

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

April 29, 2010

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE: Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, Mel Govindan, Maureen Busch, Richard Fly and Lynn Colletti (arrived at 6:08)

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Burke called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM in the School Committee Conference Room.

Moment of Silence for Alex Doucette

Mr. Burke asked for a moment of silence in honor of Alex Doucette, a senior at Nashoba Regional School District who passed away on April 19, 2010 after collapsing at track practice.

APPROVAL OF THE April 1, 2010 Minutes

MOTION

Monica CampoBasso made a motion to approve the minutes of April 1, 2010, as amended and seconded by Mel Govindan **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Lynn Colletti, Mel Govindan, Maureen Busch, Nancy Federspiel and Monica CampoBasso **ABSTAINED:** Richard Fly and George Babich **VOTED AND PASSED (6-0-2)**

APPROVAL OF THE WARRANTS OF April 16th, 2010

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3071	04/16/10	VENDOR	\$ 419,440.77
3072	04/16/10	BENEFIT	\$ 45,605.39
3073	04/16/10	PAYROLL	\$1,128,039.37

MOTION

Richard Fly made a motion to approve the warrants as detailed in the memo dated 4/15/10 and seconded by Mel Govindan **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, Richard Fly, Lynn Colletti, Mel Govindan, Maureen Busch and Monica CampoBasso **ABSTAIN:** Brian Burke **VOTED AND PASSED (7-0-1)**

APPROVAL OF THE WARRANTS OF April 30, 2010

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3074	04/30/10	VENDOR	\$ 301,325.75
3075	04/30/10	BENEFIT	\$ 827,650.64
3076	04/30/10	PAYROLL	\$1,082,233.18

MOTION

Monica CampoBasso made a motion to approve the warrants as detailed in the memo dated 4/29/10 with the reduction of line item 39717 in the amount of \$53.97 subject to future information and back up and as noted above and seconded by Mel Govindan **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, Richard Fly, Lynn Colletti, Mel Govindan, Maureen Busch and Monica CampoBasso **VOTED AND PASSED (8-0-0)**

CORRESPONDENCE

Citizen school choice correspondence

MOTION

Mel Govindan made a motion to send the school choice correspondence to the Policy Committee for review and consideration for the school choice policy for the 2011-2012 SY seconded by George Babich **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, Richard Fly, Lynn Colletti, Mel Govindan, Maureen Busch and Monica CampoBasso **VOTED AND PASSED (8-0-0)**

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:

- Loss of NRHS Senior Alex Doucette
- Stow Elementary School Project
- May 7th Comprehensive Assessment Review of Work to Date
- Legislator Visit
- Town Meetings
- Third Quarter Finance Report

Student Recognition

Mr. Wood recognized Samantha Squire, Samantha Lindsay and Zachary Wassall for being named as finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Third Quarter Finance Report

Mr. King provided the third quarter FY10 budget review and advised the budget transfers will be presented at a school committee meeting in June. Mr. Burke advised the committee should review and bring forward any questions at the next meeting.

Town Meeting Preparation

Mr. Wood reviewed the process for the town meetings, draft slides were provided this week and final handouts will be printed, a district rep will be present at each town with handouts.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Ex-Officio Report by Mr. Ryan Nicoll

No Report

Operations SubCommittee

No Report

Policy SubCommittee

No Report

SPED PAC

No Report

ESBC

Ms. Colletti reported the Stow Project will be going out to bid on May 4th, with a possible ground breaking on June 17th.

NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent's Evaluation

Mr. Burke provided the Superintendent's Evaluation Summary and asked if any school committee members had anything to add or remove from the Chair's Summary.

Mrs. CampoBasso stated she is appreciative of the work that Mr. King and Mr. Wood do especially on the budget and is proud of the district. Mr. Govindan agrees but would like to see more effort put around the district publicity. Mr. Fly stated he also thinks there should be more press releases issued and suggested that a subcommittee be developed for this purpose. Mr. Babich stated that being a new member he believes there is transparency and the committee runs like a well-oiled machine because of Mr. Wood's leadership and is proud to be a member. Ms. Federspiel agreed with the previous statements and believes that efforts should not only be on publicity but also community communication and outreach. Ms. CampoBasso further added that she would like to see the return of the paper newsletters in the schools along with the emails.

Mr. Wood stated that the feedback is very helpful and is going to consciously work on this. Mr. Wood stated we worked hard to build this "well oiled machine", stating the district is new in the regionalization, only 14 years in. Mr. Wood indicated that one of his goals is to work on teachers having more of a voice on more committees. Mr. Wood also agreed with the committee's concerns on PR and this will also be a goal to implement.

MOTION

Monica CampoBasso made a motion to accept the Superintendent's Evaluation Summary as prepared and presented by the School Committee Chair. The motion was seconded by Richard Fly **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, Richard Fly, Lynn Colletti, Mel Govindan, Monica CampoBasso and Maureen Busch **VOTED AND PASSED (8-0-0)**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

School Committee went into Executive Session at 7:18 pm for the purpose of discussing possible litigation with no business to be conducted after executive session.

MOTION

Mel Govindan made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:17 pm for the purpose of discussing possible litigation to include Michael Wood, George King, Chris Petrini and Aleta Masterson; seconded by George Babich **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, George Babich, Richard Fly, Lynn Colletti, Mel Govindan, Maureen Busch, Nancy Federspiel and Monica CampoBasso **VOTED AND PASSED UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

MOTION

Maureen Busch made a motion to reconvene to open session at 7:47pm; seconded by Richard Fly **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, George Babich, Richard Fly, Lynn Colletti, Mel Govindan, Maureen Busch, Nancy Federspiel and Monica CampoBasso **VOTED AND PASSED UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

RTTT (Race to the top)

Mr. Wood provided a packet of updated information on RTTT (Race to the Top) and reviewed this new information. The committee discussed the pros and cons of signing phase two. Mr. Wood stated that there is talk that the state is going to require the development of an evaluation tool within guidelines provided by them. Mr. Wood stated there are a number of RTTT webinars in the coming weeks if anyone would like to learn all the details of Phase 2 of RTTT. Email was sent to all members with information to register for webinars.

OLD BUSINESS

Transfer of Students within District Policy, Policy # JFABE, Second Reading

MOTION

Monica CampoBasso made a motion to accept the second reading and adoption of the Transfer of Students within District Policy, Policy # JFABE and seconded by Mel Govindan **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, Richard Fly, Lynn Colletti, Mel Govindan, Monica CampoBasso and Maureen Busch **VOTED AND PASSED (8-0-0)**

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Mr. Burke recognized and thanked Mrs. CampoBasso and Mr. Fly for their service and dedication serving on the school committee. Mrs. CampoBasso thanked the Superintendent and Asst. Superintendent and stated she was proud to serve on the committee and of the work the committee does. Mr. Fly stated he has had the highest reward serving on this committee of the three different towns he has previous served as a School Committee member

MOTION

Monica CampoBasso made a motion to adjourn at 8:24 pm seconded by George Babich **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, Richard Fly, Lynn Colletti, Mel Govindan, Monica CampoBasso and Maureen Busch **VOTED AND PASSED (8-0-0)**

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Aleta Masterson
Executive Assistant

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