

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

April 8, 2014

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE: Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Julie Fay, Cathy Their, Lynn Colletti, Kara Keith, Jeff Odell (arrived at 6:20 pm) 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 6:02 PM in the School Committee Conference Room.

CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda included:

April 11, 2014 Warrants

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3397	04/11/14	VENDOR	\$ 395,540.30
3398	04/11/14	BENEFIT	\$ 12,786.05
3399	04/11/14	PAYROLL	\$1,204,789.83

Minutes of March 25, 2014

CORRESPONDENCE

- Kindergarten Dismissal Time Correspondence
- Items for the School Committee Correspondence
- Ms. Romasco advised she received a correspondence regarding a concern of students with “chew” at the high school.
- Ms. Fay advised she received 12 calls from parents regarding the art grades at MRE and the how they affect the honor role.

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).*

Topics included:

- Calendar Recommendation
- Grant Success
- School Choice Lottery Update
- Early Release Schedule
- Teachers as Presenters
- Title I Review
- A.L.I.C.E.
- Tri Town Meeting
- Budget Flyer
- Parent and Guardian Online Registration

NEASC Standard Presentation: Curriculum and Instruction

Johanna Doyle and Mike Poirier attended the meeting to present their NEASC standards. Ms. Doyle advised she is assigned to the Curriculum standard. Ms. Doyle stated there are 7 standards within the Curriculum Standard and reviewed those standards. Mr. Poirier advised there are 5 standards within the Instruction Standard. Mr. Poirier reviewed those standards.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Student Advisory Report

Ms. Nyshidha Gurijala reported;

- The last regular meeting for the Central Massachusetts Regional Student Advisory Council was held last Wednesday at Hudson High. We had a productive year, bringing awareness of the importance of Digital Literacy to Nashoba, and other high schools in the region. Overall, it was a very interesting experience, and I am glad I was able to represent Nashoba in the Regional Advisory Council. We will be electing a new representative tomorrow to replace me in the 2014-2015 school year.
- Nashoba EMS's CPR Marathon was a big success. We reached our fundraising goal and had a great time- not stopping CPR for the entire 24 hours.
- The Spring Concert was Tuesday, and the Band and Chorus participated in the MICCA competition on Friday. Chorus won the Bronze Medal.
- Spring sports were off to a slow start due to the weather and field conditions. But now all of our teams have begun their game schedule this week. We are looking forward to some good weather and a good spring.

Finance SubCommittee

Ms. Busch reported the warrants were approved.

Personnel SubCommittee

Ms. Federspiel reported negotiations with Unit A are finished.

Policy SubCommittee

No Report

ESBC

No Report

NRHS Space Study Task Force

Ms. Romasco reported committee has been working and now has an understand of the constraints at the high school. Ms. Romasco stated Mr. Bill Cleary gave a presentation on the systems at the high school and their longevity, shared his five year plan and a thermal scan of the roof at the high school and explained the scan. Ms. Romasco stated she and Ms. Thier toured the high school during school hours.

SEPAC (Special Education Parents Advisory Council)

Mr. Wood reported the council met last Wednesday and a parents rights process presentation.

NEW BUSINESS

Items for addition to the agenda

District expectation for the homework load.

Ms. Fay stated she has received correspondence regarding the concern of a greater influx of students from the various district placement facilities attending NRHS and the behavior issues associated with these students. Mr. Wood advised there are a number of group homes in one of our member towns and we are obligated to educate those students resident there. Mr. Wood advised these students are usually placed in these facilities on short notice so there are not always complete records that accompany them during input, but if we learn of behavior issues we address them. Mr. Wood stated these students are expected to follow the same guidelines as our own students of what you can and cannot do in the school setting. Mr. Wood advised one of the facilities has entered into an agreement with the state to accept more residents so therefore our enrollment of these students will rise. Mr. Wood advised previously the district has had six students, currently there are twelve and it could rise as high as thirty-five.

Assabet Valley Collaborative Capital Account

Mr. Wood advised the collaborative is trying to establish a capital project reserve as stated in the memo in the packet. Mr. Wood advised a vote is needed from each school district in the collaborative. Mr. Wood advised this action has no impact on the NRSD budget.

MOTION

Jeff Odell made a motion to approve the Capital Project reserve fund submitted in the amount of \$722,500 and preliminary funding for it, in the amount of \$25,000 as part of the FY15 Assabet Valley Collaborative budget.; seconded by Julie Fay **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Lynn Colletti, Jeff Odell, Kara Keith, Cathy Thier, Lorraine Romasco and Julie Fay **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

Superintendent's Evaluation

Ms. Federspiel advised she is not sure the committee is prepared for the working session at tonight's meeting due to some confusion over what preparation was to be done prior to tonight's meeting and asked the committee if they would like to table this item until the next meeting. Ms. Federspiel stated Mr. Wood will put together a helping worksheet with evidence and goal accomplishments and the working session will be held at the May 6th meeting. Mr. Wood stated he will add this information right into the evaluation tool online. Mr. Wood advised if any members have specific questions regard any evidence supplied they can contact him directly. Ms. Federspiel requested the members to complete the evaluation tool on line and submit on line.

OLD BUSINESS

FY14-15 School Year Calendar

Mr. Wood advised proposal A & B in the packet were both presented previously and there have been no changes to those proposals. Mr. Wood is presented a new proposal, Proposal C, which addresses the concerns voiced regarding the two ER days back to back in April. Mr. Wood reviewed proposal C and the difference between the three proposals.

MOTION

Kara Keith made a motion to adopt SY 14-15 calendar proposal C with the revisions of 10/31 ER PTC, 11/3 Full Day PTC and 11/4 Full Day PD; seconded by Nancy Federspiel **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Lynn Colletti, Jeff Odell, Kara Keith, Cathy Thier, Lorraine Romasco and Julie Fay **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Committee went into Executive Session at 7:48 pm for the purpose of discussing litigation strategy with respect to possible litigation.

MOTION

Maureen Busch made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:48 pm for the purpose of discussing litigation strategy with respect to possible litigation to include Michael Wood, George King, and Aleta Masterson with no regular business to be conducted after the executive session to reconvene for the purpose of adjournment only; seconded by Nancy Federspiel.

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

MOTION

Maureen Busch made a motion to reconvene to open session at 8:08 pm for the purpose of adjournment; seconded by Lorraine Romasco.

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

MOTION

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Aleta Masterson
Executive Assistant

Approved by NRSC April 29, 2014