

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

January 8, 2009

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE: Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Richard Fly, Don Adams (arrived at 6:06), Cathy Giunta, David Horne, Lynn Colletti (arrived at 6:50) and Ex-Officio Ryan Nicoll

ABSENT: Mel Govindan

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cathy Giunta called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM in the Superintendent's Office.

APPROVAL OF THE WARRANTS OF December 23, 2008

WARRANT NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
2949	12/26/08	VENDOR	\$ 655,405.59
2950	12/26/08	BENEFIT	\$ 695,906.23
2951	12/26/08	PAYROLL	\$1,079,620.69

MOTION

Brian Burke made a motion to approve the warrants as detailed in the memo dated December 26, 2008 and noted above and seconded by Monica CampoBasso **IN FAVOR:** Cathy Giunta, Richard Fly, Monica CampoBasso, David Horne, and Brian Burke **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (5-0-0)**

APPROVAL OF THE WARRANTS OF January 9, 2009

WARRANT NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
2952	1/09/09	VENDOR	\$ 248,056.33
2953	1/09/09	BENEFIT	\$ 12,198.34
2954	1/09/09	PAYROLL	\$1,044,525.65

MOTION

Brian Burke made a motion to approve the warrants as detailed in the memo dated January 8, 2009 and noted above and seconded by Monica CampoBasso **IN FAVOR:** Cathy Giunta, Richard Fly, Monica CampoBasso, David Horne, and Brian Burke **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (5-0-0)**

APPROVAL OF THE December 11, 2008 MINUTES

MOTION

Brian Burke made a motion to approve the minutes of December 11, 2008, as amended and seconded by David Horne **IN FAVOR:** Cathy Giunta, Don Adams, Richard Fly, David Horne, and Brian Burke **ABSTAIN:** Monica CampoBasso **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (5-0-1)**

COORESPONDANCE

- A. NEAS&C Memo
- B. DOE National School Lunch 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:

1. Make Up Days
2. Storm Clean Up
3. High School Late Start During Mid Term Week
4. Principal Search
5. Budget Preparation

TRI-TOWN MEETING

Mr. Wood provided a report on the Tri Town Meeting which was held, Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at the Bolton Town Hall.

RECONGNITIONS

The School Committee recognized Nick Papanastassiou and Ramesh Govindan as representatives of the Fall Track Team for their accomplishments. Ms. CampoBasso acknowledged their accomplishments and thanked them for their time to attend the School Committee Meeting.

FALL SPORTS REPORT

Mr. O'Brien attended the meeting to present his Fall Sports Report; Mr. O'Brien's report is detailed below;

Middle School Cross Country

Participants

Lancaster 40 (double last year)

Bolton 54

Stow 55

Held second annual District Championship meet at Luther Burbank

High School

Boy's Cross Country 10-0

Won Mid-Wach Championship. Second straight undefeated season. Second straight District Championship. Juniors Coby Horowitz and Brendon Aylaian traded first place finishes throughout the year and set numerous course records. The team went on to finish 3rd in the state. One of the smallest enrollments in Division I. Captains Ramesh Govindan, Joe Doyle, Nick Papanastassiou

Boy's golf 2 wins

Harry Kirkpatrick qualified for the district tournament and shot a 78, two strokes shy of making the state tournament.

Boy's Soccer 1 win

Young team with five sophomores and two freshmen on the varsity team.

Field Hockey 7-8-4

Qualified for District tournament for a second straight year. Lost to Auburn in first round

Cheerleading

Competed in five competitions. Finished second in the league tournament.
Qualified for the Regional Tournament

Football 6-5

Won its last three games of the season to finish with a winning record.
Injuries hurt team early to middle of season.
Finished with a 42-12 win on Thanksgiving Day at North Middlesex.

Girl's Cross Country 5-4

Finished 5th in the MIAA Central Mass District championships.
Abby Hurd and Molly Porcher 6th and 8th out of 122 runners in the event.
Both qualified for the state meet.

Girl's Soccer 11-5-4

Nashoba girl's soccer team win the league title and return to the MIAA playoffs in 2008.
The Chieftains went 8-0-3 during one stretch of the season and finished with an overall mark of 11-5-4.

Volleyball 8-11, 6-8

Exciting first season. Came very close to qualifying for the playoffs. Bright future for the program.

Hall of fame

- Currently collecting nominations
 - Putting together a selection committee – broad representation of history of Nashoba Athletics Alum representative from each decade and past/current coaches.
 - Target induction date would be end of this year or early summer
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- We are setting up a student-athlete advisory council. This will consist of two student-athletes from each sport. Not necessarily the captains. Two student-ambassadors, Jeff Stefanis and Kelsey Farrell are leading that effort.
 - We continue to be proud of and celebrate accomplishments of our student-athletes in the classroom.
 - Coaches have concerted effort to monitor and encourage academic success.
 - Average cum GPA of Fall student-athletes was 3.10
 - Studies have been done nationally and in other areas regarding how participation in extra curricular activities contribute to academic achievement.
 - We hope to conduct a similar study at Nashoba this year. Have begun utilizing powerschool system to track student-athlete data, which will help with these reports.
 - Nashoba now offers 25 sports at the varsity level and fields a total of 42 teams on an annual basis.
 - Total of 455 students have competed in at least one sport this year.
 - 351 Fall student-athletes. 240 winter student-athletes.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Ex-Officio Report by Mr. Nicoll

1. Open House

- This weekend, January 10th, the high school is hosting an Open House from 9-11 am.
- All incoming 9th graders are invited to attend, as well as anyone else who is interested in the school.
- Student tour guides will be leading students around the school and acquainting them with classes, teachers, etc.
- A newspaper ad has been put in the paper inviting all those interested in attending.
- Following this open house, an informational meeting will take place on a Thursday night.

2. Drama

- Spring musical auditions have just taken place, and the roles have been selected for *My Fair Lady*, the spring musical for this year.
- Jackie Murtha, Kyle Mendes, and Mike Sestito are the lead roles in this musical, which will be shown the weekend of March 20th, 21st, and 22nd.
- In other drama news, class play competitions are well underway! Each class picks a short, 30-minute one act play to perform, holds its own auditions, and practices for the competition.
- This year's competition will take place on January 23rd. Each play is judged by three unknown judges, and earns points based on creativity, lighting, how well the play is performed, etc. etc. I may be slightly biased, but it does seem as though the junior's play is coming along very well....

3. Midterms

- Midterms are coming up in two weeks, which will officially end the second quarter and the first semester. Even with the ice storm problems, teachers, especially in AP classes, seem to be effectively reworking their schedules to accommodate the missing three days, even if it does mean more homework on our part.
- Most people seem pretty enthusiastic about the new midterm schedule, especially the late starts.

4. Winter Ball

- The Winter Ball, after being rescheduled several times due to weather problems, will finally take place on January 17th. The Winter Ball is hosted by the senior class and National Honor Society.

5. Student Council

- Student Council effectively held its first RSVP (Raising Student Voice and Participation) facilitator training session, with the goal being to have two facilitators hold summit meeting with the entire student body organized into diverse groups in order to do exactly what the title says: raise student voice and participation through a 3-step process of brainstorming ideas of improvement and positives about the school, brainstorming ideas of how to implement improvements to the school, and finally their implementation.

6. Bridges to Nicaragua

Senior Erin Sadler won the Bridges to Nicaragua competition and will receive a full scholarship to go to Nicaragua from February 13th-28th with a team of medical students from Tufts Medical School in order to help out the Nicaraguans in the Siuna region. The people from this poverty-stricken region wait all year for this medical clinic to arrive to receive medical treatment. Two other participants: juniors Samantha Lindsay and Ryan Nicoll, will also be traveling with Erin.

Facilities Subcommittee, by Mr. Govindan

No Report

Finance Subcommittee, by Mr. Burke

Mr. Burke reported a report on activity fees is forthcoming.

Policy Subcommittee, by Mr. Adams

No Report

Personnel Subcommittee, by Mr. Adams

No Report

SPED PAC, by Mr. Burke

Mr. Burke advised the Holiday celebration which was previously cancelled will be next Wednesday, January 14th at FSS and invited everyone to attend.

ESBC by Ms. Colletti

Mr. Wood advised that we are completing the RFS. Mr. Wood reported he had a teleconference on Wednesday, January 7, 2009 with the MSBA and is waiting for the MSBA to direct us as to the next step/requirement.

CCC by Ms. Giunta

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

District Improvement Plan Semi Annual Review

Mr. Wood advised the Committee the District Improvement Plan update is on the SharePoint and reviewed the document with the Committee.

Response to Intervention (District Presentation)

Mr. Wood directed the Committee to the SharePoint site to review the PowerPoint presentation regarding Ensuring All Learners and provided the background on Response to Intervention, what it is and what the three tier process is.

2008 Robotics Grant Acceptance

MOTION

Brian Burke made a motion to accept the \$1000 Grant from IBM for the US First Robotics Program presented in December 2008 and seconded by Don Adams **IN FAVOR:** Cathy Giunta, Don Adams, Richard Fly, Monica CampoBasso, David Horne, Lynn Colletti and Brian Burke **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

OLD BUSINESS

Policy – Residency, Second Reading

MOTION

Don Adams made a motion to accept the second reading and adoption of the Residency Policy, policy number JFA and seconded by David Horne **IN FAVOR:** Cathy Giunta, Don Adams, Richard Fly, Monica CampoBasso, David Horne, Lynn Colletti and Brian Burke **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

NONE

MOTION

Monica CampoBasso made a motion to adjourn at 7:56 pm seconded by Don Adams **IN FAVOR:** Cathy Giunta, Don Adams, Richard Fly, Monica CampoBasso, David Horne, Lynn Colletti and Brian Burke **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Aleta Masterson
Executive Assistant

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