

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Appendix II**

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

May 15, 2008

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE:** Brian Burke, Monica CampoBasso, Richard Fly, Don Adams, Cathy Giunta, Mel Govindan, Lynn Colletti (arrived at 6:04) and Ex-Officio Cristina Shea.

**ABSENT:** David Horne

**ADMINISTRATION IN ATTENDANCE:** Michael Wood, Superintendent of Schools

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Cathy Giunta called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM in the Superintendent Office.

**ORGANIZATION OF NEW SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**MOTION**

Brian Burke made a motion to Re-Elect Cathy Giunta as School Committee Chairman for 2008-2009 seconded by Monica CampoBasso **IN FAVOR:** Richard Fly, Monica CampoBasso, Don Adams, Cathy Giunta, Brian Burke and Mel Govindan **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

**MOTION**

Monica CampoBasso made a motion to Re-Elect Brian Burke as School Committee Vice-Chairman for 2008-2009 seconded by Don Adams **IN FAVOR:** Richard Fly, Monica CampoBasso, Don Adams, Cathy Giunta, Brian Burke and Mel Govindan **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

**APPROVAL OF THE WARRANTS OF May 16, 2008**

<b><u>WARRANT NO.</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>DESCRIPTION</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
2882	5/16/08	VENDOR	\$ 404,190.81
2883	5/16/08	Benefit	\$ 406,291.21
2884	5/16/08	Payroll	\$1,048,597.18

**MOTION**

Brian Burke a motion to approve the warrants as detailed in the memo dated 5/16/08 and noted above and seconded by Monica CampoBasso **IN FAVOR:** Richard Fly, Monica CampoBasso, Don Adams, Cathy Giunta, Brian Burke, Lynn Colletti and Mel Govindan **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

**APPROVAL OF THE May 1, 2008 MINUTES**

**MOTION**

Monica CampoBasso made a motion to approve the minutes of May 1, 2008, as amended and seconded by Don Adams **IN FAVOR:** Cathy Giunta, Mel Govindan, Richard Fly, Monica CampoBasso, Don Adams, Lynn Colletti, and Brian Burke **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Wood directed the Committee to the memo from the DOE approving of Nashoba Technology Plan.

## **RECOGNITION**

Mr. Wood, along with the School Committee, thanked Cristina for her dedication and commitment to the School Committee and wished her success next year in college; Cristina will be attending Stamford in the Fall.

## **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:

1. FY 09 BUDGET
2. TRACK AND FIELD FINANCE QUESTION
3. RETIREMENT GALA
4. STUDENT ATHLETIC FEE
5. LATE BUS
6. EARLY EDUCATION AND CARE UNIVERSAL PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM
7. CHAPTER 70
8. REGIONAL SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION
9. EXPANDED LEARNING TIME GRANTS
10. FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN
11. CHARTER SCHOOLS

## **SCHOOL COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

Mr. Wood directed the Committee to review the proposed 2008-2009 Committee and SubCommittee Calendar. Ms. Giunta requested the committee members to email her and let her know if they have a preference for a subcommittee before she makes assignments. Mr. Wood made the suggestion to consider meeting on Wednesday nights. Ms. Giunta will develop a model if the subcommittees were to merge into three subcommittees; the Committee will revisit and vote at the next meeting, June 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Ex-Officio Report by Ms. Shea**

Ms. Shea reviewed her report, topics included;

#### **1. Sports:**

- a. Baseball
  - i. 8 games left in the season
  - ii. need to win 5, or finish 2nd in league play in order to make playoffs
- b. Track
  - i. Boys lost to Westboro on Tuesday, as did the girls
  - ii. This Saturday both boys and girls are participating in District Class Meet
- c. Boys Lacrosse
  - i. 10-4
  - ii. In the playoffs, trying to get better seed by winning games

#### **2. Drama Banquet:**

- a. Was two Sundays ago at the Nashoba Winery
- b. Regardless of cold weather, it was a success
- c. James Gold won best actor and Meaghan O'Toole won best actress
- d. 70 people attended

3. **Relay for Life**

- a. weather not too great on Friday
- b. still many participants and a considerable amount of money raised

4. **Mr. Nashoba**

- a. Made nearly \$1000 for the Alison Murphy and Frankie DeMeo scholarship foundations
- b. Final three: James Gold (massage-routine on 5 girls simultaneously to techno music), Anthony Raduazo (who played a Spanish guitar interpretation of Britney Spears), and Elliot Dawson (who beatboxed with kitchen supplies)
- c. In the end, Elliot Dawson took home the title

5. **Senior News**

- a. Field Trip to High Meadow, CT- next Friday

**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**

No Report

**SPED PAC, by Mr. Burke**

Mr. Burke reported that next Wednesday SPED PAC will be holding a presentation entitled "Yelling Doesn't Work" more information is available on the website and listserv.

**ESBC by Ms. Colletti**

No Report

**CCC by Cathy Giunta**

No Report

**NEW BUSINESS**

**STUDENT LATE BUS FY09**

Mr. Wood advised the committee of the late bus proposal for 2008-2009 in the packet resulting from Mr. Martin's request from a previous School Committee Meeting to provide a late bus. The cost would be approximately \$12,800 for the following plan. We could go to Shaw's going east to Stow and Route 117 to 70 going west to Route 2 and then traveling back to the Lancaster bus parking lot. Bolton students could be dropped off at the Country Cupboard, Bolton Orchards, and Future Electronics driveway. Parents would have to be there for pick up. The exact stops are yet to be determined. Mr. Wood recommends that we go forward with this for a full (pilot) year without a fee in the first year and if it proves to be successful (i.e. an average of 25 riders on each bus or 100 students four nights each week) then we could discuss a fee during the budget FY 10 process. If we stay at 29 buses in the routing, as we expect to, there would be enough in the transportation account.

Mr. Wood feels the real reason for the late bus is to hold kids accountable without the worry of how they are going to get home, they would have no excuse for not seeking the extra help from teachers.

Mr. Govindan questioned the scheduling of after school help and practices . Mr. Wood replied that Mr. Roche and Mr. O'Brien would schedule so that all students were released to catch the bus.

Mr. Burke believes the late bus and parking fee issues should be together. We should “throw out the carrot” to the community by raising parking fees and not charging for late bus.

Ms. CampoBasso stated she likes the carrot idea and thinks a late bus is a real service to parents.

Ms. Colletti raised a concern about dropping students off at Future Electronics, especially in the Fall season when it will be dark out. Mr. Wood stated it is currently a regular bus stop. Ms. CampoBasso stated she is against “babysitting” there has to be some responsibility from parents. Mr. Burke disagrees and thinks that there is a problem with dropping students off when it’s getting dark. Ms. Giunta replied these students are high school students, we can put a policy in place that parents can sign stating that the children will be dropped off at certain locations and put the responsibility on them to make sure they are picked up from drop off location. Mr. Burke replied, “Perhaps I was wrong regarding the maturity of the students, maybe my concerns are unwarranted”.

Mr. Adams stated he believes the late bus and parking fee issues should be separated, suggested that this is a topic for the student advisory council. Mr. Adams questioned what happens if a parent is not there for pick up? Mr. Wood replied the first run they would have to stay on the bus and be dropped off on the second run.

Mr. Fly feels that raising parking fees will result in only the “poor” kids will be on bus and the “rich” kids will still be driving.

Ms. Giunta will research Minute Man late bus details.

### **HOT LUNCH PRICES FY09**

Mr. Wood directed the Committee to the memo dated April 23, 2008 from Mr. King to Mr. Wood recommending the school lunch price increase from \$2.50 to \$2.75. Open discussion ensued after review memo.

Ms. CampoBasso stated she wonders how the implementation of the healthy policy has impacted the decline in lunch sales. Mr. Wood replied that all our May items are the best sellers, last week it did not seem to make much difference.

Mr. Burke stated that Mr. King has really researched this issue well, and commended him on his research and effort. Mr. Burke stated there seems to be a real conflict on what is healthy and what sells.

Ms. Colletti thinks lunches are expensive for kids who buy double lunches or bring lunch and also buy. Mr. Wood stated that kids are not allowed to buy doubles. Mr. Wood stated there are 5 items on each tray, we are required to provide certain items for selection and feels there is enough food that if students are still hungry it’s because they are throwing some items away.

### **MOTION**

Brian Burke made a motion to increase the hot lunch prices by \$.25 to \$2.75 per meal as outlined in the memo dated April 23, 2008 from Mr. King to Mr. Wood seconded by Lynn Colletti **IN FAVOR:** Richard Fly, Monica CampoBasso, Don Adams, Cathy Giunta, Brian Burke and Mel Govindan **OPPOSED:** Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. (6-1-0)**

**POLICIES – FIRST READING**

Mr. Wood directed the committee to the policies provided in the packet. The Committee reviewed each policy and open discussion ensued addressing each policy as reviewed. Committee passed 1<sup>st</sup> reading motions on the following policies and asked the Policy Committee to reevaluate the remaining policies with changes indicated in red and deletions indicated with strikeout.

**MOTION**

Richard Fly made a motion to accept the first reading of the Student Illness or Injury policy seconded by Don Adams **IN FAVOR:** Richard Fly, Monica CampoBasso, Don Adams, Cathy Giunta, Brian Burke, Lynn Colletti and Mel Govindan **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

**MOTION**

Don Adams made a motion to accept the first reading of the Student Health Services and Requirements policy seconded by Monica CampoBasso **IN FAVOR:** Richard Fly, Monica CampoBasso, Don Adams, Cathy Giunta, Brian Burke, Lynn Colletti and Mel Govindan **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

**MOTION**

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

**MOTION**

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

**SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT**

Mr. Wood directed the Committee to review the Special Education Transportation Contract memo dated May 9, 2008 from Mr. King to Mr. Wood found in their packet and recommended the School Committee to authorize the administration to extend the contract of Robert L. McCarthy and Sons for special education transportation for three years at an annual increase of 4% over the life of the contract.

**MOTION**

Monica CampoBasso made a motion to extend the contract of Robert L. McCarthy and Sons for special education transportation for three years at an annual increase of 4% over the life of the contract seconded by Brian Burke **IN FAVOR:** Richard Fly, Monica CampoBasso, Don Adams, Cathy Giunta, Brian Burke, Lynn Colletti and Mel Govindan **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

**COPIER CONTRACT**

Mr. Wood directed the Committee to review the Copy Machine Contract memo dated May 9, 2008 from Mr. King to Mr. Wood in their packet and recommended the School Committee approve a five year contract with Oce beginning in August of 2008. Mr. Wood stated Mr. King has done comprehensive research, this package is \$60,000. a year less than the current lease with Xerox.

**MOTION**

Mel Govindan made a motion to approve a five year contract with Oce beginning in August of 2008, seconded by Don Adams **IN FAVOR:** Richard Fly, Monica CampoBasso, Don Adams, Cathy Giunta, Brian Burke, Lynn Colletti and Mel Govindan **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

**STUDENT ACTIVITY GUIDELINES WAIVER**

Mr. Wood directed the Committee to review the Student Activity Fund Policy Waiver memo dated May 9, 2008 from Mr. King to Mr. Wood. Mr. Lauritano, Class of 2007 Treasurer, has requested a waiver of the Student Activity Fund Policy to use \$500. of the approx. \$2000. for future reunion purposes, the remainder to be given to a local scholarship fund. Mr. King has recommended the School Committee waive the guidelines for the Class of 2007 and allow the disbursement as requested by Mr. Lauritano.

**MOTION**

Monica CampoBasso made a motion to waive the guidelines for the Class of 2007 and allow the disbursement as requested by Mr. Lauritano. seconded by Don Adams **IN FAVOR:** Richard Fly, Monica CampoBasso, Don Adams, Cathy Giunta, Brian Burke, Lynn Colletti and Mel Govindan **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**RECONSIDERATION OF ATHLETIC FEES**

Committee had an open discussion regarding reconsidering the increase in the athletic fees that were approved prior to the Town Meeting rejecting the Turf Field, open discussion ensued with following concerns raised.

Ms. CampoBasso stated she is still strongly opposed to increasing athletic fees, when we do not have them for other activities.

Mr. Burked stated the Finance SubCommittee needs to take a comprehensive look at all fees.

Ms. Colletti asked if we are confident we can raise the money for the turf field. Ms. Giunta replied we are confident we can raise the money, we are just not sure of the timeframe.

Mr. Adams stated he feels that increasing the athletic fees was a “knee jerk” reaction prior to the Town Meetings. Mr. Fly does not think it’s an issue to hold back until next year with the increase, absent the field, but does not feel the increase was a “knee jerk” reaction. Mr. Govindan agreed with Mr. Fly and does not think it was a “knee jerk” reaction, it was well thought out, and does not feel it is necessary to put it off.

**MOTION TO RECONSIDER**

Brian Burke made a motion to reconsider the motion from the 5/1/08 School Committee meeting to increase athletic fees seconded by Lynn Colletti **IN FAVOR:** Monica CampoBasso, Don Adams, Brian Burke, Lynn Colletti **OPPOSED:** Cathy Giunta, Richard Fly and Mel Govindan **VOTED AND PASSED. (4-3-0)**

**MOTION**

Brian Burke made a motion to continue business after 9:00 pm seconded by Don Adams **IN FAVOR:** Richard Fly, Monica CampoBasso, Don Adams, Cathy Giunta, Brian Burke, Lynn Colletti and Mel Govindan **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

NONE

**MOTION**

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Aleta Masterson  
Executive Assistant

**NOTES**