

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

January 28, 2014

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE: Maureen Busch, Julie Fay, Cathy Their, Kara Keith and Lorraine Romasco

ABSENT: Nancy Federspiel, Jeff Odell and Lynn Colletti

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

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Busch called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM in the School Committee Conference Room.

CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda included:

January 31, 2014 Warrants

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3382	01/31/14	VENDOR	\$ 278,586.58
3383	01/31/14	BENEFIT	\$ 662,954.09
3384	01/31/14	PAYROLL	\$1,452,980.50

Minutes of the January 14, 2014 meeting

CORRESPONDENCE

Citizens Full Day Kindergarten Correspondence

Ms. Busch advised she has received correspondence regarding the calendar proposals today.

Ms. Romasco stated she has received a few correspondences regarding the theater arts program and the support for expanding that program.

Ms. Fay stated she has received correspondence regarding school choice and when it will be decided how many spots will be available.

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:

- FY15 District Budget Proposal
- Area district proposed budget amounts
- Student Recognitions
- RETELL Courses
- Rentals of Public Schools
- Nashoba Now
- Tri Town Meeting
- Annual Town Reports

- Unit A and C Negotiations
- Department of Family Services (DCF)
- Governor's Proposed Budget

Second Quarter Financial Report

Mr. King advised the second quarter financial report is included in the packet. Mr. King advised there are three areas that will require transfers, special education, contracted services at the high school and facilities. Mr. King reviewed the report.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Student Advisory Report

Ms. Gurijala reported;

- The girls' basketball team is still undefeated with an 11-0 record. The team travels to Westboro tonight.
- The boys' basketball has improved to 8-3 and hosts Westboro tonight for a tough league match-up.
- Our boys ice hockey team is 4-4-2 and playing well. The team has two tough games on the road this week with North Middlesex and Oakmont.
- Our girls' ice hockey co-op team has improved to 5-2-2.
- Swimming has finished their regular season and will be competing in the League Championship on Thursday.
- The indoor track teams are doing well. The boys are 2-2 and the girls are 4-0 in the league. Nashoba will compete in the League Championship this Saturday at Fitchburg HS.
- Our alpine and cross-country ski teams are off to a good start. The cross-country team has a race today and the alpine team will race Thursday this week.
- The wrestling team has improved to 11-1-1 on the season. The team will travel to Algonquin tomorrow for a match with Algonquin and Monty Tech.
- The next Central Massachusetts Regional Student Advisory Council meeting is scheduled to be on next Wednesday February 5, 2014. Talia Kirshbaum and I will attend as representatives from Nashoba.
- Today Nashoba students had the opportunity to listen to author Julie Berry speak about her book "All the Truth That's Me". She talked about growing up in a small town in upstate New York, and the influences it had on her as a writer. The students and faculty enjoyed the in-school field trip, and look forward to more exciting opportunities like this in the future.

Finance Subcommittee

Ms. Busch reported warrants were approved and advised the Budget Workshop is Saturday February 1st.

Personnel Subcommittee

No Report.

Policy Subcommittee

Ms. Keith reported the committee met and there are three policies that will be presented tonight for first reading.

ESBC

Mr. Wood advised the committee met last night, it was voted last night that the district will be getting paid for some expenses the district incurred during the construction and work continues on the punch list.

NRHS Space Study Task Force

Ms. Romasco reported the committee held it's second meeting last week and it was a very positive meeting with collaboration from all three towns and district faculty working toward a common goal.

NEW BUSINESS

FY15 Superintendent's Proposed Budget

Mr. Wood advised the Budget Workshop is Saturday, February 1st, tonight Mr. Wood will present an overview of the budget and work will continue on Saturday at the workshop. Mr. Wood provided an overview PowerPoint presentation reviewing line increases, new positions, staff reductions, technology and advising the three points of foci for the budget are, STEM, Early Childhood Education and Response to Intervention, the proposed budget is a level services budget in all other areas.

Policies JJE, JJIB and JKF, First Reading

Mr. Wood advised there are three policies in the packet for a first reading tonight, policy JJE, Fund Raising, Policy JJIB Wellness, Policy JKF, Student Disciplinary Interventions. Mr. Wood advised there are minor changes to these policies.

MOTION

Julie Fay made a motion to accept policies JJE, JJIB and JFK as first readings; seconded by Lorraine Romasco **IN FAVOR:** Maureen Busch, Cathy Thier, Lorraine Romasco, Kara Keith and Julie Fay **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (5-0-0)**

Donations to NRHS DECA From Clinton Savings Bank and Every Network

Mr. Wood advised Mr. Andreopoulos the DECA advisor at the high school has received two donations one in the amount of \$1500. From Clinton Savings Bank and the other in the amount of \$2000. From Every Network and is seeking the approval of the school committee for these donations.

MOTION

Julie Fay made a motion to accept the two donations to the DECA club one in the amount of \$1500 from Clinton Savings Bank and the other in the amount of \$2000 from Every Network; seconded by Kara Keith **IN FAVOR:** Maureen Busch, Cathy Thier, Lorraine Romasco, Kara Keith and Julie Fay **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (5-0-0)**

Technology

Mr. Wood advised this is an agenda item that Lynn Colletti requested information on the infrastructure and whether it was robust enough to support BYOD. Mr. Wood reported that additional access points have been added and since that addition not issues have risen, the district will continue to add additional access points as the need arises.

New Items for Next Agenda

Continue conversation on Full Day Kindergarten.

OLD BUSINESS

2014-2015 School Year Calendar

The committee came to a consensus to not vote on the calendar tonight as three school committee members are absent from tonight's meeting and the Personnel Subcommittee as not yet met with the Union regarding negotiations which could affect the calendar.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Several parents of the district attended the meeting to urge the school committee to vote in favor the full day kindergarten proposal as outlined in the proposed budget.

MOTION

Julie Fay made a motion to adjourn at 8:04 pm; seconded by Lorraine Romasco **IN FAVOR:** Maureen Busch, Cathy Thier, Lorraine Romasco, Kara Keith and Julie Fay **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (5-0-0)**

Respectfully Submitted,
Aleta Masterson
Executive Assistant

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