

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING**

Appendix IIa

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

March 13, 2008

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE: Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Richard Fly, Don Adams, Cathy Giunta, Mel Govindan , and Lynne Colletti (arrived at 6:13)

ABSENT: David Horne

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cathy Giunta called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM in the Superintendent Office.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- ◆ ***Stow Joint Boards*** – Mr. King met with the Stow Joint Board members on Tuesday night along with Mr. Burke, who presented the current status of the FY 09 budget.
- ◆ ***Turf Field /Track Proposals*** – We have received 11 proposals. They are being evaluated now. We will need to have a facilities meeting to review and make a recommendation.
- ◆ ***Regional Administration Space Proposals*** – We have received 2 proposals. They will be opened tomorrow. We will need to have a facilities meeting to review and make a recommendation, depending on the outcome of tonight's meeting.
- ◆ ***Massachusetts School Building Authority Meeting*** – I, along with Lynn Colletti and members of the Elementary School Building Committee, met with the MSBA yesterday. It was good to final meet with them. There are still a number of unanswered questions, but they did say if we have not heard from them in three weeks to feel free to give them a call. There is still interest in how regional school systems form and they suggested we look at using a facilitator to assist us in looking further into the possibility of regionalizing with other school systems.
- ◆ ***Andy Caless*** – Mr. Andy Caless, husband of Linda Caless, the District's Extended Day Coordinator, passed away on Tuesday. Mr. Caless' funeral will be tomorrow. Our condolences go out to the entire Caless family.

BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

Mrs. Giunta directed the Committee to review the spreadsheet on sharepoint, and reminded the Committee to keep in mind that we are here for the overall good of all the student in the district not per town. Mrs. Giunta asked each member to relay there concerns individually.

Mrs. Giunta is okay with Dist. Nurse, fine with District Office and ED, she is not fine with losing the Asst. Principal, fine with being school year only. Can go either way on the Guidance Counselor she would rather see the Sawyer Secretary cut and leave the asst. principal.

Mr. Govindan advised that his community was okay with the proposed budget and is comfortable with waiting for the district office to move, referenced the Lancaster location will not be available or 12 months due to repairs needed. Mr. Govindan stated he would like to "step" into High School Guidance Counselor.

Mr. Adams advised he is comfortable with the proposed budget as is.

Mr. Burke advised Trier 5 deductions and increases are in line for what he had hoped for, removal of HS Dept. Chair is not a good idea, the only thing we would retain is the .5 nurse position. Mr. Burke agrees with Mr. Govindan's point of stepping into High School Guidance Counselor. Mr. Burke stated he likes the new proposal as he feels it is "further away from the classroom".

Mrs. CampoBasso advised she approves the cutting the nurse, food service, regional office and ED. Mrs. CampoBasso is against cutting the Asst. Principal at Florence Sawyer position, but stated she is okay with cutting to a school year position. Mrs. CampoBasso feels we are years away on the High School Guidance Counselor, feels very strongly about cutting this position.

Mr. Fly advised he is okay with cuts, has big reserve about cutting the Asst. Principal at Sawyer, fine with a school year position,

Ms. Colletti is okay with the cuts proposed .

Open discussion ensued with the following points raised;

Mr. Adams agrees with Mrs. Giunta regarding the Sec. cut and agrees with the need for Guidance Counselor.

Mr. Burke asked to hear from Mr. Wood regarding his plans if we cut Asst. Principal. Mr. Wood replied that we could hire a "teaching" Assistant Principal, or develop a new job description for the Early Childhood Coordinator to include building administrative responsibilities.

Mr. Burke advised the public in attendance there will be no cut in 5th grade teachers, or literacy asst. He understands the concerns of the admin to lose the Asst. Principal. The Superintendent has gone to great lengths to make a plan with his Administration and he has faith in the Superintendent's guidance.

Mr. Burke asked what the case load of the guidance counselor presently is. Mr. Wood replied 220 students per counselor.

Mr. Adams and Mrs. CampoBasso stated we have to look at the needs today not projected needs.

Mr. Fly stated he believes there is a need to have two full time Asst. Principals at Sawyer/Emerson.

Mrs. CampoBasso questioned the Literacy Asst. at Rowlandson cut, she is unclear as to why we would cut Title I position. Mr. Wood advised that they are not Title I, that was an error. She is still not convinced regarding the 5th grade teacher, referenced Erin's opinion from last meeting, she feels that we are at level services and adding the two teachers would be above level services.

Mrs. Giunta stated after reading the justification budget requests she received from the towns, she feels the case was well represented regarding the not cutting the 5th grade teacher positions.

Bolton	\$10,612,936.
Lancaster	\$ 9,475,167.
Stow	\$12,607,228.
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$32,695,331.</i>

VOTE TO APPROVE FY09 BUDGET

MOTION

Don Adams made a motion to accept level 5 cuts in proposed budget to include, District Nurse, Food Services, \$100,000. E& D, Regional Offices and Secretary at Florence Sawyer School, seconded by Mel Govindan.. **IN FAVOR:** Richard Fly, Monica CampoBasso, Don Adams, Cathy Giunta, David Horne, Lynne Colletti, Mel Govindan. **OPPOSED:** Brian Burke **VOTED AND PASSED (6-1-0)**

MOTION

Brian Burke made a motion to add the .05 Guidance Counselor at the High School as recommend by the Superintendent to the Budget Cuts seconded by Lynne Colletti. **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke and Lynne Colletti **OPPOSED:** Richard Fly, Monica CampoBasso, Don Adams, Cathy Giunta, Mel Govindan. **VOTED AND FAILED (2-5-0)**

MOTION

Don Adams made a motion to approve the Budget of \$41,497,077. inclusive of offsets seconded by Monica CampoBasso. **IN FAVOR:** Richard Fly, Monica CampoBasso, Don Adams, Cathy Giunta, David Horne, Lynne Colletti, Mel Govindan, and Brian Burke **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Public attending thanked the Committee for their hard work and time.

MOTION

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

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