

NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Appendix II

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

May 1, 2008

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE: Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Richard Fly, Don Adams, Cathy Giunta, Mel Govindan (arrived at 6:34), Lynn Colletti (arrived at 6:12) and Ex-Officio Cristina Shea.

ABSENT: David Horne

ADMINISTRATION IN ATTENDANCE: Michael Wood, Superintendent of Schools, George King, Assistant Superintendent, Bill Spratt, Director of Facilities, Tom O'Brien, Athletic Director

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cathy Giunta called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM in the Nashoba Regional High School Auditorium.

APPROVAL OF THE WARRANTS OF May 2, 2008

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2877	5/2/08	VENDOR	\$320,268.06
2878	5/2/08	Benefit	\$ 82,222.20
2879	5/2/08	Payroll	\$1,014,787.96

MOTION

Brian Burke made a motion to approve the warrants as detailed in the memo dated 5/2/08 and noted above and seconded by Monica CampoBasso **IN FAVOR:** Richard Fly, Monica CampoBasso, Don Adams, Cathy Giunta, Brian Burke **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (5-0-0)**

APPROVAL OF THE April 17, 2008 MINUTES

MOTION

Don Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of April 17, 2008, as amended and seconded by Monica CampoBasso **IN FAVOR:** Cathy Giunta, Richard Fly, Monica CampoBasso, Don Adams, Lynn Colletti, and Brian Burke **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Wood directed the Committee to review the Legislative Bulletin from MASC included in their packet, topics included local aid, regional school transportation, pothole funding, The Office of Education Accountability, circuit breaker and charter school reimbursements funded and kindergarten expansion and extended learning time grants.

Ms. Giunta gave Mr. Wood a flyer regarding the PMC Bolton Kids Ride event.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

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

1. ***Bolton Advisory***
2. ***Stow Finance Committee***
3. ***Community Competition Complex***
4. ***Coordinated Program Review.***
5. ***Waste Water Treatment Plant***
6. ***Fees***
7. ***Retirement Gala.***

Third Quarter Financial Results: Mr. King directed the Committee to review his Third Quarter Financial Results report in the packet which covered the topics of health insurance surplus, Charter schools and school choice deficit and salary projections, Mr. King reviewed same.

Day on the Hill – Mr. Wood, Ms. Colletti and Mr. Adams attended Day on The Hill, on April 29th and met with Senator Antonioni, Representative Walrath and Representative Resor. Topics of the meetings were SPED Transportation, Circuit Breaker and Charter School reporting.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Ex-officio Report by Ms. Shea

Ms. Shea reviewed her report, topics included;

1. Spring Sports
 - a. Boys Track
 - b. Boys Tennis
 - c. Softball
2. AP Tests
3. Senior Countdown
4. April Vacation School Trips:
 - a. London/Paris/Amsterdam
 - b. Costa Rica:
5. Alyssa Browne's visit to Botswana, funded by Nashoba's Pirazzolo Scholarship

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities SubCommittee, by Mr. Govindan

No Report

Finance SubCommittee, by Mr. Burke

No Report

Policy SubCommittee, by Mr. Fly

No Report

Personnel SubCommittee, by Mr. Adams

Mr. Adams reported the SubCommittee continues to meet work on negotiations.

SPED PAC, by Mr. Burke

No Report

ESBC by Ms. Colletti

Ms. Colletti reported we have two forms to complete, certificate of compliance and MSBA Enrollment Questionnaire.

CCC by Cathy Giunta

Ms. Giunta reported that work on fund raising continues and welcomed any ideas or suggestions.

NEW BUSINESS

STUDENT ATHLETIC FEES FY09

Mr. Wood stated that Mr. King and Mr. O'Brien worked on a proposal for raising the athletic fees they feel comfortable with which is included in your packet. Upon reviewing the proposal, open discussion ensued with the following points made:

Mr. Burke made a suggestion that we increase for Fall and Spring sports only. Mr. O'Brien replied it is hard to pinpoint who will benefit from the turf field project. The biggest reason is because just about every team will benefit with practices, etc. Mr. Burke also stated, we had the intention to build this field last year and put it off to secure funding through fund raising, but we failed. We should increase the fees and if the fund raising kicks in then we can reduce the fees. Mr. Burke feels that we can not go to the town meeting without showing good faith that we are doing what we can to offset the expense of the project.

Ms. CampoBasso is not in favor of increasing the fees, she feels we would be double dipping asking the community to contribute to the Turf Project and pay an increase in fees. She does not feel it is fair to charge athletics when the students who benefit from the auditorium were not charged a fee for the new auditorium. Ms. CampoBasso is also concerned that many of our students who want to try a sport for the first time will be deterred with higher fees. She believes that children in club sports are more likely to drop the school team and continue on in the club. She would rather see an all around fees for "activities" not just sports. Ms. CampoBasso stated she feels with the increase in fees it would put us in the category with the area schools charging the highest user fees.

Mr. Govindan is in support of the increase and would like to see the increase go into a separate fund to offset the turf field project.

Mr. Adams stated that we need to keep in mind that we have made sufficient investments in the program. He would not be in favor of anything over \$25.00 increase; he feels we would start losing students with a higher increase. Mr. Adams also feels the family cap is too high. Mr. Wood replied the family cap is based on a ratio, looking at the number of students already playing, if it were to lower this we would lose the financial benefit. Mr. Adams when he talks to parents regarding athletic fees he reminds people those fees also pay

Mr. Fly stated he does agree that an increase shows goodwill with community that we should decrease once fund raising gets off the ground.

Ms. Giunta stated, we have not had an increase in athletic fees in four years, so therefore, putting aside the project; costs of other athletic related items have increased. Ms. Giunta does think that \$75.00 is too much and does support it across all sports. Ms. Giunta wanted to point out that there is assistance available for those who need it.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Stow Resident stated the current fee of \$150.00 is enough, she feels that raising fees will deter students from participating in school sports and that some residents of the town can not afford an increase in fees.

MOTION

Brian Burke made a motion to increase athletic fees by \$50.00 at the middle school level. Motion not seconded.

MOTION

Don Adams made a motion to increase athletic fees by \$25.00 with a family cap to be \$600.00, amount of increase to be held in separate account to be used for funding of the Turf Field Project seconded by Brian Burke **MOTION FAILED**

MOTION

Richard Fly made a motion to increase athletic fees by \$50.00 with a family cap to be \$800.00, amount of increase to be held in separate account to be used for funding of the Turf Field Project seconded by Mel Govindan **IN FAVOR:** Cathy Giunta, Richard Fly, Lynn Colletti, Brian Burke, Mel Govindan **OPPOSED:** Monica CampoBasso and Don Adams **VOTED AND PASSED. (5-2-0)**

OLD BUSINESS

No old business

MOTION

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Aleta Masterson
Executive Assistant

