

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

October 27, 2011

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Student Advisory Report

Ms. Bennett reported on the following topics;

- Homecoming
- Model UN
- Chieftain fall athletics
- Bi-Annual Career day at NRHS

Finance SubCommittee

Ms. Busch reported the finance subcommittee is discussing the field presentation options and Gale will be back to present the findings to the entire committee at a later date.

Personnel SubCommittee

Ms. Federspiel reported during the new business section of tonight's meeting Mr. Wood will discuss the Unit C contract negotiations.

Policy SubCommittee

Ms. Federspiel reported policy subcommittee met last week and will be presented four policies for first reading tonight.

ESBC

No report

SPED PAC

No report

CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda included:

October 28, 2011 Warrants

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3196	10/28/11	VENDOR	\$ 372,947.00
3197	10/28/11	BENEFIT	\$ 855,636.78
3198	10/28/11	PAYROLL	\$1,170,934.73

Minutes of the October 13, 2011 meeting

CORRESPONDENCE

NRSD and Solar Correspondence
School Ceremonies Policy Correspondence

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Topics of Mr. Wood report included:

- ❖ Sustainability Sub Committee
- ❖ Meeting with Early Education Staff regarding full day kindergarten
- ❖ Move to the new school in Stow
- ❖ Meeting with the HS administration and Depart. Chair for the Science Dept. to begin our needs assessment for the statement of interest for the lab renovation.
- ❖ Hale baseball field project
- ❖ Center School building project update

MCAS ACTION PLANS – MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Mr. Wood advised the middle school principals, Patrick Perkins, Joel Bates and George King and Special Ed Director, Tracy Conte are attending the meeting tonight to present their MCAS action plans. Mr. Wood advised first will be a podcast presentation from the DESE on the Growth Model. Each Principal reviewed their action plans for ELA, Math and Science. The committee discussed the trends in the science results compared to the state scores. Mr. Wood advised that the high school grade 10 science test is a completely different test than what is given in grade 8. Grade 8 science is earth science and grade 10 is biology. Ms. Federspiel asked if we do decide to “spiral teach” how would this be accomplished. Mr. Wood advised a committee to review the science curriculum would be developed. Mr. Bates advised the MCAS tests are hand graded by state educators. Mr. Perkins advised this year his 6th grade science teacher is going to loop to 7th in hopes of seeing better performance, this is a trial year and results will be reviewed next year. Mr. King reviewed the Hale plan and advised this year the teachers are attending vertical team planning meetings to reinforce vertical teaching from grade to grade. Ms. Conte reported that student growth percentiles in special education are above the state average for special education students.

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading of Policies

- Policy KE – Public Access to the School Committee and process for resolution of public concerns
- Policy IMD – School Ceremonies and Observances
- Policy GBA – Equal Opportunity Employment Policy
- Policy IHAM1 – Parental Notification Relative to Sex Education

Ms. Federspiel advised the policy subcommittee has reviewed the above policies and are being presented tonight for a first reading and reviewed the proposed changes. Ms. Federspiel advised these policies will go back to Policy Subcommittee for final review/revisions with suggested changes stated tonight made and will be presented for second reading at the next school committee meeting.

First Quarter Report

Mr. King provided the FY12 first quarter financial status report and reviewed same. Mr. King advised there no concerns with this budget and the audit is complete.

MIIA Early Retiree Program Funds

Mr. King advised that on our behalf MIIA applied for Early Retirement Reinsurance Programs funds in the amount of \$30,420. Mr. King advised there are three ways these funds can be used; option 1 is a distribution of the entire reimbursement as a one-time reduction to one month's working rates; option 2 is reduce working rates for the remaining months of the current plan year; option 3 is used together with any future additional reimbursements, to reduce working rates for the next plan year. Mr. King recommended we use option 1.

MOTION

Jeff Odell made a motion to accept Mr. King's recommendation and accept the MIIA ERRP reimbursement funds in the amount of \$30,420 to be used in its entirety for a one-time reduction of one month's working rates, seconded by George Babich **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Jeffrey Odell, Julie Fay, Lynn Colletti, Reta Rupich and George Babich **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

Release of October 13, 2011 Executive Session Minutes

MOTION

Jeff Odell made a motion to make public the executive session minutes of October 13, 11 seconded by Nancy Federspiel **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Jeffrey Odell, Julie Fay, Lynn Colletti, Reta Rupich and George Babich **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

Private School Approvals

Mr. Wood advised he visited Dr. Franklin Perkins School, Browning Elementary/So. Lancaster Academy, Robert F. Kennedy Action Corps., Inc, and Stepping Stones and they have met all the requirements on the checklist and is recommending them for private school approval within the district.

MOTION

George Babich made a motion to accept the recommendation of Michael Wood as noted in the memo dated 10/20/11 to approve the Dr. Franklin Perkins School, Browning Elementary/So. Lancaster Academy, Robert F. Kennedy Action Corps., Inc, and Stepping Stones, all private schools within the Nashoba District and seconded by Maureen Busch **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Jeffrey Odell, Julie Fay, Lynn Colletti, Reta Rupich and George Babich **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

OLD BUSINESS

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

NONE

MOTION

Reta Rupich made a motion to adjourn at 8:07 pm seconded by George Babich **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Jeffrey Odell, Julie Fay, Lynn Colletti, Reta Rupich and George Babich **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

Respectfully Submitted,
Aleta Masterson
Executive Assistant