

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

June 3, 2014

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE: Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Julie Fay (arrived at 6:20 pm), Cathy Thier, Lynn Colletti, Kara Keith (left meeting 7:34 pm), Nicole Odekirk and Lorraine Romasco

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.

CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda included:

June 6, 2014 Warrants

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3409	06/06/14	VENDOR	\$ 433,080.22
3410	06/06/14	BENEFIT	\$ 621,336.97
3411	06/06/14	PAYROLL	\$1,213,245.22

Minutes of May 20, 2014

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Thier advised she had a request for April and May warrants. Ms. Thier advised she also received a question on the structure of building use fees.

ACTION ITEMS

Ms. Thier provided requested warrants.

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:

- Tri-town meeting
- NRHS Space Study Task Force
- Updated Strategic Plan
- Updated District Improvement Plan
- Graduation: June 8th, 12:30 pm DCU Center, Worcester, MA
- Honor Roll Parent Forum
- Finding Kind
- Smart but Scattered
- Eighth grade celebrations
- RTI
- PARCC
- Kindergarten dismissal time

School Council Updates on School Improvement Plans

Mr. O'Shea provided an update on the Mary Rowland School Council School Improvement Plan and current events, including, the band's platinum award at the Great East Music Festival, the WAGS collaboration, enrichment opportunities, critical thinking skills, an hour of code, and the balanced literacy initiative.

Mr. LaCoste provided an update on The Center School, School Council Improvement Plan and current events, stating The Center School students also performed at the Great East Music Festival and won a gold medal. Mr. Lacoste advised The Center School also did the hour of code, provided an update on plus groups, analysis data from district assessments, fill the bucket, parent/student communication, and school culture.

Mr. Bates provided an updated on the Florence Sawyer School Council Improvement Plan, reviewing its four goals centered on curriculum development, technology, enrichment and school climate. Mr. Bates advised FSS also participated in an hour of code, reviewed plus group feedback data, enrichment activities, and end of year celebrations.

School Health Advisory Update

Ms. Trahman provided an updated on the School Health Advisory Council, and advised the Positive Climate Policy was reviewed and updated per state regulations and was submitted to the Policy SubCommittee for review. Ms. Trahman provided an update on the report of concussions in the district. Ms. Trahman also reviewed the findings of the last Emerson Survey and advised the survey was given this year and results will be released in the Fall, she will report back on those results. Ms. Trahman advised questions on the survey do change to follow the "trends".

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Student Advisory Report

No report

SubCommittee Assignments

Ms. Federspiel advised the 2014-2015 subcommittee assignments are as follows:

Policy – Kara Keith, Lorraine Romasco, Nicole Odekirk

Personnel – Julie Fay, Nicole Odekirk, Nancy Federspiel

Facilities/Finance – Maureen Busch, Lynn Colletti, Cathy Their

Audit Advisory – Maureen Busch

Mabel Hale Fund – Maureen Busch

SEPAC Liaison – Julie Fay

Finance SubCommittee

Ms. Busch reported the warrants were signed and Mr. Cleary provided an update on the concession stand at the high school and the district grounds maintenance costs.

Personnel SubCommittee

Ms. Federspiel reported there is a negotiation meeting tomorrow night and there is be a discussion later in the executive session.

Policy SubCommittee

No Report

SEPAC (Special Education Parents Advisory Council)

Ms Conte provided an update on SEPAC and reviewed the presentations that were provided recently. Ms. Conte also provided an update on the Best Buddies program and recent events.

ESBC

No Report

NRHS Space Study Task Force

Ms. Romasco reported through the tour of the HS and the data they have reviewed it is apparently clear to the Task Force that there is a space need at the high school. Ms. Romasco advised the Task Force will be visiting Hudson High and Ashland HS to tour their facilities and will report back on the findings of those tours.

NEW BUSINESS

Substance Abuse Task Force

Mr. Wood advised there is a small task force at the high school and he will be meeting with them next week. Mr. Wood advised the substance abuse results from the Emerson Survey are in the packet tonight and reviewed the results provided in a power point presentation. The committee discussed some concerning data and Mr. Wood advised the Task Force will be at a future meeting to address their concerns.

District Improvement Plan

Topic tabled until June 17th meeting

ALICE

Topic tabled until June 17th meeting

Summer Warrant Signing

Ms. Federspiel advised that the warrants during the summer recess will need three signatures and a vote is needed to allow the Finance/Facilities SubCommittee to sign the summer warrants, in the absence of a Finance Subcommittee member another School Committee may sign.

MOTION

Maureen Busch made a motion for the school committee to approve the Finance/Facilities SubCommittee to sign the summer warrants, in the absence of a Finance/Facilities Subcommittee member another School Committee may sign, a total of three signatures needed; seconded by Cathy Thier **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Lynn Colletti, Nicole Odekirk, Cathy Thier, Lorraine Romasco and Julie Fay **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

OLD BUSINESS

PARCC Pilot Presentation

Mr. Wood advised the state is looking for volunteers to participate in PARCC next year. Mr. Wood stated with all the other new initiatives the district is involved with he is recommending the district does not participate in PARCC next year.

MOTION

Maureen Busch made a motion for the district to not participate in PARCC for the 2014-2015 school year as recommended by Superintendent Wood; seconded by Cathy Thier **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Lynn Colletti, Nicole Odekirk, Cathy Thier, Lorraine Romasco and Julie Fay **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

Kindergarten Times

Ms. Maxfield advised a team of Kindergarten teachers from the district visited area schools to see the impact on having an integrated full day and ½ day kindergarten class. Ms. Harris and Ms. Robinson

visited Boxborough and reported the day was seamless and they have no concerns on implementing this in our district. Ms. Maxfield advised she would like to extend the kindergarten day by 20/30 minutes to provide more time for choice programs for the ½ day kindergarten. The committee discussed the concerns of extended the school days without notification to parents first. Notification will be sent out to the 2014-2015 kindergarten parents and vote will be held at the next meeting.

MOTION

Maureen Busch made a motion to vote tonight on the change of the 2014-2015 kindergarten dismissal time; seconded by Nancy Federspiel **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Cathy Thier and Maureen Busch **OPPOSED:** Nicole Odekirk, Lynn Colletti, Lorraine Romasco **VOTED AND FAILED. (3-4-0)**

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Committee went into Executive Session at 8:35 pm for the purpose of discussing negotiations.

MOTION

Maureen Busch made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:35 pm for the purpose of discussing negotiations to include Michael Wood, and Aleta Masterson with no regular business to be conducted after the executive session to reconvene for the purpose of adjournment only; seconded by Nancy Federspiel

Ms. Federspiel	Yes
Ms. Busch	Yes
Ms. Colletti	Yes
Ms Romasco	Yes
Ms. Odekirk	Yes
Ms. Fay	Yes
Ms. Thier	Yes

MOTION

Maureen Busch made a motion to reconvene to open session at 8:51 pm for the purpose of adjournment; seconded by Nicole Odekirk.

Ms. Federspiel	Yes
Ms. Busch	Yes
Ms. Colletti	Yes
Ms Romasco	Yes
Ms. Odekirk	Yes
Ms. Fay	Yes
Ms. Thier	Yes

MOTION

Maureen Busch made a motion to adjourn at 8:51 pm; seconded by Julie Fay **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Lynn Colletti, Nicole Odekirk, Cathy Thier, Lorraine Romasco and Julie Fay **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

Respectfully Submitted,
Aleta Masterson
Executive Assistant

Approved by NRSC June 20, 2014