

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

March 11, 2014

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE: Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Julie Fay, Cathy Thier, Lynn Colletti, Kara Keith, Jeff Odell and Lorraine Romasco

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

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Federspiel called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM in the School Committee Conference Room.

CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda included:

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<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3391	03/14/14	VENDOR	\$ 460,226.41
3392	03/14/14	BENEFIT	\$ 5,368.72
3393	03/14/14	PAYROLL	\$1,328,366.58

Minutes of February 25, 2014

Minutes of February 11, 2014

MOTION

Jeff Odell made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of February 11, 2014 as amended; seconded by Julie Fay **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Lorraine Romasco, Cathy Thier, Jeff Odell, Kara Keith and Julie Fay **OPPOSED:** Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. (7-1-0)**

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Stow resident regarding half day kindergarten class
- b) Stow resident regarding half day kindergarten class
- c) Stow resident regarding school choice at the high school
- d) Ms. Thier advised she received correspondence regarding concerns of the parent teacher conferences at the high school.
- e) Ms. Thier advised she received a correspondence from a parent/employee regarding concerns regarding the policy for thefts in the district, reporting and processes.
- f) Ms. Busch advised she received a correspondence regarding the technology requirement for graduation.

Public Hearing on FY15 Proposed Budget

Mr. Wood advised the proposed budget was presented to the school committee at the budget workshop on February 1st where each building Administrator presented their site based budget needs. The proposed budget is a budget of \$50,516,022 with local offsets of approx. \$3,600,000 for a net budget of approximately 47 million. Mr. Wood provided a power point and reviewed the increased in personnel, insurance, special education, transportation, utilities and facilities. Mr. Wood reviewed all lines item increases and decreased for a total of \$1,800,000 in increases. Mr. Wood advised he was asked to prepare a tiered budget cuts recommendation document. Mr. Wood presented his proposed cuts in a three tier formula and reviewed each tier. No public comments.

Adoption of FY15 Budget

The committee discussed the cuts in tier one and two and the difference between buying the van in tier two or leasing. The committee also discussed site based funds. Ms. Thier voiced her concern regarding the \$10,000 cut from facilities due to the need of café seating at the high school and advised she would not like to see this cut, stating there is a real need for seating during lunch periods. Mr. Odell voiced his concern in cutting funds from the Teaching and Learning Dept., stating with all the new demands on the teachers with core curriculum to cut support from this department would be short sided. Ms. Federspiel stated since 2009 we have been cutting from the Teaching and Learning Dept. line and it's time to stop that trend.

MOTION

Julie Fay made a motion to approve the FY15 proposed budget with amendments to include only the cuts in Tier 1 of the proposed FY15 Budget Adjustments excluding the cuts of \$10,000 from Facilities and \$17,500 from Teaching and Learning and to include the \$30,000 cut from Facilities in Tier 2. For a total budget of \$50,516,022, with offsets of \$3,756,567 for a net total budget of \$46,759,455; seconded by Cathy Thier **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Lorraine Romasco, Cathy Thier, Jeff Odell, Kara Keith and Julie Fay **OPPOSED:** Lynn Colletti **ABSTAINED:** Maureen Busch **VOTED AND PASSED. (6-1-1)**

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:

- Community Reading Day
- Teams Give Valiant Effort: Athletics Update
- Early Childhood Initiative
- Technology Use
- Military Families
- Upcoming Events
- Superintendent's Evaluation

NEASC Standard II: School Culture and Leadership

Jacquire Carter and Jodi Specht attended the meeting to present a presentation on the NESAC Standard II: School Culture and Leadership. Ms. Specht provided an overview of the NEASC standards committees and what it means to be NEASC accredited from colleges.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Student Advisory Report

Ms. Nyshidha Gurijala reported;

The most recent Central Massachusetts Regional Student Advisory Council Meeting was held on Wednesday, February 12th at Hudson High School. We focused on the topic of Digital Literacy in Schools, or using technology efficiently in the classroom to enrich the learning experience. We were able to compare

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technology policies in different districts and collaborate on a presentation of all of the positive aspects of each policy, and new apps and websites that teachers could use to supplement their teaching- inside the classroom and out. We plan on finalizing this presentation and showing it to administrators and teachers in our own schools by the next meeting. Nashoba has a very strong technology policy compared to other high schools, and online resources that our teachers use were added to the presentation to introduce them to other high schools in the region.

The Nashoba Drama Society will be presenting the school edition of Les Miserables from March 14-16 in the high school auditorium.

Last Wednesday, we were able to watch an incredible performance by Brittany Maier today in honor of SPREAD THE WORD TO END THE WORD day.

Last weekend, members of Nashoba Deca travelled to Boston for the State Competition. Many students qualified for Nationals and will be going to Atlanta to compete.

Athletics Report:

Jenna Peabody represented the alpine ski team today at the MIAA State Championship.

The boys' basketball team finished their season with an overall record of 12-8. Nashoba is the No. 3 seed in the Division 2 Central Mass tournament and will host No. 6 Westboro on tomorrow night at 7:00pm at NRHS.

The girls' basketball team is continuing to make school history. The team finished the season with a perfect 20-0 record (first undefeated season in girls' hoops in school history) and is seeded No. 1 in the Division 2 Central Mass Tournament. Nashoba will play the winner of No. 4 NDA / No. 5 Auburn on Sunday 3/2 at 1:30pm at Fitchburg State University in the Semi-Finals.

The boys' ice hockey team finished the season strong and ended with an overall record of 9-7-4, which gave them the fifth seed in the Division 3A Central Mass tournament. Nashoba will travel to No. 4 Oakmont on Saturday 3/1 at 6:30pm at Cushing Academy in the Quarterfinals.

The girls' ice hockey team finished the regular season with a 9-7-4 record and is seeded 19th in Division 2. The team will be traveling to Martha's Vineyard on Wednesday to play in a preliminary round playoff game.

The wrestling team were D2 Sectional Finalists and have five athletes competing in the All-State Championship this weekend.

The girls' indoor track team became State Finalists with their second place finish at the Division 4 State Championship. Highlights from the D4 State Championship include the following:

- *Sarah Militano won the 55M
- *Kristina MacLure won the 300M and the long jump
- *Kelsey Horowitz placed 2nd in the 2 mile
- *4x200-relay team (Militano, MacLure, Steph Palis, & Meiling DellaGrotte) placed 2nd
- *Matt Boelens placed 11th in the 1000M
- *Mark Puleo placed 4th in the 2 mile

Our girls' basketball team defeated Medfield, 57-55, in overtime on Saturday at WPI in the Division 2 Central Mass Sectional Finals. This was a huge win for our girls as Medfield was the defending D2 State Champion that beat us last year in the state finals. Nashoba plays Longmeadow, the Western Mass champion, tonight in the State Semi-Finals.

Finance SubCommittee

Ms. Busch reported warrants were approved.

Personnel SubCommittee

Policy Subcommittee

No Report

ESBC

No Report

NRHS Space Study Task Force

Ms. Romasco reported during the last meeting Mr. Wood reviewed the MSBA process

NEW BUSINESS

Items for addition to the agenda

- A. Chapter 222: The New Discipline Law
- B. Transition: Eighth to Ninth Grade

OLD BUSINESS

None

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

NONE

MOTION

Jeff Odell made a motion to adjourn at 7:27 pm; seconded by Maureen Busch **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Lorraine Romasco, Lynn Colletti, Cathy Thier, Jeff Odell, Kara Keith and Julie Fay **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

Respectfully Submitted,
Aleta Masterson
Executive Assistant

Approved by School Committee 3/25/14