

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

November 5, 2009

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE:** Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, Richard Fly, Maureen Busch, and Lynn Colletti (arrived at 6:09)

**ABSENT:** Mel Govindan

**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.

**APPROVAL OF THE October 15, 2009 Minutes**

**MOTION**

Monica CampoBasso made a motion to approve the minutes of October 15, 2009 and seconded by Nancy Federspiel **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, Richard Fly, and Maureen Busch and **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**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:

- Governor's Budget Cuts
- Early Release PD Day
- Add / renovation project in Stow
- Flu Clinic Information
- Search process for new principals
- Teaching and learning update
- Are you smarter than an eighth grader night
- Tri Town

Mr. Burke stated he has been working with the Chair of the Massachusetts Regional School Association to try to get some press or letter to the editor which we ask that the cuts to transportation be overridden or at least reduced to some extent. Whoever wrote the letter, he decided to let the Chair of the MRSA to submit it himself regardless of who wrote it strong language is necessary.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Ex-Officio Report by Mr. Nicoll**

- Athletics
  - Girls' soccer was #2 in the MIAA tournament.
  - They are hosting the quarterfinal game next Tuesday at 7. They finished their regular season with 11 wins, 2 losses, and 5 ties.

- Boys and Girls' XC both finished 2<sup>nd</sup> at the League Championship meet last Wednesday. They are both preparing for the MIAA District meet, which is a week from Saturday in Gardner.
- The golf team won their Mid Wach league tournament at the International. They beat out six other league schools.
- Senior Harry Kirkpatrick competed in the Golf District Championships: he tied for 11<sup>th</sup> out of 63 golfers.
- The football team now has 3 wins and 5 losses. They won their homecoming game against Gardner. They play at Westborough this week, and Milford next week, and finish the season with a home Thanksgiving game against North Middlesex.
- The cheerleading team is competing in a league championship this weekend at Leominster High School.
- Homecoming
  - The Homecoming Dance was after the football team's win against Gardner and it was well attended. This year's Homecoming King and Queen were seniors Justin Debenedetto and Stef Martinek. All proceeds from the Homecoming dance benefit Nashoba's student council.
- Career Day
  - Nashoba had its first ever career day last half day on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Allaire, the career counselor, gathered together many professionals in a wide variety of fields. Students were able to choose three careers to check out, which included everything from physicians to engineers to pharmacy technicians to geologists. Each career had a 40-minute block where the adults answered questions and talked about their typical work day and everything that came along with their job.
  - Everyone seemed very interested in the career day and thought that it was an interesting way to explore their interests. I personally went to Physicians, Occupational Therapy, and Pharmacy, and thought all three were fascinating.
  - On behalf of all the students at Nashoba, I would like to take a moment to thank Mrs. Allaire and all the professionals who volunteered to speak about their careers.

### **Operations Subcommittee**

Mr. Burke asked Mr. Wood to report on the book club last week on the book "Leading in a change of Culture". Mr. Wood provided an overview of the book and the direction it will lead the administration in this year.

### **Policy Subcommittee**

No Report

### **SPED PAC**

Mr. Burke reported Jen Benson attended the last meeting to explain a new funding strategy she is trying to get for a study. Mr. Burke stated one thing that did come out of the last meeting was we need to reach out to the younger students from Bolton and Stow on inclusionary classrooms. Mr. Burke stated he is discussing with the Superintendent a video that would be made available to students.

### **ESBC**

Ms. Colletti reported the next meeting is November 16<sup>th</sup> and testing is now being conducted on the water situation.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **MASC Delegate Selection and Resolution Votes**

Mr. Burke stated the School Committee will not have representation at the MASC Conference, and asked for volunteers, the committee discussed the options and came to a census that it is not necessary to have representation. Mr. Burke stated he will try to attend the workshops on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **MSBA Project Budget and Scope Agreement**

Mr. Wood reviewed the MSBA Project Budget and Scope Agreement and requested the school committee to grant the Superintendent authorization to sign the agreement.

#### **MOTION**

Monica CampoBasso made a motion to authorize Michael Wood to sign the MSBA Project Budget and Scope Agreement as presented to the School Committee on 11/5/09 and seconded by George Babich **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, Richard Fly, Maureen Busch and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

### **Private School Approvals**

#### **MOTION**

Monica CampoBasso made a motion to accept the recommendation of Michael Wood as noted in the memo dated 10/31/2009 to approve Browning Elementary/Lancaster Academy and Trivium School and as noted in the memo dated 11/5/09 to approve Robert K. Kennedy Action Corps Inc., private schools within the Nashoba District and seconded by Maureen Busch **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, Richard Fly, Maureen Busch and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

### **2011 Budget Preview**

Mr. Burke attended a presentation at the Suburban Coalition and stated we will be faced with a very difficult budget situation next year and stated we must set priorities and let the community know that next year is going to be just as tough as this year. Mr. Burke is drafting a press lease to the local news outlets which he will present to the committee before sending. The committee members stressed we have to get ahead of the public and ConnectEd calls should be made whenever a budget discussion is going to be held at a School Committee meeting.

### **Suburban Coalition**

Mr. Burke stated he met the treasurer of the Suburban Coalition and stated Mr. Sklar has asked to come speak to the School Committee at a future meeting.

### **Communication – YOUTUBE**

Mr. Burke stated that one segment has been posted on YouTube, and there were some technical problems. Mr. Burke is going to work on those issues. Mr. Wood stated the district is security blocked from accessing YouTube from school computers, and stated we will be using TeacherTube to host our posting segments, which will allow our faculty to view as well as the public.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **District Improvement Plan**

Mr. Wood requested the school committee approve the District Improvement Plan, Draft 4 dated 10/08/09

#### **MOTION**

Richard Fly made a motion to adopt the District Improvement Plan Draft 4, dated 10/08/09 and seconded by Monica CampoBasso **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, Richard Fly, Maureen Busch and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Ms. CampoBasso stated she would like to speak as a parent of a Music/Drama student, she requested paper copies of the newsletter in the month of the December and a ConnectEd email be sent for help raise awareness, as donations are down.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Committee went into Executive Session at 7:25 pm for the purpose of discussing a possible litigation matter and contract negotiations, with no business to be conducted after the executive session.

**MOTION**

Monica CampoBasso made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:25 pm for the purpose of discussing possible litigation and contract negotiations to include Michael Wood, George King and Aleta Masterson, with no business to be conducted after Executive Session; seconded by George Babich **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, Richard Fly, Maureen Busch and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

**MOTION**

George Babich made a motion to reconvene to open session at 8:19 pm; seconded by Monica CampoBasso **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, Richard Fly, Maureen Busch and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

**MOTION**

Monica CampoBasso made a motion to adjourn at 8:19 pm seconded by Richard Fly **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, Richard Fly, Maureen Busch and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Aleta Masterson  
Executive Assistant

**NOTES**