

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

October 8, 2013

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE: Maureen Busch, Cathy Thier, Julie Fay, Lynn Colletti, Jeff Odell (arrived at 6:16 pm) and Kara Keith

ABSENT: Nancy Federspiel and Reta Rupich

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

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Busch called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM in the School Committee Conference Room.

CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda included:

October 11, 2013 Warrants

| <u>WARRANT NO.</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 3356 | 10/11/13 | VENDOR | \$ 460,383.06 |
| 3357 | 10/11/13 | BENEFIT | \$ 594,116.28 |
| 3358 | 10/11/13 | PAYROLL | \$1,029,095.78 |

Minutes of the September 24, 2013 meeting

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Keith advised the Lancaster SC members received an emailing regarding United Way Employee donations from a parent in the district.

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:

- PARCC
- Special Town Meetings
- Concession Stand Update
- Educator Evaluation Update
- Global Studies in Twenty-First Century
- STEM Project
- Assabet Valley Collaborative
- Nashoba Regional School District Gateway Institute Action Plan

Florence Sawyer School Council Report

Mr. Bates, Ms. Michelle Kelly, and Ms. Becky Hershberger attended the meeting to provide a report out on the school council. Ms. Hershberger provided an overview of the upcoming events planned by the council. Mr. Bates provided an overview of the School Improvement Plan (SIP) and upcoming school events.

Luther Burbank Middle School Council Report

Mr. Perkins reported the LBMS council met in September, the main purpose of the meeting was the reorganization of the council as they lost three members due to children moving on to the HS. Mr. Perkins advised six parents have expressed interest. Mr. Perkins reported the MCAS results for LBMS, stating LBMS was named an Accommodation School.

First Quarter Finance Report

Mr. King advised the First Quarter Finance Report is in the packet tonight. Mr. King stated the major budget lines are looked at during the first report and all line items are on target and no lines items present a concern at this time.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Student Advisory Report

Ms. Gurijala reported;

We've had a busy past two weeks since our last meeting! The first Central Massachusetts Regional Student Advisory Council meeting was held last week, at Hudson High School. Talia Kirshbaum and I attended as school representatives from Nashoba. During the meeting we focused mainly on the topic of Digital Literacy- the ability to properly and efficiently utilize technology in the classroom. I learned that compared to many of the other schools in our region, Nashoba is at a very good state in respect to using technology in the classroom. Using Google apps as a medium to communicate throughout the school, and the new BYOD initiative are both certainly making Nashoba a comparatively technologically advanced school, and will prove to be a positive change in the system. Throughout the month of October, the state is requiring Schoolwide Speed tests to measure the efficiency of our network and wireless connection. These tests can be taken from any device, remote or connected to the school's network, and only take a minute to do. The requirement is for 10 to 20 tests per day through this month, and the information will help the state see how each school's network is able to support the technological needs of its students.

In terms of sports,

- The girls and boys cross country teams are still undefeated on the season with 5-0 records. Both teams are ranked in the top 10 in central mass. The teams competed in their last league meet of the regular season today after school.
- The golf team is 7-6-1 and is looking for one more win this week to clinch a playoff-berth.
- The volleyball team is 6-6 and working hard to get three more wins to clinch a playoff spot for the first time in school history.
- The football team is 3-1. They lost a tough game to St. John's last week, but hoping to bounce back when they travel to Marlboro this Friday night.
- The boys soccer team is 3-7, but continuing to work hard everyday as they are still trying to clinch a playoff spot this season.
- The girls soccer team is 7-1-2 and defeated Acton-Boxboro, an Eastern Mass powerhouse, 2-0 over the weekend. The girls traveled to Leominster today hoping to get a win and secure a playoff spot.
- The field hockey team 6-3-1 and undefeated in league play. The unified street hockey club is going well. The weather has been beautiful and the students are having a blast playing hockey.

Finance SubCommittee

Ms. Busch reported warrants were signed.

Personnel SubCommittee

No Report

Policy SubCommittee

No Report

SPED PAC

No Report

ESBC

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

Middle School Report Card Interactive Presentation

Mr. Wood advised the district is in the process of drafting the Middle School Comprehensive Report Cards, stated it is in it's pilot year. Mr. Perkins and Ms. Robin Benoit presented a powerpoint presentation on the comprehensive report card, and advised this is a living working document in it's draft form, and reviewed and where data will be located and how it will be compiled. Mr. Perkins stated the purpose of a Standards Based Report Card is to commute to the parents and students the students progress toward the curriculum standards and to report the development of learning habits. The school committee raised questions/concerns regarding the way homework would be counted or not counted in the composition of the grade and how higher education institutes would view the cards in determined AP course vs. non AP courses and the work a student puts in to achieve the grades. Mr. Perkins advised this is in the draft phase and would be rolled out with letter grades still appearing on the report. Mr. Perkins advised the CRC committee will report again later in the year.

OLD BUSINESS

Contract, Article 5 Language

Mr. Wood advised language was omitted in error at the last school committee and the omitted language is now included on the document presented tonight

MOTION

Jeff Odell made a motion to approve the amended Article 5 contract language as presented; seconded by Julie Fay **IN FAVOR:** Maureen Busch, Cathy Thier, Julie Fay, Lynn Colletti, Jeff Odell, and Kara Keith **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

Policies for Second Reading

AA – School District Legal Status

AD – Educational Philosophy

BA – School Committee Operational Goals

BAA – Evaluation of School Committee Operational Procedures

BB – School Committee Legal Status

BBA – School Committee Powers and Duties

MOTION

Jeff Odell made a motion to accept the second readings and adoption of policies; AA – School District Legal Status, AD – Educational Philosophy, BA – School Committee

Operational Goals BAA – Evaluation of School Committee Operational Procedures, BB – School Committee Legal Status, BBA – School Committee Powers and Duties; seconded by Kara Keith **IN FAVOR:** Maureen Busch, Cathy Thier, Julie Fay, Lynn Colletti, Jeff Odell, and Kara Keith **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

NONE

In a letter to the Bolton Town Clerk, dated 10/1/13 Reta Rupich resigned from the School Committee, upon replacement of her seat.

MOTION

Julie Fay made a motion to adjourn at 8:08 pm; seconded by Jeff Odell **IN FAVOR:** Maureen Busch, Cathy Thier, Julie Fay, Lynn Colletti, Jeff Odell, and Kara Keith **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

Respectfully Submitted,
Aleta Masterson
Executive Assistant