

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

School Committee Conference Room
Emerson School
Bolton, MA

December 3, 2014

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE: Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Cathy Thier, Julie Fay, Kara Keith (arrived at 6:10 pm), and Lynn Colletti

ABSENT: Nicole Odekirk and Lorraine Romasco

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda included:

December 5, 2014 Warrants

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3451	12/5/14	VENDOR	\$ 485,309.81
3442	12/5/14	BENEFIT	\$ 660,094.16
3453	12/5/14	PAYROLL	\$1,268,655.39

Minutes of November 19, 2014

Athletic Director's Fall Update

Ms. Rich attended the meeting to provide the Fall Athletic Report. Ms. Rich reviewed all Fall sports and the teams/players that finished the season as championships and Allstars. Ms. Rich report in it's entirety can be found at www.nrsd.net

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:

- Kindergarten Forum
- Budget Development and School Committee Timelines
- John and Abigail Adams Awards
- FY15 9c Cuts

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Student Advisory Report

Ms. Kirschbaum reported;

- The fall sports ended on a high note with a win for the football team in the Thanksgiving game against North Middlesex.
- Last weekend, Nashoba drama put on “It’s a Wonderful Life” and everyone did an amazing job.
- Yesterday, the Nashoba journalism students visited the Boston Globe, where they learned about writing with deadlines, working in the field, and information collection from the journalists there. They also got a tour of the building and a close up view on how the newspaper is made.
- Nashoba epidemiology students, who are in the pilot combined english and science class, have made a youtube video to support their water.org account which is an online organization to raise money for clean water. Their goal is \$500, which will help 20 people in various regions of Africa.
- The Nashoba Media Center is celebrating Human Rights month this December with displays of books on various aspects of human rights and informational posters.
- The Central Massachusetts Student Advisory Council met today. The guest speaker was Board of Elementary & Secondary Education (BESE) Vice Chair David Roach. Mr. Roach heads the BESE Civic Education & Engagement Work Group (CEEWG). The CEEWG wants to hear from students about Civic Education and Engagement in Massachusetts. We discussed the lack of civics education in our schools and examples of some successful civics programs. We hope to complete a survey and receive the results for our next meeting in February.

Facilities and Finance SubCommittee

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

Personnel SubCommittee

No Report

NRHS Space Study Task Force

Ms. Busch reported the committee meet and they are not yet comfortable to make any recommendations and are working toward an interim report to the school committee in January.

Policy SubCommittee

No Report

SEPAC (Special Education Parents Advisory Council)

No Report

ESBC

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

NEASC Self Study Report and Presentation

Mr. Sakellarion and Ms. Gallagher attended the meeting to provide the NEASC Self Study Report, via a powerpoint presentation and reviewed the seven standards and their strengths, needs and rating, school wide needs, and the 2 and 5 year plans. Mr. Sakellarion advised the visit will be March 8th – 11th and provided an overview of what is expecting during the visit. The visiting panel will be interviewing the school committee and parents on March 8th and provided an example of panel interview expectations. The Self Study Report and Powerpoint presentation can be found at <http://www.nrsd.net/index.php?id=510>

Staff Survey

Ms. Federspiel advised the committee started discussions at the last school committee meeting of surveying the staff on a regular basis. Ms. Federspiel stated through the NEASC process the committee was made aware of the eagerness of the staff to share their input. The committee also discussed “round table” forums/workshop as a means of open communication in the district.

MOTION

Nancy Federspiel made a motion to commit to the concept of soliciting more staff feedback, which maybe in the form of a survey the policy subcommittee will determine the means of feedback collection; seconded by Cathy Thier **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Cathy Thier, Kara Keith, Julie Fay, and Lynn Colletti, **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

OLD BUSINESS

MASC Workshop Plan

Ms. Federspiel advised on Monday, December 8th the MASC will be conducting a workshop for the school committee on the district improvement plan and superintendent goals. Ms. Federspiel advised the workshop could run 3 hrs so it will begin at 5:30 pm and pizza will be provided. Ms. Federspiel advised this is a process training, not a workshop to work on the district’s specific plan or goals, the workshop is more of a procedural training.

CORRESPONDENCE

Building Rental/Field Use Fees

ACTION ITEMS

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS

NONE

MOTION

Maureen Busch made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 pm; seconded by Nancy Federspiel **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Cathy Thier, Kara Keith, Julie Fay, and Lynn Colletti, **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

Respectfully Submitted,
Aleta Masterson
Executive Assistant

Approved by NRSC 12/17/14

Reference Documents/ Presentations

Agenda

Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2014

NEASC Self Study Report Synopsis

NRHS Self Study Report

Letter to Legislators regarding COR 9c Cuts Regional Transportation

Correspondence

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