

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

August 25, 2005

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

**Absent:** Tricia Kelly

**Administration in Attendance:** Michael Wood, Superintendent

**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 AUGUST 11, 2005 MINUTES**

**MOTION**

Chris Way made a motion to approve the minutes of August 11, 2005 as amended. Seconded by Cathy Giunta. **VOTED AND PASSED.**

**APPROVAL OF THE WARRANTS OF AUGUST 15, 2005, and AUGUST 26, 2005,**

<b><u>WARRANT NO.</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>DESCRIPTION</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
2008	08/15/05	BENEFIT	\$9,956.34
2010	08/26/05	VENDOR	\$147,906.02
2011	08/26/05	BENEFIT	\$361,985.93
2012	08/26/05	PAYROLL	\$182,904.95
2013	08/26/05	VENDOR	\$6,480.00
2014	08/26/05	VENDOR	\$11,434,420.40

**MOTION**

Cathy Giunta made a motion to approve the warrants as detailed in the memos dated 08/25/05 and noted above. Seconded by Monica CampoBasso. **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

School Committee of Hudson et al. vs. Commonwealth of Massachusetts Board of Education  
Committee received judges ruling in this case.

Alice Eaton Fund, Inc.

Committee received copies of the letters to Mr. Wood from Marcia Rising of the Alice Eaton Fund, regarding money to be received by the district from the Alice Eaton Fund, Inc.

ACT Report

Committee received report of NRHS Act scores.

High School Borrowing Renewal

Memo received from Charlotte Noponen, District Treasurer, regarding renewal of Bond Anticipation Note.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Wood reported to the committee on district news and updates, including the addition of brochure for a day to day health program for staff members which Ann Farrell, Nurse Leader for the district, has been working on.

Mr. Wood also informed the committee that the 2005–2006 school year will commence on August 31, 2005 for all staff members, and on September 6<sup>th</sup> for students, grades K-12. He then introduced Mr. Greg Irvine, the new principal for the Pompositticut and Center Schools.

Mr. Wood updated the committee with regards to district student transportation. He reported that Dee Bus Service has posted the bus routes to the town newspaper and that verbage will be added to the district website to further clarify how parents/students should find their bus stops.

Mr. Wood presented a Facilities update regarding the concession stand and ramps at the high school. He said that Mr. Spratt, facilities director, has ordered a new concession stand which will be a portable trailer. This should hopefully arrive in time for the start of this year's sporting events. Mr. Wood also reported the H.S. ramp work is moving along and progressing. Its completion date is not clear, but should be fairly soon. Also, the modulars at Pompo are on schedule and are to be ready for the start of school.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Stow School Building Committee *by Ms. Way*

Ms. Way reported there was a meeting held on August 15<sup>th</sup>. She said they are still exploring Chapter land and have talked about other land that may possibly come on the market. The next meeting date would be on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>.

### Policy *by Mr. Wood*

Mr. Wood reported that the Policy Committee met and reviewed the balances of the User Fee accounts, and agreed the current balances were good for the start of the year. There was also a discussion of a job description for intramurals and philosophy for intramurals to be drafted.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

### Bond Anticipation Note (Short term borrowing) H.S. Project

Mr. Wood presented the committee with the Bond Anticipation Note pertaining to the high school project.

#### **MOTION**

Cathy Giunta made a motion to agree to the sale of the Bond Anticipation Note of \$11,143,000 and accrued interest, dated September 2, 2005 and payable on January 3, 2006 as outlined in a memo from Charlotte Noponen, dated August 24, 2005. Seconded by Ellen Sturgis. **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS.**

The presentation of the Alice Eaton Fund Grants was reviewed.

#### **MOTION**

Chris Way made a motion to accept the three grants received from Marcia Rising, of the Alice Eaton Fund, Inc., to the Stow schools- a \$3,000. grant to the Center School for Science and Engineering focus, a \$6,000. grant to the Center and Pompositticut Schools for the purpose of continuing the comprehensive program of professional development in Responsive Classroom/Conflict Resolution, and \$24, 426.00 to the Center and Hale Schools for the purpose of making needed improvements to their baseball and softball fields. Seconded by Mel Govindan. **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Website Format: Mr. Wood presented to the committee a demonstration of the new district wide calendar. He also shared with the committee the district's planned use of Sharepoint. As a means of communication among staff, and reported the school websites have been reformatted with a consistent format. They now have the same headers, making it easier for parents to find and view needed information.

School Committee Secretary

**MOTION**

Chris Way made a motion to accept Linda Destasi as School Committee Secretary. Seconded by Monica CampoBasso. **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS.**

Hale Library Grant

A Discovery Kit Grant of \$7,500. for the Hale Middle School was received by the district for use in the classrooms.

**MOTION**

Ellen Sturgis made a motion to accept the Discover Kit Grant of \$7,500. Hale Middle School Seconded by Mel Govindan. **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS.**

Collaborative Appointments

**MOTION**

Cathy Guinta made a motion to appoint Michael Wood as the Agent to report to the CASE, Assabet Collaborative, and the FLLAC Collaborative. Seconded by Brian Burke. **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Deficit Overview

Mr. Wood informed the committee that due to the pending Paquette lawsuit, they would need to move to executive session to discuss this matter.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Nothing to report.

**CITIZEN INPUT**

Mr. Bill Joss of Stow inquired about the process for obtaining information on the deficit. The committee agreed to forward Mr. Joss this information upon receipt of a written request from him.

**MOTION**

Cathy Guinta made a motion to move to Executive Session to discuss a legal matter and negotiations. Seconded by Mel Govindan. **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

Don Adams made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Cathy Giunta. **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda DeStasi  
Executive Assistant