

NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

February 23, 2006

School Committee in Attendance: Don Adams, Monica CampoBasso, Ellen Sturgis, Chris Way, Cathy Giunta, Mel Govindan, Tricia Kelly

Absent: Brian Burke, Ex-Officio Member Donnie Allison

Administration in Attendance: Michael Wood, Superintendent of Schools, and George King, Assistant Superintendent for Finance

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Don Adams called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. in the Media Center at the Nashoba Regional High School.

APPROVAL OF THE February 9, 2006 MINUTES

MOTION

Ellen Sturgis made a motion to approve the minutes of February 9, 2006 as amended. Seconded by Cathy Giunta. **IN FAVOR:** Tricia Kelly, Monica CampoBasso. Don Adams, Cathy Giunta, Chris Way, Mel Govindan, Ellen Sturgis **VOTED AND PASSED.**

APPROVAL OF THE WARRANTS OF February 24, 2006

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2062	2/24/06	VENDOR	\$347,943.33
2063	2/24/06	BENEFIT	\$574,722.18
2064	2/24/06	PAYROLL	\$1,038,105.12

MOTION

Cathy Giunta made a motion to approve the warrants as detailed in the memos dated 2/09/06 and noted above. Seconded by Chris Way. **IN FAVOR:** Tricia Kelly, Monica CampoBasso. Don Adams, Cathy Giunta, Chris Way, Mel Govindan, Ellen Sturgis **VOTED AND PASSED.**

CORRESPONDENCE

- Mr. Wood distributed a presentation from Dave Tobin, of M.A.S.S, regarding the Chapter 70 Proposal. Mr. Wood told the committee that he and Mr. Tobin have been communicating about the proposed change in formula and Mr. Tobin forwarded this explanation of how the Governor’s proposal would work.
- MASC Academy for School Leadership registration information
- Town of Stow Planning Board notice

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Wood told the committee about the upcoming town meetings which he and Mr. King will attend. They will meet on February 25th at 8:30 p.m. with the Town of Lancaster’s Fincom and then on February 28th at 8:00 a.m. with the Town of Bolton.

Committee member Cathy Giunta reported to the committee that she received three separate emails from parents in the District relaying support for the Full Day Kindergarten program.

Mr. Wood shared with the committee that the high school Alpine Ski Team was given the Good Sportsmanship award in the State Championships.

Mr. Wood distributed updated information student attendance information regarding early releases. He told the committee that Kathy McKinstry, the District Information Manager, had updated this information and has been working with the high school to revise their methods of tracking attendance. This, he said, will ensure that future attendance data for the high school is accurate.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Ex-Officio Report by Mr. Allison

Mr. Allison was not in attendance to due school vacation plans.

Mr. Adams updated the committee regarding the Wrestling Team. He reported that the Wrestling Team finished their regular season this past Tuesday, losing to Franklin who had a 24-0 record. He also reported that the Wrestling Team sent 3 students to the State Championship. Ms. Way reported to the committee that the Ski Team was also doing very well. Ellen Sturgis reported on the NRHS FIRST Team and said that the robot was completed and had been shipped.

Audit Advisory, by Ms. Sturgis

Nothing to report

Facilities Subcommittee, by Ms. Kelly

Nothing to report

Finance Subcommittee, by Ms. Giunta

Nothing to report

Personnel Subcommittee, by Mr. Adams

Nothing to report

Policy Subcommittee, by Ms. CampoBasso

Ms. Way reported that the Policy Subcommittee reviewed the Minimum Aid Letter and also the Physical Activity Policy at their last meeting. She said they were planning to look at the current P.E. requirements, and possibly revising those for students active in sports.

SPED PAC

Nothing to report

Stow Building Committee (SBC), by Ms. Sturgis

Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS

District Solution to Town School Space Needs

Mr. Wood reported to the committee that he has been in communication with Future Electronics. He told the committee that due to a drop in price and the District's space needs this property is being looked at again. He also said that an environmental report regarding this property would be forwarded to the District in early March.

Student Activity Audit

Mr. King distributed a Draft Audit Report for FY05. Committee member Ellen Sturgis asked that copies of the audit be sent to the Bolton Advisory members and the Fincomm members of the other two towns where AAC vacancies still exist.

Minimum Aid Letter

The committee reviewed a letter addressed to state legislators regarding the Minimum Aid Proposal. Committee member Monica CampoBasso addressed the committee regarding her conflict regarding this

issue and said she will likely abstain from voting on this. Mr. Wood told her that was allowed and would be fine. The committee agreed to review the letter after more editing at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Superintendent's Evaluation

This will be presented at the next meeting.

CITIZEN INPUT

Mr. Bill Joss addressed the committee regarding student discipline at the high school. He asked if the principals were the best staff persons to handle discipline issues. Mr. Wood told Mr. Joss that the data regarding discipline included minor discipline infractions, such as homework not being completed and added that there was not a discipline issue at the high school. Mr. Wood said that principals, members of the Guidance Dept. and other school staff are normally involved when a discipline issue arises.

Mr. Joss asked the committee if it was true that oil costs were 7% of the 9.7% proposed FY07 budget increase as reported in a local newspaper. Mr. King told Mr. Joss that there may have been a misinterpretation of the reported information and that this was not true. Mr. King added that the proposed budget increase was actually spread over six different categories.

Discussion took place regarding parental notification via email. Ellen Sturgis reported to the committee that she had heard from two parents regarding email notification specifically of the newsletter. They requested that notification be sent either by email or that the newsletter itself be emailed. Mr. Wood agreed to report on this at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Motion moved by Cathy Giunta to adjourn. Seconded by Chris Way. **IN FAVOR:** Tricia Kelly, Monica CampoBasso. Don Adams, Cathy Giunta, Chris Way, Mel Govindan, Ellen Sturgis **VOTED AND PASSED.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda DeStasi
Executive Assistant