

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

December 3, 2013

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE: Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Cathy Their, Lynn Colletti, Kara Keith(arrived at 6:05pm) and Lorraine Romasco

ABSENT: Julie Fay, Jeff Odell

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

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Federspiel called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the School Committee Conference Room.

CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda included:

December 6, 2013 Warrants

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3369	12/6/13	VENDOR	\$ 429,564.47
3370	12/6/13	BENEFIT	\$ 613,557.16
3371	12/6/13	PAYROLL	\$1,196,910.02

Minutes of the November 19, 2013 meeting

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Busch advised all Stow representatives received a letter from the Stow Town Clerk requesting no school be held on Election Day. Ms. Federspiel stated the Bolton representatives also received the same from their Town Clerk.

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:

- Report Cards
- FY15 Budget
- 14-15 SY Calendar
- Communication

Mr. Wood advised Secretary of Education Matthew Malone will be visiting the district on Friday. Secretary Malone will tour the high school and meet with the NREA president.

Mr. Wood advised the Assabet Valley Collaborative Agreement is in the packet tonight and advised the agreement does need to be voted but he is not seeking a vote tonight; he is asking for the committee to read through the agreement in preparation for a vote at the next school committee meeting. Mr. Wood reviewed the changes from the last agreement.

Director of Athletics Report

Ms. Rich presented a Fall Sports report for the district.

Fall Sports Highlights:

- 8 out of 8 teams qualified for playoffs
- 4 league titles (Girls Soccer, Field Hockey, Boys XC, Girls XC)
- 35 Total Mid-Wach League All-Stars
- Mid-Wach League MVPs in Girls Soccer and Field Hockey
- 354 fall athletes; 73% of those student-athletes made the Q1 honor roll
- As of today, we have 3 seniors student-athletes planning to play at the Division 1 level next year. Emily Sargent signed her National Letters of Intent to play softball at Central Connecticut. Sammy Gjeltema and Emily Kuefler will sign in February.
- Girls' Soccer team was selected as the 2013 MIAA Division 1 Girls' Soccer Sportsmanship Award winner

Boys' Cross Country: Undefeated 6-0

- League Champions; 3rd place in Districts; 10th place in the State
- All Stars (6 of 10): Mark Puleo (League Championship Meet Winner), Adam Heislein, Matt Boelens, Jacob Hangen, John Atkinson, Cam Bucholz

Girls' Cross Country: Undefeated 6-0

- League Champions (4th year in a row); 4th place in districts
- Rylee Gillen, sophomore, won both the league and district meet and placed 6th in the state
- League All Stars (4): Rylee Gillen, Kelsey Horowitz, Natalie Bettez, Grace Dempsey

Cheerleading

- 2nd place at Wachusett Invitational; 1st place at Wildcat Invitational; 4th place at Panther Invitational
- 2nd place in the League Competition; 3rd place at Regional Competition; and placed 11th in the state
- League All-Stars (3): Jordan Uiterwyk, Amanda Lombardo, Kat Angevine

Field Hockey: 12-6-2

- League Champions (second year in a row)
- League All-Stars (5): Sammy Gjeltema (MVP), Bridge Boyle, Olivia Hurd, Emma Caviness, and Tess Anderson
- Best of 60 Team – Sammy Gjeltema

Volleyball: 10-9

- Most wins and best season to date of the program
- Qualified for playoffs for the first time in school history
- League All-Stars (2): Rita Peirce and Vicky Wang

Golf: 9-6-1

- Won league championship
- Placed 4th in the district tournament
- Jared Richard qualified for the state tournament
- League All-Stars (2): Alec Dempsey and Jared Richard

Boys' Soccer: 8-9-2

- League Sportsmanship award
- League All-Stars (4): Ross Cressman, Dan Romhanyi, Andrew Parrow, Shea Cruickshank
- CMASS (2): Dan Romhanyi, Ross Cressman
- All-State (1): Ross Cressman
- Coach McKinley – League Coach of the Year

Girls' Soccer: 14-2-4

- League Champions
- League Sportsmanship award
- League All-Stars (4): Cori Gillen (MVP), Emily Keufler, Amber Gustafson, Kyle Lance
- Central Mass All-Stars (4): Cori Gillen, Emily Kuefler, Amber Gustafson, Kylie Lance
- All State (3): Cori Gillen, Emily Kuefler, Amber Gustafson
- All New England (2 out of 3): Cori Gillen and Emily Kuefler
- 2013 MIAA Division 1 Girls' Soccer Sportsmanship Award
- Coach Vaughan – League Coach of the Year

Football: 7-4

- New playoff system
- League-All Stars (5):
 - o Offense – Eli Williams, Mike d'Entremont, Matt Sabourin
 - o Defense – Frankie Chiodo, Drew Scharter
- Central Mass (3):
 - o Offense – Eli Williams
 - o Defense – Frankie Chiodo and Drew Schartner

Florence Sawyer School School Council Report

Mr. Bates introduced Michelle Kelly, the council Co-Chair. Mr. Bates reported they are putting the final touches on report cards to be sent out next Friday. Mr. Bates reported the new school council member who will be completing Ms. Romasco's term is Neil Darcy. The school council SIP committee has held initial meetings the council continues it's work on the budget. Mr. Bates provided an overview of the activities and events at FSS.

Luther Burbank MS School Council Report

Mr. Perkins reported the council is in the process of developing the FY15 budget. Mr. Perkins stated he has a lot of new members on the council, at the last meeting the budget process was explained to the new members the next meeting will be reviewing the budget. Mr. Perkins announced the LBMS Project 351 representative is Theresa Quinn and explained what project 351 is. Mr. Perkins provided an overview of the activities and events at LBMS.

Hale MS Council Report

Mr. King reported he two like the other principals is working on the budget with his school council and finishing up the SIP. Mr. King reported the Hale along with the other schools in the district participated in the purple pinkie day, which was very successful. Mr. King stated the winter musical will be Alice in Wonderland and tryouts are being held. Mr. King also reported that basketball tryouts are now being held, stating there are a lot of kids that try out for this and unfortunately a lot do not make the team.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Student Advisory Report

Ms. Gurijala reported;

- The filming of the Lip Dub and the Pep Rally last week went really well, and everyone had a ton of fun! The Lip Dub should be ready in the next two weeks, and we are all looking forward to seeing it. The Pep Rally was fantastic- perhaps the most school spirit I've ever seen in my four years at Nashoba.
- Nashoba Drama Society's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* was also a huge success, and everyone who went was blown away by the sheer talent and hard work put in by everyone in the play- on stage and off.
- The Regional Student Advisory Council meeting is tomorrow at Hudson High School. We were asked to research our district's digital learning policy, so that will probably be the basis of our discussions tomorrow.

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

2014-2015 SY Calendar Proposal

Monica Visco and Michelle Kelley presented two calendar proposals A and B. Mr. Wood advised he is recommending Proposal B. Ms. Visco explained the differences between the two proposals and how they were built keeping the contract language in mind. Ms. Visco stated she is also recommending Proposal B. Ms. Visco stated it was proposed the elimination of one of the school vacation week; it was not supported by the majority of the committee or community who responded to the survey. Mr. Wood advised a vote is not being requested tonight, the committee can review and vote at the next meeting.

New Items for Next Agenda

Mr. Wood advised the school committee may have to take an action on the Special Education Transportation at the next meeting. Mr. Wood advised we have a contract with McCarthy Bus who provide Special Education Transportation, their parent company, Atlantic Express has filed bankruptcy and the hearing/process are taking place between now and December 16th in New York. Mr. Wood advised he is following this and will keep the school committee updated as the process evolves.

The committee discussed the announcement from the high school that they will no longer be sending home printed report cards. Ms. Romasco stated there needs to be some kind of awareness to the parents about the use of powerschool.

OLD BUSINESS

Policies for Second Reading

Ms. Federspiel advised the policies in the packet are for a second reading and adoption. Ms. Busch suggested changes to policy AAA which will be adopted, no changes where suggested to remaining policies.

- AAA - School Committee By-Laws
- BDFA - School Councils and Site - Based Management
- CDA - Evaluation of School District Administration
- CHD - Administration in Absence of Policy or Procedure

MOTION

Cathy Thier made a motion to accept the second reading and adoption of policies AAA, BDF, CDA, CHD with suggested revisions; seconded by Kara Keith **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Cathy Thier, Lorraine Romasco, Lynn Colletti and Kara Keith **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Committee went into Executive Session at 7:29 pm for the purpose of discussing NREA bargaining strategy for the upcoming contract negotiations to include Michael Wood, George King, Aleta Masterson, and Monica Visco with no regular business to be conducted after the executive session.

MOTION

Maureen Busch made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:29 pm for the purpose of discussing NREA bargaining strategy for the upcoming contract negotiations to include Michael Wood, George King, Aleta Masterson, and Monica Visco with no regular business to be conducted after the executive session seconded by Kara Keith

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| Ms. Federspiel | Yes |
| Ms. Busch | Yes |
| Ms. Colletti | Yes |
| Ms Romasco | Yes |
| Ms. Thier | Yes |
| Ms. Keith | Yes |

MOTION

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

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| Ms. Federspiel | Yes |
| Ms. Busch | Yes |
| Ms. Colletti | Yes |
| Ms Romasco | Yes |
| Ms. Thier | Yes |
| Ms. Keith | Yes |

MOTION

Maureen Busch made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm; seconded by Nancy Federspiel **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Cathy Thier, Lorraine Romasco, Lynn Colletti and Kara Keith **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

Respectfully Submitted,
Aleta Masterson
Executive Assistant