

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

November 5, 2013

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Cathy Thier, Julie Fay, Lynn Colletti (arrived at 6:08), Jeff Odell and Lorraine Romasco

**ABSENT:** Kara Keith

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Topics on consent agenda included:

**November 8, 2013 Warrants**

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3362	11/8/13	VENDOR	\$ 305,175.73
3363	11/8/13	BENEFIT	\$ 630,905.34
3364	11/8/13	PAYROLL	\$1,200,045.88

Minutes of the October 22, 2013 meeting

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Town Clerk in Bolton regarding scheduling a PD day on Election Day

Mr. Odell advised he has received feedback on conferences being too short.

Ms. Thier advised she received correspondence regarding the traffic back up and busses arriving late to school.

Ms. Fay advised she received a correspondence regarding the six grade homework load. Mr. Perkins has responded.

**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:

- NEASC
- FY15 Budget Process
- New School Committee Member
- Parent Teacher Conferences

**NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) Update**

Mr. Leo Sakellarion provided a powerpoint presentation providing an updated on the upcoming NEASC site visit. Mr. Sakellarion reviewed the slides detailing; Why NEASC Accreditation, the timeline, the self study process, seven standards for accreditation, the NEASC rating scale, core values, school culture, curriculum, instruction, assessment, school resources, community resources and the site visit. Mr. Skellarion advised he estimates the district will need to budget \$30,000-\$35,000 for the accreditation process.

**Luther Burbank Middle School School Council Report**

Mr. Perkins attended and provided an update on the council membership. Mr. Perkins also provided an update on the writing initiatives and interventions at LBMS. Mr. Perkins advised there is a new model this year, B Day intervention, the new model was created by changing the schedule to create an additional class on B day, a class of intervention, so students do not miss a class from being pulled away for intervention. Mr. Perkins advised the teachers will report out tomorrow at the staff meeting on how this new model is working. Mr. Perkins will report the finds at his next council report.

**Florence Sawyer School School Council Report**

Mr. Bates provided an update on PAC, reporting PAC recently partnered with Hale Middle School and put on a anti-bulling presentation, PAC is gearing up for their annual Bingo night. Mr. Bates reported the FSS School Council's most pressing need currently is to find a parent representative to replace Ms Romasco with your appointment to the School Committee, she will no longer be able to serve on the school council. Mr. Bates reported he has recently updated the MCAS data on the school dashboard website. Mr. Bates reported the council will begin working on the FY15 school budget.

**AVC (Assabet Valley Collaborative) Quarterly Update**

Mr. Wood advised collaborative are contracted by law to provide a quarterly report to members of the collaborative. Mr. Wood advised the report is in the packet tonight and reviewed same.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Student Advisory Report**

Ms. Gurijala reported;  
Athletics Report:

The fall playoff season is here. All of our fall varsity teams qualified for the tournament.

- The cross country teams both won the Mid-Wach B League Championship and will be competing in the District Championship this Saturday.
- The volleyball team qualified for playoffs for the first time in school history this season! They traveled to Westwood over the weekend to play in the first round of the tournament and lost a tough battle. The girls played well and it was a great step for the program.
- The football team lost the quarterfinal playoff matchup to Shrewsbury last Friday night. We will not play in a non-playoff bracket to finish the season before hosting North Middlesex at home on Thanksgiving.
- The cheerleading team won the Gardner Wildcat Invitation and will be competing in the League Championship this weekend in Leominster.
- The field hockey team defeated Westboro, 4-3, in overtime at Nashoba last Wednesday in the first round of playoffs, before falling to Shrewsbury, 2-0, on Saturday in the quarterfinals. The team finished the year at 12-6-2.

- The boys soccer team was the 11th seed in the tournament and traveled to Hudson on Saturday night for a first round game. The team ended up losing 2-1 in sudden victory penalty kicks.
- The girls soccer team earned the number two seed in the tournament. The team played Shrewsbury last night in the quarterfinals and won 5-0. Nashoba will play Algonquin tomorrow night at 7PM at Nashoba in the sectional semi-finals.
- The Homecoming Dance hosted by the Nashoba Student Council was a success, as there was a good turnout and everyone who attended had a great time.
- The Nashoba Green Team is hosting a “Nike Reuse-A-Shoe” shoe drive, collecting old sneakers and recycle them into new places to play- like playgrounds, running tracks, football fields, basketball courts and more.
- Nashoba Drama Society is performing “A Midsummer Night's Dream” on November 22 & 23 at 7:30pm, and November 24 at 2:00pm.

### **Finance SubCommittee**

Ms. Busch reported warrants were signed.

### **Personnel SubCommittee**

No Report

### **Policy SubCommittee**

No Report

### **SPED PAC**

No Report

### **ESBC**

Ms. Colletti reported the committee meet and continues the work on the punch list.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **FY 15 Budget Plan**

Mr. Wood advised the administrators have been given their schedules and he will meet with each one to work with them on building their budgets, after the administrators have finished their work, Mr. Wood and Mr. King will begin the work of building the district budget to be presented to the school committee

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **NRHS Chemical Health / “Good Citizenship” Language for the handbook**

Ms. Federspiel advised NRHS Chemical Health / “Good Citizenship” Language for the handbook is included in the packet, this was presented by Dr. Graham at the last meeting and there have been no changes to the language.

### **MOTION**

Nancy Federspiel made a motion to accept the revised NRHS Chemical Health / “Good Citizenship” Language for the handbook as presented with the understand the handbook is reviewed annually by the school council; seconded by Cathy Thier **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Cathy Thier, Julie Fay Jeff Odell, and Lorraine Romasco **OPPOSED:** Lynn Colletti. **VOTED AND PASSED. (6-0-1)**

**Policies for Second Reading**

Ms. Federspiel advised the policies are being presented for a second reading and that no changes have been made since the first reading.

- BBAA - School Committee Member Authority
- BBBA-BBBB - School Committee Member Qualifications-Oath of Office
- BBBC - School Committee Member Resignation
- BBBE - Unexpired Term Fulfillment
- BCA - School Committee Member Ethics
- BDA - School Committee Organizational Meeting
- BE - School Committee Meetings

**MOTION**

Maureen Busch made a motion to accept the second reading and revision adoption of policies, BBAA, BBBA-BBBB, BBBC, BBBE, BCA, BDA and BE; seconded by Julie Fay **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Cathy Thier, Julie Fay Jeff Odell, Lorraine Romasco and Lynn Colletti. **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Committee went into Executive Session at 7:46 pm for the purpose of collective bargaining to include Michael Wood, George King, Aleta Masterson, and Monica Visco with no regular business to be conducted after the executive session.

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| Ms. Federspiel | Yes |
| Ms. Busch      | Yes |
| Mr. Odell      | Yes |
| Ms. Colletti   | Yes |
| Ms. Fay        | Yes |
| Ms Romasco     | Yes |
| Ms. Thier      | Yes |

**MOTION**

Maureen Busch made a motion to reconvene to open session for the purpose of adjournment at 8:24 pm; seconded by Jeff Odell.

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| Ms. Federspiel | Yes |
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Ms. Busch	Yes
Mr. Odell	Yes
Ms. Colletti	Yes
Ms. Fay	Yes
Ms Romasco	Yes
Ms. Thier	Yes

**MOTION**

Maureen Busch made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm; seconded by Julie Fay **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Cathy Thier, Julie Fay Jeff Odell, Lorraine Romasco and Lynn Colletti. **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Aleta Masterson  
Executive Assistant