

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

June 17, 2014

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE: Nancy Federspiel, Julie Fay, Cathy Their, Lynn Colletti (arrived at 6:16 pm), Nicole Odekirk and Lorraine Romasco

ABSENT: Kara Keith and Maureen Busch

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda included:

June 20, 2014 Warrants

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3412	06/20/14	VENDOR	\$ 461,328.16
3413	06/20/14	BENEFIT	\$ 6,383.70
3414	06/20/14	PAYROLL	\$2,898,434.78

Minutes of June 3, 2014

CORRESPONDENCE

Kindergarten Dismissal Correspondence
Assabet Valley Collaborative 4Q Budget Memo
MSBA Accelerated Repair Statement of Interest
First Student Blue Seal of Excellence Memo
MASC Newsletter

Ms. Romasco advised she has received a correspondence regarding a bus route and that Mr. Wood is addressing the issue.

ACTION ITEMS

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:

- NRHS Space Study Task Force
- Updated Strategic Plan
- Updated District Improvement Plan
- Graduation

- Honor Roll Parent Forum
- Eighth Grade Celebrations
- Response to Interventions Working Group
- Substance Abuse Task Force
- A.L.I.C.E.
- Capital Asset Audit

Gay Straight Alliance Student Presentation

Members of the Gay Straight Alliance at the high school presented proposed changes to the health curriculum to broaden the health curriculum to LGBT topics and to influence the creation of self awareness and acceptance across the district to support a safer environment for all students. The members advised they would like to see the changes go into effect in an age appropriate curriculum starting at the middle school level advising the current videos shown at the middle school level are very outdated. Mr. Wood suggested the GSA present to the Healthy Advisory Council and advised in the Fall he will contact the Chair to coordinate this.

School Council Updates on School Improvement Plans

Dr. Graham, Principal of NRHS reported that the master schedule is done and stated it looks very good with very few conflicts with what students had requested. Dr. Graham reported there were over 12 new courses next year and reviewed those courses. Dr. Graham also provided a year end overview

Mr. Perkins, Principal of Luther Burbank Middle School reported on the school improvement plan stating there are three areas of their plan, curriculum and instruction, climate and safety, and parent involvement and communication. Mr. Perkins provided and updated on the three areas.

Mr. King, Principal of Hale Middle School reported at the end of last year the school adopted their new mission statement and core values, and reviewed the core values and with that foundation they developed and adopted the school's 3 year improvement plan. Mr. King reviewed the areas of improvement plan.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Student Advisory Report

Ms. Kirschbaum report is below:

So the end of the school year is here and finals are under way. There is a lot to catch up on, though. The seniors had a blast at their picnic and have now officially graduated. On May 30th, Nick Giovinazzo, one of Nashoba's best buddies, participated in the Best Buddies Challenge with Tom Brady and was named the MVP of the game.

In sports news, We had two teams left in playoffs this spring, in addition to numerous track athletes who qualified for the All-State Meet. Sarah Militano also qualified to New England.

Our softball team is seeded number one in the Central Mass Division 1 tournament. Our team beat Algonquin, 3-2, in the quarterfinals at home, but lost to Shepherd Hill Worcester State in the semi-finals. Our girls' tennis team was seeded number 6 in the Division 1 Central Mass playoffs. They defeated number three Wachusett, 3-2, and then beat number two St. Peter Marian, 3-2, in the semi-finals. Nashoba played number 4 Shrewsbury in the District Championship, but lost 2-3.

Also, the team Ichiban won the Nashoba Intramural Matball Championship. The 4th Annual Do It For Douce Relay, in memory of Alex Doucette, was also a huge success. Last weekend, Nashoba also hosted the Bolton 5K for RFK. Overall, it has been a great year and everyone is looking forward to an amazing summer.

Finance Subcommittee

No Report

Personnel Subcommittee

Ms. Federspiel reported there is an MOU with Unit C.

NRHS Space Study Task Force

Ms. Romasco reported the task force visited Ashland and Hudson HS and advised the findings of those visits.

Policy Subcommittee

No Report

SEPAC (Special Education Parents Advisory Council)

No Report

ESBC

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

End of Year Finance Report / Transfers

Mr. King advised FY14 was a good year financially for the district. Mr. King advised the line items were managed well and were not overspent. Mr. King advised the transfers being requested tonight are mostly due to the movements of salary and insurance lines. The committee discussed the guidelines and regulations of establishing of an OPEB trust and how that would affect the district's E&D account.

MOTION

Nancy Federspiel made a motion to approve the FY14 year end transfers as presented in the memo from George King; seconded by Nicole Odekirk **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Lynn Colletti, Nicole Odekirk, Cathy Thier, and Lorraine Romasco **ABSTAINED:** Julie Fay **VOTED AND PASSED. (5-0-1)**

MOTION

Lorraine Romasco made a motion to encumber \$150,000. from the health insurance line to fund an OPEB trust subject to approval of the trust by the school committee; seconded by Julie Fay **IN FAVOR:** Lynn Colletti, Nicole Odekirk, Cathy Thier, Lorraine Romasco and Julie Fay **OPPOSED:** Nancy Federspiel **VOTED AND PASSED. (5-1-0)**

District Improvement Plan

Mr. Wood advised he will be meeting with committees and administration over the summer months before a final document is presented in the Fall. Mr. Wood reviewed the plan in the packet and the changes made to date. Mr. Wood advised one of the focus points will be "at risk students" and the curriculum around those students. Ms. Federspiel advised she would like the committee to review the plan over the summer recess and the first two goals will be reviewed on September 10th and the 3-4 goals on September 24th.

Survey Discussion

Topic tabled until next meeting

OLD BUSINESS

Kindergarten Times

Mr. Wood advised Cyndie Maxfield, the District's Early Childhood Coordinator is proposing changing the dismissal time of the half day kindergarten class to 12:00 p.m. to allow for a smoother dismissal for those attending half day kindergarten and to all those to have more exposure to "specials". Ms. Odekirk advised she did speak to a number of families and the overwhelming response was positive in support of the revised dismissal time.

MOTION

Nicole Odekirk made a motion that the half day kindergarten dismissal time for the district be 12:00 pm for the 2014-2015 school year; seconded by Cathy Thier **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Nicole Odekirk, Cathy Thier, Lorraine Romasco and Julie Fay **OPPOSED:** Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. (5-1-0)**

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

NONE

MOTION

Nancy Federspiel made a motion to adjourn at 8:57 pm; seconded by Lynn Colletti **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Lynn Colletti, Nicole Odekirk, Cathy Thier, Lorraine Romasco and Julie Fay **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

Respectfully Submitted,
Aleta Masterson
Executive Assistant

Approved by NRSC 9/10/14