

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

September 6, 2007

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE:** Cathy Giunta, Don Adams, Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Richard Fly, David Horne (6:20), Lynn Colletti, Mel Govindan, Cristina Shea

**ABSENT:** N/A

**ADMINISTRATION IN ATTENDANCE:** Michael Wood, Superintendent of Schools, George King, Assistant Superintendent for Finance

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Cathy Giunta called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. in the Office of the Superintendent.

**APPROVAL OF THE WARRANTS OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2007**

<b><u>WARRANT NO.</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>DESCRIPTION</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
2813	9/07/07	VENDOR	\$228,884.33
2810	9/07/07	BENEFIT	\$ 7,309.60
2811	9/07/07	PAYROLL	\$ 910,671.86

**MOTION**

Brian Burke made a motion to approve the warrants as detailed in the memo dated 9/06/07 and noted above. Seconded by Monica CampoBasso **IN FAVOR:** Don Adams, Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Mel Govindan, Richard Fly, Cathy Giunta , Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

**APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 23, 2007 MINUTES**

**MOTION**

Monica CampoBasso made a motion to approve the minutes August 23, 2007, as amended. Seconded by Don Adams. **IN FAVOR:** Don Adams, Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Richard Fly, Cathy Giunta, Lynn Colletti **ABSTAIN:** Mel Govindan **VOTED AND PASSED. (6-0-1)**

**RECONSIDERATION OF MAY 17, 2007 EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**

**MOTION**

Monica CampoBasso made a motion to re-open the regular meeting minutes of May 17, 2007 for reconsideration. Seconded by Don Adams. **IN FAVOR:** Don Adams, Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Richard Fly, Cathy Giunta, Mel Govindan **ABSTAIN:** Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. (6-0-1)**

**MOTION**

Monica CampoBasso made a motion to amend the regular meeting minutes of May 17, 2007 to read that the School Committee stopped their regular meeting at 7:27 p.m. and then moved to Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Mel Govindan. **IN FAVOR:** Don Adams, Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Richard Fly, Cathy Giunta, Mel Govindan **ABSTAIN:** Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. (6-0-1)**

**MOTION**

Monica CampoBasso made a motion to amend the Executive Session meeting minutes of May 17, 2007 to read that the meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Mel Govindan. **IN FAVOR:** Don Adams, Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Richard Fly, Cathy Giunta, Mel Govindan **ABSTAIN:** Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. (6-0-1)**

**MOTION**

Brian Burke made a motion to accept the Executive Session meeting minutes of May 17, 2007 as amended and release them to the public. Seconded by Mel Govindan. **IN FAVOR:** Don Adams, Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Richard Fly, Cathy Giunta, Mel Govindan **ABSTAIN:** Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. (6-0-1)**

### **CORRESPONDANCE**

Mr. Wood reviewed the correspondence in the evening's packet, which included:

- ◆ Letter from Town of Lancaster
- ◆ Email correspondence from James Gray, Stow citizen
- ◆ May 17, 2007 regular school Committee meeting minutes
- ◆ Email correspondence from Rachel Vanasse, Lancaster citizen
- ◆ Email correspondence from Carol Makary, Stow citizen
- ◆ NRSD 2007-2008 task force/committee list

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

*(The Superintendent's Report is available in full on the NRSD website at <http://www.nrsd.net/http://www.nrsd.net>)*

Mr. Wood reviewed his written report to the committee. Topics included:

- ◆ Opening of School- August 29<sup>th</sup>; went well.
- ◆ Assistant Superintendent of Special Education hired- Dr. Michael Davies
- ◆ Enrollment- as of August 30, 2007, 3333 students
- ◆ Maynard conversation- follow-up meeting to take place Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>  
Mr. Adams commented that the committee is spending too much time on the Maynard issue. Ms. Giunta and Mr. Govindan agreed. Mr. Wood told the committee that tomorrow (Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>) would be Maynard's opportunity to give them something more to consider.
- ◆ Capital Project- installation of H.S. projectors
- ◆ Tri Town- announcement of meeting, to take place in Stow on September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Deficit Bond update- eight more years; school committee approval for renewal of bond is necessary for before the sale can be completed on Tuesday.
- ◆ School Building Activity- report from Lamoureux & Pagano outlining space. Mr. Wood to attend the Bolton Selectmen's meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss plans to renovate Emerson Building. and review the MSBA process.
- ◆ Primary Elections- On September 14<sup>th</sup> the Stow primary election will take place at Hale, beginning at 7:00 a.m.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Ex-Officio Report by Ms. Shea**

Ms. Shea reported that currently Nashoba is the site of a lot of old and new. Following are items included in her report:

- ◆ A few changes in staff
- ◆ New student tours/ freshman orientation good chance for incoming new students and the exchange students to get a feel for Nashoba life
- ◆ The ice cream social afterwards gave new students a chance to make friends and ask questions before the first day
- ◆ Events and games are beginning to take shape; Cross country team is the largest it's been in her days at Nashoba, with many first time runners.
- ◆ Heard great things about the new sport of volleyball
- ◆ Boys Varsity Soccer had a great win yesterday with the score of 3-2 against Quabbin, led by this year's captains DJ Siewerski and Jason Breitenweiser.
- ◆ Next week- home football game, the first of the season
- ◆ Drama - auditions for the fall play are in two weeks
- ◆ Music- band is prepared for the game next week with summer boot camp rehearsals.

- ◆ She has heard some student woes in the past three days about class sizes and schedule issues. The new lock policy has been confusion to many. Rather than being provided with a lock, as usual, students are expected to buy their own
- ◆ Decision of college; college essay writing and early decision applications are on the top of students' to-do lists. The guidance department is aiding in the process with an information night in October on the application process.

**Facilities SubCommittee, by Mr. King**

Mr. King reported on the track project. He told the committee that Gail & Associates has been engaged to look at the site and feasibility of the project. He called the committee's attention to the diagrams from Gail & Associates.

**Finance SubCommittee, by Ms. Giunta**

Nothing to report.

**Personnel SubCommittee, by Mr. Adams**

Nothing to report.

**Policy SubCommittee, by Mr. Adams**

Nothing to report.

**SPED PAC, by Mr. Burke**

Mr. Burke encouraged everyone to sign up for the Sped PAC listserv

**ESBS by Mr. Wood**

Mr. Wood reported that at the next meeting of the Stow Elementary School Building Committee they will select a chair & vice chair and also report out what the meeting schedule will be. Mr. Wood said that Mr. Gill, of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), has the initial Certificate of Compliance.

**CCC by Mr. Wood**

Mr. Wood updated the committee on the progress of the Community Competition Complex Fundraising Committee's activity. He told the committee that they are currently in the process of arranging for the availability of credit card donation payments and they are gearing up for mailing to all Nashoba Regional High School Alumni once this is complete. He said there will be a reception for alumni prior to the Homecoming game.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Deficit Bond Renewal**

Mr. King gave an overview of the Deficit Bond Renewal information included in the meeting packet. He told the committee there were 3 bids received- banc of America, Eastern Securities, and First Southwest. He said that Banc of America Securities LLC was awarded the bid for a rollover Deficit BAN for \$2,050,000 at a rate of 4.20% on September 14, 2007, with an interest due at maturity of \$85,621.67.

**MOTION**

Brian Burke made a motion to accept approve the sale of a \$2,050,000 4.20 percent State Qualified Bond Anticipation Note to the district dated September 14, 2007, and payable to September 12, 2008, to Banc of America Securities LLC at par and accrued interest plus a premium of \$9,894., as outlined in the memo from Charlotte Noponen dated September 4, 2007. Seconded by Richard Fly. **IN FAVOR:** Don Adams, Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Richard Fly, Cathy Giunta, Mel Govindan Lynn Colletti, David Horne **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

**MOTION**

Brian Burke made a motion that the consent to the financial advisor bidding for the note, as executed prior to the bidding for the note, is hereby confirmed. Seconded by Monica CampoBasso **IN FAVOR:** Don Adams,

Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Richard Fly, Cathy Giunta, Mel Govindan Lynn Colletti, David Horne  
**VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

**Schedule of Subcommittees**

The committee reviewed the subcommittee schedule and decided that all the current dates were fine. However, they decided to revise the times of the meetings as follows:

Finance Subcommittee- will meet at 5:30 p.m.

Facilities Subcommittee- will meet as currently in schedule at 6:00 p.m.

Policy Subcommittee- will meet at 5:30 p.m.

Personnel Subcommittee- will meet at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Giunta asked that the schedule be revised, posted and sent to the committee.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Student Activity Account Audit**

The committee reviewed the Student Activity Account Audit report.

**MOTION**

Monica CampoBasso made a motion to accept the Student Activity Fund Statement from Powers & Sullivan as dated June 30, 2006. Seconded by Brian Burke **IN FAVOR:** Don Adams, Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Richard Fly, Cathy Giunta, Mel Govindan Lynn Colletti, David Horne **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

Nothing to report.

**ADJOURN**

**MOTION**

Motion moved by Monica CampoBasso to adjourn. Seconded by Mel Govindan. **IN FAVOR:** Don Adams, Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Richard Fly, Cathy Giunta, Mel Govindan Lynn Colletti, David Horne **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda DeStasi  
Executive Assistant