

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

October 23, 2012

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE: Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Julie Fay, Reta Rupich, Kara Keith, Jeff Odell and Lynn Colletti (arrived at 6:25 pm)

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

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Federspiel called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM in the School Committee Conference Room.

CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda included:

October 26, 2012 Warrant

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3279	10/26/12	VENDOR	\$ 321,829.47
3280	10/26/12	BENEFIT	\$ 45,411.67
3281	10/26/12	PAYROLL	\$1,223,510.47

Minutes of the October 9, 2012 meeting

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Busch stated she received an email regarding the safety at the high school.

Ms. Fay stated she received an email from a parent of an MRE student regarding bringing an electronic reading device that does not have internet access and was told he could no longer bring the device to school when we was allow last year.

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:

- Education Perspective from Finland and Sweden
- National Merit Semifinalists
- Nashoba Sped Pac
- Parent, student, teacher conferences
- Assessments

High School Profile

Ms. Specht attended the meeting to provide the 2012-2013 Nashoba Regional High School profile and reviewed same. Ms. Specht provided a detail review of colleges which NRHS graduates have been accepted, AP awards results, National Merit, Standardized Test Scores, courses and levels, curriculum, graduation requirements, marking system and the class of 2013 weighted GPA distribution.

Mr. Wood asked Ms. Specht to provide an overview of Naviance Program. Ms. Specht reviewed both the student uses and guidance uses of this program, stating it is a four year program and reviewed what the actions are in each year/grade level and what role this program play in college applications. Mr. Wood asked if guidance has data on the 4% of the students who are not college bound. Ms. Specht replied they are going in to the workforce. Ms. Specht explained Ms. Allaire's role in the students who do no graduate and the follow-up that is given to ensure they being trained or are enrolled in a GED program.

Assabet Valley Collaborative Updates

Mr. Wood stated under the new legislation collaboratives must provide quarterly reports to their members. Mr. Wood advised the Assabet Valley Collaborative quarterly report and Nashoba review are included in the packet tonight.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Student Advisory Report

Ms. Bennett reported:

- Our fall teams are finishing the regular season strong. Currently, our fall varsity teams have a combined overall record of 74 win, 19 losses, and 9 ties.
- The cross-country teams finished the regular season undefeated and will be competing in the Mid-Wach B League Championship this Saturday. Currently, the girls team is ranked No. 1 in Central Mass and the boys No. 4. Two weeks ago, the boys' team won first place at the Wachusett Invitational and the girls' team took home first place at the Quabbin Invitational.
- The golf team came in second place at the Mid-Wach B League Championship last week. Today the team played in the Central Mass Division 1 tournament.
- The field hockey team has improved to 13-2-1 and has qualified for the post-season. Field hockey will host Marlboro tomorrow night at 7pm for Senior Night. The team will be playing to clinch the Mid-Wach B League title.
- The volleyball team defeated Clinton last Friday night in their annual Pink Game. The team raised money through the Making Strides walk, raffles, and donations and have made an \$1,386 donation to the American Cancer Society. The girls' will play Leominster on Thursday and celebrate senior night.
- The football team is still undefeated and has improved to 7-0 on the season. Football is ranked No. 2 in the Central Mass Media Poll and No. 7 in the ESPN Top 25 teams in the State.
- The boys' soccer team is ranked No. 6 in Central Mass and improved to 10-3-3 with a big league win over Shrewsbury on Saturday night. The boys are celebrating their senior night this evening against North Middlesex.
- The girls' soccer team is ranked No. 1 in Central Mass and No. 8 in the ESPN Top 20 poll. The team is undefeated with a 12-0-4 record. The team will be celebrating senior night this Thursday when they face off with Algonquin Regional at 7pm. The girls' will be playing for the Mid-Wach A league title.
- Next week we will find out the playoff schedule for field hockey and soccer.
- Plans have been made for the spirit week before Thanksgiving! Next meeting, I will be sure to tell you the themes and spirit scores! The pep rally will be a blast as, personally, I feel that these classes have an abundance of school spirit.
- We love Lucy is coming along swimmingly. The production is proceeding along wonderfully.
- The band concert was a great success! Thanks to all who attended!
- The quarter is drawing to a close on the 2nd. I hope that everyone has a great upcoming two weeks!

School Councils

Mr. King, Principal of Hale Middle School provided an overview of his school council's makeup this year, reported out on the first meeting of the year and reviewed the goals from last year that were achieved.

Finance SubCommittee

Ms. Busch reported the warrants were approved.

Personnel SubCommittee

No Report

Policy SubCommittee

Ms. Federspiel reported the subcommittee held a special meeting last week to address the safety issues at the high school. Ms. Federspiel stated she believes a lot of progress was made. Ms. Federspiel stated the committee was hoping to get a clearer definition of substantial detrimental effect, and discover through legal council that we were not able to develop a stricter definition for that term and the discretion belongs in the hands of the Principal and the Superintendent, so therefore the committee is researching adding a "rule" to the handbooks, that states if a student has been charged/convicted of a felony, daily searches of the student will be conducted. Mr. Wood will be contacting legal council to see if this can be added to the handbooks.

ESBC

Ms. Colletti reported the committee met and advised the contract has issued completion dates and we are waiting for the architect to confirm the completions.

SPED PAC

Ms. Owen reported the first meeting of the year is tonight.

NEW BUSINESS

Nashoba Athletics Booster Club Donation (NABC) Approval

Mr. Wood advised the Nashoba Athletics Director, Tania Rich is requesting approval from the NRSC to accept two donations from the Nashoba Athletics Booster Club (NABC), a \$1000 donation for the new scoreboard at the stadium field at Nashoba Regional High School and a \$2000 donation for new speakers and upgrade the PA equipment at the Stadium Field at Nashoba Regional High School.

MOTION

Jeff Odell made a motion to accept two donations from the Nashoba Athletics Booster Club (NABC), a \$1000 donation for the new scoreboard at the stadium field at Nashoba Regional High School and a \$2000 donation for new speakers and upgrade the PA equipment at the Stadium Field at Nashoba Regional High School; seconded by Julie Fay **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Julie Fay, Lynn Colletti, Jeff Odell, Kara Keith and Reta Rupich **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

District Improvement Plan (Draft 1)

Mr. Wood advised the first draft is included in the packet tonight. Mr. Wood stated we are Mr. Wood advised the next step is for the school committee to review over the next couple weeks and at an upcoming school committee meeting provide direction to Mr. Wood if there is something missing you would like to see added to the plan.

Science Lab Initiative Letter to MSBA

Ms. Federspiel stated this action is a formality, the school committee needs to vote to authorize the Administration to notify the MSBA in writing that the district is ending its quest for the science lab grant. Ms. Federspiel stated that based on the way the towns voted, we are no longer in the running and this is just a formality.

MOTION

Jeff Odell made a motion to authorize the administration to send a letter to the MSBA notifying them that NRSD is ending its quest for the science lab grant; seconded by Julie Fay **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Julie Fay, Lynn Colletti, Jeff Odell, Kara Keith and Reta Rupich **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

OLD BUSINESS

None

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Ms. Needle asked who funded the Superintendent's Finland Trip. Mr. Wood replied the School Committee authorized the trip which was part of his professional development in his contract.

MOTION

Maureen Busch made a motion to adjourn at 7:57 pm seconded by Reta Rupich **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Julie Fay, Lynn Colletti, Jeff Odell, Kara Keith and Reta Rupich **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

Respectfully Submitted,
Aleta Masterson
Executive Assistant