

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

October 15, 2009

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE: Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, Richard Fly, Maureen Busch (arrived at 6:06) and Mel Govindan

ABSENT: Lynn Colletti

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Burke called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM in the School Committee Conference Room.

APPROVAL OF THE WARRANTS OF October 16, 2009

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3030	10/16/09	VENDOR	\$ 256,798.60
3031	10/16/09	BENEFIT	\$ 58,825.55
3032	10/16/09	PAYROLL	\$1,102,014.58

MOTION

Mel Govindan made a motion to approve the warrants as detailed in the memo dated 10/15/09 and noted above and seconded by Monica CampoBasso **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, Richard Fly and Mel Govindan **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

APPROVAL OF THE October 1, 2009 Minutes

MOTION

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

CORRESPONDENCE

DOE Approval of the Child Nutrition Program
Beacon Hill Update
Special Education Enrollments
H1N1 Update

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:

- Finance Update
- Food Service Update
- Early Release
- Facilities

- Transportation
- Human Resources
- Flu Clinic Information
- New Principals Search Process

Update on Power Lunch Implementation

Mr. Wood provided an overview of the PowerLunch program and process stating that there were a few issues that arose during the first month of school but these have been worked out and the processes will be monitored for further improvements.

Update on FY2010 State Budget

Mr. Wood provided an overview of the Governors announcement made today in expected cuts. Mr. Wood provided a draft letter to be sent to parents.

Communication Update

Mr. Wood stated that we will be looking at You Tube for a possible venue to communication to citizens of our member towns. Mr. Burke stated the district is looking for ways to communicate better with the community to address their feelings of the lack of communication issues raised last year during budget planning.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Ex-Officio Report by Mr. Nicoll

- Athletics
 - Boys XC lost for the first time in 3 years to Westborough by the small margin of 2 points.
 - Girls XC won against Westborough
 - The girl's soccer team has a record of 6-1-3. They won their game yesterday against Holy Name.
 - Boy's soccer team had a big league win against Hudson last week.
 - Golf team starts their league schedule this week; so far, they are 2-3 in non-league games. Their first league game is tomorrow night against Gardner
- Homecoming
 - After the football game, the homecoming dance will be held.
 - Spirit days have been running all this week in preparation for the homecoming game/dance. They include: One color day, Nashoba Spirit Day, and New England Sports Day.
 - The sports teams held a very successful Harry Potter spirit day complete with a magical "duel" in the courtyard.
- NRHS School Community Council
 - The NRHS School Council met this previous Tuesday. The council consists of student, parent, and faculty members. Topics discussed included:
 - The recent parent survey results of a survey that the Council had issued, especially on how upcoming events like the Career Day are improving on college and workplace preparedness.
 - Also discussed was the weight homework should carry in grading, a topic originally broached by the Comprehensive Assessment Sub-Committee.

Operations SubCommittee

Mr. Burke reported there is no new business to report.

Policy SubCommittee

Mr. Wood reported that the major issue discussed at the Policy SubCommittee was the District Improvement Plan, the subcommittee will begin working on graduation requirements at the next meeting.

SPED PAC

Mr. Burke reported meeting next Wednesday at the High School, Senator Jen Benson will be the guest speaker addressing Funding Special Education.

ESBC

Mr. Wood reported they are working toward finalizing the final cost of the project. Mr. Wood stated there appears to be general public approval of the project. Mr. Wood advised that Stow Town Meeting is October 19, 2009.

NEW BUSINESS

First Quarter Update

Mr. King provided an overview of the First Quarter Finances reviewing each topic in the memo to Michael Wood, dated October 7, 2009.

OLD BUSINESS

District Improvement Budget

Mr. Wood reported the Policy Committee has reviewed the District Improvement Plan and is presenting the District Improvement Plan Draft 4 dated 10/8/2009 to the School Committee as a first reading and reviewed each goal on the plan. Ms. Federspiel stated that the Policy Subcommittee held a lengthy meeting and discussion and reviewed the District Improvement Plan in detail with Mr. Roche in attendance and providing input.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Mr. Dave Lindsay, Chair Advisory Committee in Bolton, questioned what the final projected cost of the Stow project would be to Stow residents. Mr. Lindsay also advised this will be a difficult budget year for the Town of Bolton due to their free cash situation and stated he believes that the other member towns will probably be in the same situation.

MOTION

Monica CampoBasso made a motion to adjourn at 7:29 pm seconded by George Babich **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Nancy Federspiel, George Babich, Richard Fly, Maureen Busch, 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

MCAS Workshop followed the regular School Committee meeting including the School Committee, Central Office Staff and District Administration.