

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

February 12, 2013

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE: Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Julie Fay, Reta Rupich, Kara Keith, and Lynn Colletti

ADSENT: Jeff Odell

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

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Federspiel called the meeting to order at 6:17 PM in the School Committee Conference Room

CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda included:

February 15, 2013 Warrant

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3303	2/15/13	VENDOR	\$ 340,123.64
3304	2/15/13	BENEFIT	\$ 46,477.62
3305	2/15/13	PAYROLL	\$1,240,134.97

Minutes of the January 29, 2013 meeting
Minutes of the February 2, 2013 budget workshop

CORRESPONDENCE

Stow resident regarding budget vote and hearing

Ms. Colletti stated she received correspondence from a Stow resident regarding the utilization of the reading specialist.

Ms. Fay stated she had several Lancaster residents approach her to oppose the School Choice option.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Wood reviewed his Superintendent's report; (*The Superintendent's Report is available in full on the NRSD website at <http://www.nrsd.net>*)

Topics included:

- Nashoba National Merit Finalists
- 2013 National Signing Day
- Unfunded Mandates, Mass Gov. Update
- RAK (Random Acts of Kindness) in the District

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Student Advisory Report

No Report

Finance SubCommittee

Ms. Busch reported the warrants were approved no other business was conducted.

Personnel SubCommittee

No Report

Policy SubCommittee

Ms. Federspiel reported the policy committee met, Policy CBI, Superintendent's Evaluation will be presented tonight for a first reading. Ms. Federspiel stated the discussion about school choice was started with Mr. Wood and Mr. King to provide some follow up data. Ms. Federspiel also reported the committee began the review of the Instructional Materials Policy, the committee does not see any major changes needed and will present this at a future meeting.

SPED PAC

No Report

ESBC

Ms. Colletti reported the committee met and are still in negotiations with the bonding company, there are still outstanding items, a lot are warranty items, they are close to being completed.

NEW BUSINESS

USTA (United States Tennis Association) Gift

Mr. Wood advised Tania Rich, the Athletic Director is requesting approval for the acceptance of a donation from the United States Tennis Association in the amount of \$1250. to be used for painting Under-10 lines on the new tennis courts located at NRHS.

MOTION

Maureen Busch made a motion to accept the donation from the United States Tennis Association in the amount of \$1250. to be used for painting Under-10 lines on the new tennis courts located at NRHS; seconded by Kara Keith **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Reta Rupich, Julie Fay, Kara Keith and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

Donated Wood Gift to the Engineering the Future Class

Mr. Wood advised Mr. LeBlanc, NRHS teacher of Engineering the Future Class is requesting the approval of acceptance of a wood donation of approx. 400 board feet of wood with the approx. value of \$1200.

MOTION

Julie Fay made a motion to accept the donation of approx. 400 board feet of wood with the approx. value of \$1200 to the Engineering the Future Class at NRHS; seconded by Maureen Busch **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Reta Rupich, Julie Fay, Kara Keith and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

SY13-14 Calendar

Mr. Wood advised the recommendation from the Calendar Committee is included in the packet tonight. Mr. Wood reviewed the calendar. The committee discussed the recommendation, the results of the survey that the Calendar Committee used to develop the calendar, the parent teacher conference days and professional development days. The committee asked for the results of the survey to review. Calendar will be voted at a future meeting.

OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefit) Audit

Mr. King advised that Segal and Company was contracted to do the district's OPEB audit, which is an audit that examines the district liability of our post employment benefits. Mr. King introduced Mr. Danny Rhodes with Segal and Company, Mr. Rhodes review the audit and answered any questions the committee raised.

Policy CBI, Superintendent's Evaluation, First Reading

Ms. Federspiel stated the revised policy for the Superintendent's Evaluation is included in the packet for the first reading, stating new regulations required the policy revision. Ms. Federspiel also stated the teacher and administrator evaluations are also currently being worked on. Mr. Wood stated this is the model document from the state, it is following the statute regarding evaluations now in the state for Superintendent's, Administrators and Teachers. Mr. Wood advised you will be seeing three separate policies that will look very similar. Mr. Wood advised the new regulations mandate the evaluation and goals must be writing in a public session. Ms. Federspiel advised that the new regulations go into effect next year, for this year's evaluation the committee will be using the same evaluation tool as last year.

OLD BUSINESS

FY14 Budget

Ms. Federspiel stated a budget workshop was held on February 2, 2013 where questions were asked and addressed. Ms. Federspiel stated there have been several correspondence asking the school committee not vote on the budget tonight. Ms. Federspiel reminded the committee the reason the vote was on the agenda tonight was to accommodate requests from Stow parents to approve the budget so Preschool in Stow could move forward. Ms. Colletti asked if the special education position were eliminated would services be affected. Mr. Wood replied that services would be affected but we could continue on with last year's model, but the position at the high school is needed due to enrollment and services at the high school would be affected. Ms. Rupich questioned the salary of \$85,000 for an Enrichment Coordinator and the need for this. Mr. Wood replied this position is self funded by the extended day program and he would look for a candidate with a professional license or with enrichment experience that would work toward a license. The committee discussed the special education positions being requested, the Enrichment Coordinator position, the prioritization of the facilities budget and the Resource Officer. The consensus was to table the budget vote to a future meeting, the committee asked for the following up on prioritization of the facilities budget, user fees comparison, a proposed budget that would reduce the budget by .5, 1 and 1.5%.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

MOTION

Reta Rupich made a motion to adjourn at 8:56 pm seconded by Julie Fay **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Reta Rupich, Julie Fay, Kara Keith and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

Respectfully Submitted,
Aleta Masterson
Executive Assistant