

## NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

January 4, 2017

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE:** Lorraine Romasco, Nicole Odekirk, Mark Jones, Lynn Colletti, Jennifer Leone, Kathy Codianne, Susan Reardon and Neal Darcy

**ADMINISTRATION IN ATTENDANCE:** Brooke Clenchy, Superintendent of Schools

#### CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Romasco called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Ms. Romasco provided background of what led the School Committee to commission a Forensic Audit and the role the School Committee holds in budget development. Ms. Romasco advised this practice is not uncommon for School Committees when a new Superintendent is hired. Ms. Romasco advised the structure for the meeting tonight.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### **Nashoba Regional School District Forensic Audit Report By John Sullivan, CFE, Melanson Heath & Company**

Mr. John Sullivan provided a background of his experience stating in 2002 he performed a Forensic Audit on Nashoba Regional School District. Mr. Sullivan provided a review of the process disseminating the drafts and final report. Mr. Sullivan reviewed each section of the report in detail. The School Committee asked clarification questions during the presentation.

Ms. Romasco stated there will be follow up questions by the School Committee and citizens after the presentation tonight and would like Mr. Sullivan to attend the January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting to allow for the public and School Committee members to ask questions. Ms. Romasco advised there is a fee of \$1200 for Mr. Sullivan to attend and is requesting a vote from the School Committee to authorize this expense.

#### MOTION

Kathy Codianne moved to authorize the administration to allocate \$1200 to Melanson Heath and Company for Mr. John Sullivan to attend the January 18<sup>th</sup> School Committee meeting; seconded by Mark Jones **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Mark Jones, Lynn Colletti, Neal Darcy, Susan Reardon, Jennifer Leone, and Kathy Codianne **OPPOSED:** Nicole Odekirk **VOTED AND PASSED. (7-1-0)**

##### **Discussion of legal opinion regarding lease and loan documents by Nan O'Neill and Kerry Jenness, Murphy, Hesse, Toomey and Lehane**

Attorneys Nan O'Neill and Kerry Jenness provided a powerpoint presentation reviewing the regulations of M.G.L. (Massachusetts General Law) Chapter 71 as it pertains to lease and loan authorizations by School Districts. Ms. Jenness provided an overview of the district's current loans and leases and the processes which were used to secure these debts and a legal opinion of the process. Ms. Jenness presented three options she recommends to bring all leases and loans in compliance with M.G.L. and recommendations of policy changes to ensure all future

loans and leases are M.G.L. compliant.

## **Adjourn**

### **MOTION**

Jennifer Leone moved to approve adjourn at 9:01 pm seconded by Kathy Codianne **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Mark Jones, Lynn Colletti, Neal Darcy, Susan Reardon, Jennifer Leone, Nicole Odekirk, and Kathy Codianne **VOTED AND PASSED. (8-0-0)**

## **Reference Documents and Presentations**

Agenda

**Approved by NRSC 1-18-17**