

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

September 15, 2011

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

**ABSENT:** Lynn Colletti and Julie Fay

**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.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Topics on consent agenda included:

**September 16, 2011 Warrants**

<b><u>WARRANT NO.</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>DESCRIPTION</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
3187	09/16/11	VENDOR	\$ 391,422.02
3188	09/16/11	BENEFIT	\$ 60,515.61
3189	09/16/11	PAYROLL	\$1,154,075.79

Minutes of the September 1, 2011 meeting

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Stow Citizen regarding HS Scheduling

**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:

- ❖ NRHS was listed in the Top 50 High Schools in the Commonwealth by Boston Magazine
- ❖ Open house at all the schools in the district
- ❖ Center school building project
- ❖ High school class schedules
- ❖ High school principal search

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Student Advisory Report**

Ms. Bennett reported on the following topics;  
50Th anniversary news,

- This year for class competitions, instead of hallway decorations, we're doing class parade floats.
  - Each class is assigned a different era.
  - 60's: juniors
  - 70's: freshmen
  - 80's: seniors
  - 90's: sophomores
- Shirts celebrating this 50th event are being made.

### Clubs

- Programming club met Wednesday to discuss what to cover for the year.
- Best Buddies has a great program this year!
- Quidditch club is starting again for it's 3rd year with juniors Louise Bennett and Morgan Livoli.
- Model UN had its first meeting Monday. They discussed what conferences to go to.
- Babel magazine, a weekly language magazine started up two days ago.
- The Newspaper club has more members than last year and hopes to have monthly releases.

### Sports

- Football: Won their first game against Wachusett 14-7. They were defending the Superbowl 1A Championship. Tomorrow there is a game with Fitchburg at 7
- Girl's soccer: Currently 4-0, the girl's soccer team is doing very well. They beat Shrewsbury for the first time since 2002 5-0. They have a game tonight at 5.
- Boy's soccer: they lost to Groton-Dunstable for their first game. They face Marlboro tonight at 5.
- Golf: they are currently 4-0. This afternoon they face Marlboro.
- Field Hockey: 3-0 with wins over Lunenburg, Ashland, and Tahanto.
- Volleyball: 0-3, but they did have tough opponents.
- XC-Both teams lost against Shrewsbury, but both beat Quabin.
- School spirit is on the rise school-wide!

### Drama

- The play this year will be "The Man Who Came to Dinner"

### **Finance Subcommittee**

Ms. Busch reported the finance committee met tonight and approved the warrants. Ms. Busch report they have received the final report from Gale but are waiting to report findings to the school committee until a representative from Gale can attend to present their findings.

### **Personnel Subcommittee**

Ms. Federspiel reported the committee met tonight with Unit C representative but are still in negotiations so therefore nothing can be reported to the school committee yet.

### **Policy Subcommittee**

Mr. Babich reported the committee met last week. Mr. Babich reported the committee reviewed the policies they will be reviewing this year but the main topic of the meeting was about developing a social networking policy.

### **ESBC**

Mr. Wood advised the committee meets again in October. Mr. Wood advised the complainant that had filed the open meeting violation has withdrawn the complaint.

### **SPED PAC**

No Report

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**District Improvement Goals**

Ms. Federspiel advised the District Improvement Plan is provided in the packet and reviewed each category. Ms. Federspiel then asked the committee if any of the members have anything they would like added to this document or require explanations on any topic. Mr. Wood advised that he has just met with the sustainability committee and just added a few lines to place mark it. Mr. Odell stated that on the reading and writing, it appears the measures are just a restatement of the strategic category and does not supply measures and would like it designed a little different to show the measures. Mr. Odell stated he has reviewed a group of different school improvement plans and stated they all included a school culture category and would like to know how the rest of the committee feels on this. Mr. Odell stated he does not feel he has an understanding of professional culture in the schools, if the teachers feel supported. Mr. Wood replied it is somewhat imbedded in the plan, in goal 1 each as to the work that is done to support teachers and all our schools through the school council work have individual school surveys and include teacher surveys. The district also uses teacher surveys after every PD event.

Ms. Rupich stated she would like to see more outreach/communication to the community. Ms. Rupich stated she would like to see more communication either by technology or forums on certain topics, for instance scheduling, so the community has a better understand of the process. Ms. Rupich suggested a survey to parents about communication to see what they feel they need more information on. Ms. Federspiel stated she feels the same, more communication is needed and would like to see this added as goal 10. Ms. Federspiel stated she believes in the idea of going green but something needs to be done to fill the void, maybe using some type of technology (email or school messenger call) to let parents know the newsletters are now available and other important events at the school has most parents do not check the website daily. Ms. Busch stated she is confused with the column headings and asked for clarification regarding everyday math and how a program is measured for success after implementation. Mr. Wood provided a review of everyday math, stating that a program is usually evaluated after 3 years of use, everyday math has been used for two so we will evaluate next year. Ms. Busch also questioned the goal full day kindergarten district wide, asking if this was the trend or something people have expressed an interest in? Mr. Wood stated he not sure it is the goal to go in that direction, is it the trend yes, but a study will need to be done to determine the want, our data does not suggest it is necessary, we have seen more emotional and social growth for kids who attend all day kindergarten but we have not seen it in performance. Mr. Babich asked at what time these will be prioritized. Mr. Wood stated these will be prioritized during the budget process.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

NONE

Reta Rupich made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm; seconded by Jeff Odell **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Jeff Odell, Reta Rupich, and George Babich **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Aleta Masterson  
Executive Assistant