

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

May 13, 2010

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE: Brian Burke, Mel Govindan, Lynn Colletti, Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, Maureen Busch. Kathy Owen 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 6:06 PM in the Superintendent's Office. Meeting was handed over to the Superintendent to run until a new Chair is elected.

ORGANIZATION OF NEW SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. Burke and Mr. Govindan advised the committee that they were both seeking election to Chair of the School Committee. Both candidates addressed the committee on their vision of the position of Chair.

MOTION

George Babich made a motion to hold a written ballot vote for School Committee Chair for 2010-2011 seconded by Nancy Federspiel **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Mel Govindan, Lynn Colletti, Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen and Reta Rupich **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

Ballot Results

Lynn Colletti - Brian Burke
Brian Burke - Brian Burke
Reta Rupich - Brian Burke
Nancy Federspiel - Brian Burke
Mel Govindan - Mel Govindan
Maureen Busch - Mel Govindan
George Babich - Mel Govindan
Kathy Owen - Mel Govindan

Mr. Burke and Mr. Govindan left the room allowing the committee members to discuss the pros and cons of each candidate.

MOTION

Maureen Busch made a motion to recess at 6:39 pm for the purpose of viewing the Robotics demonstration seconded by George Babich **IN FAVOR:** Lynn Colletti, Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, and Reta Rupich **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

Nashoba Regional High School Robotic Team

Members of the High School Robotic Team attending the meeting and provided a presentation of the robot and were recognized for Winning, the 2010 FIRST Boston Regional competition.

MOTION

Maureen Busch made a motion to reconvene at 6:53 pm to regular meeting seconded by George Babich **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Mel Govindan, Lynn Colletti, Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, and Reta Rupich **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

Ex-Officio Report by Mr. Nicoll

Ryan Nicoll

School Committee Student Report

1. AP Testing

- The past two weeks have been the weeks of AP tests during the mornings and afternoons. Each AP test takes approximately 3-4 hours for the entire test. The last day of testing is tomorrow.

2. Junior Prom

- The junior prom is being held this Saturday at Mechanics Hall in Worcester, MA. Close to 300 people have purchased tickets to attend the prom. The after-prom party will be held at Orchard Hills in Lancaster, MA and will include food, games, inflatables, and a lot of fun.

3. Valedictorian and Salutatorian –

- Sam Squires has been named as the senior class's valedictorian. She will be attending Brown University and majoring in biomedical engineering. Also, Samantha Lindsay has been recognized as the class salutatorian.

4. Best Buddies Play –

- This past Saturday, the Best Buddies at Nashoba held a play called Old McDonald's Gruff. The play, written by the club, had the buddies and volunteers dress up as trees, vegetables, and animals. Each of the buddies got to pick which animal they wanted to be, and they were given a card which had their animal written in English and in American Sign Language. Peer and associate buddy volunteers also helped the buddies as vegetables and trees. The play went extremely well and the entire group performed the song "Give a Little Bit" in American Sign Language. Overall, the play was a great success.

5. Relay for Life –

The Relay for Life is being held next Friday, May 21st in order to raise money for cancer research and aid to cancer patients. Many students and teams have signed up, and last year the Relay raised tens of thousands of dollars for the American Cancer Society.

6. Congresswoman Tsongas –

Next Monday, Congresswoman Tsongas is coming to Nashoba to speak to the AP US History and AP US Government classes as well as the Nashoba Democratic and Republican clubs about her work and position in the US House of Representatives.

7. Last day of classes for seniors

Senior's last day of classes is May 28th! Senior finals will be held the next week up until June 4th, with senior banquet on June 9th and graduation on June 13th. Thank you so much for giving this opportunity to be on the Nashoba School Committee. I'd like to introduce our new school committee representative, Lizzy Cross, who will be taking over for me next year.

Student-Led Conferences

Mr. Wood introduced Ken Tucker, Principal of Florence Sawyer School. Mr. Tucker introduced Joel Bates, Kevin LaCoste, Steve Grant, Suzanne Wintle and Gary Kozloski who are attending the meeting to present a power point presentation on Student-Led Conferences. The powerpoint presentation provided the research behind student-led conferences, the what, why and how of student-led conferences and the history of student-led conference at Florence Sawyer School, which began in 2001 at the elementary level and 2003 at the middle school level.

Mr. Burke asked if the administration was planning to role this out to the entire district. Mr. Wood replied that it might not be this same model, but it is the district's plan to have some model of this in each school.

MOTION

George Babich made a motion to hold a second written ballot vote for School Committee Chair for 2010-2011 seconded by Nancy Federspiel **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Mel Govindan, Lynn Colletti, Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen and Reta Rupich **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

Ballot Results

Lynn Colletti - Brian Burke
Brian Burke - Brian Burke
Reta Rupich - Brian Burke
Nancy Federspiel - Brian Burke
Mel Govindan - Mel Govindan
Maureen Busch - Abstained
George Babich - Mel Govindan
Kathy Owen - Mel Govindan

MOTION

Mel Govindan made a motion to elect Nancy Federspiel as School Committee Vice Chairman for 2010-2011 seconded by Brian Burke **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Mel Govindan, Lynn Colletti, Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen and Reta Rupich **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

APPROVAL OF THE WARRANTS OF May 14, 2010

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3077	05/14/10	VENDOR	\$ 401,112.73
3078	05/14/10	BENEFIT	\$ 13,702.82
3079	05/14/10	PAYROLL	\$1,137,529.29

MOTION

Mel Govindan made a motion to approve the warrants as detailed in the memo dated 5/13/10 and noted above and seconded by George Babich **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Mel Govindan, Lynn Colletti, Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen and Reta Rupich **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

MOTION

George Babich made a motion to approve line item 39717 in the amount of \$53.93 from the April 29, 2010 Warrants and seconded by Mel Govindan **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Mel Govindan, Lynn Colletti, Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen and Reta Rupich **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

APPROVAL OF THE April 29, 2010 MINUTES

MOTION

Mel Govindan made a motion to approve the minutes of April 29, 2010, as amended and seconded by Maureen Busch **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Mel Govindan, Lynn Colletti, Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen and Reta Rupich **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

CORRESPONDENCE

Documents on RTTT

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:

- Stow Elementary School Project Groundbreaking
- May 7th - Comprehensive Assessment Review of work to date
- Legislator Visit
- Town Meeting
- Teacher Walk-Through
- Race to the Top
- FY10 School Calendar Change Request
- Teacher Recognition

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Operations SubCommittee

No Report

Policy SubCommittee, by Ms. Federspiel

No Report

SPED PAC, by Mr. Burke

Mr. Burke reported SPED Pac did not meet.

ESBC by Mr. Wood

Ms. Colletti reported they had the GC (general contractors) walkthrough today, there were over 13 participates.

For the new school committee members, Mr. Burke explained what the ESBC was and the roles of the school committee and town in this building project.

NEW BUSINESS

School Committee Meeting Time

MOTION

Lynn Colletti made a motion to approve the school committee meeting start time as 6:00 pm and the subcommittee meeting start time as 5:30 pm and seconded by Mel Govindan **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Mel Govindan, Lynn Colletti, Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen and Reta Rupich **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

School Committee Meeting Calendar

MOTION

Lynn Colletti made a motion to approve the school committee and warrant approval meeting schedule as presented tonight and seconded by Maureen Busch **FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Mel Govindan, Lynn Colletti, Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen and Reta Rupich **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

School Committee SubCommittees

Mr. Burke advised the committee that he will seek suggestions from the committee on how many and what subcommittees will be formed. Mr. Burke will then make his assignments to those committees. Subcommittees and assignments will be discussed and decided at the next school committee meeting.

Science Teaching Tool Grant

Mr. Anderson, a sixth grade teacher at the Florence Sawyer School in Bolton received the Science Teaching Tool Grant from the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association.

MOTION

Lynn Colletti made a motion to accept the Science Teaching Tool Grant for \$2000 from the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association and seconded by Mel Govindan **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Mel Govindan, Lynn Colletti, Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen and Reta Rupich **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

Race to the Top (RTTT)

Mr. Wood provided an overview of the Phase II of Race to the Top and recommended the school committee sign the MOA. Mr. Wood advised he has not heard back from the union as to whether they will sign the MOA. Ms. Colletti asked if during the Webinar it was discussed if there would be "any strings" and if there was a penalty if we withdraw. Mr. Wood advised he asked that question during the webinar and was told there were no penalties; the district just would not be eligible for any funds.

MOTION

George Babich made a motion to approve the school committee and Superintendent to sign the Phase II MOA for Race to The Top (RTTT) and seconded by Mel Govindan **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Mel Govindan, Lynn Colletti, Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen and Reta Rupich **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

OLD BUSINESS

None

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

MOTION

Lynn Colletti made a motion to adjourn at 8:49 seconded by George Babich **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Mel Govindan, Lynn Colletti, Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen and Reta Rupich **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Aleta Masterson
Executive Assistant

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