

NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

October 6, 2005

School Committee in Attendance: Don Adams, Tricia Kelly, Monica CampoBasso, Mel Govindan, Brian Burke, Ellen Sturgis, Cathy Giunta, Chris Way, Ex-Officio Member Donnie Allison

Absent:

Administration in Attendance: Michael Wood, Superintendent
*George King, Assistant Superintendent candidate

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Don Adams called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. at the Emerson Building of the Nashoba Regional School District.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 22, 2005 MINUTES

MOTION

Tricia Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes of September 22, 2005 as amended. Seconded by Ellen Sturgis. **ABSTAIN:** Chris Way **VOTED AND PASSED.**

APPROVAL OF THE WARRANTS OF October 7, 2005

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2019	09/09/05	VENDOR	\$11,885.00
2024	10/07/05	VENDOR	\$679,672.88
2025	10/09/05	BENEFIT	\$19,720.77
2026	10/07/05	PAYROLL	\$932,745.88

MOTION

Cathy Giunta made a motion to approve the warrants as detailed in the memos dated 09/22/05 and noted above. Seconded by Brian Burke. **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS.**

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Representative Patricia Walrath

Letter sent in response to Mr. Wood’s letter regarding the Rte. 117 safety issue. Also included was a copy of a letter Rep. Walrath sent to Commissioner Paiewonsky of the Massachusetts’s Highway Dept., requesting assistance in this matter.

Hale Middle School Learning for Life

Informational brochure regarding this Hale Middle School program offered to Grade 6 students.

MCAS Telegram Article

Copy of article with MCAS scores and information regarding the top 10 schools in Central Massachusetts, in which Nashoba Regional High School was listed for both English/language Arts and Mathematics.

Second Request for Information

Letter from Thomas Maher requesting information. The records he has requested requires a release of information which will be voted on at the next meeting.

MCAS Annual Joint Conference 2005 Brochure

Agenda and information regarding this conference.

AAB Project Letter

Letter from Frank Krysa, Bolton Building Inspector, stating that the bleachers are being constructed in compliance with the Massachusetts building code.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A presentation of MCAS results was given by Sally Sullivan, Director of Teaching and Learning. Ms. Sullivan reviewed and explained the recently released MCAS score results and how the district uses this information.

Mr. Wood discussed the vision for the district which includes parity among the schools. He reported that kindergarten and preschool classrooms have gone through the same NAEYC standard and the eighth graders in each town of the district have all experienced the same transition program this past fall.

Regarding the Rte. 117 safety issue, Mr. Wood told the committee that he has been in touch with Mass Highway and a meeting is being set to include Mass Highway and the state legislators.

Unit A and C negotiations are progressing and the Personnel Subcommittee met on September 29th to review the current understandings for the Unit A negotiations. Executive session will meet with the Unit C bargaining team on October 4th.

Mr. Wood discussed the collaborative board meetings. He told the committee that each of the collaboratives have met and all have different focuses for the year. FLLAC will be looking at how they can help each other in ways other than SPED training. CASE will be looking to help districts understand SPED programs such as autism and ADHD.

Mr. Wood informed the committee that he has invited Patti Linenkemper, Tracy Conte and Glenn Williams to the next meeting on October 20th. They will give an update to the committee on the administrative restructuring in the SPED Dept. and report on the work done so far this year.

Facilities updates discussed included the Press box at the high school. Delivery of the lift for this has been delayed due to hurricane Katrina. Stacey Bloom, our attorney, has advised keeping the press box closed until such time as it can be completed.

The Air Quality report from the Dept. of Public Health was received and Mr. Spratt, Facilities Director is addressing the report through routine maintenance. He will have an action plan at the next meeting. Mr. Wood also reported that Mr. Spratt will be working with the Facilities Subcommittee to determine the capital needs for the foreseeable future. An update will be presented during the budget process and at town meetings.

FINANCIAL REPORT

First Quarter Financial Report

Mr. Wood presented the First Quarter Financial Report to the committee. The report was reviewed by the committee. The issue of fuel oil was discussed, and the possibility of a fuel escalation clause was brought up. Mr. Wood told the committee there is no fuel escalation clause in the Transportation contract.

Ms. Kelly inquired about the decrease in the Summer Help expenditure and Mr. Wood explained that a new account was created for the employees who in the past were categorized as summer help. He also told the committee that due to some reorganization fewer people were needed and hired this summer.

Mr. Burke asked if there was a monthly cash flow sheet, or revenue sheet. Mr. Wood said that cash flow is reported monthly and he could get him this report.

ADA Report

Mr. Wood presented this report to the committee. Ms. Kelly inquired about where the funds would be derived from for the new sound system at the high school athletic field, as she hoped it would not be paid

out of student subsidized accounts. Mr. Wood told her that if the decision was made to move forward with a new sound system it would not include any student activity funds.

The lights behind the bleachers were mentioned with concerns that the existing lights are now blocked by the new structures built there.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Assistant Superintendent Search by Mr. Wood

Mr. Wood introduced Mr. George King, finalist in the Assistant Superintendent search.

MOTION

Chris Way made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. George King as Assistant Superintendent of Business for the Nashoba Regional School District. Seconded by Monica CampoBasso. **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS.**

Mr. King thanked the committee and said he is looking forward to starting work here as he has always been interested in the educational system.

Ex-Officio Report by Mr. Allison

Donnie Allison reported to the committee on the recent athletic activity for the fall sports. He also reported that the backpack drive is winding down; the winning homeroom receives breakfast from Dunkin Donuts, snack shack coupons and hats.

A new Yoga Club has been started and there are plans for a dance club as well. He also told the committee that an Ultimate Frisbee Club has been started and has 10-20 students participating.

The first Robotics team has past the exploratory stages and has started having executive meetings. Alan Levin, student coordinator of the NRHS Robotix Team, was present and asked the committee if it would be possible to do a presentation at a future meeting. Mr. Wood told him to call the superintendent's office to arrange a time for this.

Facilities Subcommittee, by Mr. Wood

Mr. Wood reported that there was a Facilities Subcommittee meeting yesterday (September 21st). (Minutes attached)

Finance Subcommittee, by Ms. Giunta

Ms. Giunta reported the Finance Subcommittee met yesterday as well (September 21st). Topics discussed included the issue of a late Bus and also the creation of a Finance model. The next meeting will be on October 24th.

Personnel Subcommittee, by Mr. Adams

Mr. Adams reported the Personnel Subcommittee is continuing to work on contract negotiations. He also reported that the Personnel Subcommittee met with Mr. George King. They have also been reviewing Mr. Wood's contract.

Policy Subcommittee, by Ms. Kelly

Ms. Kelly reported that the policy Subcommittee met on October 5th. The goals of this committee will include a one year update to the Health and Wellness Policy, and the creation of a physical fitness philosophy. Ms. Kelly also told the committee that they had their first reading of the C.O.R.I. Policy and will be reviewing the Harassment Policy as well. They will also be looking at the User Fee Policy. The next meeting will be on November 10th at 4:30.

Stow School Building Committee by Ms. Way

Ms. Way updated the committee on the land search as possible sites for a new school facility in Stow. They are still exploring several potential options. She told the committee a second RFP has been put out.

They are exploring the possibility of filling in wetlands as well. The next meeting is planned for October 17th.

Strategic Plan Steering Committee, by Mr. Wood

Mr. Wood spoke about the important and valuable input from staff regarding the Strategic Plan document. The next meeting of the Strategic Plan Steering Committee will be October 13th at 3:30. There will be an update regarding the Strategic Plan at the November 1st meeting.

Tri Town, by Mr. Wood

Mr. Wood reported to the committee that cooperative agreements regarding bid purchases were discussed. Items included paper and oil. He also informed the committee of a grant for Emergency Preparedness in which all three towns, and subsequently the schools, will benefit. They are currently looking for teams for training which will include evacuation procedures and planning in response to a natural disaster. The next Tri Town meeting will be on November 9th in Bolton at 7:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Grants

Mr. Wood presented several grants to the committee for approval. These included the Intel Grant, The 3M/AASL Salute to Schools Grant, and the Stow Parent Teacher Organization donation for a laminating machine for the Center School.

MOTION

Ellen Sturgis made a motion to approve the Intel Technology Grant of \$57,720., the 3M/AASL Salute to Schools Grant of \$19,000. and the SPTO's Grant of \$1,498. for a laminating machine for Center School. Seconded by Monica CampoBasso. **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS.**

MASC Resolutions

MOTION

Ellen Sturgis made a motion to break for five minutes to review the material. Seconded by Chris Way. **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS.**

RESOLUTION 1—MCAS Passing Scores

MOTION

Chris Way made a motion to support Resolution 1. Seconded by Monica CampoBasso. **IN FAVOR:** Tricia Kelly, Monica CampoBasso, Don Adams, Cathy Giunta, Chris Way, Ellen Sturgis **OPPOSED:** Mel Govindan, Brian Burke **ABSTAIN:** none **VOTED AND PASSED.**

RESOLUTION 2 - Opposing the Addition of Science and Technology/Engineering MCAS Testing as a Requirement of the Competency Determination

MOTION

Monica CampoBasso made a motion to support Resolution 2. Seconded by Chris Way. **IN FAVOR:** Tricia Kelly, Monica CampoBasso, Cathy Giunta, Chris Way **OPPOSED:** Brian Burke, Don Adams, Ellen Sturgis **ABSTAIN:** Mel Govindan **VOTED AND PASSED.**

RESOLUTION 3 - Appointments to the Board of Education Submitted by the Pentucket School Committee

MOTION

Ellen Sturgis made a motion to support Resolution 3. Seconded by Monica CampoBasso. **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS.**

RESOLUTION 4 - Use of Race in Desegregation Plans

MOTION

Chris Way made a motion not to support Resolution 4. Seconded by Monica CampoBasso. **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS.**

RESOLUTION 5 - “Costing Out Study” for Education Reform

MOTION

Ellen Sturgis made a motion to support Resolution 5 Seconded by Mel Govindan. **IN FAVOR:** Tricia Kelly, Monica CampoBasso, Cathy Giunta, Mel Govindan, Ellen Sturgis **OPPOSED:** Don Adams, Brian Burke **ABSTAIN:** Chris Way **VOTED AND PASSED.**

RESOLUTION 6 - State Accountability and Assessment Systems submitted by the MASC Board of Directors

MOTION

Mel Govindan made a motion to support Resolution 6. Seconded by Monica CampoBasso. **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS.**

MOTION

Ellen Sturgis made a motion to CONTINUE New Business after 9:00 p.m. Seconded by Cathy Giunta. **IN FAVOR:** Tricia Kelly, Monica CampoBasso, Cathy Giunta, Chris Way, Ellen Sturgis **OPPOSED:** Brian Burke **ABSTAIN:** Mel Govindan, Don Adams **VOTED AND PASSED.**

RESOLUTION 7- Value Added Assessment

MOTION

Brian Burke made a motion to support Resolution 7. Seconded by Cathy Giunta. **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Tricia Kelly, Monica CampoBasso, Cathy Giunta, Chris Way, Mel Govindan, Ellen Sturgis **OPPOSED:** Don Adams **ABSTAIN:** none **VOTED AND PASSED.**

RESOLUTION 8 - METCO Funding

MOTION

Brian Burke made a motion to support Resolution 8. Seconded by Cathy Giunta. **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Don Adams, Tricia Kelly, Monica CampoBasso, Cathy Giunta, Chris Way, Mel Govindan **OPPOSED:** Ellen Sturgis **ABSTAIN:** none **VOTED AND PASSED.**

RESOLUTION 9 - Advocacy

MOTION

Cathy Giunta made a motion to support Resolution 9. Seconded by Monica CampoBasso. **IN FAVOR:** Don Adams, Tricia Kelly, Monica CampoBasso, Cathy Giunta, Chris Way, Mel Govindan, Ellen Sturgis **OPPOSED:** Brian Burke **ABSTAIN:** none **VOTED AND PASSED.**

RESOLUTION 10 - Social Security

MOTION

Mel Govindan made a motion to support Resolution 10. Seconded by Monica CampoBasso. **IN FAVOR:** Don Adams, Tricia Kelly, Monica CampoBasso, Cathy Giunta, Chris Way, Mel Govindan, Ellen Sturgis **OPPOSED:** Brian Burke **ABSTAIN:** none **VOTED AND PASSED.**

RESOLUTION 11 - Social Services Safety Net

MOTION

Brian Burke made a motion to support Resolution 11. Seconded by Chris Way. **IN FAVOR:** Don Adams, Tricia Kelly, Monica CampoBasso, Cathy Giunta, Chris Way, Mel Govindan, Ellen Sturgis **OPPOSED:** Brian Burke **ABSTAIN:** none **VOTED AND PASSED.**

RESOLUTION 12 - School Improvement Plans

MOTION

Don Adams made a motion to support Resolution 12. Seconded by Brian Burke. **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Tricia Kelly, Cathy Giunta, Chris Way, Mel Govindan, Ellen Sturgis **OPPOSED:** Don Adams, Monica CampoBasso **ABSTAIN:** none **VOTED AND PASSED.**

CITIZEN INPUT

Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Brian Burke made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Ellen Sturgis. **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:25p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda DeStasi
Executive Assistant