

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

January 19, 2012

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Julie Fay, Reta Rupich, George Babich, Jeff Odell and Lynn Colletti (arrived at 6:05)

**ADMINISTRATION IN ATTENDANCE:** Michael Wood, Superintendent, George King, Assistant Superintendent

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Topics on consent agenda included:

**January 20, 2012 Warrants**

| <u>WARRANT NO.</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u>  |
|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 3214               | 1/20/12     | VENDOR             | \$ 389,301.64  |
| 3215               | 1/20/12     | BENEFIT            | \$ 337,307.55  |
| 3216               | 1/20/12     | PAYROLL            | \$1,159,066.27 |

Regular Meeting Minutes of the January 5, 2012 meeting  
Executive Sessions minutes from May 12, 2011, May 26, 2011, June 9, 2011 and December 22, 2011

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Student Advisory Report**

No Report

**Finance SubCommittee**

Ms. Busch reported the warrants were approved, no other business was conducted.

**Personnel SubCommittee**

Ms. Federspiel stated there is no report, but advised the Personnel Subcommittee will meet soon to begin working on the Superintendent's contract negotiations.

**Policy SubCommittee**

Ms. Federspiel reported the subcommittee met last week to continue work on the social network policy. The committee will continue working on this at the next meeting.

**ESBC**

Mr. Wood reported

**SPED PAC**

Ms. Owen reported the next meeting is next week at the high school.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Bolton Resident Athletic Complex Corr.  
Stow Selectmen Athletic Complex Corr.  
Stow Resident Athletic Complex Corr.  
Lancaster Selectmen Athletic Complex Corr.  
Calendar Corr.  
Standards Based Report Cards Corr.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

Mr. Wood's provided an oral report to the committee. Topics included:

- ❖ Center School Building Project
- ❖ January 17<sup>th</sup> Professional Development Day
- ❖ Assistive Technology for Communication
- ❖ SPED Pac
- ❖ Central Office Staff Changes

**NEW BUSINESS**

**DECA Donation**

Mr. Wood advised the DECA Club at NRHS has received a \$1500 donation from Clinton Savings Bank, the donation was made with no restrictions on DECA club use.

**MOTION**

George Babich made a motion to accept the \$1500 donation from Clinton Savings Bank to the NRHS DECA Club; seconded by Jeff Odell **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Jeffrey Odell, Julie Fay, Lynn Colletti, George Babich and Reta Rupich **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**2012-2013 SY Calendar**

Mr. Wood advised there is no change to the 2012-2013 SY calendar that was presented at the last meeting. Mr. Wood is recommending the school committee adopt the presented calendar. The committee discussed the PTC and PD days in April coming to the consensus to move the ER PTC days from April 25<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> to April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> and the PD day from April 26<sup>th</sup> to April 12<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION**

Maureen Busch made a motion to adopt the 2012-2013 SY calendar as amended to include moving the ER PTC days on April 25<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> to April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> and move the PD Day of April 26<sup>th</sup> to April 12<sup>th</sup>; seconded by George Babich **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Jeffrey Odell, Julie Fay, Lynn Colletti, George Babich and Reta Rupich **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

### **Discussion of Athletic Complex – Next Steps**

Mr. Wood advised he has met with the member town's FinCom, Administrators and Selectman and stated it was the overwhelming desire for the school committee's action not to force the towns to hold a special meeting, but rather to address this at the annual town meeting. Mr. Wood stated it is in the best interest for safety reasons of the track to vote this at an earlier date.

Mr. Spratt advised he has met with the Bolton Building Department, the Conservation Commission, and the Planning Board. Mr. Spratt stated that Bolton has passed a law that even if a building is not being built but you are doing major landscape renovations it needs authorization from the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Spratt stated there is no conservation issues so therefore it should be a fairly easy process but warned that when you are working with boards that only meet once a month and it could take a couple meetings to finalize you could be looking at a couple months to get a final approval, it did not appear from our meeting that approval would be challenging, it is simply a timing issue. Mr. Spratt advised that if we are going to go through this process his recommendation is to go ahead and move forward now with the permitting process regardless of the funding process.

Ms. Federspiel stated she feels the project is worthwhile and should be pursued, but would like to suggest the vote be delayed to not push the towns into the 60 day window of a special town meeting. Ms. Federspiel asked each school committee member to voice their opinions regarding the voting process of the project. Ms. Busch stated we could use the extra time to education the public and clear up some misconceptions and that we need to make the public aware that we will be retiring one bond and taking on this new one so the budget impact will not be as large. After open conversations it was the census of the committee to hold the vote and not force the towns into a special meeting situation.

Mr. Wood recommended at the next meeting the project option should be voted.

### **CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

#### **MOTION**

George Babich made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 pm seconded by Reta Rupich **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Jeffrey Odell, Julie Fay, Lynn Colletti, George Babich and Reta Rupich **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Aleta Masterson  
Executive Assistant