

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

June 19, 2012

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

**ABSENT:** Julie Fay, 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 6:00 PM in the front lobby of the high school.

Michael Wood provided an overview of the MSBA Science Lab Initiative Grant process and the timeline. Mr. Wood advised an OPM contract must be signed by tomorrow and a designer contract by Friday. Mr. Wood also advised that the MSBA assigns both firms so therefore there will be no negotiations needed.

Mr. Wood advised that three motions will be required tonight to move forward a motion to sign the Initial Compliance Certification, a motion to sign the OPM contract and a motion to sign the designer contract.

Linda Peer, NRHS Science Department Chair provided an overview of the current staff and copies of the high school master schedule.

Committee toured the labs and classrooms, upon conclusion of the tour the committee and science staff meet in the ASC room to continue discussions. The science department staff discussed the meeting that was held yesterday with the OPM, administration and science staff.

Mr. Wood advised in 2008 there was a feasibility study done on space needs. Mr. Wood also advised the project must stay within the same footprint, but rooms can be reconfigured within this footprint.

Mr. Wood advised he recommends going forward to get a project scope. Mr. Wood estimates the cost will be \$160,000 out of the operating budget for the initial scope phase.

Ms. Peer advised that the high school is do for their NEASC evaluation in 2015, they may determine all this work as to be done and the total cost would be at the cost of the district at that point if we do not take advantage of this grant know.

Members of the school committee voiced their concern about being able to “selling” this to the member town residents due to the fact, at last town meeting the district asked for Turf Field Funding.

**MOTION**

Nancy Federspiel made a motion to direct the Superintendent of Schools and Chair of the Nashoba Regional School Committee to sign the Initial Compliance Certification (required for continuing toward the feasibility project with the MSBA.) seconded by Reta Rupich **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Kara Keith, Reta Rupich and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

**MOTION**

Kara Keith made a motion to direct the Superintendent of Schools to enter into negotiations for a contract with Strategic Business Solutions for Owner's Project Manager (OPM) for an amount not to exceed \$20,000. seconded by Maureen Busch **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Kara Keith, Reta Rupich and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

**MOTION**

Maureen Busch made a motion to direct the Superintendent of Schools to enter into negotiations for a contract with Symmes, Maini and McKee for Architectural and Design Services for a feasibility study outlining the need and recommendations for said needs to address deficiencies in the science labs of NRHS for an amount not to exceed \$300,000 seconded by Reta Rupich **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Kara Keith, Reta Rupich and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Center School Building Project**

Mr. Wood advised the present contractor (Stella) stopped work today, the bond company has taken over and a new contractor will be on site on Friday. This decision and action was done by the bond company. Mr. Wood stated all the present subcontractors will be onboard with the new contractor and we are still anticipating a strong finish.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

NONE

**MOTION**

Reta Rupich made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm seconded by Maureen Busch **IN FAVOR:** Nancy Federspiel, Maureen Busch, Kathy Owen, Kara Keith, Reta Rupich and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Aleta Masterson  
Executive Assistant