

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

September 24, 2014

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE: Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Julie Fay, Cathy Their, Lynn Colletti (arrived at 6:15 pm), Nicole Odekirk, Kara Keith (arrived at 6:34 pm) and Lorraine Romasco (arrived at 6:08 pm)

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.

CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda included:

September 26, 2014 Warrants

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3436	9/26/14	VENDOR	\$ 257,017.05
3437	9/26/14	BENEFIT	\$ 715,279.21
3438	9/26/14	PAYROLL	\$1,363,621.19

Minutes of September 10, 2014, as amended.

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:

- Honor Roll Forum
- Foundation Formula Study Panel
- Secretary of Education Visit to MRE
- Open Houses
- Fire Safety
- Screening, brief intervention and treatment (SBIRT)
- Health Curriculum Review
- Substitute Orientation
- Concession Stand Opening Ceremony
- MCAS Data Release

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Student Advisory Report

Ms. Kirschbaum reported;

- Nashoba has had a great first month of school. The Student Council is holding Freshman Class Officer Elections this week and preparing for Homecoming. Homecoming week will kick off with a Neon Dance on Friday, October 3rd from 6:00-10:00 PM, followed by a week of Spirit Activities during the week. StuCo will also host a Drive-In Movie Night on the turf in the football field from 5:00-9:30 PM on Wednesday October 8th. The movie will be "The Sandlot". The Homecoming Football game is on Friday, October 10th, kick-off at 7:00.
- Students from the Good Young Movement have been writing kind messages in chalk in the courtyard to counteract the messages on YikYak.
- Mrs. Hoover will be representing Nashoba at the Massachusetts Association of Student Council's President's Dinner along with President Alexis Shamsi and Vice-President Danielle Kennon tomorrow. And, the Exec. Board will be attending training at OfficerShop at Holy Cross College on Friday, October 17th.
- StuCo will also be doing a few service projects in October, one is helping to celebrate the wedding of our past advisor Steve Kendall on October 4th and parking cars at the Colonial Faire at the Wayside Inn in Sudbury on September 27th.
- In sports news, the field hockey team is off to a great start with a 6-1 record. Tonight the team is hosting Wachusett in their Play for Michelle game to support one of their teammates who is battling cancer.
- The boys and girls cross-country teams are 2-1 and doing well. The teams host Hudson next Tuesday at Bower Springs.
- The golf team has improved to 4-4. The team has a match at Stow Acres tomorrow versus Hudson.
- The football team is 1-1 and coming off a tough 24-21 loss last week. Nashoba hosts Wachusett this Friday night at 7pm at home.
- The boys' soccer team is off to a tough start with a very difficult schedule. The team is improving each game as they are still looking for their first win of the season. The girls' soccer team has improved to 3-2-1. The soccer teams will travel to Algonquin on Saturday night for a league match-up.
- The volleyball team started the season 0-3 with some tough Mid-Wach A match-ups, but has now won four in a row to improve to 4-3. The team traveled to Ayer-Shirley this afternoon.
- The Fine Arts department will continue to run the Mural Team club after school on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. As a collaborative group of artists they have designed several murals that illustrate the core values of Nashoba Regional High School. This year our goal is to finish painting two of five murals in the hallways of Nashoba.
- National Honors Society is beginning their annual project. This year they are raising money to sponsor local families to go to Camp Sunshine.
- The GSA has four students who are joining the School Committee's Health Curriculum Committee: Hannah Mackie, Mary Mackie, Rob Pulgarin and Danny Nagle. Also, the GSA is working in conjunction with Greater Boston PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) and the US Army to put together personal product bags for homeless LGBT youth in honor of National Coming Out Day, which is October 11.
- Nashoba EMTs participated in a disaster drill at UMASS medical on September 18th. They acted as victims in mock epidemics and mass injury situations.
- We are all looking forward to what the rest of the year has to offer.

Facilities and Finance Subcommittee

Ms. Busch reported the warrants were discussed and approved.

Personnel Subcommittee

Ms. Federspiel reported the committee met and there will be an executive session tonight.

NRHS Space Study Task Force

Ms. Romasco stated the task force is making some progress, a small group of members met with Michael between the two larger meetings and asked for certain types of data to be collected and they did make some progress at the last meeting towards that. Ms. Romasco advised if the school committee has questions for the task force, she would be happy to bring them to the task force, school committee members can email her any questions they may have.

Policy Subcommittee

Ms. Keith reported the committee met and reviewed five policies, GCO - Evaluation of Professional Staff, JICFB - NRSD Positive Climate-Bullying Prevention and Intervention, IHBD-1 - Title I Supplement, Not Supplant Policy and Procedures, IHBD-2 - Title I Evaluation Procedure, IHBD-3 - Title I Family Engagement, and ADDA-1 - NRSD CHRI policy that will be presented tonight for first reading. Ms. Keith reported there were very few changes as they are "boiler plate" policies provided by the state.

SEPAC (Special Education Parents Advisory Council)

No Report

ESBC

Mr. Wood he did not attend the last meeting, but the main question was whether they were going to disband the committee, they are not going to disband. Mr. Wood reported there are a couple of issues that need to be resolved with the bonding company and repairs that need to be done, one being the sidewalks and the other is the fire alarms system need to be checked, they have had some incidents of false alarms at night and on the weekeneds.

NEW BUSINESS

Handling Open Items

Ms. Thier advised the Open Item spreadsheet was developed last year as a tracking devise for items that required follow up and follow through. Ms. Thier advised the spreadsheet is shared with all members of the committee so they can add items or close items as they are completed. The committee reviewed each item and decided if the items could be closed or if they still needed an action or follow up. It was decided this spreadsheet would be updated during school committee meetings only and posted to the district website after each review/revision.

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 all four private schools in the district and they have met the requirement for staffing, curriculum, safety and their continuation plans. Mr. Wood is recommending approval of these schools.

MOTION

Julie Fay made a motion to approve the Dr. Franklin Perkins School, Trivium School, So. Lancaster Academy and Robert F. Kennedy Action Corps. as private schools within the Nashoba Regional School District for the 14-15 SY; seconded by Maureen Busch **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Lynn Colletti, Nicole Odekirk, Cathy Thier, Lorraine Romasco and Julie Fay **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

Policy First Readings, GCO, JICFB, IHBD-1, IHBD-2, IHBD-3 and ADDA-1

- GCO - Evaluation of Professional Staff
- JICFB - NRSD Positive Climate-Bulling Prevention and Intervention
- IHBD-1 - Title I Supplement, Not Supplant Policy and Procedures
- IHBD-2 - Title I Evaluation Procedure
- IHBD-3 - Title I Family Engagement
- ADDA-1 - NRSD CHRI policy

Mr. Wood advised these policies are presented for a first reading and reviewed each policy and provided an overview of the policy's development background. Mr. Wood advised the policy subcommittee will review again, make recommended revisions and present back to the school committee for a final reading and adoption.

OLD BUSINESS

District Improvement Plan

Ms. Federspiel advised at the last meeting the consensus was a request for a measurable outcome, indicators of success, column to be added to the plan, Mr. Wood has added that column to the revised plan in the packet. The committee reviewed initiatives 1 and 2 and discussed their concerns and asked clarifying questions regarding these initiatives. Ms. Federspiel advised initiatives 3 and 4 will be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Fay advised she was approached by six NRHS students and they requested she bring their concerns regarding the wait on guidance piece for their early college submissions. Ms. Federspiel advised this should be brought to the school administration attention and Mr. Wood advised he will look into this.

Ms. Colletti advised she received a question about how the athletics fees are distributed between the sports. Mr. King advised it is offset through the budget.

Ms. Odekirk advised she was approached by two parents that advised they will be attending the Honor Roll Forum.

ACTION ITEMS

NONE

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Committee went into Executive Session at 8:09 pm for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's compensation, with the only business to be conducted after the executive session is to adjourn the regular meeting.

MOTION

Maureen Busch made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:09 pm for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's compensation, to include Superintendent Wood, with the only business to be conducted after the executive session is to adjourn the regular meeting; 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
Ms. Keith	Yes

MOTION

Julie Fay made a motion to reconvene to open session at 9:31 pm; seconded by Maureen Busch.

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

MOTION

Julie Fay made a motion to adjourn at 9:32 pm; seconded by Kara Keith **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Lynn Colletti, Nicole Odekirk, Cathy Thier, Lorraine Romasco and Julie Fay **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

Respectfully Submitted,
Aleta Masterson
Executive Assistant

Reference Documents/ Presentations

- September 20, 2014 meeting minutes
- Private School Approval Memo
- GCO Policy
- JICFB Policy
- IHBD-1 Policy
- IHBD-2 Policy
- IHBD-3 Policy
- ADDA-1 Policy
- District Improvement Plan