

NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

September 8, 2005

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

Absent:

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 25, 2005 MINUTES

MOTION

Chris Way made a motion to approve the minutes of August 25, 2005 as amended. Seconded by Cathy Giunta. **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS.**

APPROVAL OF THE WARRANTS OF September 9, 2005

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2015	09/9/05	VENDOR	\$282,453.26
2016	09/09/05	BENEFIT	\$18,801.06
2017	09/09/05	PAYROLL	\$830,907.01
2018	09/09/05	BENEFIT	\$1,352.80

MOTION

Cathy Giunta made a motion to approve the warrants as detailed in the memos dated 09/08/05 and noted above. Seconded by Patricia Kelly. **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS.**

CORRESPONDENCE

Reduction of Assessment

The Committee received copies of a letter from Mr. Wood to town select boards advising them of the School Committees' active consideration of reducing the assessments for each town due to the increase in Chapter 70 aid. Letters were sent to Alexandra Turner (Lancaster), Edward Perry (Stow), and Stan Wysocki (Bolton).

Sub Caller Hiring Notification

The Committee received a letter from Mr. Wood notifying them that a family member has been hired as the Substitute Caller for the district.

Article, "The Short, Productive Board Meeting"

Committee received a copy of the above article for information purposes.

Parent Correspondence Regarding School Transportation

An email from parent Jeff Boudreau to committee member Tricia Kelly was distributed. The topic of the message concerned bus stops and route information posted to the district website, as well as safety concerns on Rte. 117 at the High School. Ms. Kelly told the committee that Mr. Boudreau had a previous commitment but would try to make it to the meeting before it concluded.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Wood reported to the committee that Opening Day for staff and students went well. August 31st was Opening Day for staff, and began at the high school with the announcement of Suzanne Wintle as Teacher

of the Year, by Commissioner Driscoll. There was also an inspiring lecture given by Dr. Sally Reis, one of the founders of Confratute.

Mr. Wood reported that Opening Day for students, September 6th, went the smoothest yet. Although there were the expected minor issues, transportation went very well and is much improved from the previous years. Enrollment is at 3269 students as of September 7th, but that number will most likely fluctuate up or down some by the October 1st reporting deadline to the DOE.

Mr. Wood addressed the issue of Rte 117 safety, which is a problem that is brought up with the beginning of each school year. There continues to be efforts to have a traffic light (blinking yellow) posted at the intersection of Rte. 117 by the high school. However there are some issues regarding the ownership of the road and the subsequent allowance of this traffic light. Mr. Wood reported this to be an ongoing issue, and that every effort is being made to discourage students from crossing at that intersection.

A Facilities update was given by Mr. Wood, who reported that all current building projects are commencing smoothly. The Modulares are on site at the Pompositticut School and although there remains some site work to be done, they are fully functioning as class rooms and students are using them. Mr. Wood also reported the Attorney General, who oversees the Architectural Access Board (AAB), is recommending the ADA issues at the high school be closed due to the progress we have made in making the necessary modifications required.

The new lift for the bleachers are being shipped out of Louisiana and have been delayed because of hurricane Katrina. It is expected the new bleachers will arrive in time for the beginning of the fall sporting events hosted at the high school. There has also been a delay in the arrival of the new portable Concession Stand and Mr. Spratt, Facilities Director, is looking at several options to ensure that there will be something available for the start of the fall sporting season, until the new stand arrives.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Ex-Officio Report by Donnie Allison

Mr. Allison reported that the start of school went well for the students at the high school. He reported on some new policies this year and changes to some existing ones, including a more relaxed Attendance Policy. He also reported there is a policy regarding no public displays of affection, which was well received by the students.

It was reported the various clubs and athletics have begun. The drama club held their first meeting the evening before, on September 8th and their first show will be *Auntie Mame*. He also announced the Robotix Club will compete in New England, beginning the week of September 11th, and is currently exploring possibilities for sponsorship.

Mr. Allison also reported to the committee about the Hurricane Relief Effort being managed by the students at the high school. Possible activities related to this effort include a raffle and a night of entertainment, with proceeds going to aid the victims of this hurricane.

Assistant Superintendent Search by Mr. Wood

Mr. Wood reported to the committee that initial interviews for the Assistant Superintendent will take place on September 12th and September 19th.

Stow School Building Committee by Ms. Way

Ms. Way reported the Stow Building Committee will meet tonight, September 9th, and that they are in a bit of a holding pattern as they continue to explore various land options and Chapter Land. The next meeting of the Stow Building Committee will be held on September 12th. (Meeting Minutes were included in the committee's packet.)

Strategic Planning Committee by Mr. Wood

Mr. Wood reported to the committee that district staff reviewed the Strategic Plan as part of their Opening Day professional development activities. It was met very positively by staff and the data collected from this activity will be reviewed at the next school committee meeting on September 22nd.

Tri-Town by Mr. Adams

Mr. Adams updated the committee. He reported that the Concerned Citizens of Stow (CCS) addressed several issues, including promoting increased participation and interest in town politics, and getting information regarding meetings out to the public. CCS made a presentation on a change in the voting procedure for the NRSD Budget. Filming of School Committee meetings was discussed and will be explored.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Bond Anticipation Note (Deficit Bond) H.S. Project

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

MOTION

Chris Way made a motion to approve the sale of the \$2,780,000 Bond Anticipation Notes of the District dated September 8, 2005 and payable on or about September 14, 2006 at par and accrued interest plus the premiums as indicated in the bid documents dated September 7, 2005. Seconded by Cathy Giunta. **VOTED AND PASSED (7-0-1). BRIAN BURKE ABSTAINED**

MOTION

Chris Way made a motion to consent, dated September 14, 2005, to the financial advisor bidding for the notes. Seconded by Cathy Giunta. **VOTED AND PASSED (7-0-1). BRIAN BURKE ABSTAINED**

NEW BUSINESS

MASC Delegate Election

Tricia Kelly was chosen the MASC delegate.

MOTION

Cathy Giunta made a motion to appoint Tricia Kelly as the MASC delegate. Seconded by Brian Burke. **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS.**

Goal Setting (Subcommittees) by Mr. Wood

Mr. Wood distributed the list of subcommittees for the 2005-2006 school year, as well as a list of goals for each subcommittee. A schedule of meeting dates for the year will be decided on at the first meeting for each subcommittee.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Don Adams distributed and reviewed information regarding Robert's Rules of Order to the committee.

CITIZEN INPUT

Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Ellen Sturgis made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Cathy Giunta. **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda DeStasi

Executive Assistant

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