

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

April 29, 2014

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch(arrived at 6:17pm), Julie Fay, Cathy Their, Lynn Colletti (left meeting at 7:30 pm, returned at 7:55), Kara Keith, and Lorraine Romasco

**ABSENT:** 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 6:08 PM in the School Committee Conference Room.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Topics on consent agenda included:

**April 25, 2014 Warrants**

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3400	04/25/14	VENDOR	\$ 318,759.27
3401	04/25/14	BENEFIT	\$ 46,280.87
3402	04/25/14	PAYROLL	\$1,264,905.10

Minutes of April 8, 2014

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Ms. Thier stated she received any correspondence regarding concerns of incidents at the high school. Ms. Federspiel stated she also received correspondence regarding the same and thanked Dr. Graham for getting out a School Messenger to relieve some concerns and dispel rumors.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Wood reviewed his Superintendent's report; *(The Superintendent's Report is available in its entirety on the NRSD website, [www.nrsd.net](http://www.nrsd.net).*

Topics included:

- Day on the Hill
- Annual Town Meeting
- MSBA Grant Update
- Educator Recruitment Update
- Title I Grant Amendment
- Professional Development
- April Vacation Enrichment

**Kindergarten Update**

Mr. Wood advised the teachers are reviewing different options for the program of next year, including time on learning and extending the day and site visits to area schools who current operating with integrated full day and half day classes will be done soon and reported back on those visits.

### **Response to Intervention (NRHS Update)**

Mr. Wood advised he invited Dr. Graham to the meeting tonight as he knew there would be concerns regarding the events at the high school before the spring break. Mr. Wood stated the budget conversations started the district looking at Response to Intervention, which is a term for the responses used to intervene with at risk students. Mr. Wood advised he has convened a group of staff that is looking at different strategies to move forward across the district with a focus on middle and high school. Dr. Graham advised the committee to feel free to contact him with any concerns or questions regarding any situation at the high school. Dr. Graham provided an overview of the interventions currently being used at the high school, including adding foundation courses to the schedule to ensure success for those students at risk and the processes used to determine at risk students.

### **Third Quarter Financial Update**

Mr. King advised the Third Quarter Financial Report is in the packet and reviewed the report detailing specific line items. Mr. King advised at a future meeting he will be requesting some line items transfers.

### **Modular Unit for NRHS**

Mr. Wood advised the NRHS Space Task Force is reviewing the option of purchasing two modular units the Town of Stow has up for bid. Mr. Wood advised a location at the high school has been designated for these units.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Student Advisory Report**

Ms. Nyshidha Gurijala reported;

- The softball team is off to a great start this season. They are currently 9-0 and won the Cheryl Jones Memorial Tournament in Hudson last week over vacation. Emily Sargent, one of our senior pitchers, earned her 600th career strikeout last week as well. She has broken the school record and still has a half of the season left. Nashoba will travel to North Middlesex tomorrow afternoon.
- The baseball team is 4-4 and doing well. Their four losses have been by one run so they have been in every game. The team travels to North Middlesex tomorrow and then plays under the lights at Hudson on Friday night at 7pm.
- The boys' lacrosse team is 4-6 and the girls' team is 4-4. Both teams are playing well with a very competitive schedule. The boys' will play a night game next Tuesday and girls' on next Thursday. Both teams are participating in cancer awareness nights along with many other teams in Central Mass next week.
- Our boys and girls track teams are undefeated in the one meet they have had so far this season. It has been a slow start for track due to the weather. Nashoba is scheduled to compete against Quabbin tomorrow. This weekend Nashoba will be hosting the Central Mass Girls' Relays.
- The boys' tennis team is 3-3 and holding their own this season being moved up to Division 1. The girls' team improved to 5-3 after yesterday's double-header wins versus Groton Dunstable.
- The middle schools start their games and meets this week.
- The annual Day of Silence hosted by the Gay Straight Alliance was held on April 11th. Speaking supporters and silent participants in the Nashoba community came together on the Day of Silence to stand up and speak out against bullying and harassment in schools worldwide and to show their support for the LGBT community.

- The Play for Will fundraiser is on Monday May 16th, a basketball game between the Central MA Spartans Special Olympics program out of Bolton, and staff from Nashoba. The game raises money for the Tecumseh Foundation and the Relay for Life.
- Twenty two members of Nashoba DECA will be heading down to Atlanta for Nationals on May 3rd to present and compete in their designated categories over the four days.
- Best Buddies is hosting the annual Best Buddies Ball on May 2nd at the Hudson Portuguese Club.

**Finance SubCommittee**

No Report

**Personnel SubCommittee**

No Report

**Policy SubCommittee**

Ms. Federspiel reported policies will be presented tonight for first reading.

**ESBC**

No Report

**NRHS Space Study Task Force**

No Report

**SEPAC (Special Education Parents Advisory Council)**

No Report

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Items for addition to the agenda**

Substance abuse issues at the HS.

**Policies - First Reading**

Ms. Federspiel advised the following policies are being presented for first reading and reviewed the changes proposed to each policy.

BEC – Executive Sessions

BEDA – Notification of School Committee Meetings

BEDG – Minutes

BEDH – Public Participation at School Committee Meetings

BEE – Special Procedure for Conducting Hearings

**Executive Session Minutes**

Mr. Wood advised the executive session minutes of 4/23/13, 6/18/13, 9/10/13, 11/5/13, 1/14/14, 3/25/14, and 4/18/14 are included in the packet for the school committee to review and release as public documents.

**MOTION**

Julie Fay made a motion to approve the release of the executive session minutes of 4/23/13, 6/18/13, 9/10/13, 11/5/13, 1/14/14, 3/25/14, and 4/18/14 as amended; seconded by Maureen Busch **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kara Keith, Cathy Thier, Lorraine Romasco and Julie Fay **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0) Lynn Colletti was not present in the room during vote.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Town Meeting Planning**

Mr. Wood advised the slides that will be presented at the town meeting, if needed, are included in the packet. Mr. Wood advised he has been advised all three towns have the school budget as part of the town budget and unless there is a motion it is not taken as a separate vote. Ms. Federspiel urged all the members to get the word out to the parents in their town to come vote in support of the budget. Mr. Wood advised administration from the district and schools will be in each town at the meeting.

**Superintendent Evaluation Process**

Ms. Federspiel advised all members were asked to complete the online evaluation tool; six members completed the evaluation tool. Ms. Federspiel read the evaluation summary comments aloud. Ms. Federspiel asked the committee to review the evaluation results provided in the packet and the committee will have an open discussion regarding the results. Ms. Federspiel reviewed the standards/goal which the Superintendent was given a needs improvement and exemplary rating. Ms. Federspiel advised the next step is the Personnel Subcommittee will compile a final summary, which will be presented and voted on at the next meeting.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

NONE

**MOTION**

Maureen Busch made a motion to adjourn at 8:58 pm; seconded by Julie Fay **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Lorraine Romasco, Lynn Colletti, Kara Keith, Cathy Thier and Julie Fay **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Aleta Masterson  
Executive Assistant

Approved by NRSC 5/20/14