

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

December 4, 2012

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE: Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Julie Fay, Reta Rupich, Kara Keith, Jeff Odell and Lynn Colletti

ABSENT: Reta Rupich and Julie Fay

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Committee went into Executive Session at 6:16 pm for the purpose of discussing a legal settlement to include Michael Wood, George King, and Aleta Masterson.

MOTION

Maureen Busch made a motion to go into executive session at 6:16 pm for the purpose of discussing a legal settlement to include Michael Wood, George King, and Aleta Masterson; seconded by Kathy Owen

Ms. Federspiel	Yes
Ms. Owen	Yes
Ms. Busch	Yes
Mr. Odell	Yes
Ms. Colletti	Yes
Ms. Keith	Yes

MOTION

Maureen Busch made a motion to reconvene to open session 6:35 pm; seconded by Kara Keith

Ms. Federspiel	Yes
Ms. Owen	Yes
Ms. Busch	Yes
Mr. Odell	Yes
Ms. Colletti	Yes
Ms. Keith	Yes

CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda included:

December 7, 2012 Warrant

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3288	12/7/12	VENDOR	\$ 442,213.32
3289	12/7/12	BENEFIT	\$ 602,942.19
3290	12/7/12	PAYROLL	\$1,211,242.35

Minutes of the November 6, 2012 meeting

CORRESPONDENCE

Stow Resident correspondence regarding a request to develop a homework policy.

Ms. Federspiel stated she has a correspondence from herself as a parent, regarding the issue at the high school looking at eligibility requires of being inviting to the National Honor Society, an ongoing issue we are hopefully going to look into further as other concerns have been raised.

Ms. Busch stated she received a correspondence light of the new pilot program to extend school days/years, will we be participating. Mr. Wood replied we are not participating in that grant.

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:

- New report card forums
- Inclement weather school closing notification
- Fiscal Climate - State budget cuts
- Teacher training and our calendar
- Staff recognitions

NRHS Principal Report on Student Reporting Thefts

Dr. Graham, Principal at NRHS addressed the concern voiced by Ms. Busch at the last meeting regarding reported thefts at the high school. Dr. Graham, reported there are 944 lockers in the high school and approx. 1044 students, the high school does not current have a full set of locks, in the past locks were issued and students were not using them so therefore they are currently issued by request only. This year the theft rate has dropped, current approx. one theft per week. It appears most of the thefts are in the locker room where bookbags are often left unlocked. Dr. Graham state most times the left is cash so therefore it is hard to recover. Dr. Graham has been working with Bill Cleary to investigate the option of installing additional cameras around the locker room area as that is where the majority of the thefts are taking place. Dr. Graham urged students to lock there belongs up and not leave bags unattended in the locker room and to report all thefts that occur.

School Councils

Dr. Graham, Principal of NRHS introduced Rhoda Yates, Science Teacher at NRHS and Co Chair of the NRHS School Council. Ms. Yates reported the council is currently working on their school improvement plan, they are currently focusing on two articles, school safety and underperforming students. Ms. Yates also stated the council has amended their by-laws to include a school choice parent and after the winter break they will be looking at a complete overhaul of the high school handbook.

Mr. Perkins, Principal of Luther Burbank Middle School introduced Diane O'Neil, Co Chair of the school council. Mr. Perkins reported on the Robotics Team competition at Blackstone Valley High School, project 351, social media concerns, and upcoming school events. Ms. O'Neil stated after treading her student moving from elementary to middle school environment, she would like to say it is a pleasure to have her child at the Luther Burbank Middle School, the school climate is very inviting and the student feel supported.

Mr. LaCoste, Principal of The Center School, advised his council has been busy looking at the SIP and have finished goals 1 and 2 and will begin working on the remaining goals at the next meeting. Mr. LaCoste advised all the new technology is up and running at the new school, the staff was recently surveyed to see what PD is needed for the new technology. Mr. LaCoste reported the school has a new logo and spirit wear is available.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Student Advisory Report

Ms. Bennett reported;

- Class plays are starting up! The competition is ready and rearing to go! They will be presented on January 11th.
- Congrats to Madeline Jenkins for winning the bridges to Malawe contest! She won a scholarship towards a medical field trip where students travel with a group of fourth year Tufts Medical School students to deliver health care services in Malawi, Africa.
- The band has a concert on Friday! It is a Holiday concert. Admission is free! All are welcome.
- Congratulations to our football team for winning their second consecutive Super Bowl championship. Nashoba defeated Shepherd Hill, 20-6, on Saturday at Gillette Stadium. The team has a 26-0 winning streak going on and it is currently the longest in the state.
- Winter sports started last week and the teams are gearing up for their first competitions this weekend and next week.

Finance SubCommittee

Ms. Busch reported the warrants were approved and the capital plan will be presented at the next meeting or first meeting in January.

Personnel SubCommittee

No Report

Policy SubCommittee

Ms. Federspiel reported there will be a third reading tonight on the BYOD policy

ESBC

Ms. Colletti reported the architect has not yet given the final sign off on the contractors work.

SPED PAC

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

Technology Presentation

Mr. King presented a powerpoint presentation providing an overview of the infrastructure and networks that supports the devices within the district that support both district owned devices and BOYD devices.

- 3 modems at NRHS
- Random load balances
- Every user has a quota
- Bandwidth reserved for critical use
- NRSD personnel will not provide support for personal devices
- Potential of student “geek squad”
- As of now the limit of support is going to be providing access to the network

Ms. Busch questioned the parity across the district for elementary school to bring them up to the level of the new technology at The Center School. Mr. Wood replied the district will be working on the plan for K-4 as most the grade 5 already has parity across the district and it will be in the technology budget over the next couples years.

Overview of Teacher / Administrator / Superintendent Evaluation Program

Mr. Wood provided a powerpoint presentation reviewing the new state regulations on evaluation of educators. Mr. Wood stated new state regulations were adopted in June 2011 were by all teachers, administrators and superintendents have a new format for evaluations to promote growth and development the new regulations focus on learners and moving student learning to the center of the process using multiple measures to recognize strong leadership and teaching capabilities. Mr. Wood reviewed the timeline for creating new policy and implementation of the new regulations. Mr. Wood advised once the school committee has reached an agreement on their policy a public hearing will be held.

OLD BUSINESS

Policy IJNDE – Personal Devices Policy, Third Reading

Ms. Federspiel stated the policy is being presented for a third reading and reviewed some minor typing and grammatical errors for policy amendment.

MOTION

Jeff Odell made a motion to accept the third reading and adoption of policy IJNDE-Personal Devices Policy with amendments seconded by Maureen Busch **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Kara Keith, and Jeff Odell **ABSTAINED:** Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED (5-0-1)**

District Improvement Plan

Ms. Federspiel stated the District Improvement Plan is in the packet and is schedule for a vote tonight, but this does not have to be voted on tonight if the committee is not ready. Mr. Wood stated that is correct, the committee needs to feel comfortable with the plan as it is connected to the Superintendent’s goals. Ms. Federspiel asked the committee if they had any comments on the presented plan. Ms. Federspiel stated she does not feel ready for a vote tonight. Mr. Odell stated he agreed and feels that goal one does not take in a very wide scope. After discussions it was decided the committee will review the plan and submit suggestions revisions by December 12th the revisions will be compiled and put in the packet for the next meeting where they can be discussed. It was also discussed and decided to hold a public workshop at the January 15th school committee meeting for develop the 2013-2014 DIP to include input from staff, administrators and the public.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

MOTION

Maureen Busch made a motion to adjourn at 8:38 pm seconded by Kara Keith **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Kara Keith, Jeff Odell and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

Respectfully Submitted,
Aleta Masterson
Executive Assistant