

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

May 27, 2010

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE:** Brian Burke, Mel Govindan, Lynn Colletti (arrived at 6:10), Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen and Reta Rupich

**ADMINISTRATION IN ATTENDANCE:** George King, Assistant Superintendent

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Burke called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM in the Superintendent's Office.

**Recognition of Advance Jazz Band**

Mr. King and the School Committee recognized Mr. O'Toole and members of the Advanced Jazz Band for winning the silver medal at the MAJE State Finals Jazz Festival and the gold medal at the MAJE Central Mass Jazz Festival.

**Ex-Officio Report** by Lizzy Cross

**Junior Prom**

- Mechanics Hall was very pleased with the respect exhibited by the junior class and their dates
- They have said that they would gladly serve as our prom destination for another year due to our deference

**Best Buddies Prom**

- Will be held on June 5<sup>th</sup>
- It is a prom for the students involved in the special education program
- Each student in the program brings a date and dresses up for the occasion where there is dancing, food, and drinks (which are served by a wait staff comprised of student volunteers)

**Battle of the Bands**

- Was held on May 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Although it ended in a tie, Blindfolds Aside was ultimately crowned the winner by a role-call vote of the judges

**Jazz Band Concert**

- The performers dressed up in all white and the concert included a visit from a student dressed in a chicken costume
- Performed:
  - El Burrito Picante and the Chamber of Doom (Alex's favorite song)
  - Around Midnight
  - Bulbous Garlic Blues

**Chorus Pops Concert**

- Tonight (May 27<sup>th</sup>) at 7:30
- Will include performances by:
  - Concert Choir
  - Jazz Choir
  - Madrigal Choir
  - Women's Pops Choir
  - Women's Ensemble
  - Senior Soloists

Class Officer Elections

- Officers to the student government of each class were elected recently
- Positions include President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary and they are primarily responsible for fundraising for activities for their individual grades

General Notes

- The seniors will begin their final exams on Tuesday of next week before graduation on June 13th
- On Tuesday after school at approximately 3:30, the fire alarms went off due to a haphazardly thrown softball in the lower gym causing the gym to flood

**Legislative Update**

Representative Kate Hogan and Representative Jennifer Benson attended the meeting to provide an update on the Healthy Lunch Program and the Ed reform. Representative Hogan advised that there were two amendments to the Ed reform, regional transportation and the commission of an adequacy study. Representative Benson stated that the suburban legislation worked very hard to preserve the regional transportation reform. Representative Hogan reviewed the new Anti Bullying Law which was just passed. Representative Benson stated that the training for this will provided in a train the trainer model.

Mr. King advised that the District is required to have an anti-bullying plan in place by 12/31/10 and to be incorporated into the curriculum by the 2011-2012 SY.

**APPROVAL OF THE WARRANTS OF May 28, 2010**

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3080	05/28/10	VENDOR	\$ 375,438.97
3081	05/28/10	BENEFIT	\$ 776,614.50
3082	05/28/10	PAYROLL	\$1,376,675.58

**MOTION**

Brain Burke made a motion to approve the warrants as detailed in the memo dated 5/28/10 and noted above 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 May 13, 2010 MINUTES**

**MOTION**

Mel Govindan made a motion to approve the minutes of May 13, 2010 and 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)**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

NONE

**CRS Committee End of Year Report**

Mr. Roche and Mr. Bates provided the end of year report on the Comprehensive Reporting System Committee reviewing what is CRC, the history of the committee, survey data, and the district pilot. The district pilot will be conducted in grades 1-5 in the Fall of 2010. Ms. Federspiel asked if the pilot is being recommended for the upper grades. Mr. Roche replied that it is not.

### **FSS School Improvement Plan Update**

Mr. Tucker and Mr. Bates provided the School Improvement Plan update for the Florence Sawyer School. Mr. Tucker reviewed the goals, focus areas and the plan moving forward.

### **Nashoba Regional High School Improvement Plan Update**

Mr. Roche provided the school Improvement Plan update for Nashoba Regional High School. Mr. Roche reviewed new ideas and the five goals the high school has on the improvement plan.

Mr. Govindan asked how the drug, alcohol, smoking environment is being handled at the high school. Mr. Roche replied that it is still part of the sophomore curriculum and reported that the health survey that the study body took, NRHS was below national average. Ms. Colletti questioned how the global economy is going to be imbedded in the curriculum. Mr. Roche replied that we have classes already build into the curriculum that addresses this topic. Ms. Federspiel stated she is happy to see the peer mentor goal in the plan and hopes that is a go.

### **Luther Burbank Middle School Improvement Plan Update**

Mr. Perkins provided the school improvement plan for the Luther Burbank Middle School. Mr. Perkins advised today was the kickoff of the Growing Garden, a collaborative of the Luther Burbank school community and the Best Buddies program.

### **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:

- Nashoba Honors Retirees
- Student Advisory Group
- Race to the Top
- CASE – Concord Area Special Education Collaborative
- Senate Releases Budget
- Stow Elementary School Project Groundbreaking
- Legislator Visit
- Pompo Picnic
- Stow Fest

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Operations SubCommittee**

No Report

#### **Policy SubCommittee, by Ms. Federspiel**

No Report

#### **SPED PAC, by Mr. Burke**

Mr. Burke introduce Joan Fingers, Chair of the SPED Pac who provided a detail of the Garden Project at Luther Burbank Middle School and how this will interact with the life skills classes and best buddies program.

#### **ESBC by Ms. Colletti**

Ms. Colletti reported the bids were postponed June 2<sup>nd</sup> and advised that June 17<sup>th</sup> is the ground breaking for the Stow Building Committee.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Election of School Committee Secretary**

**MOTION**

Brain Burke made a motion to elect Kathy Owen as School Committee Secretary for 2010-2011 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)**

**Sub Committee Organization**

Mr. Burke asked the committee their thoughts on how many subcommittees there should be and what duties those subcommittees should handle. The committee discussed different scenarios on how many subcommittees there should be and what area of responsibility will fall into each subcommittee.

It was the general consensus there should be three subcommittees, Finance/Facilities, Personnel, and Policy.

The committee discussed the pros and cons of having the Personnel Subcommittee responsible for both negotiating the union contract and the Superintendent's contract.

Mr. Burke advised the members to submit their preference of which subcommittee they would like to serve on and he will make his assignments before the next meeting.

**Executive Session Minutes Approval**

**MOTION**

Maureen Busch made a motion to amend the executive session minutes of February 4, 2010 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)**

**MOTION**

Mel Govindan made a motion to approve, not to be released to the public, the executive session minutes of January 7, February 4, February 25, March 4, and April 29, 2010 seconded by Maureen Busch **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Mel Govindan, Lynn Colletti, Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, and Maureen Busch **ABSTAINED:** Kathy Owen and Reta Rupich **VOTED AND PASSED. (6-0-2)**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**RTTT (Race to the Top) Update**

This topic was discussed during the Superintendent's Report, no other update.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Lorraine Romasco stated that she feels the public perception may not be good having the Personnel Subcommittee responsible for both negotiating the union contract and the Superintendent's contract.

**MOTION**

George Babich made a motion to adjourn at 8:42 pm seconded by Reta Rupich **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 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Aleta Masterson  
Executive Assistant

**NOTES**