

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

May 27, 2015

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE: Nancy Federspiel, Mark Jones, Julie Fay, Cathy Thier, Lynn Colletti, Nicole Odekirk, Kathy Codianne and Lorraine Romasco

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

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Federspiel called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM in the School Committee Conference Room.

Ms. Federspiel introduced Mark Jones, new Stow School Committee Member and Kathy Codianne, new Lancaster School Committee Member.

Student Advisory Report

Ms. Talia Kirschbaum reported:

- So, the seniors' last day was Friday. There was a great breakfast brought by the parents and a fun day on the turf.
- The juniors had a great prom and after-prom last Saturday.
- On May 8th, Nashoba students participated in the mini Relay for Life by donating money and walking the track.
- On May 15th, the third annual Play for Will charity basketball game between Nashoba faculty and the Central Mass Spartans Special Olympics Program was also very successful at raising money for the Tecumseh Fund and the Jimmy Fund.
- The National Honors Society had their induction ceremony on Thursday for the new members. They have also been raising money for local families to go to Camp Sunshine.
- The AP Government class went on a field trip to participate in the Edward M Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate on Columbia Point in Boston last week. This was a mock senate, where high schoolers from across the state could experience the political system.
- In sports news:
 - The unified track team came in second place at the league championship that was held at Nashoba.
 - Over the weekend, Jillian Winer won the MIAA Central Mass Tennis singles championship!
 - Members of the boys and girls track teams are competing in the district meet this weekend.
 - The baseball, softball and girls tennis teams have qualified for the playoffs. The tournament starts next week.
 - Next week, there are lots of activities going on for the seniors. On Monday, there is a senior barbeque, on Tuesday is the Red Sox game, Thursday is senior banquet, and graduation is next Sunday.

ORGANIZATION OF NEW SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Ms. Federspiel asked for nominations for Chairman of the school committee for 2015-2016.

MOTION

Nicole Odekirk made a motion to elect Lorraine Romasco as the 2015-2016 School Committee Chairman; seconded by Lynn Colletti **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Mark Jones, Julie Fay, Cathy Thier, Lynn Colletti, Nicole Odekirk, Kathy Codianne and Lorraine Romasco **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

Ms. Romasco asked for nominations for Vice Chairman of the school committee for 2015-2016.

MOTION

Lynn Colletti made a motion to elect Nicole Odekirk as the 2015-2016 School Committee Vice Chairman; seconded by Mark Jones **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Mark Jones, Julie Fay, Cathy Thier, Lynn Colletti, Nicole Odekirk, Kathy Codianne and Lorraine Romasco **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

Ms. Romasco asked for nominations for Secretary of the school committee for 2015-2016.

MOTION

Cathy Thier made a motion to elect Julie Fay as the 2015-2016 School Committee Secretary; seconded by Mark Jones **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Julie Fay, Cathy Thier, **ABSTAINED:** Mark Jones, Lynn Colletti, Nicole Odekirk, Kathy Codianne and Lorraine Romasco **VOTED AND FAILED (3-0-5)**

MOTION

Nicole Odekirk made a motion to elect Lynn Colletti as the 2015-2016 School Committee Secretary; seconded by Mark Jones **IN FAVOR:** Nicole Odekirk, Lynn Colletti, Lorraine Romasco, Mark Jones, Kathy Codianne **OPPOSED:** Nancy Federspiel and Cathy Thier **ABSTAINED:** Julie Fay **VOTED AND PASSED. (5-2-1)**

2015-2016 School Committee Meeting Calendar

Ms. Romasco advised the proposed calendar is in the packet for approval. The committee discussed meeting days and times and it was the consensus to keep the day and time the same. Once subcommittee are formed they will decide their meeting schedule.

MOTION

Lynn Colletti made a motion to table the calendar discussion and vote until after the survey discussion; seconded by Mark Jones **Motion was withdrawn.**

MOTION

Mark Jones made a motion to add a June 24, 2015 meeting to the proposed 2015-2016 meeting calendar; seconded by Cathy Codianne **IN FAVOR:** Mark Jones, Lynn Colletti, Kathy Codianne and Lorraine Romasco **OPPOSED:** Nancy Federspiel, Julie Fay, Cathy Thier, and Nicole Odekirk **VOTED AND FAILED. (4-4-0)**

MOTION

Julie Fay made a motion to approve the proposed 2015-2016 meeting calendar; seconded by Cathy Thier **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Mark Jones, Julie Fay, Cathy Thier, Lynn Colletti, Nicole Odekirk, Kathy Codianne and Lorraine Romasco **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

NEW BUSINESS

NRSD Climate Survey Results

Ms. Romasco and Ms. Odekirk provided a presentation of the positive “take aways” from the survey results and reviewed the areas of concern, the committee discussed these areas. Recommendations and next steps suggestions were also reviewed and discussed. The committee discussed wordsmith revisions to the “Recommendation/Next Steps”. Ms. Romasco requested the committee members to submit revision requests for the recommendations and next steps, the revisions will be reviewed at the next school committee.

SubCommittee Assignments

Ms. Romasco asked committee members their requests for what subcommittees they would like to serve on. Requests were made and Ms. Romasco will take all the requests into consideration and come back to the next meeting with assignments.

Superintendent's Evaluation

Ms. Federspiel advised all members of the 2014-2015 committee participated in the evaluation by completing the evaluation tool. Ms. Federspiel reviewed the summary point of interest and areas for improvement and appendix that is included in the packet. Ms. Romasco inquired what document is sent to the state, Mr. Wood replied a form is filled out though EPIMS the state reporting software that will give the rating under the four standards. Mr. Wood advised that the state requires that on each of the four standards the committee assigns and overall rating. Mr. Wood will review the state requirements and report back on what is required as this is the first year of reporting, there is a July timeline.

OLD BUSINESS

Policy JLGA - Life Threatening Allergy Policy - First reading

Ms. Romasco advised the LTA policy is in the packet for a first reading. The committee discussed the decision to have a separate policy to address this topic. Mr. Wood advised the DESE is endorsing school districts to develop a separate policy to address LTA. The policy subcommittee will review and present back to the school committee for a second reading.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Wood reviewed his Superintendent's report; (*The Superintendent's Report is available in its entirety on the NRSD website, www.nrsd.net.*)

Topics included:

- Welcome new school committee members
- Organization steps
- School Committee calendar
- Private party drug incident
- NRHS Space committee
- HVAC System at MRE and LBMS
- Sports News
- Graduation
- Seniors
- Hiring
- Last Day of School
- Families new to the district over summer – registration information

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Subcommittee

No Report

Personnel Subcommittee

No Report

Policy Subcommittee

Ms. Odekirk reported the Climate Survey results were discussed earlier in the meeting and the committee also working on the building use policy.

ESBC

No Report

NRHS Space Study Task Force

Mr. Jones reported the second interim report was agreed upon and is posted on the Task Force page of the district website. Mr. Jones advised the committee is discussing meeting over the summer to continue the progress and have schedule some tentative dates. Mr. Jones stated the Task Force is meeting tomorrow and touring the high school. The Task Force will present the report at the next school committee meeting.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Mr. Hawkes, Chair of the Stow Selectman advised, he is the Stow liaison between the Selectman and the School Committee and stated their committee has the citizen comments at the beginning of the meeting. Mr. Hawkes also thanked the committee/district for their use of the facilities at Center School for Spring Festival.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Thier advised she received a correspondence regarding a bus that is always breaking down, Mr. Perkins was made aware.

Ms. Odekirk advised she received several emails regarding concerns of the Chorus Director position at the high school, and hoping a qualified candidate is awarded the position, Ms. Odekirk also received several correspondence regarding the building use policy and whether the girl scouts would be shut out, which she responded they will not, Ms. Odekirk also received an inquiry whether Mr. King was still considered the interim Principal at Hale or is now the permanent Principal at Hale. Mr. Wood replied he is the Principal.

CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda included:

Warrants of May 20, 2015

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3487	05/22/15	VENDOR	\$ 598,845.81
3488	05/22/15	BENEFIT	\$ 50,701.23
3489	05/22/15	PAYROLL	\$1,625,554.04

Minutes of May 6, 2016

Items for Next Agenda

Ms. Codianne requested when planning for the upcoming year, more presentations from different departments on student and schools achievement data be included in the framework.

Mr. Jones stated he would like the school committee to have a discussion about having school committee liaisons to the town selectman boards.

MOTION

Julie Fay made a motion to adjourn at 9:11 pm; seconded by Kathy Codianne **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Mark Jones, Julie Fay, Cathy Thier, Lynn Colletti, Nicole Odekirk, Kathy Codianne and Lorraine Romasco **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

Respectfully Submitted,
Aleta Masterson
Executive Assistant

Meeting Materials provided tonight can be located at www.nrsd.net

School Committee Meeting recordings can be viewed at: [Click Here](#)

Reference Documents/ Presentations

Agenda

2015-2016 Proposed Meeting Calendar
Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2015
Policy JLGA - Life Threatening Allergy Policy
2015 Summer Academy Brochure
2014-15 Superintendents' Overall Summative Performance
2014-15 Superintendents' Evaluation Appendix
2014-15 NRSD Climate Survey Results
Superintendent's Report

Correspondence

Analog Adder Correspondence
MASC Legislative Bulletin

NRSC Approved 6/3/15