

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

Emerson School
50 Mechanic Street, Bolton, Ma
School Committee Conference Room
Second Floor

April 27, 2016

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE: Lorraine Romasco, Nicole Odekirk, Mark Jones, Lynn Colletti, and Kathy Codianne

ABSENT: Cathy Their and Neal Darcy

ADMINISTRATION IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Curtis Bates, Interim Superintendent of Schools, George King, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Romasco called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None

SCHOOL CHOICE PUBLIC HEARING

Ms. Romasco opened the public hearing to citizen's comments, no citizens were present. Public hearing was closed at 6:06 pm

Student Advisory Report

No Report

School Committee Housekeeping

Ms. Romasco advised she has a couple "housekeeping" items;

- Superintendent Site Visits
- Annual Town Meeting Presentation, May 2nd
- MASBO Report Workshop, May 11th request

NEW BUSINESS

School Choice Participation Vote

Ms. Odekirk advised the School Committee must vote each year whether the district will participate in school choice, if a vote is not taken the district is automatically open for school choice. Ms. Odekirk advised the recommendation from the Policy Subcommittee is to continue to suspend school choice for the 2016-2017 school year.

MOTION

Nicole Odekirk moved to suspend participation in School Choice for the 2016-2017 school year; seconded by Kathy Codianne **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Nicole Odekirk, Mark Jones, Kathy Codianne, and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (5-0-0)**

Open Campus Concept Presentation – Dr. Graham

Dr. Graham advised he has met with the school council and they have begun the discussion of the concept of an open campus. Dr. Graham provided a review of his vision of what open campus at NRHS would look like. The School Committee asked clarifying questions regarding liability for

students who are off campus during school hours and who will monitor which students have parental permission. Dr. Graham will research the answers to the Committee's concerns and report back to the Committee.

DESE Food Services Administrative Review Presentation – Tom Houle

Tom Houle, Director of Food Services, provided a review of the DESE Food Services Administrative Review process and documentation required including follow up on actions referred by a Corrective Action Plan. Dr. Bates provided an explanation of examples of what would generate a Corrective Action Plan. Mr. Houle provided an update of the new ideas/equipment being introduced to try to generate more sales at the high school, including new serving stations and a mobile snack cart.

Discussion of additional School Committee Meeting, May 5th

Ms. Romasco advised at the May 4th meeting the School Committee will be deliberating and voting on who will be appointed as the next Superintendent of Schools. Ms. Romasco asked the committee their thoughts on voting to add an additional meeting on May 5th if needed to continue the deliberations.

MOTION

Nicole Odekirk moved to add a regular School Committee meeting on May 5, 2016 if needed; seconded by Mark Jones **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Nicole Odekirk, Mark Jones, Kathy Codianne, and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (5-0-0)**

Policies for review

Ms. Odekirk advised the policies being brought forward tonight are for a first reading, no motion is being requested. Many are "boiler plate" policies that are being reviewed because they are out of the review guideline of 5-10 yrs. Dr. Graham reviewed the proposed changes to policy IKF – Graduation Requirements. The Committee reviewed and discussed the following policies and made recommendations for changes and actions.

KDDA - Publication of Personal Information
LB - Relations with other Schools and School Districts
KE - Public Access to School Committee and Process
for Resolution of Public Concerns
IK - Student Progress Reports to Parents/Guardians
KDB - Public's Right to Information
DB - Annual Budgets
AB - The People and Their School Committee
IKF - Graduation Requirements
IJNDD - Online Communication
ADA - School District Goals and Objectives
HF - School Committee Negotiating Agents

DN - Committing Funds
DBG - Budget Adoption Procedures
DGA - Authorized Signatures
DH - Bonded Employees and Officers
EFC - Free and Reduced Price Food Services
GBEA - Staff Ethics-Conflict of Interest
GBEC - Drug-Free Workplace Policy
GBI - Staff Participation in Political Activities
GBIA - Collective Bargaining Activities
GCCC - Professional Staff Family and Medical Leave
HB - Negotiations Legal Status

OLD BUSINESS

None

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Subcommittee

Mr. Jones reported the Finance Subcommittee has not met since the last meeting. Mr. Jones advised there will be some policies will be forthcoming from the Finance Subcommittee.

Personnel Subcommittee

Ms. Codianne reported the Personnel Subcommittee has been reviewing course reimbursement, professional development expenses, longevity clauses and nonunion contracts. Ms. Codianne provided a review of the concerns and inconsistencies in the contracts. Ms. Codianne advised district legal counsel was contacted. Ms. Codianne read a summary of the suggested changes

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the Personnel Subcommittee is recommending. Ms. Codianne's summary is in the meeting packet.

Policy Subcommittee

Ms. Odekirk reported the Policy Subcommittee began discussions regarding MASC hosting the district policies. The School Committee discussed funding for this. The Policy Subcommittee will invite Mike Gilbert, MASC Field Representative to attend an upcoming meeting for a presentation on their service.

NRHS Space Study Task Force

No Report

SEPAC

No Report

Tech Committee

Ms. Codianne reported the Committee administered a survey for faculty and staff and the Committee is waiting the results.

Emergency Response Committee

No Report

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Bates provided an update on the following:

- Math survey was administered, results will be forthcoming
- The Massachusetts School Library Association has awarded Joel Bates with the 2016 Administrators Advocate Award
- The NRSD Summer Academy brochure has been sent out to staff
- NRHS Robotic Team is heading to St. Louis to compete in the first World Competition
- Community Substance Forum will be held May 10th at Clinton HS
- Update on the erroneous emails school districts across the state have been receiving this week

CORRESPONDENCE

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda included:

Warrants of April 22, 2016

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3562	4/22/16	VENDOR	\$ 655,998.32
3563	4/22/16	BENEFIT	\$ 51,746.17
3564	4/22/16	PAYROLL	\$1,389,565.06

- A. Meeting Minutes for April 6, 2016
- B. Meeting Minutes for April 7, 2016

Adjourn

Kathy Codianne moved to adjourn at 8:57 pm; seconded by Mark Jones **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Nicole Odekirk, Mark Jones, Kathy Codianne, and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (5-0-0)**

Submitted by
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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 and Presentations

Agenda

School Choice Policy/Protocol
DESE Food Services Review Documents
Policy IKF - Graduation Requirements (proposed policy)
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Personnel Subcommittee Report 4-27-2016
Tuition Reimbursement Application - Non Union
Non-Union List
Course Reimbursement/Professional Development/Longevity
MASC Online Policy Hosting Presentation
Mass School Library Assoc. Memo

Approved by NRSC 5/4/16