

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

April 14, 2011

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE: Brian Burke, Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Mel Govindan, Lynn Colletti (arrived at 6:05), and Reta Rupich

ABSENT: George Babich

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Burke called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the School Committee Conference Room.

CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda included:

April 1, 2011 Warrants

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3148	04/01/11	VENDOR	\$ 281,653.30
3149	04/01/11	BENEFIT	\$ 577,953.19
3150	04/01/11	PAYROLL	\$1,145,490.63

April 15, 2011 Warrants

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3151	04/15/11	VENDOR	\$ 509,758.70
3152	04/15/11	BENEFIT	\$ 64,641.92
3153	04/15/11	PAYROLL	\$1,150,230.10

Minutes of the March 17, 2011 meeting

CORRESPONDENCE

Stow Citizens Correspondence
School Choice Correspondence

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:

- ❖ Facilities Updated
 - Stow Elementary School Project

- ❖ Finance
 - Senate and House Seek Joint Resolution
 - District Budget Brochure

- ❖ School Committee
 - Tri Town
 - Budget Forums

- ❖ Teaching and Learning Update
 - NEASC Site Visit – Saugus High School
 - District Improvement Upgrade
 - Retirement Gala
 - Last Day of School

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Student Advisory Report

Ms. Cross reported;

- I) Sports Update; Spring sports are off to a good start. Many of our teams' losses have come from Division 1 powerhouse teams.
 - A) Baseball (2,1)
 - B) Softball (1,1)
 - C) Boys' Lacrosse (2,3)
 - D) Girls' Lacrosse (3,2)
 - E) Boys' Tennis (1,1)
 - F) Girls' Tennis (1,2)
 - G) Boys' Track (1,1)
 - H) Girls' Track (2,0)
 - II) April Vacation
 - A) Students are excited to kick off their April vacations as tomorrow will bring the last day of school before the break
 - B) Many students will be traveling over this vacation including a few trips through the high school: including ones to Greece and Italy; students are excited to be exposed to different cultures and customs while overseas
 - III) Nashoba Events
 - A) Last night, the Nashoba English Department hosted a book fair at the Barnes and Noble in Leominster; the night included poetry readings and dramatizations, and was a great fundraiser for the department
 - B) The annual Mr. Nashoba contest will be held on Friday, April 29th at 7:00pm in the high school auditorium; this is a fun competition in which guys from every grade compete in various talent and beauty contests in order to see who will win the title of Mr. Nashoba
- The Nashoba EMT's will be hosting a talent show on Friday, May 6th at 7:00pm in order to raise money for the Relay for Life; this is a great cause and promises to be a fun night

Ms. Federspiel stated she would like to commend the students and Lizzy for the fabulous production of Chicago that was held last weekend.

Mr. Govindan reported that the Robotics Team came in 8th place this year at the Boston competition which meant that Nashoba picked their competitor for the quarter finals which they were eliminated in.

Finance SubCommittee

Mr. Govindan reported the warrants were approved and no other business was conducted.

Personnel SubCommittee

Mr. Burke reported the Personnel SubCommittee met with the Unit A bargaining committee, which will be report during the executive session.

Policy SubCommittee

No Report

ESBC

Ms. Colletti reported we are now six weeks behind schedule; things are moving along and getting better with the hopes that by the next meeting we are back to four weeks behind schedule.

SPED PAC

Mr. Burke reported there is a college fair tonight at the high school with a focus on students with learning difficulties. SPED pack next meeting is Tuesday, May 17th which will be to discuss the action plan for next year. Mr. Burke review upcoming Sped Pac events which can all be found on the district website under the SPED PAC section.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Committee went into Executive Session at 6:38 pm for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's Contract to include school committee members only.

MOTION

Mr. Burke conducted a roll call to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's Contract; seconded by Maureen Busch

Ms. Owen	Yes
Ms. Federspiel	Yes
Ms. Busch	Yes
Ms. Rupich	Yes
Ms. Colletti	Yes
Mr. Burke	Yes
Mr. Govindan	Yes

MOTION

Brian Burke made a motion to reconvene to open session at 6:53 pm; seconded by Mel Govindan

Ms. Owen	Yes
Ms. Federspiel	Yes
Ms. Busch	Yes
Ms. Rupich	Yes
Ms. Colletti	Yes
Mr. Burke	Yes
Mr. Govindan	Yes

NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent's Contract

Mr. Burke advised the Superintendent's contract has been agreed on by the Personnel SubCommittee and the Superintendent. Mr. Burke stated this contract is a 5 year contract as is the existing contract and there are no changes to the new contract except the Superintendent will be granted an additional week vacation and the Superintendent has agreed not to accept any increase in salary next year, the remaining 4 years of the contract will be negotiated prior to determination of the fiscal year budget.

MOTION

Mel Govindan made a motion to approve the Superintendent's contract as negotiated between the Superintendent and the Personnel SubCommittee and dated 3/28/2011 seconded by Kathy Owen **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Lynn Colletti, Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Mel Govindan and Reta Rupich **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

Public Hearing – FY12 Budget

Mr. Wood advised at the town meetings he will be presenting the documents that were previously presented at the beginning of the budget process that being the 12 slides. Mr. Wood advised that the budget as not changed since it was presented to the School Committee at the beginning of the budget process. Mr. Wood stated that the three year average increase is slighted over 1% and it is important to mention this is a level services budget and there will be no reduction in programs.

OLD BUSINESS

Letter of Intent – Use of Pompo

Mr. Wood advised the final letter is included in tonight's packet. The committee suggested some minor wordsmith/spelling corrections to be done

MOTION

Brian Burke made a motion to approve the memo from Michael Wood to William Wrigley dated 4/14/11 regarding notice of intent to transfer the Pompositticut school, as amended seconded by Lynn Colletti **IN FAVOR:** Brian Burke, Lynn Colletti, Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Mel Govindan and Reta Rupich **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Committee went into Executive Session at 7:20 pm for the purpose of discussing Unit A collective bargaining strategies, discuss litigation strategies and review the executive session minutes to include Michael Wood, George King, and Aleta Masterson no business to be conducted after.

MOTION

Maureen Busch made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing Unit A collective bargaining strategies, discuss litigation strategies and review the executive session minutes to include Michael Wood, George King, and Aleta Masterson seconded by Mel Govindan.

Ms. Owen	Yes
Ms. Federspiel	Yes
Ms. Busch	Yes
Ms. Rupich	Yes
Ms. Colletti	Yes
Mr. Burke	Yes
Mr. Govindan	Yes

MOTION

Mel Govindan made a motion to reconvene to open session at 8:31 pm; seconded by Maureen Busch

Ms. Owen	Yes
Ms. Federspiel	Yes
Ms. Busch	Yes
Ms. Rupich	Yes
Ms. Colletti	Yes
Mr. Burke	Yes
Mr. Govindan	Yes

MOTION

Maureen Busch made a motion to adjourn at 8:31pm, Mr. Burke called the meeting adjourned by Unanimous Consent.

Respectfully Submitted,
Aleta Masterson
Executive Assistant