

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

School Committee Conference Room
Emerson School
Bolton, MA

December 17, 2014

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE: Nancy Federspiel (left at 8:05 pm), Maureen Busch, Cathy Thier, Julie Fay (arrived at 6:14 pm), Lynn Colletti, Nicole Odekirk and Lorraine Romasco

ABSENT: Kara Keith

ADMINISTRATION IN ATTENDANCE: Michael Wood, Superintendent of Schools

CALL TO ORDER

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

Student Advisory Report

Ms. Kirschbaum reported;

- Nashoba has had a great December so far.
- On December 3rd, Nashoba DECA members travelled to BOSE to meet with members of the marketing team.
- Today was Mock DECA day for the Nashoba business classes. Each student dressed in business appropriate attire and presented on their unique ideas and ventures.
- Last Wednesday, Nashoba participated in the hour of code. Many students were introduced to code for the first time, while others made their own games. Following this initiative, a presentation from IT representatives on careers in technology was given during activity period on Friday for interested students.
- At the school store, students are collecting toys for Toys for Tots. Everyone who donates gets a free lanyard as well.
- Last Friday, National Honors Society hosted a Gingerbread House Making Day for kids in order to raise money to sponsor local families to attend Camp Sunshine.

NEW BUSINESS

MARS Request for Legal Fund

Mr. Wood advised MARS (Massachusetts Association of Regional School Districts) is soliciting legal funds from its members of up to \$1000.00 for a legal fund to sponsor legal action against the Governor for what they perceive is a violation of a law that was passed in 2010 that stated regional transportation funds would not be reduced more than the cuts to Chapter 70 funds. The Governor is proposing the funds for regional transportation this year be eliminated, an estimate of approx. 18 million dollars. Mr. Wood advised there are approx. 72 members of MARS. If the action is won it could potentially mean hundreds of thousands to the district. The committee discussed the pros and cons of this action.

MOTION

Maureen Busch made a motion that The Nashoba Regional School Committee authorizes an amount not to exceed \$1000.00 toward the legal defense fund organized by MARS to reinstate regional transportation funding to FY 15 budget levels. ; seconded by Cathy Thier **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Cathy Thier, and Julie Fay, **OPPOSED:** Lorraine Romasco and Nicole Odekirk **ABSTAINED:** Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. (4-2-1)**

Lease-School Van

Mr. Wood advised the van lease was approved in the FY15 budget and Mr. King has negotiated the best lease terms, so therefore the district is ready to move forward with the lease to own of a 2014 Chevrolet Starcraft 14 Passenger Bus. Mr. Wood advised this will be based at the high school but will be a district vehicle and any school, team or club can take advantage of it.

MOTION

Maureen Busch made a motion to Authorize the Assistant Superintendent as Chief Procurement Officer to enter into a lease of four years with Wells Fargo Equipment Finance for the purchase of a 2014 Chevrolet Passenger Bus with the terms described in the memo of December 12, 2014.; seconded by Cathy Thier **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Cathy Thier, Julie Fay, Lorraine Romasco, Nicole Odekirk and Lynn Colletti, **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

Request to Change NRHS Mid Term Schedule

Mr. Wood advised Dr. Graham has requested to change the district calendar to have late starts at NRHS on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and a full day on Friday (1/20/15 – 1/23/15). Mr. Wood stated the full day on Friday will allow a longer day for make up's if needed.

MOTION

Nancy Federspiel made a motion to change the district calendar to have late starts at NRHS on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and a full day on Friday (1/20/15 – 1/23/15); seconded by Julie Fay **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Cathy Thier, Julie Fay, Lorraine Romasco, Nicole Odekirk and Lynn Colletti, **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

Policies

Policy ECA - Buildings and Grounds Security
Policy JIC - Student Discipline
Policy KDDA - Publication of Personal Information
Policy IJOA - Field Trips

Ms. Odekirk advised the policies are being presented for a first reading to the school committee. The Policy Subcommittee has reviewed the policies for second readings. The committee discussed the security cameras effect on the district network. Ms. Odekirk advised the policy subcommittee is currently discussing meeting more frequently in the coming months to work on the survey collection data and development. Ms. Colletti asked for a document on how updating the security cameras will financially impact the budget.

OLD BUSINESS

District Improvement Plan FY15

Ms. Federspiel stated the committee had the opportunity to meet with a facilitator from MASC for training on how to develop a district improvement plan. Ms. Federspiel advised she went to a bunch of other school district websites to review their plans to ensure we are on the right track and advised what she found is there are many varieties and is happy with the track the committee is on. Members of the committee thanked Mr. Wood for compiling the current document and the work that was put in to it. Some members felt they needed a little more time and work and others felt they were ready to vote on the current document for the remainder of the year.

MOTION

Nancy Federspiel made a motion to approve the District Improvement Plan as presented in the packet for the remainder of the school year; seconded by Cathy Thier **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen

Busch, Cathy Thier, **OPPOSED**: Julie Fay, Lorraine Romasco, Nicole Odekirk and Lynn Colletti, **VOTED AND FAILED. (3-4-0)**

MOTION

Julie Fay made a motion to approve the District Improvement Plan as presented in the packet for the remainder of the school year with an amendment to Goal 1D to include the verbiage “the district will become a Level 1 district”; seconded by Cathy Thier **IN FAVOR**: Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Cathy Thier, and Julie Fay **OPPOSED**: Lorraine Romasco, Nicole Odekirk and Lynn Colletti, **VOTED AND PASSED. (4-3-0)**

Superintendent’s Goals FY15

Ms. Federspiel advised it was suggested at the last meeting that the Personnel Subcommittee construct a set of goals based off the District Improvement Plan Goals to then be brought to the full committee for discussion and approval or disapproval. The committee members approve this method as long as there is ample time allotted during regular meetings to discuss the Personnel Subcommittee’s recommendations.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities and Finance Subcommittee

Ms. Busch reported the warranted were approved, no other business was conducted.

Policy Subcommittee

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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:

- Hour of Code
- District Improvement Plan
- SC Follow Up Activities
- Superintendent Goals
- MARS Legal Defense Fund
- School Van Lease
- Parking on Green Road
- Staff Input and Participation in FY16 Planning

CORRESPONDENCE

School Choice

ACTION ITEMS

School Committee Norms

CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda included:

December 19, 2014 Warrants

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3454	12/19/14	VENDOR	\$ 412,068.69
3445	12/19/14	BENEFIT	\$ 52,696.28
3456	12/19/14	PAYROLL	\$1,340,973.48

Minutes of December 3, 2014

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

NONE

MOTION

Julie Fay made a motion to adjourn at 8:09 pm; seconded by Cathy Thier **IN FAVOR:** Maureen Busch, Cathy Thier, Julie Fay, Lorraine Romasco, Nicole Odekirk and Lynn Colletti, **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

Respectfully Submitted,
Aleta Masterson
Executive Assistant

Reference Documents/ Presentations

Agenda
MARS Request for Legal Fund Memo
Lease - School Van Memo
Memo requesting a motion to change the NRHS Midterm schedule
Policy ECA - Buildings and Grounds Security
Policy JIC - Student Discipline
Policy KDDA - Publication of Personal Information
Policy IJOA - Field Trips
District Improvement Plan D5 with Baselines
Strategic Plan
Protocols Worksheet
Superintendent's Report
School Committee Norms
Modular Unit Request for NRHS
Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2014
Letter from Representative Kate Hogan
Assabet Valley Collaborative Audit Document
Assabet Valley Collaborative Annual Report

Reference Material

Acton-Boxborough District Smart Goals/DIP
Concord-Carlisle Regional School District Goals
Shrewsbury District Goals

Approved by NRSC 1/14/15