboro.
- The field hockey team is now 11-4-1 and should be in the top 5 for the tournament.
- The girls soccer team has improved to 11-1-4 and host Shrewsbury tonight in a league game.
- The boys soccer team is 7-7-2 and vying for 2 more points to clinch a playoff berth. The team is playing Shrewsbury tonight for Senior night and hoping for the win to qualify for playoffs.

As I mentioned before, this week is Homecoming Week, and there is a lot of school spirit in the halls of Nashoba. Students pulled out their flannel shirts and cowboy hats for Country Day today. Tomorrow will be Classy Day, ending with Nashoba Spirit Day on Friday. Nominations for Homecoming King and Queen were announced today, and students have been voting during their lunches. The Homecoming Dance is being held on Saturday night in the lower gym, and it is going to be a semi-formal dance this year. This Friday is also the biannual Career Day at Nashoba. Parents of students in various professions will be coming in to talk to the students about their respective careers.

**Finance Subcommittee**

Ms. Busch reported warrants were signed and the committee discussed the upcoming budget season and the need for a NRHS Building Conditions and Space Task Force.

**Personnel Subcommittee**

No Report

**Policy Subcommittee**

Ms. Federspiel reported the policy subcommittee met and worked on many policies which will be presented tonight for a first reading.

**SPED PAC**

No Report

**ESBC**

No Report

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NRHS Handbook Updates – Good Citizenship**

Dr. Graham advised one of the roles of the school council is to update and make changes to the student handbook. Dr. Graham stated the council spent a good amount of time on school safety and one of those components is chemical health (drug and alcohol) and “good citizen” expectations. Dr. Graham stated he take his responsibility of keeping drugs and alcohol off school campus very seriously. Dr. Graham reviewed the updates that were in the meeting packet and explained these are expansions of the MIAA athlete expectations. The committee discussed the consequences to student actions for both athletes and club members. The committee will vote on the update for the NRHS student handbook at the next meeting.

**Policies for First Reading**

Ms. Federspiel advised the policy subcommittee met and the following policies are being presented tonight for a first reading. Ms. Federspiel advised most policies have minor changes; the policy the committee spent the most time on was AAA- School Committee By-Laws. Ms. Busch advised of two typos to be corrected on policy AAA- School Committee By-Laws. Policies will be voted on at the next meeting

- AAA - School Committee By-Laws
- BBAA - School Committee Member Authority
- BBBA-BBBB - School Committee Member Qualifications-Oath of Office
- BBBC - School Committee Member Resignation
- BBBE - Unexpired Term Fulfillment
- BCA - School Committee Member Ethics
- BDA - School Committee Organizational Meeting
- BE - School Committee Meetings

**School Committee Membership**

Ms. Federspiel stated this topic is in reference to the number of school committee members each town has for representation on the committee. Ms. Federspiel advised she has made several pleas for equal representation from each town. Ms. Federspiel advised the data has been research and her understand is that if we were to have a delta of 650 people, the representation of the said town would change. Mr. King advised this is the federal law referred to as "one man, one vote". Mr. Wood advised the next 5 years study will be in 2016 and we will revisit at that time.

**NRHS Building Conditions and Space Study Task Force**

Mr. Wood advised in follow up to the work previously done on the science lab needs study, he is asking the school committee to consider forming a task force to determine the building conditions and space needs. Mr. Wood advised this will only be a study task force the first year and will not have any budget impact the first year.

**MOTION**

Julie Fay made a motion to approve the creation of a NRHS Building Conditions and Space Task Force; seconded by Maureen Busch **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Cathy Thier, Julie Fay, Lynn Colletti, and Kara Keith. **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

NONE

**MOTION**

Lynn Colletti made a motion to adjourn at 8:01 pm; seconded by Julie Fay **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Cathy Thier, Julie Fay and Lynn Colletti. **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (5-0-0)** Kara Keith not present in room at time of vote.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Aleta Masterson  
Executive Assistant