

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

February 27, 2017

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

**ADMINISTRATION IN ATTENDANCE:** Brooke Clenchy, Superintendent of Schools, Pat Marone, Interim Business and Operations Manager

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2017 Staff Climate Survey**

Ms. Romasco provided a review of the 2015 Climate Survey process for the new School Committee members. Ms. Odekirk advised the 2017 survey questions will remain the same with the addition of a couple questions surrounding how supported staff feels regarding SEL (Social Emotional Learning). Ms. Odekirk advised she would like to recommend the addition of the option of “no opinion” on certain questions to hopefully clarify the “neutral” option. IT questions were discussed but SC felt that IT will require its own survey to be developed at a later date.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**FY18 Budget Discussion**

Superintendent Clenchy provided a powerpoint presentation updating the FY18 Budget stating the FY17 budget was \$50,319,249 and the FY18 proposed budget is \$52,076,385 which is a 3.49% increase. Superintendent Clenchy advised she has been in constant contact with Town Administrators during the budget process. Superintendent Clenchy shared that on February 27th the administration presented FY18's all-inclusive budget (3.49% increase over FY17) to the three town's Town Managers Superintendent Clenchy reviewed the driving efficiencies of the budget; staffing, program efficiencies, staff salaries, and enrollment. Ms. Romasco asked the Superintendent where the “pain points” are in the budget, the Superintendent responded this year it is conservative as the district works through incorporating the recommendations of the MASBO and forensic audit reports but she advised next year she will likely present a growth-oriented budget. Ms. Leone advised with the proposed increase to Lancaster the town would have a \$200,000 deficit. The committee discussed E & D, Ms. Marone advised the proposed budget includes \$1,000,000 from E & D, leaving a remaining balance of approx. \$800,000

**Finance Subcommittee Recommendations**  
**PreK, Kindergarten and Extended Day Tuition**

**Extended Day/Before School**

Mr. Darcy advised the Extended Day cost neutral daily rate is \$18.13; the Administration's recommendation is \$18.00. Mr. Darcy advised the Finance Subcommittee has voted to recommend an increase in tuition to make the program cost neutral. Mr. Darcy advised at the time of the Finance Subcommittee vote, an exact cost neutral figure was not available; he is in support of the \$18.00 daily rate, an increase of \$4.50 per day. The committee members each expressed their thoughts on the tuition increase and what increase should be established. Ms. Codianne advised she will not support any vote that does not make the tuition increase cost neutral to run the program. SC felt that since extended day/before school programs were not academic programs, they should run independently of the budget and the district should not be supplementing these programs with money that could be used for educational purposes.

**MOTION**

Mark Jones moved to establish a daily rate of \$18.00 for FY18 for the extended day program and that all expenses/revenues for this program run through the established revolving fund account; seconded by Jennifer Leone **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Mark Jones, Neal Darcy, Susan Reardon, Lynn Colletti, Nicole Odekirk, Jennifer Leone and Kathy Codianne **VOTED AND PASSED. (8-0-0)**

**MOTION**

Jennifer Leone moved to establish a daily rate of \$6.00 for FY18 for the before school program and that all expenses/revenues for this program run through the established revolving fund account; seconded by Neal Darcy **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Mark Jones, Neal Darcy, Susan Reardon, Lynn Colletti, Nicole Odekirk, Jennifer Leone and Kathy Codianne **VOTED AND PASSED. (8-0-0)**

**Full Day Kindergarten**

Mr. Darcy advised the Finance Subcommittee did not come to a consensus on the establishment of the FY18 tuition rates. Mr. Darcy advised he is not in favor of an increase in FY18; Mr. Jones advised he proposes a 10% increase for FY18. The School Committee discussed their concerns for the families that may have children in all three of the programs.

**MOTION**

Neal Darcy moved for no kindergarten tuition increase for FY18; seconded by Nicole Odekirk **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Neal Darcy, Susan Reardon, and Nicole Odekirk, **OPPOSED:** Mark Jones, Jennifer Leone, Lynn Colletti, and Kathy Codianne **VOTED AND FAILED. (4-4-0)**

**MOTION**

Neal Darcy moved to increase the kindergarten tuition by 10% for FY18.;Motion was not seconded.

**Preschool Program**

Mr. Darcy advised the Finance Subcommittee voted to accept the Administration's FY18 tuition recommendation in proposal 1 of 2 day ½ day - \$196; 3 day ½ day - \$291; 4 day ½ day - \$370; 5 day full day - \$882.00 per month.

**MOTION**

Kathy Codianne moved to accept the Administration's FY18 Preschool tuition recommendation in proposal 1 of 2 day ½ day - \$196; 3 day ½ day - \$291; 4 day ½ day - \$370; 5 day full day - \$882.00 per month.; seconded by Jennifer Leone **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Mark Jones, Neal Darcy, Susan Reardon, Lynn Colletti, Nicole Odekirk, Jennifer Leone and Kathy Codianne **VOTED AND PASSED. (8-0-0)**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

NRSD School Committee Meeting Minutes, February 27, 2017  
Citizen correspondence regarding the 17-18 SY calendar and religious holidays.  
Citizen correspondence regarding kindergarten, preschool and extended day tuitions.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2017

**ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR NEXT AGENDA**

Continued budget discussion on Kindergarten tuition  
Superintendent Mid Cycle Goal Review

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Committee went into Executive session at 8:26 pm pursuant to M.G.L. c. §30A, 21(a)3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining for Units A and C if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.  
The Committee will not reconvene to open session; meeting will adjourn in Executive Session.

**MOTION**

Jennifer Leone moved to go into Executive session at 8:26 pm pursuant to M.G.L. c. §30A, 21(a)3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining for Units A and C if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. To include Superintendent Clenchy. The Committee will not reconvene to open session; meeting will adjourn in Executive Session. seconded by Kathy Codianne

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

**Reference Documents and Presentations**

Agenda  
2015 Climate Survey Results  
FY18 Budget Presentation  
Draft meeting minutes of February 15, 2017 with Edits

**Approved by NRSC 3/15/17**