

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

April 28, 2011

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE: Brian Burke, Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Mel Govindan, George Babich, and Lynn Colletti

ABSENT: Reta Rupich

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Burke called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM in the School Committee Conference Room.

CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda included:

April 29, 2011 Warrants

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3154	04/29/11	VENDOR	\$ 297,946.26
3155	04/29/11	BENEFIT	\$ 889,605.15
3156	04/29/11	PAYROLL	\$1,094,106.04

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CORRESPONDENCE

None

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:

- ❖ Budget Forums
- ❖ Athletic Director Search
- ❖ Facilities Update
- ❖ Annual Town Meetings
- ❖ Administrative Searches

Third Quarter Finance Report

Mr. King reviewed the third quarter report included in the meeting packet.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Student Advisory Report

Mr. Roche provided an update of the activities at the high school including prom/graduation activities, Green Day, sports and student recognitions.

Finance SubCommittee

Mr. Govindan reported the warrants were approved. Mr. Govindan also reported that Mr. Spratt presented three preliminary field options at the high school that we presented as a result of the Gale Associates Study. A final report will be represented in an upcoming meeting.

Personnel SubCommittee

No Report

Policy SubCommittee

No Report

ESBC

Ms. Colletti reported the committee has not met and the project is still ongoing.

SPED PAC

Ms. Finger reported SPED Pac has had a good year with high attendance at the meetings; unified sports also had an overwhelming attendance. Ms. Finger stated that the garden will be planted in May in Lancaster again this year and are also looking ahead for next year.

NEW BUSINESS

High School Schedule

Mr. Roche and Mr. Cote are in attendance tonight. Mr. Roche stated that they are beginning the process of developing the master schedule and determining class sections. Mr. Roche provided an explanation of this process. Mr. Roche explained the difference between the 4 and 5 credit courses. Course offerings are student driven, students elect their courses. Ms. Colletti asked when the 8th grade students select their courses. Mr. O'Brien stated typically the portal is open to high school first but this year all were opened at the same time. Mr. Busch questioned science 4/5 credit courses/labs. Mr. Govindan stated it is almost impossible to get a true lab in during a 45 minute class and still extremely hard during a 70 minute class. Mr. Roche stated he does not believe the staffing changes at the HS will affect the class scheduling, but it is too early to determine that, Mr. Roche will provide an update in a couple months.

Ms. Federspiel and Mr. King left the meeting to attend the Bolton Selectman Meeting at 6:55pm and returned at 7:20 pm.

Twenty-First Century Media

Ms. Pat Fontes, Media Director at NRHS is attending tonight to present a presentation on E-Readers and how they are going to play into the future of education. Ms. Fontes highlighted some of the current cons to E-Readers which include the price of the units and the limitation of sharing downloaded copies and the lack of education materials currently available. Ms. Fontes reviewed the electronic data this is current available, explaining Infotrac and its uses.

OLD BUSINESS

Restraint Policy – Second Reading

Mr. Burke stated he would like to thank the Policy Subcommittee for allowing the SPED community to review for their input. Ms. Federspiel stated this policy is not a new policy but it being reviewed to include the restraint procedure currently being used (CLAM). Ms. Colby, Bolton resident, asked if the person administering the restraint is CALM trained. Ms. Colby stated that she feels she has not been contacted in the time frame that is stated. Mr. Wood will research this. Ms. Cabral, Bolton resident, questioned why the policy is being reviewed. Mr. Wood replied it was a timely manner the policy had not been reviewed in 10 years. Mr. Wood suggested that Ms. Finger include an informational parent workshop on CALM when building the SPED Pac schedule for next year. Ms. Colby suggested this new policy be sent out at the beginning of the school year. The Policy Subcommittee will review with the SPED Director for suggested changes regarding nurse notification/evaluation timelines and bring back to the School Committee for a third reading at a future meeting.

Superintendent's Evaluation

Mr. Burke stated the last item on the agenda is the Superintendent's evaluation which was emailed to SC members this afternoon before the meeting, Mr. Burke advised he is going to call a 25 minute recess to allow everyone a chance to review the superintendent evaluation documents. Mr. Wood stated he objects as he has not had the opportunity to review the source documents because they were not provided and the final evaluation was just forwarded today three hours prior to the meeting. Mr. Govindan stated he does not think it is fair to ask the committee to review the documents during a 25 minute recess period and asked for the item to be removed from tonight's agenda to allow the members to review the evaluation and source documents.

Mr. Burke called a 25 minute recess at 8:10 pm.

Mr. Govindan, Mr. Babich, Ms. Owen left the meeting at 8:20pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm due to a lack of quorum.

Respectfully Submitted,
Aleta Masterson
Executive Assistant