

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

February 3, 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Committee went into Executive Session at 6:02 pm for the purpose of hearing a grievance from the NREA Unit A to include Michael Wood, George King, Aleta Masterson, Monica Visco, Sean O'Shea, Tracy Conte, and NREA representatives/members; Vicky Bearce, Carol Archambault, Cynthia Simone and Lou Cornacchioli from the MTA.

MOTION

Mr. Burke conducted a roll call to go into executive session for the purpose of hearing a grievance from the NREA Unit A to include Michael Wood, George King, Aleta Masterson, Monica Visco, Sean O'Shea, Tracy Conte, and NREA representatives/members; Vicky Bearce, Carol Archambault, Cynthia Simone and Lou Cornacchioli from the MTA.

Ms. Owen	Yes
Ms. Federspiel	Yes
Ms. Busch	Yes
Ms. Rupich	Yes
Ms. Colletti	Yes
Mr. Burke	Yes
Mr. Govindan	Yes
Mr. Babich	Yes

MOTION

Maureen Busch made a motion to reconvene to open session at 6:51 pm; seconded by George Babich

Ms. Owen	Yes
Ms. Federspiel	Yes
Ms. Busch	Yes
Ms. Rupich	Yes
Ms. Colletti	Yes
Mr. Burke	Yes
Mr. Govindan	Yes
Mr. Babich	Yes

CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda included:

February 4, 2011 Warrants

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3136	02/04/11	VENDOR	\$ 462,291.16
3137	02/04/11	BENEFIT	\$ 595,448.55
3138	02/04/11	PAYROLL	\$1,126,716.36

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CORRESPONDENCE

Lancaster PTO Correspondence
Stow Citizens Correspondence

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 Updated
- State Budget announcements update
- Race to Nowhere
- Teaching and Learning Update
 - Calendar
 - Snow Days

Second Quarter Financial Report

Mr. King reviewed the second quarter financial report provided in the meeting packet. Mr. King addressed any questions asked by the committee.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Student Advisory Report

Ms. Cross reported;
French Class Finalist

- Mme McHale's Honors French III class submitted a video to a contest run by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages
- The video has now been selected as one of 14 finalists
- Voting is currently available on the ACTFL website and continues through February 10th

Caps for Good

- On Monday and Tuesday (January 31st and February 2nd) knitting workshops were held in the Media Center
- This was in an effort to procure knitted hats for the Caps for Good program which provides hats to newborns in Asian, African, and Latin American countries

Class Plays

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- Recently, the drama society hosted the class plays in the Nashoba auditorium
- Although all classes put forth great shows exhibiting amazing effort (including a one-act by the juniors written entirely by a member of the junior class, Caroline Delaney), the senior class ultimately walked away victorious with a show entitled "How to Succeed in High School Without Really Trying"

Battle of the Bands

- After many postponements due to weather and other scheduling difficulties, the senior class is finally hosting Battle of the Bands tomorrow night (February 4th) at 7:00 pm in the high school auditorium
- Nine bands will be competing for the title of Nashoba's Best Band and students are excited to finally be able to see the bands perform

Sports

- Girls basketball had their first win against Marlboro recently, beating them with a score of 42-40
- Boys basketball had a huge league upset against Groton-Dunstable (it was G-D's first loss of the season, and the last time the two teams played each other, Nashoba lost)
- Wrestling recently won their tournament at Summerset and Nashoba will be hosting the MIAA wrestling sectionals tournament on February 12th
- Track has a championship meet this Saturday in Fitchburg

Finance Subcommittee

No Report

Personnel Subcommittee

Mr. Burke reported the collective bargaining meeting was cancelled due to weather.

Policy Subcommittee

No report

ESBC

No Report

SPED PAC

Mr. Burke reported next meeting is Wednesday, February 16th at 7:15 Pm @ NRHS - Topic will be, How to help your child develop pragmatic language: parenting a child with social skills deficit presented by Elsa Abele, MS CCC/SLP

NEW BUSINESS

FY12 Superintendent's Proposed Budget

Mr. Wood provided an overview of the FY12 NRSD budget, reviewing the town assessments, provided a five year assessment average, FY12 budget drivers, changes moving forward, reduction of positions, and new positions. Mr. Wood advised further discussions will be held at the budget workshop on February 5, 2011 when the school principals and directors will be available to answer questions.

AVC Board Member Approval

MOTION

Nancy Federspiel made a motion to approve Michael Wood as the NRSD representative on the Board of the Assabet Valley Collaborative; seconded by Mel Govindan **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)**

OLD BUSINESS

2011-2012 SY Calendar

The committee discussed the proposed calendar and the concerns raised at the last meeting; the 11 days together in April and the three day week at the beginning of the school year. Mr. Govindan is in support of starting school before Labor Day in the event of another bad winter with extensive snow days. Ms. Colletti stated she is still concerned with too much time off in April.

MOTION

Mel Govindan made a motion to approve the 2011-2012 SY calendar as presented in the Superintendent's draft1 proposal; seconded by Reta Rupich **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Nancy Federspiel, Kathy Owen, George Babich, Mel Govindan and Reta Rupich **OPPOSED:** Lynn Colletti and Maureen Busch **VOTED AND PASSED (6-2-0)**

MOTION

Lynn Colletti made a motion to amend the calendar approval motion to include moving the April 11. 12. 13 days off to March 4, 5, 6 on the Superintendent's draft1 proposal; seconded by Maureen Busch **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Lynn Colletti, and Maureen Busch **OPPOSED:** Nancy Federspiel, Kathy Owen, George Babich, Mel Govindan and Reta Rupich **VOTED AND FAILED. (3-5-0)**

FY10 Audit

MOTION

Mel Govindan made a motion to accept the FY10 Audit as presented by Powers and Sullivan at the January 20, 2011 School Committee Meeting; seconded by Nancy Federspiel **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)**

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

No comments

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Committee went into Executive Session at 8:17 pm for the purpose of deliberating a grievance from the NREA Unit A and to discuss negotiation strategy with no business to be conducted after executive session; negotiation strategy to be held first to include Stan Wysocki, to include Michael Wood, George King, Monica Visco and Aleta Masterson

MOTION

Maureen Busch made a motion to enter into an Executive Session at 8:17 pm for the purpose of deliberating a grievance from the NREA Unit A and to discuss negotiation strategy with no business to be conducted after executive session; negotiation strategy to be held first to include Stan Wysocki, to include Michael Wood, George King, Monica Visco and Aleta Masterson seconded by Mel Govindan

Ms. Owen

Yes

Ms. Federspiel	Yes
Ms. Busch	Yes
Ms. Rupich	Yes
Ms. Colletti	Yes
Mr. Burke	Yes
Mr. Govindan	Yes
Mr. Babich	Yes

MOTION

Reta Rupich made a motion to reconvene to open session at 9:16 pm; seconded by Nancy Federspiel

Ms. Owen	Yes
Ms. Federspiel	Yes
Ms. Busch	Yes
Ms. Rupich	Yes
Ms. Colletti	Yes
Mr. Burke	Yes
Mr. Govindan	Yes
Mr. Babich	Yes

MOTION

Committee adjourned at 9:16 pm by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted,
Aleta Masterson
Executive Assistant