

NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Appendix I

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

January 24, 2008

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE: Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Richard Fly, Lynn Colletti, Don Adams, Cathy Giunta, Mel Govindan, David Horne, and Cristina Shea (Mr. Govindan left prior to the Executive Session.)

ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATION IN ATTENDANCE: Michael Wood, Superintendent of Schools, George King, Assistant Superintendent, Margaret Morgan, Principal Hale Middle School, Jeremy Roche, Principal, NRHS, and Martha Baxley, Coordinator for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

CALL TO ORDER

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

RECOGNITIONS

The Nashoba Regional School Committee recognized three students who were overlooked in the sharing of the Abigail Adams Scholarships. The students were Amelia Young, Olivia Saisa, and Emily Mejia.

APPROVAL OF THE WARRANTS OF December 13, 2007

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2839	12/14/07	VENDOR	\$296,597.69
2840	12/13/07	Benefit	\$450,801.71
2841	12/13/07	Payroll	\$1,052,931.82

MOTION

Brian Burke made a motion to approve the warrants as detailed in the memo dated 12/13/07 and noted above and seconded by Monica Campobasso **IN FAVOR:** Richard Fly, Monica CampoBasso, Don Adams, Cathy Giunta, Brian Burke, Lynn Colletti, David Horne and Mel Govindan **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

APPROVAL OF THE WARRANTS OF December 29, 2007

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2842	12/29/07	VENDOR	\$488,913
2843	12/28/07	Benefit	\$65754.94
2844	12/28/07	Payroll	\$1,024,027.56
2845	12/28/07	Benefit	189, 845.45

MOTION

Brian Burke made a motion to approve the warrants as detailed in the memo dated 12/27/07 and noted above and seconded by Monica Campobasso **IN FAVOR:** Richard Fly, Monica CampoBasso, Don Adams, Cathy Giunta, Brian Burke, Lynn Colletti, David Horne and Mel Govindan **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

APPROVAL OF THE WARRANTS OF January 24, 2007

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2850	1/25/08	VENDOR	\$ 583,413.40
2851	1/25/08	Benefit	\$ 664,457.15
2844	1/25/08	Payroll	\$1,026,857.52
2845	1/25/08	Benefit	\$ 10,303.71

MOTION

Brian Burke made a motion to approve the warrants as detailed in the memo dated 12/27/07 and noted above and seconded by Monica Campobasso **IN FAVOR:** Richard Fly, Monica CampoBasso, Don Adams, Cathy Giunta, Brian Burke, Lynn Colletti, David Horne and Mel Govindan **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

ADJUSTMENT TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Wood asked to adjust the agenda to include an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a negotiation strategy.

APPROVAL OF THE November 15, 2007 MINUTES

MOTION

Monica Campobasso made a motion to approve the minutes January 10, 2008, as amended and seconded by Mel Govindan. **IN FAVOR:** Richard Fly, Monica CampoBasso, Don Adams, Cathy Giunta, David Horne, Lynne Colletti, and Brian Burke **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0,)**

There were no changes.

CORRESPONDENCE

- ◆ A letter from Calvin Charles, Stow, regarding Building Maintenance and Usage Fees
- ◆ An email from Paul Trunfio, Stow, regarding surveys and specifically the Foreign Language Survey

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

(The Superintendent's Report is available in full on the NRSD website at <http://www.nrsd.net/http://www.nrsd.net>)

Mr. Wood reviewed his written report to the committee. Topics included:

- ☞ Late Start on Friday, January 18th
- ☞ Bus Transportation Status
- ☞ Budget Process
- ☞ Board of Education Commissioner Appointment
- ☞ Governor's Budget Proposal (HOUSE I)
- ☞ Annual Report Drafts
- ☞ Audit Report Reminder
- ☞ Budget Transfers
- ☞ Textbook Purchase in future meeting

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Ex-Officio Report by Ms. Shea

School Committee Student Report for 1/24/08

1. Academics:

The high school is in the middle of mid-terms, which end Monday. There is a really impressive college acceptance list already: BC, Brown, Colgate, Middlebury, Oberlin, etc.. Many of our seniors have been accepted to over 25 schools already!

College applications are basically all done as most were required by Jan. 15th. Now many seniors are preparing scholarship applications.

2. Drama:

Class Play Competitions were won by the seniors' "Imaginary Harry" starring Doug Koury, and Sam Tobia. The play was about an outcast adolescent with an imaginary friend who helps him be comfortable in his shoes. There were good shows from all grades- freshman were especially good for their first year, performing "Artist Inspiration?" Very close-juniors were only a point away from winning. The Spring Musical well underway; thoroughly Modern Millie (March 28, 29, 30). It is about a small town girl who comes to the city to marry for money, not love

3. Sports: (finishing up)

Indoor Track Boys came in 2nd place overall at last weekends relay meet at Reggie Lewis- special recognition to the 4 x 800m team, who came in 1st overall. The girls did very well, too. Indoor is returning to Reggie Lewis this weekend due to their impressive performance. Cross Country Skiing- 1 more race to go (next Tuesday). They have done pretty well in their season came 4th at 2 of last 3 meets. Varsity Boys Basketball- lost this weeks game against Marlboro.

4. Music:

The Winter concert is Friday, Feb. 1st. Concert and Jazz Bands will perform. Central District Performance last weekend. Eight students participated in the audition only groups. Six were also honored with all-state recommendations (Giulia Rizzo, Kelly McCue, Meaghan O'Toole, Ellen Hartford, Jackie Murtha, and Campbell Hewitt). The all-state try-outs are this weekend

5. Other Clubs:

Yearbook finishing up their preparations- completed superlative voting & pictures, along with "Meet the Seniors" section.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities SubCommittee, by Mr. Govindan

No Report

Finance SubCommittee, by Mr. Burke

No Report

Policy SubCommittee, by Mr. Fly

Reviewed the draft minutes for January 17th meeting concerning Resource Officer and Overnight Trips.

Personnel SubCommittee, by Mr. Adams

Mr. Adams reported that negotiations continue.

SPED PAC, by Mr. Burke

Mr. Burke shared they had a very successful presentation at their January 16th meeting at the high school with nationally recognized speaker Michael Wood presenting on Americans with Disabilities and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation act.

ESBC by Ms. Colletti

No Report

CCC by Cathy Giunta

The next meeting is January 28th at 6:00 p.m. in the Office of the Superintendent.

NEW BUSINESS

District Improvement Committee Updates

- ☞ **Time on Learning** – Mr. King reported on behalf of the committee. He shared a written update.
- ☞ **At Risk Committee** – Ms. Morgan reported on behalf of the committee. She shared a written update. The committee discussed the characteristics of an at risk student and Mr. Adams asked for more information based on these characteristics of what our population of at risk students might be.
- ☞ **Healthy Relationships** – Ms. McInnis reported on behalf of the committee. She shared a power point presentation on a district wide implementation of a recognition program. It will start at the high school in 2008 – 2009. Mr. Burke suggested trying to build on current programming within the schools such as the STARS program at Florence Sawyer School.

Foreign Language Task Force Interim Report

Ms. Martha Baxley reported on behalf of the committee. She presented the work to date and the two recommendations for the next two years. They included reinstatement of the seventh grade classroom teacher for the 2008-2009 school year in each of the middle schools and the creation of an immersion program beginning in Kindergarten or grade one in 2009 – 2010. The committee discussed the merits of the

immersion program and asked clarifying questions. Ms. Baxley responded, saying that more information will be forthcoming as the committee continues to meet in the coming months and all of next year. A full report will be due in December 2008. The committee will be discussing the seventh grade proposal more fully through the budget process. The cost of the seventh grade initiative was in excess of \$183,000 for staff and materials. Space is an issue at two of the schools (FSS and LBMS).

At Risk Conference Request

Mr. Wood provided background for this request. It was part of the budget proposal for FY 08, and when the budget was reduced, this did get cut. The committee was aware that they were trying to go last year as well. Mr. Wood wanted to make sure they knew we would be looking to transfer (internal) and did want the committee to be surprised by the trip.

MOTION

Monica Campobasso made a motion to approve the At Risk Conference recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools noting there may be a need for a transfer at a future date, seconded by Richard Fly. **IN FAVOR:** Richard Fly, Monica CampoBasso, Don Adams, Cathy Giunta, David Horne, Lynne Colletti, and Mel Govindan. **VOTED AND PASSED. (7-1-0)(Burke)**

MCAS Remediation Request

Mr. Wood provided background for this request. We have a similar offering at Mary Rowlandson and Luther Burbank, however, it is funded through Title I funds which are not available to students in Bolton and Stow. The committee debated the merits of such an offering.

MOTION

Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the At Risk Conference recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools, seconded by Ms.Colletti. A friendly amendment by Mr. Burke to use the funds for any eligible students in Bolton, Lancaster or Stow was made and accepted by Mr. Adams. **IN FAVOR:** Richard Fly, Monica CampoBasso, Don Adams, Cathy Giunta, David Horne, Lynne Colletti, Mel Govindan and Brian Burke **VOTED AND PASSED. (8-0-0)**

ELL Tutor Request

Ms. Sullivan provided background for this request in a memo to Mr. Wood. Student numbers are increasing and the ability to provide direct service in all three towns is difficult because literacy and math blocks often conflict. We are seeing an increase of students and their needs are becoming greater. This would be a part time position for the remainder of the year. The approximate cost is \$6,000.

MOTION

Mr. Burke made a motion to approve the recommendation by Sally Sullivan, Director of Teaching and Learning, to hire an ELL Tutor for the remainder of the school year, seconded by Ms.Colletti. **IN FAVOR:** Richard Fly, Monica CampoBasso, Don Adams, Cathy Giunta, David Horne, Lynne Colletti, Mel Govindan and Brian Burke **VOTED AND PASSED. (8-0-0)**

OLD BUSINESS

Audit Report

MOTION

Mr. Burke made a motion to approve the Audit Report as reviewed by Mr. Richard Sullivan at a previous meeting, seconded by Mr. Adams. **IN FAVOR:** Richard Fly, Monica CampoBasso, Don Adams, Cathy Giunta, David Horne, Lynne Colletti, Mel Govindan and Brian Burke **VOTED AND PASSED. (8-0-0)** (Ms. Campobasso had left the room temporarily.)

Mel Govindan left meeting at 9:00

Budget Transfers

Mr. King, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, reviewed the budget transfers before the committee.

MOTION

Mr. Burke made a motion to approve the transfers as outlined by the Assistant Superintendent of Schools,

seconded by Ms. Campobasso. **IN FAVOR:** Richard Fly, Monica CampoBasso, Don Adams, Cathy Giunta, David Horne, Lynne Colletti, and Brian Burke **VOTED AND PASSED. (7-0-0)**

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Giunta announced there would be an Executive Session and no action would be following the session.

MOTION

Mr. Colletti made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategy to include Mr. Wood, and Mr. King, and Mr. Adams seconded. **IN FAVOR:** Richard Fly, Monica CampoBasso, Don Adams, Cathy Giunta, David Horne, Lynne Colletti, and Brian Burke **VOTED AND PASSED. (7-0-0)**

MOTION

Motion moved by Mr. Adams to adjourn Seconded by Ms. Colletti **IN FAVOR:** Richard Fly, Monica CampoBasso, Don Adams, Cathy Giunta, Brian Burke, David Horne, and Lynne Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED 7-0-0 UNANIMOUS**

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael L. Wood
Superintendent of Schools