

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

May 20, 2014

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Julie Fay, Cathy Thier (left meeting at 7:09 pm), Lynn Colletti, Nicole Odekirk and Lorraine Romasco

**ABSENT:** Kara Keith

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Federspiel called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM in the School Committee Conference Room.

Ms. Federspiel introduced Nicole Odekirk the new Stow School Committee Member.

**ORGANIZATION OF NEW SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Ms. Busch asked for nominations for Chairman of the school committee for 2014-2015.

**MOTION**

Cathy Thier made a motion to elect Nancy Federspiel as the 2014-2015 School Committee Chairman; seconded by Julie Fay **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Cathy Thier, Nicole Odekirk, Julie Fay, Lynn Colletti and Lorraine Romasco **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

Ms. Federspiel asked for nominations for Vice Chairman of the school committee for 2014-2015.

**MOTION**

Lorraine Romasco made a motion to elect Maureen Busch as the 2014-2015 School Committee Vice Chairman; seconded by Julie Fay **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Cathy Thier, Nicole Odekirk, Julie Fay, Lynn Colletti and Lorraine Romasco **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Topics on consent agenda included:

**May 9, 2014 Warrants**

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3403	05/09/14	VENDOR	\$ 241,513.77
3404	05/09/14	BENEFIT	\$ 623,173.81
3405	05/09/14	PAYROLL	\$1,160,382.70

**May 23, 2014 Warrants**

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3406	05/23/14	VENDOR	\$ 597,530.69
3407	05/23/14	BENEFIT	\$ 47,596.17
3408	05/23/14	PAYROLL	\$1,573,262.71

Minutes of April 29, 2014

**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:

- NRHS Class of 1968 Class ring lost, found and returned to the owner
- PARCC Testing
- Coordinated Program Review (CPR)
- School Resource Officer (SRO) Position
- Unit C Negotiations
- District Improvement Plan
- Assistant Principal Position Vacancy

**Student Recognition**

Mr. Wood recognized the NRHS Class of 2014 Valedictorian, Emily Castner and the Salutatorian, Pablo Aldape.

**Student Advisory Report**

Ms. Talia Kirschbaum reported:

- The end of the school year is approaching, especially for the seniors. They have been showing their school spirit this week with beach day, costume day, country day, graffiti day, and then senior day this Friday, which will include a breakfast for them.
- On May 1st ex-Celtic Chris Herren came to talk to us about substance abuse. He told us about his tragic downfall due to his escalating drug use, which began when he was in high school. We all wore purple the next Monday in order to show support for his organization "Project Purple".
- On Friday the 2nd we celebrated Earth Day by participating in school beautification and a mini Relay-for-Life.
- The week before last, Nashoba DECA went to Atlanta to compete at nationals, where they made it to the semi-final round.
- We hosted the Relay for Life last weekend and it was a huge success. The school has also been fundraising for Michelle, a Nashoba student-athlete, to support her in her fight against cancer.
- Students also participated in a 5K in memory of Colleen Ritzer two weekends ago.
- The best buddies Special Olympics were two weeks ago as well. On Thursday, the Unified Track team attended their state meet.
- The Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors also elected their new executive boards for Student Council.
- Everyone is also very excited for Mr. Nashoba on Friday.

**NEW BUSINESS**

### Homework

Mr. Wood advised the Principals from all the schools are in attendance to provide an explanation of homework expectations in each school. Each Principal reviewed the homework expectations in their building.

### Honor Roll

Mr. Wood advised the district is in a pilot year at the middle schools with the new report cards. Mr. Wood stated during the pilot it was discovered that the schools vary in their honor roll system, Mr. Wood is presenting a draft tonight of a universal honor to be used throughout the district. Mr. Wood advised the Principals will bring with draft to their school councils and there will be a period for feedback. Mr. Wood reviewed the proposal which has two levels, Honors and High Honors for grades 6-12. The committee discussed the differences between a weighed GPA and un-weighed GPA, the restriction of not allowing a "C" and if the rigor of the class should be considered. Mr. Wood advised the district is trying to move towards rewarding achievement and rigor. Mr. Wood advised he will host a public forum on this topic and report back.

### PARCC

Mr. Wood advised the district has been part of a pilot this year, and stated that next year the state has asked for schools to volunteer to be part of the pilot again. Mr. Wood advised the district has to decide if we want to be part of the pilot again. Mr. Wood stated there are two options we can continue with MCAS or go with PARCC, if we choose MCAS everyone takes the standard MCAS tests next year, the following year the state has committed to changing their statewide assessment testing, they have said it could be PARCC or it could be another assessment. Mr. Wood advised the 10<sup>th</sup> grade MASC stays until 2018 no matter what assessment we choose. Mr. Wood advised PRAC is only for Math and ELA so therefore we would continue with the science portion of MCAS. Mr. Wood advised he does not believe there is any value for the district to continue in the PRACC pilot. The committee discussed adding more burden on the teachers with a new assessment (PRACC) when already dealing with all the burdens the new regulations have brought. After discussion the consensus was to continue with MCAS, a vote will be taken at the next meeting.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Policies

Ms. Federspiel advised the following policies are being presented for second reading.

- BEC – Executive Sessions
- BEDA – Notification of School Committee Meetings
- BEDG – Minutes
- BEDH – Public Participation at School Committee Meetings
- BEE – Special Procedure for Conducting Hearings

### **MOTION**

Lorraine Romasco made a motion to accept the second reading and adoption of policies, BEC, BEDA, BEDG, BEDH and BEE as amended; seconded by Maureen Busch **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Nicole Odekirk, Julie Fay, Lynn Colletti and Lorraine Romasco **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

**Superintendent's Evaluation**

Ms. Federspiel advised the Superintendent's Evaluation Summary is included in the packet. Ms. Federspiel advised the summary was compiled from the results of the Superintendent's Evaluation Survey that six school committee members completed. Ms. Federspiel advised the overall rating of the Superintendent is Proficient.

**MOTION**

Julie Fay made a motion to approve the 2014 Superintendent's Evaluation Summary, as amended and overall summative performance rating of Proficient; seconded by Nancy Federspiel **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Julie Fay, Lynn Colletti and Lorraine Romasco **ABSTAINED:** Nicole Odekirk **VOTED AND PASSED. (5-0-1)**

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance SubCommittee**

Ms. Busch reported the warrants were signed and no other business was discussed.

**Personnel SubCommittee**

Ms. Federspiel reported there is a tentative agreement with Unit A and they are in the middle of negotiations with Unit C.

**Policy SubCommittee**

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

**ESBC**

No Report

**NRHS Space Study Task Force**

Mr. Wood reported the task force met on April 30<sup>th</sup>, the task force is currently working on developing a rubric to be used to visit schools and hope to get the visiting done before the end of the school year.

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

Mr. Wood reported there is a presentation on May 29<sup>th</sup> on executive functioning.

**NRSC 2014-2015 Meeting Day and Time**

Mr. Wood advised there are draft calendars in the packet for the 2014-2015 NRSC meetings. After committee discussion it was the consensus that the meetings will be held on Wednesday's at 6:00 with finance beginning at 5:45 pm. New meeting night to begin at first meeting in September.

**MOTION**

Julie Fay made a motion to adopt the Wednesday night meeting calendar proposal; seconded by Lorraine Romasco **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Nicole Odekirk, Julie Fay, Lynn Colletti and Lorraine Romasco **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Stow resident opposed to extending time of ½ day kindergarten day.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

NONE

**MOTION**

Maureen Busch made a motion to adjourn at 8:29 pm; seconded by Lorraine Romasco **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Nicole Odekirk, Julie Fay, Lynn Colletti and Lorraine Romasco **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Aleta Masterson  
Executive Assistant

Approved by NRSC on June 3, 2014