

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

March 12, 2013

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE: Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Reta Rupich, Jeff Odell (arrived at 6:24 pm), Julie Fay, Kara Keith 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 6:17 PM in the School Committee Conference Room

CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda included:

March 15, 2013 Warrant

| <u>WARRANT NO.</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 3309 | 3/15/13 | VENDOR | \$ 521,473.74 |
| 3310 | 3/15/13 | BENEFIT | \$ 5,941.06 |
| 3311 | 3/15/13 | PAYROLL | \$1,272,399.64 |

Minutes of the February 26, 2013 meeting

Student Advisory Report

Ms. Bennett reported;

- The girls' basketball team captured the Central Mass District Championship over the weekend with an overtime victory over previously undefeated Tyngsboro. This was the first district title in girls' basketball in school history. The team then defeated Hoosac Valley, 52-32, in the state semi-finals last evening. Nashoba advances to the Division 2 State Championship game versus Medfield on this Saturday at 2:15pm at the DCU Center.
- Spring sports start Monday!
- The Volleyball Intramural is happening right now! Currently the teams are in the qualifying rounds. The winning team will be announced next meeting!
- Students of the term! Drew Foster for business, Steven Jiang for business tech, Kira Rasmussen and Erin O'Donnell for English, Kelley Brennan for foreign language, Chloe Courtney for social studies, David Czapkowski for art, Dan Sartorius for music, Brittany Joseph for science, Ryan Gumbart for Wellness, and Drishti Rohatgi for math.
- Hello Dolly, Nashoba's musical production is fast approaching! Showtimes are March 22nd and 23rd at 7:30PM and March 24th at 2:00PM. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students/seniors.

CORRESPONDENCE

Stow resident regarding school choice and capital planning.

School Resource Officer Presentation

Dr. Graham and Chief Alfano attended the meeting to provide a presentation on having a School Resource Officer in the school system. Dr. Graham advised there is a draft job description included in the packet and provided his vision on what the role of a School Resource Officer would provide. Chief Alfano commended Dr. Graham for his work at the high school. Chief Alfano provided an overview of the surrounding towns that currently have School Resource Officers and his past experiences working with other schools as a resource officer. Mr. Wood advised the Selectman in Bolton has already approved this program and agreed to provide 50% of the funding. Mr. Wood advised the cost in the district budget would be approx. \$11,000. Mr. Wood advised this would be a part time position, 20 hrs. per week. Chief Alfano provided his vision of what role the Resource Officer would provide at the school.

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:

- What Plans We Have
- School Choice Conversations
- District Assessment Systems
- NRHS Scholarship Fund
- Student and School Safety
- Buy a Brick

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance SubCommittee

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

Personnel SubCommittee

No Report

Policy SubCommittee

Ms. Federspiel reported the topic of school choice will be addressed later in the meeting.

SPED PAC

No Report.

ESBC

Ms. Colletti reported the committee met and the punch list is being worked on.

NEW BUSINESS

Transportation Contract

Mr. King advised the district issued a bid, the request for bid resulted in two bidders, Dee Bus and First Student. Mr. King advised the district must award the contract to the lowest bidder matching the bid specifications. Mr. King advised First Student submitted the lowest bid. Mr. King advised the bid is a 2.5% increase from the current contract.

MOTION

Jeff Odell made a motion to award the 2013-2014 SY bus contract to First Student as recommended by George King in the memo to Michael Wood dated 3/11/13; seconded by Julie Fay **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Reta Rupich, Jeff Odell, Kara Keith, Julie Fay and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

OLD BUSINESS

District Improvement Survey

Mr. Odell and Ms. Rupich advised the District Improvement Survey which they developed is included in the packet for review. The committee discussed the venues in which the survey will be sent out to the district and the categories of the responses. Revisions will be made and revised survey will be presented at a future meeting.

Policy IJ – Instructional Materials

Ms. Federspiel advised the Instructional Materials Policy IJ is being presented as a second reading with no revisions from the first reading

MOTION

Julie Fay made a motion to accept the second reading and adoption of policy IJ-Instructional Materials; seconded by Jeff Odell **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Reta Rupich, Jeff Odell, Kara Keith, Julie Fay and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

Policy CBI – Superintendent’s Evaluation

Ms. Federspiel advised the Superintendent’s Evaluation Policy CBI, is being presented as a second reading with no revisions from the first reading. Ms. Colletti requested the Superintendent’s job description.

MOTION

Jeff Odell made a motion to accept the second reading and adoption of policy CBI-Superintendent’s Evaluation; seconded by Maureen Busch **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Reta Rupich, Jeff Odell, Kara Keith, and Julie Fay **ABSTAINED:** Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED (7-0-1)**

FY14 Budget

Mr. Wood advised at the last meeting the committee discussed looking at some adjustments in the budget in response to that at the last meeting Mr. Wood provided some areas of reduction we could look at and safely adjust our budget by adopting these. The reductions presented are in ½% increments and three Tiers of reductions. Mr. Wood advised we have learned since the last meeting the district is expecting at a 5-6% reduction in federal grants, at this time we are not sure where they will occur, Mr. Wood stated his concern that whatever level of reductions that are being considered, we add back in approx \$75,000 to cover this reduction. Mr. Wood advised that budget must be voted tonight so the decision before hand is if the budget that was proposed at the workshop is what you would like to approve you make that motion and if not you start looking at the reductions and make the appropriate motion for the amount with the reductions you can vote to support.

MOTION

Jeff Odell Moved to accept the budget as presented with the reductions in the following, technology, out of district SPED, insurance, transportation, teaching/learning, and the Hale and LBMS Librarians for a total budget of \$48,813,064.00 and additional offsets in excess and deficiency and extended day of \$95,000.00; seconded by Nancy Federspiel **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Jeff Odell **OPPOSED:** Kathy Owen, Reta Rupich, Lynn Colletti **ABSTAINED:** Kara Keith, Julie Fay **VOTED AND FAILED. (3-3-2)**

MOTION

Jeff Odell Moved to accept the budget as presented with reductions in the following, technology, out of district SPED, insurance, transportation, teaching/learning, the Hale and LBMS Librarians and the Teaching/Learning admin assistant for a total budget of \$48,768,064.00 and additional offsets in excess and deficiency and extended day of \$95,000.00; seconded by Nancy Federspiel **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Jeff Odell **OPPOSED:** Kathy Owen, Reta Rupich, Lynn Colletti, Kara Keith, Julie Fay **VOTED AND FAILED. (3-5-0)**

MOTION

Julie Fay Moved to accept the budget as presented with reductions in the following, technology, out of district SPED, insurance, transportation, teaching/learning, for a total budget of \$48,913,064.00 and additional offsets in excess and deficiency and extended day of \$95,000.00 **MOTION WITHDRAWN**

MOTION

Reta Rupich Moved to accept the budget as presented with reductions in the following, technology, out of district SPED, insurance, transportation, teaching/learning, the Teaching/Learning admin assistant, Facilities Capital Plan, Grade One teachers, and the Hale and LBMS Librarians for a total budget of \$48,664,564.00 and additional offsets in excess and deficiency and extended day of \$95,000.00 **NO SECOND**

MOTION

Julie Fay Moved to accept the budget as presented with the reductions in the following, technology, out of district SPED, insurance, transportation, teaching/learning textbooks, teaching/learning admin asst, and the Hale and LBMS Librarians for a total budget of \$48,706,064.00 and additional offsets in excess and deficiency and extended day of \$95,000.00 seconded by Nancy Federspiel **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Jeff Odell, Kara Keith, Julie Fay, Reta Rupich **OPPOSED:** Kathy Owen, Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. (6-2-0)**

School Choice

Ms. Federspiel the policy subcommittee met last week and addressed the school choice policy. Ms. Federspiel advised the census of the committee was if there was a way to keep school choice open for siblings they would like to pursue that. Ms. Federspiel advised legal council has advised that based on MGL they are not recommending the district adopt this policy because there currently is no legal precedence. Ms. Federspiel advised she supports school choice being limited to the high school grades as a compromise to shutting down school choice totally and would still generate revenue for this district. Ms. Federspiel advised the committee could vote to continue with the current protocol, modify the K-12 protocol, adopt a 9-12 protocol, or eliminate school choice entirely. The committee discussed various options.

MOTION

Julie Fay made a motion to continue with the school choice initiative but limited to high school grades only; seconded by Nancy Federspiel **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Reta Rupich, Julie Fay, Kara Keith **OPPOSED:** Kathy Owen, Jeff Odell, Lynn Colletti, Maureen Busch **VOTED AND FAILED. (4-4-0)**

MOTION

Lynn Colletti made a motion to send the policy/protocol back to the Policy Subcommittee for modification; seconded by Kathy Owen **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Owen, Lynn Colletti, Maureen Busch **OPPOSED:** Nancy Federspiel, Jeff Odell, Reta Rupich, Julie Fay, Kara Keith **VOTED AND FAILED. (3-5-0)**

MOTION

Jeff Odell made a motion to continue with school choice following the current policy and protocol; seconded by Maureen Busch **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Owen, Jeff Odell, Maureen Busch **OPPOSED:** Nancy Federspiel, Lynn Colletti, Reta Rupich, Julie Fay, Kara Keith **VOTED AND FAILED. (3-5-0)**

MOTION

Julie Fay made a motion to close the school choice initiative in all grades; seconded by Lynn Colletti **IN FAVOR:** Julie Fay **OPPOSED:** Nancy Federspiel, Kathy Owen, Jeff Odell, Lynn Colletti, Reta Rupich, Maureen Busch, Kara Keith **VOTED AND FAILED. (1-7-0)**

MOTION

Jeff Odell made a motion to continue with the current school choice policy/protocol with the amendment of new seats be limited to the number of sections for that grade; seconded by Maureen Busch **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Owen, Jeff Odell, Maureen Busch **OPPOSED:** Nancy Federspiel, Lynn Colletti, Reta Rupich, Julie Fay, Kara Keith **VOTED AND FAILED. (3-5-0)**

MOTION

Lynn Colletti made a motion to table the school choice topic to a future meeting; seconded by Kara Keith **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Kathy Owen, Lynn Colletti, Reta Rupich, Maureen Busch, Julie Fay, Kara Keith **OPPOSED:** Jeff Odell **VOTED AND PASSED. (7-1-0)**

FY12 Audit Acceptance

Mr. King advised the school committee must vote to accept the FY12 Audit that was presented at the school committee meeting on February 26, 2013 by Powers and Sullivan.

MOTION

Maureen Busch made a motion to accept the FY12 Audit as presented by Powers and Sullivan during the 2/26/13 school committee meeting; seconded by Reta Rupich **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Reta Rupich, Kara Keith, Julie Fay and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

NONE

MOTION

Maureen Busch made a motion to adjourn at 9:21 pm; seconded by Reta Rupich **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Reta Rupich, Kara Keith, Julie Fay and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

Respectfully Submitted,
Aleta Masterson
Executive Assistant