

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

October 13, 2011

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE: Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Jeff Odell, Julie Fay, George Babich and Lynn Colletti

ABSENT: Reta Rupich

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

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Federspiel called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM in the School Committee Conference Room.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Student Advisory Report

Ms. Bennett reported on the following topics;

- 50th Anniversary events at HS
- NRHS Band
- NRHS Sports
- Drama Program
- Best Buddies, stand by to bullying event
- Regional Student Advisory Council

Finance SubCommittee

Ms. Busch reported Gale Assoc. provided a presentation on their findings tonight; a presentation to the full committee will be made at a later date after the finance subcommittee has discussed.

Personnel SubCommittee

No Report

Policy SubCommittee

No Report

ESBC

Ms. Colletti reported the site contractor quit, but the building contractor advised the project is on schedule, there has not been a committee meeting since the last report.

SPED PAC

Ms. Owen reported SPED Pac met last night and advised we have a high school junior who is working on her girl scout gold star award and is looking into starting a club in Bolton for the special needs students and regular students to have more interaction with each other to prompt awareness and acceptance in the younger grades. Ms. Owen advised that Assabet Valley has some workshops and are posted on the website to check out.

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:

- ❖ TriTown Meetings
- ❖ Collaborative update on the irregularities of some state collaborative recently in the news
- ❖ Teacher Evaluation Workshop
- ❖ MCAS Overview
- ❖ Stow Building Project
- ❖ Student advisory council meeting
- ❖ Sustainability Committee

CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda included:

October 14, 2011 Warrants

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3193	10/14/11	VENDOR	\$ 588,464.31
3194	10/14/11	BENEFIT	\$ 27,361.59
3195	10/14/11	PAYROLL	\$1,177,113.41

Minutes of the September 15, 2011 meeting

CORRESPONDENCE

Larsen Apple Barn Correspondence

Ms. Fay advised a parent questioned why there were not any “No Idling” signs in the Lancaster pick up line; Ms. Fay contacted Mr. Spratt and situation was taken care of.

Ms. Fay also advised she received parent feedback regarding scheduling of days off and ER days around state holidays and not federal.

Ms. Federspiel advised she has received parent questions regarding students riding buses that they are not assigned to and the length of the pick up line.

Ms. Federspiel advised she also received a concern from a parent that there was no HS science/math representation on the principal search committee.

NEW BUSINESS

SOI Science Lab Retrofit

Mr. Wood advised the MBA has put out a Statement of Interest which is there request for interest. Mr. Wood advised we currently have ten labs and have fifteen rooms that could be retrofitted for uses of all science applications. Mr. Wood advised the finance subcommittee will have further discussions and report back to the full committee with their recommendations.

MCAS Presentation Part I

Mr. Wood presented an MCAS power point presentation of the students in the district that scored Proficient or higher on the MCAS. Mr. Wood explained the trends in the district and individual schools as he reviewed the presentation. The committee discussed scenarios for the dips and trends, such as teacher changes and town to town demographics. Mr. Wood advised that Part II of the MCAS presentation series will be the principals will present their action plans for this year and the successes of their action plans for last year.

OLD BUSINESS

District Improvement Goals

Mr. Wood advised the revised District Improvement Plan is included in the packet; the revision includes a goal for communication and sustainability. Mr. Odell stated he would still like to see a goal centered on school culture and how the teacher feels about their individual school culture. Mr. Wood advised that information is collected every year in teacher surveys and he will have the data compiled to report out to the school committee. Mr. Wood advised this is a living working document and can be revised at any time.

MOTION

George Babich made a motion to accept the District Improvement Plan as presented with the possibility of future amendments seconded by Jeff Odell **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Jeffrey Odell, Julie Fay, Lynn Colletti and George Babich **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Committee went into Executive Session at 8:03 pm for the purpose of discussing negotiations status regarding the expired Unit C contract and to include Michael Wood, George King and Aleta Masterson with no business to be conducted after.

MOTION

Maureen Busch made a motion to go into executive session at 8:03 pm for the purpose of discussing negotiations status regarding the expired Unit C contract and to include Michael Wood, George King and Aleta Masterson with no business to be conducted after; seconded by Nancy Federspiel

- Ms. Owen Yes
- Ms. Federspiel Yes
- Ms. Busch Yes
- Mr. Odell Yes
- Ms. Fay Yes
- Mr. Babich Yes
- Ms. Colletti Yes

MOTION

George Babich made a motion to reconvene to open session at 8:28 pm; seconded by Maureen Busch

Ms. Owen	Yes
Ms. Federspiel	Yes
Ms. Busch	Yes
Mr. Odell	Yes
Ms. Fay	Yes
Mr. Babich	Yes
Ms. Colletti	Yes

MOTION

George Babich made a motion to adjourn at 8:29 pm seconded by Nancy Federspiel **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Jeffrey Odell, Julie Fay, Lynn Colletti and George Babich **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

Respectfully Submitted,
Aleta Masterson
Executive Assistant