

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

May 11, 2016

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE: Lorraine Romasco, Nicole Odekirk, Mark Jones, Lynn Colletti, and Neal Darcy

ABSENT: Kathy Codianne

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 6:00 PM

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Third Quarter Financial Report

Mr. King reviewed the third quarter financial report included in the meeting packet tonight. Mr. King advised the financial trend for the third quarter appears to be very positive. Mr. King reviewed salary trends, school choice and charter line items, healthy insurance, and Special Education line items. Ms. Romasco asked the Finance Subcommittee for a review of the athletic accounts including why the district pays for ice time but doesn't include additional fees for other sports.

OLD BUSINESS

Policies for Second Reading

KDDA - Publication of Personal Information	DBG - Budget Adoption Procedures
LB - Relations with other Schools and School Districts	DGA - Authorized Signatures
KE - Public Access to School Committee and Process for Resolution of Public Concerns	DH - Bonded Employees and Officers
EFC - Free and Reduced Price Food Services	GBEA - Staff Ethics-Conflict of Interest
KDB - Public's Right to Information	GBIA - Collective Bargaining Activities
GBEC - Drug-Free Workplace Policy	HB - Negotiations Legal Status
GBI - Staff Participation in Political Activities	IKF - Graduation Requirements
GCCC - Professional Staff Family and Medical Leave	ADA - School District Goals and Objectives
HF - School Committee Negotiating Agents	

Motion

Nicole Odekirk moved to accept the second reading and adoption of policies KDDA - Publication of Personal Information, LB - Relations with other Schools and School Districts, DBG - Budget Adoption Procedures, KE - Public Access to School Committee and Process for Resolution of Public Concerns, DGA - Authorized Signatures, DH - Bonded Employees and Officers, EFC - Free and Reduced Price Food Services, GBEA - Staff Ethics-Conflict of Interest, KDB - Public's Right to Information, GBIA -

Collective Bargaining Activities, GBEC - Drug-Free Workplace Policy, HB - Negotiations Legal Status, GBI - Staff Participation in Political Activities, IKF - Graduation Requirements, GCCC - Professional Staff Family and Medical Leave, ADA - School District Goals and Objectives, HF - School Committee Negotiating Agents; seconded by Neal Darcy **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Nicole Odekirk, Mark Jones, Neal Darcy, and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (5-0-0)**

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Subcommittee

Mr. Jones reported there will be a number of recommendations coming forward from the Finance Subcommittee for the coming agenda of the School Committee. Mr. Jones reviewed those recommendations including, the town's selection of municipal representative for collective bargaining, post mortem FY17 budget meetings with towns, Finance Subcommittee goals and FY16 Audit.

Personnel Subcommittee

Ms. Romasco reported the Personnel Subcommittee meet on Tuesday night in executive session to discuss negotiations for the Superintendent's Contract. Ms. Romasco advised there will be an executive session tonight to discuss negotiations for the Superintendent's Contract.

Policy Subcommittee

Ms. Odekirk reported the Policy Subcommittee met this morning, the subcommittee reviewed the policies from the April 27th meeting and will be brought back to the School Committee for a second reading in June.

NRHS Space Study Task Force

No Report

SEPAC

Ms. Odekirk reported SEPAC is hosting their final lecture of the school year on "Treating Fears, Phobias & Meltdowns in children with Special Needs" on May 17th at MRE. SEPAC's last business meeting will be June 8th at NRHS.

Tech Committee

Mr. Darcy reported the committee went to Bedford HS in New Hampshire to examine their technology structure. Mr. Darcy stated it was a great view into the potential of what is available.

Emergency Response Committee

No Report

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

May 11, 2016

I. Instructional Leadership

- Organized group administrative evaluation activity to examine observation practice, provide peer feedback on observation strategies and provide collaborative professional learning to view educator evaluation as a peer learning activity rather than an individual activity.

II. Management and Operations

- Robin Benoit, STEM Coordinator, met with Dwight Peaver from the EPA on Monday, along with Linda Peer and Bill Cleary to discuss the Chemical Management Assistance program sponsored by the EPA. While the district has been working towards safer chemical hygiene practices, this program will assist the district in helping to clean out old chemicals, create a chemical database, move towards more consistent practices across the district and increase safety by reducing chemical risks. The work will take place over the summer and will involve Hale, Florence Sawyer, Burbank and the High School.

The EPA, Region 1 is offering a limited number of middle and high school's science departments free

on-site assistance to help better manage chemical resources. EPA teams, over the past ten years, have assisted 120 communities. The team will screen, collect, inspect, inventory and properly store the chemicals. The team will identify outdated, contaminated, unwanted, waste and inappropriate chemicals for subsequent removal by the school. A “real-time chemical inventory will be created for every stock chemical container.

- Update on RFI, Assistance Program for Lead School Drinking Water, Issued by Mass DEP (see attached)

III. Family and Community Engagement

- On April 9, 2016, Ms. Laura Dwyer, Coordinator of Enrichment and Extended Day, accompanied the “Legal Ladies” to their first Mock Trial at the NH Middle School Mock Trial event. The case was a criminal hacking conspiracy. The goal was to prepare students about the values of the justice system, have the students realize the power of their voices and embrace their civic responsibility by connecting the classroom with the courtroom. We congratulate Ms. Delaney Meehan for winning, “The Best Witness” award. Participants were: Delaney Meehan, Grace Huang, Eliza Wachtel, Elizabeth Carpenter, Madeline Powers, Zoe Birnbaum, Isabelle Nguyen, Audrey Swartz and Alannah O’Brien.

IV. Professional Culture

- The Nashoba Regional School District was one of nine school districts who were awarded a collaborative grant by the STEM Education Center at WPI in collaboration with the Central Massachusetts Alliance for Secondary Science Educators to offer a science and engineering course that focuses on the practice of modeling, physical science concepts, and basic assessment literacy. With funding from the Massachusetts Math and Science Partnership Program. Nashoba will have the opportunity for two middle school teachers and two high school teachers to participate. The participants will be awarded 45 PDPs upon completion of the course and there is an option of working towards 3 graduate credits.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

CONSENT AGENDA

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Items to be considered for next agenda / Housekeeping Items

- Jennifer Leone, Lancaster, was elected to serve the remaining year of the three year term that ends May, 2017.
- Lynn Colletti, Stow and Lorraine Romasco, Bolton won their seats for another term
- MASBO report is available, Ms. Romasco advised the structure for the MASBO Workshop at the next meeting
- June Meetings
- MASC Collective bargaining workshop
- Reorganization meeting

Motion

Nicole Odekirk moved to add a regular School Committee Meeting on June 1, 2016 and June 15, 2016; seconded by Mark Jones **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Nicole Odekirk, Mark Jones, Neal Darcy, and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (5-0-0)**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Committee went into Executive Session at 6:46 pm for the purpose of discussing negotiation strategy for a Superintendent’s Contract, not to reconvene to open session. Executive Session to include Dr. Bates.

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Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Romasco Yes
Ms. Odekirk Yes
Mr. Jones Yes
Ms. Colletti Yes
Mr. Darcy Yes

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

FY16 Third Quarter Financial Report

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Superintendent's Report

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Approved by NRSC 5/18/16