

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

School Committee Conference Room
Emerson School
Bolton, MA

March 25, 2015

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Federspiel called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the School Committee Conference Room, Emerson School, Bolton, MA

Student Advisory Report

Ms. Kirschbaum reported;

- Nashoba has had a great beginning of Spring. Last night the Concert choir performed beautifully and dedicated their last song to the memory of Michelle Farnsworth. The Best Buddies chorus also performed and did an amazing job.
- Last week, we had two students perform at symphony hall with the MMEA all state chorus and one student performed in the Massachusetts all state band at the same venue.
- The Nashoba Theater class has also been busy and practiced their make-up application by making two of our teachers into zombies.
- Recently, the Best Buddies basketball team took home the gold at their basketball state tournament.
- Nashoba DECA is busy preparing for Nationals in Orlando later on next month and the Robotics team is preparing for the competition at Northeastern this weekend. Last night, the Robochiefs spent their allotted 6 hours of out-of-bag time making final modifications. They hope to repeat as the number one seed this again this weekend.
- The Sign Language Club has been recruiting members and has been providing lessons in sign language to all who are interested.
- The art club has been painting numerous murals around the school to brighten up our hallways and the community service club has been leading food drives recently.
- Spring sports have also started and we are looking forward to seeing our teams compete!

NEW BUSINESS

Enrollment Presentation

Mr. Don Kennedy from NESDEC attended the meeting to provide a powerpoint presentation on the district's 10 year enrollment projections, reviewing the statistics on births, home sales and residents age factors. The presentation can be found at [http://www.nrsd.net/assets/files/SC%2014-15%20NASHOBA%20RSD%20DEMOGRAPHY%20\(1\).pdf](http://www.nrsd.net/assets/files/SC%2014-15%20NASHOBA%20RSD%20DEMOGRAPHY%20(1).pdf)

Private School Approvals

Mr. Wood advised it is the responsibility of the local school districts to approve all private schools that operate within the district. Mr. Wood advised he has visited Nashoba Montessori School Inc. and they have met the requirement for staffing, curriculum, safety and their continuation plans. Mr. Wood is recommending approval of this school.

MOTION

Maureen Busch made a motion to approve the Nashoba Montessori School Inc. as a private school within the Nashoba Regional School District for remainder of the 14-15 SY; seconded by Nancy Federspiel **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Lynn Colletti, Nicole Odekirk, Cathy Thier, Kara Keith Lorraine Romasco and Julie Fay **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

Overview of E & D

Mr. King provided an Excess and Deficiency analysis and historical data memo and reviewed both documents which were included in the meeting packet.

OLD BUSINESS

FY16 Budget Deliberations

Mr. Wood provided a spreadsheet with proposed budget adjustments and reviewed each line on the spreadsheet discussing what would be impacted with each reduction. Mr. King provided a review of member town's financial growth, their free cash, recap sheets, and local allocation percentages. The committee members asked Mr. Wood and Mr. King clarifying questions on the E & D fund and expressed their concerns and thoughts on the proposed cuts and what amount of E & D they are comfortable using to reduce the budget.

MOTION

Nancy Federspiel made a motion to approve the FY16 proposed budget with the amendments of accepting the adjustments in Tier 1, Tier 2 and the first line of Tier 3 on the proposed budget adjustment spreadsheet provided in the meeting packet; seconded by Maureen Busch **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Nicole Odekirk, Cathy Thier, and Julie Fay **OPPOSED:** Lorraine Romasco, Lynn Colletti and Kara Keith **VOTED AND FAILED. (5-3-0)**

MOTION

Cathy Thier made a motion to approve the FY16 proposed budget with the amendments of accepting the adjustments in Tier 1, Tier 2 increasing E & D to \$750,000. and the first line of Tier 3 on the proposed budget adjustment spreadsheet provided in the meeting packet; seconded by Kara Keith **IN FAVOR:** Cathy Their, Maureen Busch, Julie Fay, Nicole Odekirk, and Kara Keith **OPPOSED:** Nancy Federspiel, Lynn Colletti and Lorraine Romasco **VOTED AND FAILED. (5-3-0)**

MOTION

Nancy Federspiel made a motion to approve the FY16 proposed budget with the amendments of accepting the adjustments in Tier 1, Tier 2 increasing E & D to \$600,000. and the first line of Tier 3 on the proposed budget adjustment spreadsheet provided in the meeting packet; seconded by Julie Fay **IN FAVOR:** Cathy Their, Maureen Busch, Julie Fay, Nancy Federspiel, Nicole Odekirk and Kara Keith **OPPOSED:** Lynn Colletti and Lorraine Romasco **VOTED AND PASSED. (6-2-0)**

Mr. King provided the estimated assessments for the town and advised the final numbers will be certified in the next couple days as required by law

	FY16 Total Assessment	FY16 Total Dollar Increase	FY15 % Increase
Town			
Bolton	\$12,899,089	\$391,696	3.13%
Lancaster	\$11,000,440	\$334,817	3.14%
Stow	\$15,774,863	\$780,729	5.21%
Total	\$39,674,392	\$1,507,242	3.95%

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities and Finance SubCommittee

Ms. Busch reported the committee discussed the warrants and Mr. King provided a review of the E & D account.

Personnel SubCommittee

Ms. Federspiel reported the committee met and continued their work on the Superintendent's evaluation tool.

Policy SubCommittee

Ms. Keith reported the committee met and discussed the life threatening allergies policy and is the process of putting together a district policy separate from the health and wellness policy.

ESBC

No Report

Space Study Task Force

Ms. Romasco reported the committee met and reviewed the science class room schedule to get an ideal of who tight things are. The schedule is a pretty compelling visual. The pace of discovery has picked up, the task force meets more frequently and will have a report for the school committee in an upcoming meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Thier advised she has received correspondence regarding the release of teacher/staff and new hire credentials. Ms. Thier asked to review the district policy regarding this and a discussion be held at a future meeting.

Ms. Federspiel advised she received correspondence on how great the math night was at FSS.

Ms. Romasco advised she also received correspondence on math night and also she received several correspondences on class size in various grades, several families that advised they will be "choicing" out of the district for various reasons of frustration and questions/comments on E & D.

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:

- Team Recognition
- Math Night at Florence Sawyer School
- Sprinkler Issue at NRHS
- Cultural and Global Learning

- Foundation Commission

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

The Town Administrator from Lancaster advised during the next budget process he would like to be invited to give an overview of the town and their financial status.

Brian Burke asked if the practice of regular meetings between Town Officials and School Administrators is still in place.

CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda included:

March 27, 2015 Warrants

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3475	03/27/15	VENDOR	\$ 625,563.01
3476	03/27/15	BENEFIT	\$ 699,474.78
3477	03/27/15	PAYROLL	\$1,351,771.35

Minutes of March 16, 2015.

ACTION ITEMS

Ms. Odekirk advised the personnel subcommittee talked about having a separate school committee meeting, workshop format to develop the superintendent's goals and accomplishments so they can start the evaluation process.

Ms. Busch asked for historical data on Chapter 70, before and after the 2009 cut.

Ms. Colletti asked for historical data on assessment committees for gifted and talented students and other committees that have been disbanded over the last 10 yrs and would like each department to come and present an overview of the operation of their department.

MOTION

Maureen Busch made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm; seconded by Lorraine Romasco **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Lynn Colletti, Nicole Odekirk, Cathy Thier, Kara Keith, Lorraine Romasco and Julie Fay **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

Submitted by
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Executive Assistant

Meeting Materials provided tonight can be located at www.nrsd.net

School Committee Meeting recordings can be viewed at: [Click Here](#)

Reference Documents/ Presentations

Agenda

NESDEC PowerPoint Enrollment Presentation
NRSD Enrollment - Town Breakdown
NRSD Enrollment - District
Private School Approval - Nashoba Montessori School
Excess and Deficiency Analysis
Excess and Deficiency Historical Memo
NRSD E & D Scenario.LRomasco
FY 16 Budget Adjustment Letter
FY 16 Budget Adjustment Considerations3252015
Superintendent's Report
AVC Amended Agreement for 3rd Quarterly Report
Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2015

Correspondence

Bolton Resident - Kindergarten Class Size
Lancaster Selectmen Letter
Stow Resident Budget Correspondence

Approved by NRSC 4/8/15