

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

March 17, 2011

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE: Brian Burke, Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Mel Govindan, Lynn Colletti (arrived at 6:04), 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 6:00 PM in the School Committee Conference Room.

CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda included:

March 17, 2011 Warrants

| <u>WARRANT NO.</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 3145 | 03/18/11 | VENDOR | \$ 605,528.66 |
| 3146 | 03/18/11 | BENEFIT | \$ 848,020.68 |
| 3147 | 03/18/11 | PAYROLL | \$1,156,824.67 |

Minutes of the March 3, 2011 meeting

CORRESPONDENCE

Stow Citizens Correspondence

Mr. Burke reviewed the steps for the school committee should take now that the school committee has approved the budget. Mr. Burke stated it is his preference that the school committee as a whole not go out and “sell” the budget, stating “we are not going to be floor managers at the town meetings”. Mr. Burke advised that individual school committee members should do as they see fit, they can be as politically active as they deem advisable, but as a board we have done our job. The next part of the school committees “job” is to field invitations from the member town’s FinCom and Board of Selectman to answers any questions they present. As of this point all three towns have asked to meet with School Committee board members, dates are being planned.

Mr. Govindan stated that in the past school committee members have been the floor managers for the budget and did defend the budget and he plans to do the same in his town meeting this year and hopes his colleagues in Lancaster will join him. Mr. Govindan stated he supports this budget.

Ms. Bushe stated she was contacted by parents of high school students who are concerned about science class schedules with the cut of a teacher. Ms. Federspiel and Mr. Govindan stated they have received the same concerns. Mr. Wood advised he has discussed these concerns with Mr. Roche and parents are welcome to contact Mr. Roche with any scheduling concerns. Mr. Wood also advised that Mr. Roche will be attending a future meeting to discuss his scheduling plan. Mr. Wood stated there will be a vacancy in the Math Department that we will look to fill with a dual certified teacher to help with the Science Dept.

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
 - Recent Evacuation at NRHS
 - Stow Elementary School Project
 - Beam Signing
- ❖ School Committee
 - Tri Town
 - Superintendent's Evaluation
- ❖ School Events
- ❖ Teaching and Learning Update
 - University Partnership
 - MCAS
 - Current Last Day of School

Update on Litigation with E-Rate Exchange

Mr. Wood advised that we recently past the \$20,000 mark which the school committee set. Mr. Petrini is in the process of preparing a written update which will be presented at a future meeting.

Mr. Govindan announced and invited everyone to attend the Robotics competition in Boston, on the weekend of April 8th. Mr. Govindan advised he will forward the link to watch the competition streaming live for those who can not attend.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Student Advisory Report

No Report

Finance SubCommittee

Mr. Govindan reported the warrants were approved and no other business was conducted.

Personnel SubCommittee

Mr. Burke reported the Personnel SubCommittee met with the Unit A bargaining committee, an executive session will be on the next agenda to discuss negotiation strategies and the progress being made during negotiations.

Policy SubCommittee

Ms. Federspiel reported policy met last week with Ms. Conte and the physical restraint policy will be presented tonight for a first reading.

ESBC

Ms. Colletti reported the project is still 28 days out and they are holding to that, which is good, no days have been added.

SPED PAC

Mr. Burke reported he was not able to attend last night. Mr. Burke reported that Ms. Finger is in the process of putting together sibling workshops, which those with special needs children realize there is often difficulty with their typical siblings.

NEW BUSINESS

Explanation of Superintendent's Evaluation

Mr. Burke advised there are two meetings left with this committee, the evaluation will need to be done on the April 28th meeting so therefore he will need input before April 14th. Mr. Burke stated if he does not receive any input he will write the evaluation himself.

Explanation of Plan to Relinquish Pompo to the Town of Stow

Mr. Wood advised the letter in the packet tonight is a result of a request from the Town of Stow to put into writing that the school district plans to relinquish the building back to the Town of Stow. Mr. Wood advised the school committee will need to vote the actual letter before submitted to the town.

Ms. Colletti questioned the time frame of the move and asked if the maintenance of the building, while vacant, will be the responsibility of the school district. Mr. Wood replied, that yes the school district would be responsible for any maintenance that would occur until the date the town official takes possession of the building.

Mr. Salvie stated his understanding is all the town needs at this point is a letter of intent to vacate, no specific dates are need, just an estimated time frame.

Physical Restraint Policy, JKAA, First Reading

Ms. Federspiel stated the physical restraint policy revision is being presented tonight. Ms. Federspiel advised this policy is being updated to reflect, the physical restraint procedure currently used which is CALM, types of holds that are currently used and district training.

OLD BUSINESS

None

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Mr. Byron, Stow Citizens, stated he would like to voice his personal opinion regarding upcoming negotiations, he stated he would like the school committee to slow down the progression of the teacher salaries. Mr. Byron stated he would like to suggest a one or two year contract, when a step increase is larger than a cost of living increase it is a little hard to swallow.

Mr. Mathew Adiletta and his son Matt, Bolton residents, stated they are attending the meeting tonight so that Matt can fulfill a requirement for his citizen badge he is working on for boy scouts. Mr. Adiletta stated he watches the school committee meetings at home and would like to commend the committee for the work they do and the professionalize it maintains during meetings.

MOTION

George Babich made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 pm 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)**

Respectfully Submitted,
Aleta Masterson
Executive Assistant

