

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

January 18, 2017

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

ABSENT: Jennifer Leone and Susan Reardon

ADMINISTRATION IN ATTENDANCE: Brooke Clenchy, Superintendent of Schools

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Romasco called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Committee went into Executive Session at 5:31 pm to discuss strategy with respect to potential litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and the Chair so declares; and review and discuss draft Executive Session minutes related to George P. King v. Nashoba Regional School District, as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the public body and the Chair so declares. Discussion and possible action regarding release of the following sets of Executive Session minutes: August 10, 2016; Nov 30, 2016; Dec 7, 2016 and Dec 13, 2016; meeting to reconvene to Open Session.

MOTION

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Roll Call Vote:

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

VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)

Reconvened to open session 6:33 PM

MOTION

Mark Jones moved to approve and release the executive session minutes of 8/10/16, 11/30/16, 12/7/16 and 12/13/16 as amended; seconded by Neal Darcy **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Mark Jones, Lynn Colletti, Neal Darcy, Nicole Odekirk, and Kathy Codianne **VOTED AND PASSED. (6-0-0)**

STUDENT REPORT

The boys' swim team improved to 5-3 while the girls improved to 2-6. The team will host Shrewsbury at 7PM on Friday night. The indoor track teams are doing well and compete against league rival Westboro today. The alpine and Nordic ski teams competed in their first races of the season last week. Both the boys' and girls' ice hockey teams are hovering around a 500 record. The boys' lost a tough match-up with North Middlesex on Monday, 3-2, while the girls defeated Oakmont 2-1. The wrestling team placed 2nd in the Northbridge Tournament and 3rd at the Marlboro tournament over the weekend. The girls' basketball team defeated Shrewsbury last night to improve to 4-5 overall. The girls' team hosts Westboro on Friday night. The boys' basketball team faced their first loss of the season last week. However, they defeated the previously unbeaten Groton-Dunstable team on Friday night and Shrewsbury last night to improve to 9-1 overall. The boys' team is one of the top ranked teams in Central Mass right now.

- Midterms are next week and school will begin at 9:40 on Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday with a 1/2 day on Friday and the day ending at 11:30
- The DECA competition was last week at UMass Lowell. There were 143 Nashoba students participating and 92 continuing onto states in March.
- Mr. Poirier's Baseball in History class had a special guest speaker this week. Kevin McAcroy, a pitcher who was recruited by the Boston Red Sox in 2014. Kevin spent time discussing his road to the draft, his college experience at Bryant University, and mentioned a number of times the irony of growing up a Yankees fan and now playing for the Red Sox.
- The OneDay app created by our very own Nashoba Programming Team has hit over 400 downloads. The app tells you what classes you have every day and alerts you on your phone. It is available for free on iTunes.
- Nashoba welcomed William Kamkwamba, author of "The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind" yesterday. His book is a true story about how he got through a famine in Malawi by building a windmill. Copies of his book were sold as a fundraiser to help alleviate the current famine and prevent future famines in Malawi.
- Scholarship Season is here for Seniors and applications are open. Guidance has sent an email to students and families via Naviance. Please see the Scholarship Instruction Sheet and Booklet with a listing of scholarships offered, which is posted on the HS website. Click on Guidance and then the Scholarships link. Most applications are due March 1st. Students with questions may speak with Sue Allaire or Stephanie Hilliger in the guidance office.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Update / Year End Report

Ms. Marone provided a powerpoint presentation on the Results of Operations, end of year 6/30/16 reviewing the line item details and revenue surplus items.

NRHS Donation from Class of 1966

Ms. Marone advised she received a memo from Dr. Graham at NRHS advising her that he had received a donation of \$1000 from the NRHS Class of 1966 to be used for the school to beautify its outdoor spaces, specifically to purchase a bench for the upper courtyard with a plaque recognizing the class.

MOTION

Mark Jones moved to accept the donation of \$1000 from the NRHS Class of 1966 to be used for the school to beautify its outdoor spaces, specifically to purchase a bench for the upper courtyard with a plaque recognizing the class.; seconded by Kathy Codianne **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Mark Jones, Lynn Colletti, Neal Darcy, Nicole Odekirk, and Kathy Codianne **VOTED AND PASSED. (6-0-0)**

Budget Workshop

Ms. Romasco advised she is proposing holding the FY18 Budget Workshop on January 28th at 8:00 am. Ms. Romasco advised the Principal and Directors will be attending to present their preliminary budgets.

MOTION

Kathy Codianne moved to add a Budget Workshop on January 28, 2017 from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm; seconded by Nicole Odekirk **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Mark Jones, Lynn Colletti, Neal Darcy, Nicole Odekirk, and Kathy Codianne **VOTED AND PASSED. (6-0-0)**

OLD BUSINESS

Policy IIB – Class Size

Ms. Odekirk advised Policy IIB – Class Size is being presented for a second reading and adoption, no changes have been made since the last reading. The committee discuss the rational in changing the policy to all the Administration to manage class size while maintain parity across the district.

MOTION

Nicole Odekirk moved to accept the second reading and adoption of Policy IIB – Class Size; seconded by Mark Jones **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Mark Jones, Lynn Colletti, Neal Darcy, Nicole Odekirk, and Kathy Codianne **VOTED AND PASSED. (6-0-0)**

Forensic Audit Discussion

Mr. John Sullivan from MelansonHeath and Ms. Nan O'Neill from Toomey, Hess and Lehane attended to address questions raised at the January 4, 2017 School Committee meeting. Mr. Sullivan presented a powerpoint presentation.

CIZITENS COMMENTS

The following citizens/town officials attended the meeting to ask questions/provide citizen comments on the Forensic Audit results; Don Lowe, Bolton Town Administrator, Mark Grasso, Lancaster Selectman, Stan Starr, Lancaster Selectman, Brian Burke, Stow Selectman, Don Hawkes, Stow Selectman, Ron Powelski, Bolton Resident, Paul Antonangeli, Bolton Resident, and Brian Boyle, Bolton Advisory Committee.

Ms. Romasco provided a 2017 Action and Improvement Plan Draft handout and reviewed the topic/items the School Committee has adopted, are in progress or have been proposed for FY17-FY19.

Prior Years' Leases and Loans Discussion

Ms. O'Neill advised the three options presented at the last meeting to bring the current leases and loans compliant. The School Committee discussed the options.

MOTION

Mark Jones moved to pay the leases off in FY17 to Wells Fargo, John Deere, and HP Financial Services; seconded by Nicole Odekirk **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Mark Jones, Lynn Colletti, Neal Darcy, Nicole Odekirk, and Kathy Codianne **VOTED AND PASSED. (6-0-0)**

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Subcommittee

Mr. Darcy reported the Subcommittee has been meeting weekly working with administration on the budget process and MASBO/Forensic Audit recommendations.

Personnel Subcommittee

No Report

Policy Subcommittee

Ms. Odekirk advised the Subcommittee is currently coordinating schedules with Dorothy Presser to review the first batch of policies MASC has prepared.

SEPAC

No report

Tech Committee

No Report

Emergency Response Committee

No Report

Audit Advisory

Mr. Jones reported the advisory council did not meet due to a lack of quorum.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Clenchy reviewed her Superintendent's report; (*The Superintendent's Report is available in its entirety on the NRSD website, www.nrsd.net.*)

CORRESPONDENCE

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda included:

Warrants of January 20, 2017

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3622	01/20/17	VENDOR	\$ 594,660.55
3624	01/20/17	BENEFIT	\$ 392,000.00
3625	01/20/17	PAYROLL	\$1,422,024.68

Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2016
Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2017

ADJOURN

MOTION

Kathy Codianne moved to adjourn at 9:43 PM; seconded by Mark Jones **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Mark Jones, Lynn Colletti, Neal Darcy, Nicole Odekirk, and Kathy Codianne **VOTED AND PASSED. (6-0-0)**

Reference Documents and Presentations

Agenda

FY16 Final Reports as of 6.30.16

Class of 1966 Gift Letter

Policy IIB - Class Size

MelansonHeath Public Presentation 1-18-17

FY17 SC Action Improvement Plan DRAFT

Superintendent's Report

Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2016

Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2017

Approved by NRSC 2/1/17