

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

September 11, 2012

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

**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:

**Summer Warrants of 2012**

**September 14, 2012 Warrant**

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3270	9/14/12	VENDOR	\$1,054,290.78
3271	9/14/12	BENEFIT	\$ 653,997.65
3272	9/14/12	PAYROLL	\$ 1,203,652.47

Minutes of the June 7, 2012 meeting  
Minutes of the June 19, 2012 meeting  
Minutes of the August 28, 2012 meeting

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Ms. Colletti reported she received verbal correspondence regarding communication of bus route changes and school open houses.

Ms. Fay reported she has received verbal correspondence regarding concerns of security 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:

- Opening Day for School
- Updates on Capital Projects
- School Nutrition
- Emergency Response Plans

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Student Advisory Report**

Ms. Bennett reported;  
Nashoba Athletics are off to a good start this fall!

The field hockey team won its home opening 2-0 versus Hopkinton yesterday afternoon to improve to 1-1.

The boys' soccer team improved to 1-1-1 with a 4-1 win over Oakmont yesterday. The girls' soccer team is 2-0 with wins over Westborough and Oakmont.

Both boys and girls cross country teams defeated Algonquin last week and were running against Marlboro this afternoon.

The golf team is off to a quick start with a 2-0-1 record.

The volleyball team is 0-2, but have played two very good teams to start the season. Coaches have seen a lot of great things and we have been in every set we've played.

Last, but not least, the football team defeated Wachusett Regional, 44-14, in the home opener last Friday night under the lights. We had a great crowd and our students showed a lot of school spirit.

The pep band is back and better than ever! The band has really good instrumentation and lead by their drum major, yours truly. The band preformed almost flawlessly at the football game playing popular tunes like Final Countdown and Party Rock Anthem. Yay us!

The Friends of music are having a carwash this Saturday at 9 am till 2 pm in the faculty parking lot by the High school. They are hoping to raise funds for their biannual trip to New York to educate the students about music in culture.

Nashoba Drama will be performing We Love Lucy, a classic play based on the iconic TV series. Cast list will be posted tomorrow. It will debut on the 16-18th of November

### **Finance SubCommittee**

Ms. Busch reported the summer warrants were signed. Ms. Busch was elected as subcommittee chair tonight. Ms. Busch reported there will updates on the science lab project later in the meeting.

### **Personnel SubCommittee**

No Report

### **Policy SubCommittee**

Ms. Federspiel reported the subcommittee has not met yet but will do so next week and will continue the work on the social networking policy and the policies around the issues of internet and device usage in the schools.

### **ESBC**

Ms. Colletti reported the committee met yesterday and advised there will be an open house at the new Center school on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and all are invited. Ms. Colletti also reported there are still some items left on the punch list but it appears they will be completed by Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **SPED PAC**

No Report

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Science Lab Renovation Project**

Mr. Wood introduced Phil Poinelli, SMMA Lead Architect and Parry Graham, Principal of Nashoba Regional High School. Mr. Wood advised they are both in attendance tonight to give you a quick overview of the presentation from the last meeting and to address any questions you may still have.

Mr. Poinelli provided a review of option 3A which was included in the presentation given on August 28<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Poinelli advised this option is the one he is advising the district to move forward with.

Mr. Odell stated he was surprised at the cost of the project and would not be comfortable moving forward without other options being explored. Mr. Wood advised that under new state law you cannot construction new school space without the involved with MSBA.

Ms. Fay questioned if we go forward with this renovation will we have the resources to higher new staff for the new lab. Mr. Wood replied there will not be any new courses added, so therefore we currently have the staffing, what the addition lab space does is create greater flexibility in our scheduling.

Ms. Federspiel asked if the committee would like to do a round table discussion on where each members stand;

- Ms. Federspiel stated she would like to vote tonight out of consideration for the towns for their respective town meeting planning.
- Ms. Busch stated she has a lot of the same thoughts as Ms. Federspiel and agrees she would like the town citizens to make this decision and let it go to the town meeting. Ms. Busch would also like to see a vote cast tonight for consideration of the towns.
- Ms. Rupich would like to vote tonight and move it forward and let the town citizens decide.
- Mr. Odell stated he does not feel the school committee's job is being done without researching all the options, including modules and he does not feel comfortable voting tonight.
- Ms. Fay stated she is torn as she is not sure how much more money should be spent in looking into other options as there has already been a lot spent on the current plans, but also feels maybe other options should be researched. Ms. Fay is not sure if she is ready to vote tonight.
- Ms. Colletti stated it has been established there is no hardship to the towns for not voted tonight and believes it is the school committee's responsibility to explore all options and vent it out before town meeting. Ms Colletti would like to see a backup plan for the building schedule. Ms. Colletti stated she would not be comfortable voting tonight
- Ms. Keith stated she is not surprised at the cost and is ready to vote tonight. Ms. Keith stated she would like more information on how this impacts the accreditation and would like more information on the impact of the accreditation if we do not do this project.
- Ms. Owen is ready to vote tonight but stated she is also concerned about the timeline of the project, but does not want to pass up the opportunity to take advantage of the grant.

Dr. Parry provided an overview of the conversations he has had with the teachers and department heads.

Ms. Federspiel took a poll to see who would be ready to vote tonight, 5 of the 8 members are ready to vote. Mr. Odell stated he would like more information on other options before voting on the only option that was presented. Ms. Federspiel stated voting a no tonight kills this project with the MSBA and a yes vote only moves this to the next step it does not mean the project is approved that will be decided at the town meetings. Ms. Busch stated she would like to vote tonight and still explore other options before presenting to the towns. Ms. Fay stated she believes the responsibility of the school committee is to do what is best for our students and believes the decision should be with the people who pay the bill (tax payers).

Ms. Rupich asked Mr. King to review the debt service projection. Mr. King reviewed same, which is located in the school committee meeting packet.

Mr. Wood asked Mr. Poinelli if it is possible in two weeks time to get projections on new construction and modules.

Ms. Busch stated she would like to move ahead with the vote but still obtain more information on other options, because we will still need to present this to the towns and we need to supply them with all the information so they can decide whether this is a valued proposition or not.

**MOTION**

Jeff Odell made a motion to postpone the vote on the science lab project to a future meeting seconded by Lynn Colletti **IN FAVOR:** Jeff Odell and Lynn Colletti **OPPOSED:** Nancy Federspiel, Kathy Owen, Julie Fay, Kara Keith, and Reta Rupich **ABSTAINED:** Maureen Busch **VOTED AND FAILED. (2-5-1)**

**MOTION**

Reta Rupich made a motion to proceed with the science lab project vote tonight seconded by Nancy Federspiel **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Kathy Owen, Julie Fay, Kara Keith, and Reta Rupich **OPPOSED:** Jeff Odell and Lynn Colletti **ABSTAINED:** Maureen Busch **VOTED AND PASSED. (5-2-1)**

**MOTION**

Nancy Federspiel made a motion to approve Option 3A as the preferred schematic for renovation under the Science Lab Grant Initiative with the MSBA. The renovation will consist of eleven rooms to be designated as science labs, adjacent spaces to be reclaimed instructional space, the roof and the windows in the 1970's wing all located at 12 Green Road, Bolton, MA. Seconded by Reta Rupich **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Kathy Owen, Julie Fay, Kara Keith, and Reta Rupich and Maureen Busch **OPPOSED:** Jeff Odell and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. (6-2-0)**

**MOTION**

Maureen Busch: I move the Nashoba Regional School Committee hereby appropriates the amount of \$8,010.035 for the purpose of paying costs of renovating 11 core science classrooms and related space, partial roof replacement and window replacement at the Nashoba Regional High School, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended at the direction of the School Committee. To meet this appropriation the District is authorized to borrow said amount, under and pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 16(d), of the General Laws and the District Agreement, as amended, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The District acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District; provided further that any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA shall not exceed the lesser of (1) forty-five and ninety-five one hundredths percent (45.95%) of eligible, approved Project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA, and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and MSBA.

It is further moved that within seven (7) days from the date on which this vote is adopted the Secretary be and hereby is instructed to notify the Board of Selectmen of each of the member towns of this district as to the amount and general purpose of the debt herein authorized, as required by the District Agreement and by Chapter 71, Section 16(d), of the General Laws seconded by Kara Keith **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Kathy Owen, Julie Fay, Kara Keith, and Reta Rupich and Maureen Busch **OPPOSED:** Jeff Odell and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. (6-2-0)**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**School Committee Meeting Calendar**

**MOTION**

Nancy Federspiel made a motion to approve the 2012-2013 School Committee meeting calendar as presented in draft1 seconded by Maureen Busch **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Jeffrey Odell, Julie Fay, Kara Keith, and Reta Rupich **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

NONE

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Committee went into Executive Session at 9:06 pm for the purpose of discussing litigation on a personnel matter to include Michael Wood, George King, and Aleta Masterson with no business to be conducted after the executive session.

**MOTION**

Maureen Busch made a motion to go into executive session at 9:06 pm for the purpose of discussing litigation on a personnel matter to include Michael Wood, George King, and Aleta Masterson with no business to be conducted after executive session; seconded by Nancy Federspiel

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

**MOTION**

Maureen Busch made a motion to reconvene to open session at 9:23 pm; seconded by Julie Fay.

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

**MOTION**

Jeff Odell made a motion to adjourn at 9:24 seconded by Reta Rupich **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Jeffrey Odell, Julie Fay, Kara Keith, Reta Rupich and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Aleta Masterson  
Executive Assistant