

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

November 13, 2008

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE:** Brian Burke (departed at 6:28), Monica CampoBasso, Richard Fly, Don Adams, Cathy Giunta, David Horne (arrived at 6:12), Lynn Colletti, Mel Govindan and Ex-Officio Ryan Nicoll

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Cathy Giunta called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the Superintendent's Office.

**APPROVAL OF THE WARRANTS OF October 30, 2008**

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2933	10/31/08	VENDOR	435,190.71
2934	10/31/08	BENEFIT	812,733.99
2935	10/31/08	PAYROLL	1,255,371.07

**MOTION**

Brian Burke made a motion to approve the warrants as detailed in the memo dated 10/30/08 and noted above and seconded by Monica CampoBasso **IN FAVOR:** Cathy Giunta, Don Adams, Richard Fly, Monica CampoBasso, Lynn Colletti, Mel Govindan and Brian Burke **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

**APPROVAL OF THE WARRANTS OF November 13, 2008**

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2937	11/14/08	VENDOR	330,812.38
2938	11/14/08	BENEFIT	21,209.63
2939	11/14/08	PAYROLL	1,111,709.99

**MOTION**

Brian Burke made a motion to approve the warrants as detailed in the memo dated 10/30/08 and noted above and seconded by Monica CampoBasso **IN FAVOR:** Cathy Giunta, Don Adams, Richard Fly, Monica CampoBasso, Lynn Colletti, Mel Govindan and Brian Burke **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

**APPROVAL OF THE October 16, 2008 MINUTES**

**MOTION**

Monica CampoBasso made a motion to approve the minutes of October 16, 2008, as amended and seconded by Don Adams **IN FAVOR:** Cathy Giunta, Don Adams, Richard Fly, Monica CampoBasso, Lynn Colletti, Mel Govindan and Brian Burke **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

**COORESPONDENCE**

Town of Bolton Budget Letter  
NELMS – Ken Tucker Letter  
Town of Lancaster Memorial Building Letter  
MASC October Bulletin

## **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. Administrator's Award
2. Global Education Advisory Panel
3. Professional Development
4. Election Day Use of Hale Middle School
5. Foreign Language Parent Forum
6. Calendar
7. Technology
8. Veterans' Day
9. Late Bus Utilization
10. Kindergarten Registration
11. Parent Input for Principal Search
12. Budget

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Ex-Officio Report by Mr. Nicoll**

#### **I. Athletics**

- Field hockey went to the MIAA District playoffs, but lost in the first round
- Girls soccer qualified for Districts, and they hosted the first round against Milford, and they are in the fifth seed. They won the first round game, but lost in the semifinals.
- Boys cross country, following an undefeated season, won districts, and they are going on to compete in the state meet.
- Girls cross country placed 5<sup>th</sup> in districts and 2 girls from their team qualified for states: senior Molly Porcher and freshman Abby Hurd.
- Football beat St. Peter Marian 50-16 this Saturday. The final home game is tomorrow night against Oakmont. They are away for the Thanksgiving game against North Middlesex
- Cheerleading team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at the league tournament and qualified for the regional tournament on Saturday.
- The winter sports season begins on December 1<sup>st</sup> and the pre-season meeting is this Saturday.

#### **II. New Lunch Schedule**

- Students have expressed that the shift in classes in the new lunch schedule will cause confusion
- There is a shift of all the subjects for each lunch period to a different lunch, which since students have hardly learned the new lunch schedule in the first place, switching the lunches will be difficult.

#### **III. Student Council**

- Spirit Week competitions will take place next week. The competition days are: one color day, weather day, movie day, decade day, and school spirit day. Also, Penny Wars and Hallway Decorating will take place before the Pep Rally on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

#### **IV. PowerLunch**

- PowerLunch seems to be a really big success. Hard to gauge how people feel about it because we haven't released a survey yet, but the lines have definitely shortened. Plus, typing in a code on the keypad is pretty cool.

#### **V. Vacations**

- Some complaints have been made about the proposed switching of vacations from February and April to just one week in March. Schools that have that type of vacation (a vacation in March) tend to have two weeks off in March, and students felt that the loss of vacation was almost like a punishment.

**Facilities SubCommittee**, *by Mr. Govindan*

No Report – Community Competition Complex to be discussed later in meeting.

**Finance SubCommittee**, *by Ms. Giunta*

Ms. Giunta advised that recommendations for fees will be presented to the committee in December.

**Policy SubCommittee**, *by Mr. Fly*

Mr. Fly advised the committee is reviewing the student overnight travel policy and Title I policy.

**Personnel SubCommittee**, *by Mr. Adams*

No Report

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

Ms. Giunta reported for Mr. Burke and advised there is a meeting on Wednesday, 11/19/08 at 7:15 pm at the high school.

**ESBC** *by Ms. Colletti*

Ms. Colletti reported that CMS in Marlboro has been selected as the Project Manager for the Stow project and we are now waiting approval from MSBA.

**CCC** *by Ms. Giunta*

Ms. Giunta reported that the raffle is moving forward, tickets continue to be on sale, Boosters will be setting up table at various events.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Policy – Title I, First Reading**

Mr. Wood directed the Committee to the Compensatory Education (Title 1) Policy, Policy File:IHBD draft in the meeting packet and advised the committee this is a draft for informational, first reading purposes only, the Policy SubCommittee has not yet revised.

**MOTION**

Don Adams made a motion to approve the first reading of the Compensatory Education (Title 1) Policy, Policy File:IHBD and seconded by Mel Govindan **IN FAVOR:** Cathy Giunta, Don Adams, Richard Fly, Monica CampoBasso, David Horne, Lynn Colletti, and Mel Govindan **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

**Policy – Student Travel, First Reading**

Mr. Wood directed the Committee to the Overnight Field Trips and Student Travel Policy, Policy File:JJH draft in the meeting packet and advised the committee this is a draft for informational, first reading purposes only, the Policy SubCommittee is in the process of reviewing policy for revision. Mr. Wood advised the school committee the issues for review and clarification are the ethical issues involving free trips for chaperones/teachers and whether the SC wants to sponsor these trips.

**MOTION**

Don Adams made a motion to approve the first reading of the Overnight Field Trips and Student Travel Policy, Policy File:JJH and seconded by Mel Govindan **IN FAVOR:** Cathy Giunta, Don Adams, Richard Fly, Monica CampoBasso, David Horne, Lynn Colletti, and Mel Govindan **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

## Private School Approvals

### MOTION

Monica CampoBasso made a motion to accept the recommendation of Sally Sullivan as noted in the memos dated 10/17/08, 10/22/08 and 11/7/08 to approve the following private schools within the Nashoba District, South Lancaster Academy/Browning Elementary, Steppingstones School Inc., Robert F. Kennedy Action Corps., Inc. and Trivium School and seconded by Don Adams **IN FAVOR:** Cathy Giunta, Don Adams, Richard Fly, Monica CampoBasso, David Horne, Lynn Colletti and Mel Govindan **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

## Fundraising Account Request for School Projects in Stow

### MOTION

David Horne made a motion to approve the request from Stow Selectman Ellen Sturgis to set up an account within the Stow Town Treasurer's domain to accept tax-deductible donations to offset the cost of the school projects, as outlined in the memo dated 10/29/08 from Selectman Sturgis and seconded by Monica CampoBasso **IN FAVOR:** Cathy Giunta, Don Adams, Richard Fly, Monica CampoBasso, David Horne, Lynn Colletti and Mel Govindan **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

## OLD BUSINESS

### Athletic Complex

Mr. Wood asked the School Committee to provide their thoughts and feedback on what direction they want the Competition Complex Project to proceed. After an open discussion ensued with the follow points discussed; it was the general census of the committee that the field/track be repaired to maintain safety standards, fund raising to continue but the remainder of the project will be postponed.

- Mr. King reported he met with an engineer, there would be minimal expense to put it back out to bid, but the engineer feels the cost would remain the same. Mr. King reported the cost for replacing only the tracking would be approx. \$450,000 - \$500,000 conditions on track are deteriorating. Mr. King reported that a study on the safety of the track, could be done for an est. \$3000 study for entire complex est. \$6000
- Mr. Wood advised for tonight's discussion, two questions need to be answered, do you want more information or are you ready to make a decision to postpone the project this year?
- Mr. Adams advised he would like to consider discussing more in the budget process and would like more information on the bond issue.
- Mr. King replied if we do decide to bond we would be able to find a product, also possibility of getting some private financing through the turf companies. We would not have new bid numbers until the end of the budget process.
- Ms. CampoBasso stated she does not want to spend more money on studies, she feels these points have already been proven. Ms. CampoBasso feels that postponing is where we need to be headed, but we do need to keep the awareness of the safety issues going.
- Mr. Horne would like to walk the facilities and invite the community to join and explain the conditions and capacity issues during the "walk through", videoed and played on local TV.
- Mr. Fly feels that we need to look at what fixes we can do to make the facility safe and look at it again in the 2011 process.

- Mr. Wood advised we will have the figures on the repairs needed to make the track/field safe for the budget process.

**MOTION**

Don Adams made a motion to postpone the decision on the Track/Field Project until the first Budget Meeting in March, 2009; no second.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Mr. Lindsay stated free cash is close to \$2,000,000 he wanted to raise the possibility of using \$500,000 towards operating expenses. Mr. Lindsay also questioned the outside user contributions for the turf field project, a lot of entities outside the school that said they would be using the complex; they don't seem to be contributing, what happen to the outside users? Mr. Wood advised we are still actively meeting with them.

**MOTION**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Aleta Masterson  
Executive Assistant

**NOTES**