

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

December 11, 2008

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE: Brian Burke, Richard Fly, Don Adams, Cathy Giunta, David Horne (arrived at 6:11), Mel Govindan

ABSENT: Lynn Colletti, Monica CampoBasso 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 6:03 PM in the Superintendent's Office.

APPROVAL OF THE WARRANTS OF November 25, 2008

WARRANT NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
2941	11/28/08	VENDOR	\$ 534,790.83
2942	11/28/08	BENEFIT	\$ 716,234.44
2943	11/28/08	PAYROLL	\$1,284,190.92

MOTION

Brian Burke made a motion to approve the warrants as detailed in the memo dated 11/25/08 and noted above and seconded by Don Adams **IN FAVOR:** Cathy Giunta, Don Adams, Richard Fly, Mel Govindan and Brian Burke **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (5-0-0)**

APPROVAL OF THE WARRANTS OF December 11, 2008

WARRANT NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
2946	12/12/08	VENDOR	\$ 252,175.54
2947	12/12/08	BENEFIT	\$ 22,222.67
2948	12/12/08	PAYROLL	\$1,099,251.32

MOTION

Brian Burke made a motion to approve the warrants as detailed in the memo dated 12/11/08 and noted above and seconded by Don Adams **IN FAVOR:** Cathy Giunta, Don Adams, Richard Fly, Mel Govindan and Brian Burke **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (5-0-0)**

APPROVAL OF THE November 13, 2008 MINUTES

MOTION

Brian Burke made a motion to approve the minutes of November 13, 2008, as amended and seconded by Don Adams **IN FAVOR:** Cathy Giunta, Don Adams, Richard Fly, David Horne, Mel Govindan and Brian Burke **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

COORESPONDANCE

- A. MSLA Memo
- B. Calendar Correspondence
- C. CPR ELL Memo
- D. CPR Memo

E. The Moral North Star Article

F. Rediscovery Academy Charter School 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:

Going GREEN
Parent Teacher Conferences
Parent Access
Tri-Town Meeting
Curriculum Summit
Budget Schedule Reminder

RECONGNITIONS

The Superintendent and the School Committee recognized Ramesh Govindan for being awarded the Worcester Superintendent Association Award.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES PROGRAM SEQUENCE CHANGE

Jeremy Roche presented a PowerPoint presentation on proposed Social Studies changes at the high school and provided an overview of the proposal, how it was conceived, how the data was compiled. Key points covered were balancing conflicting goals, the actual proposal detailing the elective options, how this would impact students at the AP/Honor level, and the District Budget impact.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Ex-Officio Report by Mr. Nicoll

No Report

Facilities Subcommittee, by Mr. Govindan

Mr. Govindan reported that the two topics covered were the space issue at MRE, no immediate need for expansion and the field and track needs issue. Mr. Spratt has advised to have an analysis done on the field and track. The Subcommittee is looking for direction from the School Committee on how to proceed.

Finance Subcommittee, by Mr. Burke

Mr. Burke advised that a report on activity fees is forthcoming.

Policy Subcommittee, by Mr. Adams

Mr. Adams reported the Policy Subcommittee met and they were presented the Social Studies Program Sequence Changes by Tim Castner. Also discussed were the travel policy and the Title I policy both of which will be presented tonight for readings.

Personnel Subcommittee, by Mr. Adams

No Report

SPED PAC, by Mr. Burke

Mr. Burke invited everyone to the SPED Holiday celebration next Wednesday.

ESBC by Ms. Colletti

Mr. Wood reported they met Monday with the new project manager, the RFS for Architect has been written and is at the MSBA for approval, once this is approved we will be moving forward.

CCC by Ms. Giunta

Ms. Giunta reported that fund raising continues.

NEW BUSINESS

Policy – Residency, First Reading

Mr. Adams directed the Committee to the Residency Policy posted on SharePoint, Committee reviewed policy.

MOTION

Don Adams made a motion to accept the first reading of the Residency Policy and seconded by David Horne **IN FAVOR:** Cathy Giunta, Don Adams, Richard Fly, David Horne, Mel Govindan and Brian Burke **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

Kindergarten/Pre School Tuition Rates

Mr. King reviewed the memo to Michael Wood, dated December 8, 2008 and recommended the School Committee accept to increase the tuition by 5% as indicated in the afore mentioned memo, kindergarten billing will be quarterly on August 1st, October 15th, February 1st, April 15th, and will offer a 5% discount for families paying in full by August 1st.

MOTION

Don Adams made a motion to accept the recommendations of Mr. King regarding the Kindergarten Tuition as outlined in the memo to Michael Wood dated December 8, 2008 and seconded by Mel Govindan **IN FAVOR:** Cathy Giunta, Don Adams, Richard Fly, David Horne, Mel Govindan and Brian Burke **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

Robtics Grant Acceptance

MOTION

Mel Govindan made a motion to accept the \$1000 Grant from IBM for the US First Robotics Program presented in December 2007 and seconded by Richard Fly **IN FAVOR:** Cathy Giunta, Don Adams, Richard Fly, David Horne, Mel Govindan and Brian Burke **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

Science Mentor Program Grant (Pompositticut/Center School)

MOTION

David Horne made a motion to accept a \$3000. grant from Intel for the Science Mentor Program at the Pompositticut/Center School and seconded by Don Adams **IN FAVOR:** Cathy Giunta, Don Adams, Richard Fly, David Horne, Mel Govindan and Brian Burke **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

OLD BUSINESS

Policy – Title I, Second Reading

Mr. Adams advised the Title I policy has been reviewed by the policy subcommittee and recommends the adoption of the revised policy. Mr. Wood provided a detailed explanation of the Title I Policy.

MOTION

Don Adams made a motion to accept the second reading of the Title I Policy and seconded by Mel Govindan **IN FAVOR:** Cathy Giunta, Don Adams, Richard Fly, David Horne, Mel Govindan and Brian Burke **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

MOTION

David Horne made a motion to adjourn seconded by Don Adams **IN FAVOR:** Cathy Giunta, Don Adams, Richard Fly, David Horne, Mel Govindan and Brian Burke **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Aleta Masterson
Executive Assistant

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