

NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

September 20, 2007

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE: Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Richard Fly, Lynn Colletti, Mel Govindan, Cristina Shea

ABSENT: David Horne, Don Adams, Cathy Giunta

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

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Brian Burke called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. in the Office of the Superintendent.

APPROVAL OF THE WARRANTS OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2007

Mr. Burke told the committee that the Finance Subcommittee did not have a quorum at the meeting to review the warrants of September 20, 2007, but he said the school committee may still approve the warrants at this meeting.

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2817	9/20/07	VENDOR	\$314,186.10
2818	9/20/07	BENEFIT	\$ 625,741.47
2819	9/20/07	PAYROLL	\$ 1,031,784.68

MOTION

Monica CampoBasso made a motion to approve the warrants as detailed in the memo dated 9/20/07 and noted above. Seconded by Richard Fly **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Richard Fly, Lynn Colletti, Mel Govindan **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (5-0-0)**

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2007 MINUTES

MOTION

Monica CampoBasso made a motion to approve the minutes September 6, 2007, as amended. Seconded by Richard Fly. **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Richard Fly, Lynn Colletti, Mel Govindan **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (5-0-0)**

APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF AUGUST 23, 2007

MOTION

Monica CampoBasso made a motion to approve the Executive Session minutes August 23, 2007, as amended. Seconded by Mel Govindan. **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Richard Fly, Lynn Colletti **ABSTAINED:** Mel Govindan **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (5-0-1)**

CORRESPONDANCE

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

- ◆ Letter from Town of Stow to Katherine Craven of the Massachusetts School Building Authority
- ◆ Letter from Michael Wood to Stow Finance Committee
- ◆ Email response from Cathy Giunta to Gina MacNeil, district resident
- ◆ Letter of approval of the Deficit Bond Note renewal from the DOE
- ◆ Email correspondence from Alice Roemer regarding high school clubs and response from committee member Cathy Giunta
- ◆ Letter from Lancaster Selectboard Governor's House 1 Budget numbers

- ◆ Letter from Lancaster Selectboard to Lancaster Finance Committee
- ◆ DOE press release regarding MCAS results
- ◆ The Readiness Project, from Governor Deval Patrick
- ◆ Email correspondence regarding Maynard and MCAS data from James Gray, Stow citizen
- ◆ Email correspondence and letter from Town of Stow with Elementary School Building Committee member info, as formally voted by the Stow Board of selectmen
- ◆ Email response from Cathy Giunta to James Gray
- ◆ Email correspondence from Paul Trunfio regarding Maynard
- ◆ 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:

- ◆ Mention of the first Early Release day to be held the following day, September 21, 2007
Ms. CampoBasso commented she would like to see this addressed in calendar Committee when looking at the next school year calendar as many high school parents seemed to believe that Wednesday is a better day for early release days.
- ◆ Bolton Building committee
- ◆ MCAS Scores
- ◆ Fitchburg State college
- ◆ Maynard Conversation
- ◆ Televised School Committee meetings
- ◆ District Improvement Committees

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:

Sports:

- ◆ Captains decided for all teams XC girls: Stow seniors Lindsey Horowitz, Christine Bolton, Izzy McKean
- ◆ Successful boys XC team this year- superb runners
- ◆ Swept Marlboro on Tuesday (1st 11 runners were Nashoba!)
- ◆ Volleyball win against St. Peter Marion last week- led by art teacher Ms. Sutton
- ◆ Last week's football game @ Clinton
- ◆ Many Nashoba students attended; Nashoba won- 28-7
- ◆ This Friday, first home football game against Gardener

Special Events:

- ◆ First dance next Friday hosted by seniors

Drama:

- ◆ Auditions for "It's a Wonderful Life" passed this week; performance will be Nov. 16 and 17th
- ◆ Parent Open House on Tuesday
- ◆ Fundraiser venue for a lot of clubs & classes- i.e. class of 2008 bake sale

Bolton Fair:

- ◆ This weekend; Most students go Friday night for the rides; also a fundraiser venue for clubs; Drama Society has face-painting booth

Academics:

- ◆ College visits; upcoming schools: Northeastern, UMASS, WPI, UVM...
- ◆ National Honor Society begins in October; new members of 2009 join & officers to be elected

Extra:

- ◆ Opportunities for foreign travel; this years trips include Costa Rica, Italy and France- April School vacation

- ◆ High school is hosting group of German students later this fall

Facilities Subcommittee, by Mr. Govindan

Mr. Govindan reviewed the agenda and notes from the last Facilities Subcommittee meeting which were included in the evening's packet. He added that the Facilities Subcommittee spent a significant amount of time discussing the central office/admin space.

Finance Subcommittee, by Mr. Burke

Mr. Burke reviewed the agenda and notes from the last Finance Subcommittee meeting which were included in the evening's packet.

Personnel Subcommittee, by Mr. Adams

Nothing to report.

Policy Subcommittee, by Mr. Adams

Nothing to report.

SPED PAC, by Mr. Burke

Mr. Burke told the committee that the next meeting of SPED Pac will be next Thursday (September 27th) at 7:15 p.m. at the high school. He said Tracy Conte, Director of Special Education would be presenting at that meeting.

ESBS by Mr. Wood

Mr. Wood told the committee the ESBC has not had a recent meeting.

CCC by Mr. Wood

Mr. Wood reported that the CCC met the previous evening and crafted a donor letter which will be mailed out to alumni in mid October. He also reported that an alumni open house is planned for Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. Wood told the committee that Tom O'Brien, Athletic Director, has applied for over 20 grants and is looking at 10 more potential grants.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion Of Goals for Subcommittees

The committee decided to save this for a later meeting.

MASC Delegate Appointment

The committee discussed this topic and decided to wait until the next meeting to take a vote when more members would be present.

MASC Nomination for Friend of Public Education

Ms. CampoBasso addressed the committee and recommended Chris way for this nomination. She spoke about Chris' dedication to the school district and the Town of Stow. Other committee members agreed.

MOTION

Monica CampoBasso made a motion to nominate Chris Way for the district Friend of Public Education award. Seconded by Mel Govindan **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Richard Fly, Lynn Colletti, Mel Govindan **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (5-0-0)**

Microsoft Donation

Mr. Wood addressed the committee regarding a donation from Microsoft of no-charge licenses and said that as the value is estimated to be \$2485, and over the \$500 threshold, the committee must vote to accept.

MOTION

Richard Fly made a motion to accept the donation from Microsoft of 35 no-charge licenses with an estimated value of \$24 85. Seconded by Monica CampoBasso **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Richard Fly, Lynn Colletti, Mel Govindan **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (5-0-0)**

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Mr. James Gray, Stow resident, asked Mr. Wood if the issues regarding the NEASC report for the high school have been corrected. Mr. Wood responded that the issues have been addressed and that the schedule may be an issue but that is a negotiated item and not in the districts control.

Ms. CampoBasso requested that reports be distributed over several meetings in order to keep meeting times shorter, as has been the case for the last several meetings.

ADJOURN

MOTION

Motion moved by Monica CampoBasso to adjourn. Seconded by Lynne Colletti. **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Richard Fly, Lynn Colletti, Mel Govindan **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (5-0-0)**

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda DeStasi
Executive Assistant