

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

September 1, 2011

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda included:

September 2, 2011 Warrants

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3184	09/02/11	VENDOR	\$ 270,425.21
3185	09/02/11	BENEFIT	\$ 608,686.93
3186	09/02/11	PAYROLL	\$1,021,575.57

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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:

- ❖ **Back to School Update**
- ❖ **Hale Baseball Field Update**
- ❖ **Parental reminder of seat belts provided on our buses**
- ❖ **Center School Building Project Update**
- ❖ **Google Applications Update**
- ❖ **Nashoba Going Green**
- ❖ **Collaboratives in the news**

Introduction of New Administrators

Mr. Wood introduced the four new administrators, Ralph Olsen, Interim Principal at the High School; Laura Friend, Assistant Principal at MRE; Karen Donato, Assistant Principal at Pompo/Center; Julie Flynn, Assistant Principal at Emerson/FSS.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Student Advisory Report

Ms. Bennett reported on the start of the year at the high school, topics covered were:

- ❖ The look of the new café
- ❖ The elimination of progress reports at the high school
- ❖ Career Night
- ❖ Friends of Music events
- ❖ Drama
- ❖ Sports
- ❖ Robotics

Finance SubCommittee

Ms. Busch reported there is nothing new to report, other than warrants were signed during the summer months and Gale Associates will be presenting their findings at an October meeting.

Personnel SubCommittee

Ms. Federspiel reported the committee met during the summer months and will be meeting again tonight following the regular meeting, a report will follow shortly.

Policy SubCommittee

No Report

ESBC

Ms. Colletti reported the committee met last week and provided updates on the project.

SPED PAC

No Report

Summer Enrichment Update

Mr. Wood advised that unfortunately only eight families signed up for this program so it was not run. Mr. Wood advised that it will be reintroduced a little earlier next year. Ms. Fay reported that Clinton runs a similar program which is much less expensive.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

District Improvement Goals

Mr. Wood advised that per MGL the district is required to develop district improvement goals. Mr. Wood reviewed his memo in the packet tonight that overviewed of the district improvement plan included in the packet tonight detailing how the goals were developed looking at money, personnel and time when determining each goal. Mr. Wood reviewed the three main goal areas, Sustainable Educational Resources, Identified Set of Indicators of Parity and Unity, and Materials, Space and Technology. Mr. Wood also reviewed the priorities listed under these categories. Ms. Federspiel advised that this plan will need to be voted on at the next meeting, therefore members should review and bring any concerns to the attention of the committee or Superintendent in the next couple weeks. Mr. Odell raised his concerns about the format of the chart and concerns regarding math and ELA initiatives and the order of these two. Ms. Federspiel advised that the math and ela topics are driven by the MCAS scores, which is why they are listed in the order they are. Mr. Wood advised per DESE we can't report testing results until they are officially released by DESE. Mr. Wood asked if the committee would like to see a Green goal added to the improvement plan, general consensus was the committee would like to see this added.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Kathleen King, Stow resident, attended to voice her frustration regarding the math, biology, science and computer science class offered/not being offered at the high school. The committee discussed the scheduling issues at the high school. Ms. Federspiel suggested she keep working with the guidance department at the high until a resolution is reached.

Kathy O'Keefe, Stow resident attending tonight to voice her concerns regarding the bus route for her child. Mr. Wood and Mr. King will research the bus routes.

Lynn Colletti made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 pm; seconded by George Babich **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Jeff Odell, Julie Fay, and Reta Rupich, George Babich and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

Respectfully Submitted,
Aleta Masterson
Executive Assistant