

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

February 6, 2017

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE: Lorraine Romasco, Nicole Odekirk (arrived at 6:00 pm), Mark Jones, Neal Darcy, Jennifer Leone, Lynn Colletti (left at 7:15 pm) and Susan Reardon

ABSENT: Kathy Codianne

ADMINISTRATION IN ATTENDANCE: Brooke Clenchy, Superintendent of Schools

CALL TO ORDER

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Committee went into Executive Session at 5:30 PM to discuss litigation strategy as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and if the chair so declares, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(3) [Arbitration George P. King v. Nashoba Regional School District] and to include Superintendent Clenchy and Kerry Regan Jenness, Esq. Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane, LL. To reconvene to open session.

MOTION

Jennifer Leone moved to go into Executive Session at 5:30 pm to discuss litigation strategy as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and if the chair so declares, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(3) [Arbitration George P. King v. Nashoba Regional School District] and to include Superintendent Clenchy and Kerry Regan Jenness, Esq. Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane, LL. To reconvene to open session; seconded by Neal Darcy

Roll Call Vote:

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

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

Reconvened to open session at 6:18 pm

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Budget Workshop Follow Up

Early Literacy – District Plan

Patty O'Connor, Sean O'Shea, Joel Bates, Ross Mulkerin provided an overview of the five year Elementary Literacy Professional Development Plan.

Early Childhood

Cyndie Maxfield and Pat Marone provided an overview of the Kindergarten enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year. Pat Marone provide a handout comparison of Tuition Rates in Massachusetts and reviewed the per pupil cost compared to the tuition paid. The Superintendent will make a tuition rate recommendation at the next meeting.

Special Education

Joan DeAngelis provided an overview of the two new programs she is proposing, an early RISE Program for the elementary level and a social skills program for elementary school children with Autism. Ms. DeAngelis advised she is requesting two Teachers and a School Adjustment Counselor in the FY18 budget to run the new programs. Ms. DeAngelis reviewed how she envisions these programs helping reduce out of district placements.

Extended Day/Enrichment

Ms. Dwyer provided an overview of the Extended Learning Program and advised she is recommending an increase in tuition. Ms. Dwyer advised the Mass Daily Average is \$15-\$20 and provided a couple area school district comparisons; NRSD's current rate is \$13.80 per day. Ms. Marone advised an increase in tuition would yield approx. \$90,000 The School Committee requested true costs of the program be presented at the next meeting.

Facilities

Mr. Jeff Converse and Pat Marone reviewed the facilities proposed FY18 budget. Ms. Marone advised the Capital Plan will be finished on Friday. Mr. Converse and Ms. Marone provided an update on the leech field at the high school.

Budget Update

Superintendent Clenchy provided a powerpoint presentation update on the FY18 budget, reviewing the staffing requests she recommends stay in the proposed FY18 budget, budget totals, additions and considerations to the original proposed budget. Superintendent Clenchy reviewed the Executive Summary of the proposed budget.

CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda included:

Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2017

ADJOURN

MOTION

Jennifer Leone moved to adjourn at 8:32 PM; seconded by Mark Jones **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Mark Jones, Neal Darcy, Nicole Odekirk, Jennifer Leone and Susan Reardon **VOTED AND PASSED. (6-0-0)**

Reference Documents and Presentations

Agenda
Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2017