

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

August 20, 2009

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE: Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, Richard Fly and Maureen Busch

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

ABSENT: Mel Govindan and Lynn Colletti

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Burke called the meeting to order at 6:01PM in the School Committee Conference Room

APPROVAL OF THE WARRANTS OF July 24, 2009

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
3007	6/30/09	VENDOR	2009	\$236,987.17
3008	7/24/09	VENDOR	2010	\$ 26,093.88
3009	7/24/09	BENEFIT	2010	\$ 39,960.81
3010	7/24/09	PAYROLL	2010	\$208,386.33
3011	6/30/09	BENEFIT	2009	\$ 2,314.00

MOTION

Monica CampoBasso made a motion to approve the warrants as detailed in the memo dated 7/23/09 and noted above and seconded by Richard Fly **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, Richard Fly and Maureen Busch
VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)

APPROVAL OF THE WARRANTS OF August 7, 2009

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
3012	8/7/09	VENDOR		\$268,570.12
3013	8/7/09	BENEFIT		\$501,214.63
3014	8/7/09	PAYROLL		\$218,890.72

MOTION

Monica CampoBasso made a motion to approve the warrants as detailed in the memo dated 8/06/09 and noted above and seconded by Richard Fly **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, Richard Fly and Maureen Busch
VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)

APPROVAL OF THE WARRANTS OF August 21, 2009

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3016	8/21/09	VENDOR	\$295,206.35
3017	8/21/09	BENEFIT	\$188,390.34
3018	8/21/09	PAYROLL	\$208,148.26

MOTION

Monica CampoBasso made a motion to approve the warrants as detailed in the memo dated 8/19/09 and noted above and seconded by Richard Fly **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, Richard Fly, Maureen Busch and Monica CampoBasso **VOTED AND PASSED. (6-0-1)**

APPROVAL OF THE June 25, 2009 and July 23, 2009 Minutes

MOTION

Monica CampoBasso made a motion to approve the minutes of June 25, 2009 and July 23, 2009 as amended and seconded by George Babich **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, and Maureen Busch **ABSTAINED:** Richard Fly **VOTED AND PASSED. (5-0-1)**

CORRESPONDENCE

MASC Legislative Bulletin
MASC Memo
NEASC Substantive Change Policy Memo

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 Update*
- *Addition / Renovation Project in Stow*
- *Teaching and Learning Department Update*
- *New Teacher Orientation / New Staff Day*
- *Finance Update*
- *Human Resources Update*
- *H1N1 New School Year Procedures*
- Hal Gill displayed the Stanley Cup at the High School which raised \$5000 with proceeds to be used for the Competition Complex

Mr. Burke requested that Mr. Wood provide his thoughts on the NEASC Substantive Change Policy listed on SharePoint.

Mr. Burke presented two athletic jackets from 1986 donated Jack and Leslie Mileski and their children to be displayed, stored or raffled to benefit the athletic department.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Ex-Officio Report by Mr. Nicoll

No Report

Operations Subcommittee, by Mr. Burke

Mr. Burke reported the committee had discussions over the summer recess regarding budget planning.

Policy Subcommittee

No Report

SPED PAC, by Mr. Burke

No Report

ESBC by Mr. Wood

Mr. Wood reported on the building project in Stow, stating the site is very tight with a number of variables that need to be worked out with regards to the grounds, conversations are being held with the Historic Committee and Recreation Committee of Stow. Mr. Wood stated there are issues also being explored for the water supply to the building.

NEW BUSINESS

MIIA Insurance Collaborative

Mr. King reviewed his memo dated August 13, 2009 to Mr. Wood, explaining the reason for the rate increases and the conversations with Blue Cross which lead to MIIA Health Benefits which will provide a \$275,000 savings for the district and approx. \$200,000 savings for the employees. Mr. King stated in order for us to join the MIIA it requires a vote from the School Committee.

Ms. Federspiel questioned why we did not do this before? Mr. King replied in the past we have had a "healthy group" and we are rated against ourselves, so there was not really a need to join in the past, the dynamics have changed and we now have a large group spending high amounts on chronic illnesses.

Ms. CampoBasso thanked and congratulated Mr. King for all his hard work.

MOTION

George Babich made a motion to authorize the Nashoba Regional School District to join the MIIA Health Insurance Trust and sign all necessary documents seconded by Monica CampoBasso **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, Richard Fly and Maureen Busch **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

Appointment of Community Representative for Collective Bargaining

Mr. Burke stated that Steve Dungan was not aware that when he was appointed he was appointed for a three year term so therefore they do not feel he can be held to this so therefore the Chairs of the member towns Selectmen are going to have to jointly select another representative. Mr. Burke stated this subject will be addressed at the next TriTown Meeting.

Ms. CampoBasso suggested a letter be sent prior to the tri town meeting so that they can start to plan accordingly.

Hannaford Donation

Mr. Wood stated that Kathy Green was a Semi Finalist as Teacher of the Year, to recognize this Hannaford Brothers Co. has presented a \$1000 donation.

MOTION

Mr. Burke requested a unanimous vote to accept the \$1000 donation from Hannaford Brothers Co. in recognition of Kathy Green's nomination for Teacher of the Year. **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, Richard Fly and Maureen Busch
VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)

OLD BUSINESS

District Improvement Plan

Mr. Wood stated that the district improvement plan was worked on the last two days at the Admin. Retreat and a first draft will be presented at the next School Committee meeting.

Mr. Wood announced that Mr. King will be the interim Principal at the Hale Middle School for the start of the school year. Mr. Wood stated there is a time table for a replacement, which is January 2010 but will ultimately be driven by the candidate pool.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Ann Needle questioned if there was any assistance lined up on the school end and financial end to make sure that both these roles are covered while Mr. King fills in as interim Principal at Hale. Mr. Wood replied that the Senior Accountant and Director of Human Resources will be handling more responsibilities on the financial end.

MOTION

Monica CampoBasso made a motion to adjourn seconded by George Babich **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, Richard Fly and Maureen Busch
VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Aleta Masterson
Executive Assistant

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