

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

February 26, 2013

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

ADSENT: Julie Fay, Kara Keith

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

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Federspiel called the meeting to order at 6:19 PM in the School Committee Conference Room

CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda included:

March 1, 2013 Warrant

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3306	3/1/13	VENDOR	\$ 354,296.93
3307	3/1/13	BENEFIT	\$ 589,682.56
3308	3/1/13	PAYROLL	\$1,147,275.40

Minutes of the February 12, 2013 meeting

CORRESPONDENCE

Bolton parent/resident regarding school choice

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:

- NRHS Core Values Presentation
- 2013-2014 SY Calendar
- School Choice
- Security Review
- COA Forum
- Enrichment Program

Audit Report

Mr. Frank Serreti from the firm of Powers and Sullivan attended the meeting and provided an overview of the financial statements, the report on federal awards, and the management letter. Mr. Serreti reviewed the process of conducting the audit. Mr. Serreti reviewed the changes in Gatsby and OPEB.

NRHS Core Values Presentation

Mr. Leo Sakellarion and Ms. Laura Pagington attended the meeting to provide a presentation on the NRHS Core Values and Mission Statement. Mr. Sakellarion stated this process is part of the preparation for the NEASC review and reviewed the timeline of the process. Ms. Pagington reported on the student and staff feedback stating the student's feedback was generally they want to aspire to these core values and leave NRHS a better person after their 4 year HS journey. The school committee will vote at the next meeting to accept the new mission statement.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Student Advisory Report

Ms. Bennett reported;

Athletics Update:

- Winter playoff tournaments start this week!
- The boys' basketball team finished the regular season with a 12-8 record and entered the D2 tournament as the eighth seed. Nashoba travels to No. 9 seeded Quabbin for a first round game tonight. The winner will play No. 1 seeded Clinton on Thursday.
- The girls' basketball team compiled an 18-2 record and is going into playoffs as the No. 2 seeded team in D2. The girls' have a first round bye and will play the winner of Millbury/Narragansett on Friday night at home in the quarter final game.
- The hockey team ended the regular season with a 13-4-3 record, which is the best team record since 2001. The team is seeded third in the Division 3A playoffs and will host No. 6 seeded Lunenburg on Sunday night at 8PM at New England Sport Center.
- The girls' ice hockey co-op team is seeded 5th in the tournament and has a bye the first round.
- The indoor track season has come to an end, but a few athletes are moving on to the New England meet this weekend. Some highlights from the MIAA All State meet last weekend: Forest Hangen placed 16th in the state in the mile, Markesh Harmon placed 6th in the long jump, Sarah Militano placed 5th in the 55M dash, and Kelsey Horowitz placed 15th in the 2 mile.
- The cross country ski team placed 14th in the state. Jenna Peabody skied in the alpine state championship today.
- The wrestling team finished the season 22-1. Freshman James Kilgo placed 2nd at states. Jesse Batson placed 6th at all states and will be competing at New Englands this weekend.]
- The Math team is competing at Moody's Mega Math Challenge this Saturday! Wish them luck!
- The Advanced Jazzband is Competing in the Berklee Jazz Festival this Saturday as well.
- The Student Council and Sunshine Society at the Nashoba Regional High School are happy to announce that we have exceeded our goal and performed 2,907 documented Random Acts of Kindness! It was a wonderful way to honor the students and staff of Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown.

Congratulations to following students.

- Emma Caviness earned an Honorable Mention for her painting “Spoon.”
- Shannon Forest earned an Honorable Mention for her painting “Leah” and a Gold Key for her print “Release.”
- Christina Orlando earned a Gold Key for photography portfolio entitled “Nostalgic Wrap”, a second Gold Key for photography portfolio entitled “Steamboat Springs and the Rain,” and a third Gold Key for photograph entitled “Steeple Chase.”
- Charlotte Young earned an Honorable Mention for her painting “Homecoming By Train At Sunrise,” and drawing “Conor.”
- Rachel Zelle earned an Honorable Mention for her photograph entitled “Abandoned House.”

- Congratulations to the following Nashoba National Merit Finalists! These students were chosen as Finalists based on their outstanding scores on the PSAT and their high level of academic achievement. Each of these students will now be considered for a National Merit Scholarship. The five students are: Madeline Jenkins Connie Jiang Samuel Kirschbaum Joel Sharin Sorin Vatasoiu and Steven Tang

Finance Subcommittee

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

Personnel Subcommittee

No Report

Policy Subcommittee

No Report

SPED PAC

No Report

ESBC

No report

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer’s Contract

Mr. Wood advised the district contracts with a Treasurer, to manage the district books. Mr. Wood stated he is recommending a three year contract (draft included in packet), with an annual salary of \$29,000 with an annual increase of \$500 for the following two years of the contract.

MOTION

Maureen Busch made a motion to approve the District Treasurer’s 2012-2015 Contract as presented; seconded by Jeff Odell **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Reta Rupich, Jeff Odell, and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

Policy IJ – Instructional Materials

Ms. Federspiel advised the Policy Subcommittee reviews all policies and updates policy at least every ten years. Ms. Federspiel stated Policy IJ-Instructional Materials is being presented tonight with minimal changes to include new technology of websites and on line subscriptions. Ms. Federspiel advised this is being presented tonight for a first reading and will be presented at a future meeting for a second reading.

School Choice

Mr. Wood stated he has included several documents in the packet regarding school choice including an executive summary, current school choice enrollments and projected open seats. Mr. Wood advised the committee must take into consideration when discussing school choice there are financial and family considerations that must be taken into account. Mr. Wood stated the Policy Subcommittee had a discussion of what would financially happen if we ended school choice, Mr. Wood then reviewed the financially project spreadsheet of fazing out school choice. Mr. Wood advised it is possible to faze school choice out over the 13 example he provided. Mr. Wood stated school choice was initially instituted to offset the school choice students going out of the district and to fund initiatives that the district had not been able to. The committee discussed the class sizes in the different towns in the district and the reasoning that some schools have more school choice than others due to resident enrollment and parity of class size limits across the district and how the larger class sizes impact the schools. Mr. King explained the per pupil cost of taking in school choice students stating for example it does not cost the district any more to educate 20 students vs. 18 the teacher, supplies, etc are already in place, so therefore you cannot use the DOE per pupil cost as a sole indicator. Ms. Federspiel advised the options the committee will be looking at are, do we close school choice, do we keep it the same or do we keep it but change the protocol? Mr. Horn stated he would like the committee to keep in mind that ending school choice is a budget decision that will affect all three towns. Ms. Stacey Kramer, Chair of PAC, is attending the meeting to advise the school committee of the involvement the parents of school choice parents have in the district.

Surplus Books

Mr. Wood advised there is a list of surplus books that are in the inventory in the Central Office, these are books that were either sent to us free or sample books the district received. Mr. Wood is asking the school committee to vote to make these books surplus so the district can dispose of them.

MOTION

Jeff Odell made a motion to accept the list of books presented as surplus books for disposal ; seconded by Maureen Busch **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Reta Rupich, Jeff Odell, and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

OLD BUSINESS

2013-2014 SY Calendar

Mr. Wood advised the 2013-2014 school year calendar recommendation from the calendar committee is in the packet. Mr. Wood stated he is also recommending adoption of the proposed calendar.

MOTION

Reta Rupich made a motion to adopt the 2013-2014 SY Calendar as presented by the Calendar Committee and recommended by the Superintendent; seconded by Kathy Owen **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Reta Rupich, Jeff Odell, and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

FY14 Budget Consideration

Ms. Federspiel stated that at the last meeting the committee asked Mr. Wood to present three layers of cuts to his proposed budget. Mr. Wood provided a handout detailing the cuts that would be made in three different Tier scenarios if the budget would be reduced from the original proposed budget. Mr. Wood went through each level detailing each position and non salary cuts and the impact to the district. Mr. Wood stated he is not recommending to do any of these cuts, he feels the original budget presented is in line with district goals. Mr. Wood stated the scenarios presented are areas where he would make cuts to get to a financial number the committee is comfortable with.

Mr. Wood explained how the reductions on the handout would impact the town assessments. Mr. Wood advised in tonight's packet there is an assessment definition document and an article from Metrowest regarding the town of Northborough which is in the same situation. Mr. King reviewed the document. Mr. King advised this may all change with the outcome of the Governor's budget and the minimal contribution change. Mr. King stated we will most likely not have the final numbers by town meeting in May. The committee will review and present recommendations at the next meeting.

MSBA Feasibility Contract (Science Lab Initiative)

Mr. Wood advised the feasibility study agreement for the Science Lab Initiative is in the packet. Mr. Wood advised a motion form the school committee is needed enter into and be bound by the FSA so the district will be able to submit for reimbursement of costs associated with the study.

MOTION

Maureen Busch made a motion to that the Nashoba Regional School Committee agrees to enter into and be bound by the Feasibility Study Agreement (FSA) duly executed by the Massachusetts School Building Authority and designate the Superintendent of Schools to execute the FSA on behalf of the District. ; seconded by Jeff Odell **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Reta Rupich, Jeff Odell, and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

MOTION

Reta Rupich made a motion to adjourn at 9:45 pm seconded by Kathy Owen **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Reta Rupich, Jeff Odell, and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

Respectfully Submitted,
Aleta Masterson
Executive Assistant