

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

October 28 2010

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

**ABSENT:** Lynn Colletti

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Burke called the meeting to order at 6:01PM in the School Committee Conference Room.

**STUDENT RECOGNITION**

***National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists***

Nashoba is very proud to announce that Nicholas Alberts, Thomas Granger, Dylan Plaskon, and Caleb Wisch have been named as National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists. Merit Scholarship Semifinalists are in a group of approximately 16,000 students nationwide who scored at the top of the PSAT's in their state and thus in the overall country. When one considers that over 1.5 million students take the PSAT that sheds some light on this achievement.

***National Merit Commended Student Status***

Eleven students from our senior class have achieved Commended Student status in the National Merit Scholarship Program. The National Merit Scholarship Program evaluates all of the PSAT scores from the class of 2011 national cohort of students. Commended students finish in the top 50,000 performers in the nation. When one considers that over 1.5 million students from the class of 2011 took the PSAT that highlights the magnitude of this achievement. Additionally, our students compete with their peers from Massachusetts, which ranks in the top of the nation for PSAT results. The commended students are as follows: Elizabeth Cross, Julie Anne Entwistle, Cole Gibson, Peter Gjeltema, Thompson Hangen, Robert Howe, Michaela Jacobs, Kelleigh Maroney, Andrew McGarry, Lauren Steigerwalt, and Alana Toabe.

**STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Mr. Burke introduced members of the Student Advisory Council from the high school which included Lizzy Cross, Oliver Jenkins, and Jennifer Cuddy, Mr. Roche was also in attendance. Ms. Cuddy reported at their last meeting they discussed the possibility of using laptops at the high school. Mr. Roche stated that currently personal laptops are not permitted because of the security concerns, but stated he does see real value in this. Mr. Roche advised he will be doing research on this, including network concerns and a teleconference with a district who currently allows laptop use. Mr. Burke asked Mr. Roche and the council to report back in 60 days with their research findings. Ms. Cross reported the council also discussed moving the graduation to the DCU Center to allow a larger attendance and a secure place in case of bad weather. The senior class was surveyed and it was favored to move. There would be a small charge for tickets to cover the cost.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Topics on consent agenda included:

October 29, 2010 Warrants

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3115	10/29/10	VENDOR	\$ 366,466.42
3116	10/29/10	BENEFIT	\$ 926,565.13
3117	10/29/10	PAYROLL	\$1,139,898.93

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## **CORRESPONDENCE**

MASC October Bulletin

School Choice Emails

Bolton Advisory/Selectman Memo

## **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 – Stow Elementary School Project
- Finance Update
- Human Resources Update
- Professional Development
- School Committee meetings update
- Student Recognition
- Teaching and Learning – MCAS Presentation
- Teaching and Learning – Aimsweb Assessment
- Teaching and Learning – Private School Approval

## **First Quarter Finance Report**

Mr. King advised the report and memo are posted on the website and reviewed some documents. Mr. King also advised that insurance lines are very tight and that we have locked in fuel prices for this year and that we will have constraints on any prepaids with this budget. Mr. King advised the budget is in good shape but very tight.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Student Report** by Lizzy Cross

### Parent-Teacher Conferences

- Parent-teacher conferences are being held across the district this long weekend
- This will parents an opportunity to speak to their children's teachers

### Homecoming

- The homecoming football game was this weekend against Marlboro
- We won, bringing our record to 5-2
- The homecoming dance afterward was an excellent time with students generally having fun dancing and singing along to some of their favorite music

### SAT Scores

- SAT scores are out from the October SAT which is just in time for many seniors applying early action as the first deadline is this Monday, November 1st

### End of the Quarter

- The quarter will end tomorrow, October 29<sup>th</sup>
- Teachers will have an additional few days to input final grades because the closing of the quarter, students will receive their quarter one reports next Friday

### Senior Nights

- Senior nights are occurring this week for most sports teams
- This is a time for seniors to be recognized for their outstanding achievement in their particular sports over the course of their high school careers and for some final fun and team bonding before the season ends

### French Class

- In an effort to enhance the speaking skills of high school French students and the language exposure, students in French III will be traveling to the Bolton Elementary school to teach kindergarten and second grade students there basic French

### Finance Subcommittee

Mr. King advised that Mr. Spratt met this week with Gale Associates and this project is underway.

### Personnel Subcommittee

Mr. Burke reported the committee met last week and they have a good idea of what direction they will be heading in for negotiations

### Policy Subcommittee

Ms. Federspiel reported the policy subcommittee met last week at which time the administration presented several scenarios for a new school choice protocol which will be presented later in the meeting. Ms. Federspiel also reported that Use of School Facilities Policy was discussed and will be presented later in the meeting.

### ESBC

No report

### SPED PAC

Mr. Burke reported SPED Pac met on Tuesday, he was not in attendance. Mr. Burke advised the next meeting is the last Tuesday in November.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **School Choice Protocol – First Reading**

Ms. Federspiel explained the proposed protocol, including the change in the number of “buffer” seats that will be left open and the maximum number of seats that will be available.

## **MOTION**

Nancy Federspiel made a motion to accept the first reading of the School Choice Protocol seconded by Mel Govindan **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Mel Govindan, George Babich and Reta Rupich **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

**Use of School Facilities, Policy KF – First Reading**

Ms. Federspiel advised this policy is being revised for procedural changes (i.e. change in the facility reservation system). Mr. King stated the proposed policy complies with our agreements with the towns. Ms. Busch stated that it should have been communicated to the groups that were not previously charged and would now be charged.

**MOTION**

Nancy Federspiel made a motion to accept the first reading of the Use of School Facilities, Policy KF seconded by Mel Govindan **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Mel Govindan, George Babich and Reta Rupich **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

**MASC/MASS Resolutions**

No school committee member will be present at the conference for Delegate vote on the resolutions.

**MCAS Presentation**

Mr. Wood provided a powerpoint MCAS presentation. The committee discussed slides and points of interest throughout the presentation. The presentation will be recorded for viewing on the member town's local cable channels.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

Mr. Burke requested the committee to review the heart study materials to be discussed at a future meeting.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Mr. Dave Lindsay detailed the letter send from the Bolton Advisory/Selectman to the NRSC requested a 0% increased in assessment. Mr. Lindsay suggested one avenue to look at is the upcoming union negotiation and faculty compensation within that negotiation. Mr. Lindsay requested Mr. King to explain where the school choice funds are used. Mr. Lindsay stated he does not think this is the time do an athletic field overhaul.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Committee went into Executive Session at 8:50 pm for the purpose of discussing litigation strategy.

**MOTION**

George Babich made a motion to enter into an Executive Session at 8:50 pm for the purpose of discussing litigation with no business to be conducted after executive session to include Michael Wood, George King and Aleta Masterson.; seconded by Mel Govindan **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Mel Govindan, George Babich and Reta Rupich **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

**MOTION**

Mel Govindan made a motion to reconvene to open session at 8:53 pm; seconded by George Babich **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Mel Govindan, George Babich and Reta Rupich **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

**MOTION**

Maureen Busch made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 pm, motion carried **UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Aleta Masterson  
Executive Assistant