

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

October 9, 2012

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Julie Fay, Reta Rupich and Lynn Colletti (left at 6:57 pm)

**ABSENT:** Kara Keith 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 6:17 PM in the School Committee Conference Room.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Topics on consent agenda included:

**October 12, 2012 Warrant**

<b><u>WARRANT NO.</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>DESCRIPTION</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
3276	10/12/12	VENDOR	\$ 381,040.17
3277	10/12/12	BENEFIT	\$ 15,580.18
3278	10/12/12	PAYROLL	\$1,229,349.10

Minutes of the September 25, 2012 meeting

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**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:

- Grand Opening of new Track and Tennis Courts
- Science Lab Grant Update
- Evaluation Process Changes
- Policy Meeting Update: Substantial Detrimental Effect
- Technology Presentation at Gillette Stadium

**First Quarter Financial Update**

Mr. King stated the report shows the first quarter spending is nominal; the item that will need to be looked at is the costs of Phase 1 of the Science Lab Initiative, which a portion of that will be reimbursed. Mr. King provided the first quarter report in the meeting packet tonight and reviewed same.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Student Advisory Report**

Ms. Bennett reported:

- The fall teams are still doing very well. Five teams are ranked in the top 10 in central mass.
- Both cross-country teams are undefeated this season. The girls team is ranked #1 and the boys team #3 in the Telegram and Gazette Coaches Poll this week.
- The field hockey team is 8-2 and one win away from clinching a playoff spot. The field hockey team will be playing Fitchburg tomorrow night in their first true night game on the turf field!
- The golf team has improved to 8-4-1 and has qualified for playoffs.
- The volleyball team is 3-6, but showing improvement each game. They started out the season with playing numerous tough out of league games, but they are holding their own.
- The boys soccer team is 7-2-2 and ranked #3 in the T&G Coaches Poll this week. The girls team is now 8-0-3 and ranked #1 in the T&G Coaches Poll. The girls bounced back on Saturday night with a 5-0 win over Hudson after a three game tying streak.
- The football team is 5-0 with the big Homecoming rivalry game versus Clinton this week. Football is ranked #2 in Central Mass and #6 in the ESPN Boston State poll.
- The Nashoba Drama Club announced that they will be doing Hello Dolly for their musical.
- There is a band concert tomorrow at 7:30, featuring the Intermediate and Advanced jazz bands and the concert band.
- This week has been spirit week! Students have had themed-attire days to show Nashoba Spirit. Homecoming is on Friday.
- Drama has announced the fall play will be Hello Dolly.

### **Finance SubCommittee**

Ms. Busch reported the warrants were approved the warrants were signed and that Mr. Cleary attended the Finance SubCommittee meeting and provided an overview of the districts capital projects. Ms. Busch advised the Mr. Cleary is going to present the capital projects plan to the school committee at a later meeting.

### **Personnel SubCommittee**

No Report

### **Policy SubCommittee**

Ms. Federspiel reported the subcommittee met last week and continued work on the Online Communication Policy which will be presented later in the meeting for a third reading. Ms. Federspiel also reported a group of citizens attended the meeting to express their concerns regarding policies involving safety issues in the district. Ms. Federspiel advised that Mr. Wood has contact Legal Council on this issue and will report those findings at the next meeting. The subcommittee will be meeting again next week to continue working on the safety concerns.

### **School Councils**

Ms. Federspiel stated this is something new for this year, the schools councils will report out periodically to share what is going on in the buildings, just as information for the school committee not for us to get involved, just so we know what the issues are.

Mr. Perkins, Principal of Luther Burbank Middle School, Mr. LaCoste, Principal of The Center School, and Dr. Graham, Principal of Nashoba Regional High School all attended the meeting and provided an overview of their school councils makeup this year and reported out on the first meetings of the year.

### **ESBC**

No Report

### **SPED PAC**

Ms. Owen reported the first meeting of the year is October 23, 2012.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **School Emergency Response Plans**

Ms. Trahman attended the meeting to present the School Emergency Plans. Ms. Trahman advised that under a new state law passed in May all schools were required to submit a school emergency response plan. Ms. Trahman reviewed what information was required with the new law. Ms. Trahman met with school nursing staff and administrators at each building to develop individual plans for each school. Ms. Trahman advised the new law permits for amendments to be submitted, as the schools are still finalizing their plans, a final amendment will be submitted once completed.

### **School Nutrition Guidelines**

Mr. Houle presented a powerpoint presentation reviewing the new state guidelines. Mr. Houle provided an overview of the new state guidelines regarding nutrition standards mandated by government standards. Mr. Houle reviewed the new standards on portion size, amount of whole grain, trans fats, fresh fruits and vegetables and sugar that can be served per week to students. Mr. Houle stated the biggest change is there are now maximum amounts of these components that can be served, in the past there were minimums but not maximums. Mr. Houle reviewed what these maximums and minimums are. Mr. Houle advised his staff is always working to come up with creative ways to meet these standards and while making the meals appealing to the students.

### **Private School Approvals**

Mr. King advised Mr. Wood visited Trivium, Dr. Franklin Perkins School and Robert F. Kennedy Action Corps., Inc. (RFK) and they have met all the requirements on the checklist and is recommending them for private school approval within the district.

## **MOTION**

Maureen Busch made a motion to accept the recommendation of Michael Wood as noted in the memo dated 10/9/12 to approve Trivium, Dr. Franklin Perkins School and Robert F. Kennedy Action Corps., Inc. (RFK) private schools within the Nashoba District for the 2012-2013 school year and seconded by Reta Rupich **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Julie Fay, and Reta Rupich **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (5-0-0)**

## **MOTION**

Maureen Busch made a motion to accept the recommendation of Michael Wood as noted in the memo dated 10/9/12 to retroactively approve Trivium a private school within the Nashoba District for the time frame of April-June, 2012 and seconded by Kathy Owen **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Julie Fay, and Reta Rupich **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (5-0-0)**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Policy IJNDD – Online Communication Policy and Protocol**

Ms. Federspiel advised this policy was formerly called the "Social Networking Policy". Ms. Federspiel advised the purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines, especially for faculty, on using online communication tools in a way that is effective and in a way that provides guidelines that will also protect the teachers. Ms. Federspiel stated with the help of Ms. Larsen and faculty members from the high school, Ms. Williams and Mr. Fordiani; this policy was combed through in an effort to put on paper what kind of behavior is acceptable using online communication.

**MOTION**

Julie Fay made a motion to accept the third reading and adoption of the Online Communication Policy (IJNDD) and Protocol seconded by Reta Rupich **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Julie Fay, and Reta Rupich **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (5-0-0)**

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

**MOTION**

Reta Rupich made a motion to adjourn at 7:31 pm seconded by Kathy Owen **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Julie Fay, and Reta Rupich **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (5-0-0)**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Aleta Masterson  
Executive Assistant