

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

January 20, 2011

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE:** Brian Burke, Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Mel Govindan, Lynn Colletti, George Babich and Reta Rupich

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Burke called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM in the School Committee Conference Room.

**FY10 AUDIT REPORT**

Mr. Dick Sullivan, of Powers and Sullivan, attended the meeting and provided an overview of the audit process stating the audit went very well and no adjustments were suggested as a result of the audit. Mr. Sullivan reviewed the basic financial statements report, the report on federal awards programs and the management letter. The committee discussed the reports with Mr. King answering questions raised.

**Student Advisory Report** by Lizzy Cross

**Sports:**

- Hockey has won three straight games including a 1-0 win against previously undefeated Littleton; the team now has a record of 4-4-2
- Wrestling hosted a successful DeMeo Duels; a competition between 8 teams at Nashoba in memory of Frankie DeMeo
- Boys basketball defeated Hudson on Friday for their first league win of the season; the score at the end of the game was 64-55
- Girls basketball almost pulled off an upset against Gardner, but unfortunately lost 56-52

**Foreign Language:**

- A French 3 class entered the ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages) Video Podcast contest to celebrate "Discover Languages" month in February. It is a public awareness campaign designed to bring media attention to the need for all students to have the right to learn a second language. The class created a rap song about traveling around the world. It had to be one minute or less. The winner gets \$500. If the class wins, they hope to go to a French restaurant! The podcast is on the high school website under World Languages Podcast. Check it out!
- Mrs. McHale is taking a busload of students to Quebec City for a weekend in February. Her objectives of the tour are to expose her students to a new city and give them the opportunity to experience a new culture, help them understand the history and government of the province of Quebec, and practice speaking their French. Their itinerary is filled with lots of educational things but lots of fun things to do also

**School Happenings:**

- The class play competition, a competition in which each grade performs a 30-minute one-act play fully directed, performed, and crewed by members of the class will take place on Friday, January 28 at 6:30
- There will be a college admissions seminar on Thursday, January 27 at 6:30. The goal of the seminar is to provide students with all of the information necessary for applying to college and for financial aid

**Student Recognition**

Mr. Wood recognized Michaela Jacobs and Emily Clark as detailed below:

**Worcester County Superintendent Association Award - Michaela Jacobs:**

The purpose of this program is to recognize students who have distinguished themselves in the pursuit of excellence during their high school careers. Michaela Jacobs is an exceptional choice because she has achieved an outstanding academic record while exhibiting a positive disposition. She is civic minded in her frequent displays of honest concern for others. In her three plus years at Nashoba, she has demonstrated mastery in the most rigorous courses that Nashoba has to offer. To illustrate, Michaela received scores of 800 on the reading and writing portions of the SAT reasoning test in addition to perfect scores on her Biology, Chemistry and United States History SAT two subject tests. She was also perfect on MCAS test results.

**Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents Award - Emily Clark**

The recipient is personally selected by the Superintendent. Emily Clark is a blend of fine character, academic excellence and boundless energy and enthusiasm. She radiates warmth and self-assuredness; she is a young woman who is so clearly comfortable with who she is and what she wants. Emily is a student who has taken her academic responsibilities very seriously, and her hard work and perseverance have resulted in an impressive grade point average of 4.61. She is ranked in the top 1% of a very competent senior class. As a junior, Emily was the recipient of the Middlebury College Book Award as a result of her remarkable achievements. Emily is competitive, but she competes only with herself, always looking to improve upon her previous performance.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Topics on consent agenda included:

**January 20, 2011 Warrants**

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3133	01/21/11	VENDOR	\$ 320,121.12
3134	01/21/11	BENEFIT	\$ 285,869.01
3135	01/21/11	PAYROLL	\$1,139,674.72

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Hale Traffic Correspondence
- Bolton Selectman Correspondence
- Race to Nowhere Correspondence
- ConnectEd Correspondence

Mr. Burke advised there is a citizen correspondence regarding ConnectEd calls to parents for snow days. Committee discussed and it was decided to stay with the current means of communication, contacting the media outlets.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

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

- Facilities Update
- Finance Update
- Race to Nowhere

- School Committee Meetings broadcast live
- Teaching and Learning – Calendar Preview
- Teaching and Learning – Professional Development Update
- Tri-Town Update

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Finance SubCommittee**

Mr. Govindan reported two items were discussed, first, a report on the field study will be available in the near future and the second item discussed was the situation of the NRSD Central Office moving into the 1922 section of the building allowing more space for the FSS campus to expand, the 1922 space will need to be renovated, cost for the renovation would be the responsibility of the district. Mr. Wood provided a draft schedule for the Budget Workshop on February 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Personnel SubCommittee**

Mr. Burke reported the Personnel SubCommittee has met to discuss the Superintendent's contract and the Unit A contract. Mr. Burke stated they have received input from the member towns.

### **Policy SubCommittee**

No report

### **ESBC**

Ms. Colletti reported the steel is going up and the project is approx. 3 wks behind but the Project Manager has stated this time will be made up.

### **SPED PAC**

Mr. Burke reported he was not able to attend the meeting last night because he attended Tri-Town. Mr. Burke advised to check the local press and website for up to date information on SPED Pac. Unified Special Olympics started Sunday, there was a large attendance.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Calendar Proposal**

Mr. Wood introduced Monica Visco, Kathy McHale and Ms. Visco provided a review of the process the Calendar Committee used to build the calendar. Ms. Visco stated two plans were presented to the Superintendent, Plan A and Plan B. Mr. Wood stated he took both plans into consideration and developed his recommended calendar which he provided a copy of. Mr. Wood reviewed his recommended calendar. The committee discussed the differences between the three plans, early release days, the obstacles of not serving lunch on ER days, first day of the school year and parent teacher conferences. The concerns the committee raised were the 11 days together in April and the three day week at the beginning of the school year. Mr. Burke asked the press to get the word out on the Superintendent's proposal and we will focus on the two concern areas at the next meeting along with any feedback we receive from the public.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

No comments

**MOTION**

Mel Govindan made a motion to adjourn at 8:04 pm; seconded by George Babich **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Lynn Colletti, Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, George Babich, Mel Govindan and Reta Rupich **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Aleta Masterson  
Executive Assistant