

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

April 12, 2017

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

ADMINISTRATION IN ATTENDANCE: Brooke Clenchy, Superintendent of Schools, Pat Marone, Interim Business and Operations Manager, Ann Marie Stoica, Director of Human Resources

ABSENT: Lynn Colletti

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Romasco called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 PM

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

STUDENT REPORT

Nick Mellis, NRHS Student Representative to the School Committee provided an update on academics, sports and events at Nashoba Regional High School.

NEW BUSINESS

High School Chorus Performance

Dr. Graham introduced Rachel Glenister and the NRHS Girls Chorus teacher. The Chorus performed two songs.

Recognition of Tania Rich, Athletic Director of the Year

Dr. Graham announced Tania Rich, NRSD Athletic Director was named 2017 Athletic Director of the Year and read some of her accomplishments. Superintendent Clenchy and Chairmen Romasco presented Ms. Rich with flowers and an award.

EEC/Preschool Guidelines

Superintendent Clenchy advised this topic is being brought to the meeting tonight so there is a clear understanding of the purpose of a Preschool program and the state guidelines for a Preschool programs. Ms. DeAngelis provided an overview of the ECSE (Early Childhood Special Education) guidelines and class composition across the district. Chairmen Romasco advised the administration review and provide a recommendation to the School Committee for the FY19 school year..

MASC (Massachusetts Association of School Committees) Superintendent Evaluation Workshop

Dorothy Presser, MASC Field Representative, conducted a workshop on the Superintendent Evaluation process. Ms. Codianne provided handouts on the Superintendent's Evaluation Process, Superintendent Rubric, Draft Superintendent's Annual Plan and standards and indicators of effective Superintendent Leadership rubric. The Committee agreed that the Committee's two outgoing members will provide their written input on the evaluation by May 10th for inclusion to the final report.

FY18 Bus Contract

Ms. Marone provided a presentation on the regular transportation bus bid process and advised Dee Bus was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder per MGL 30B of the two companies that bid

and advised that following negotiations the increase represents 17.9% increase over last year. Ms. Marone provided a review of the contract, the transportation revolving fund, and what is expected from state reimbursement. Ms. Marone requested a vote to award the contract to Dee Bus.

MOTION

Jennifer Leone moved to award the FY18 bus contract to Dee Bus; seconded by Kathy Codianne **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Mark Jones, Kathy Codianne, Nicole Odekirk, Neal Darcy, Susan Reardon and Jennifer Leone **VOTED AND PASSED. (7-0-0)**

DECA Overnight Travel Request Approval

Superintendent Clenchy advised she has received a travel request from the NRHS DECA Club to travel to Anaheim, CA on April 25 – 30 for the DECA International Career Development Conference, four students and one chaperone will attend.

MOTION

Jennifer Leone moved to approve the travel request for the NRHS DECA Club to travel to Anaheim, CA on April 25 – 30 for the DECA International Career Development Conference; seconded by Kathy Codianne **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Mark Jones, Kathy Codianne, Nicole Odekirk, Neal Darcy, Susan Reardon and Jennifer Leone **VOTED AND PASSED. (7-0-0)**

Luther Burbank Donation

Ms. Marone advised the Luther Burbank MS has received a donation of \$500.00 from David French Music Co. to help defray the cost of their 7th and 8th grade band students attending and performing in the Great East Music Festival.

MOTION

Jennifer Leone moved to accept the donation of \$500.00 from David French Music Co. to help defray the cost of the Luther Burbank MS 7th and 8th grade band students attending and performing in the Great East Music Festival; seconded by Mark Jones **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Mark Jones, Kathy Codianne, Nicole Odekirk, Neal Darcy, Susan Reardon and Jennifer Leone **VOTED AND PASSED. (7-0-0)**

Negotiations Subcommittee Member Vote

Chairmen Romasco advised Jennifer Leone will be rotating off the School Committee and is asking for the School Committee to vote to allow Ms. Leone to remain on the Collective Bargaining Subcommittee for the duration of contract negotiations for Unit A and Unit C to maintain the momentum of the full effort.

MOTION

Nicole Odekirk moved that the School Committee allow Jennifer Leone to remain on the School Committee's negotiating subcommittee for the 2017 successor contract negotiations with Unit A and Unit C after the expiration of her term as a School Committee member; seconded by Mark Jones **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Mark Jones, Kathy Codianne, Nicole Odekirk, Neal Darcy, Susan Reardon and Jennifer Leone **VOTED AND PASSED. (7-0-0)**

OLD BUSINESS

Audit Advisory Council Auditor Recommendation

Mr. Jones advised the Audit Advisory Council is recommending MelansonHeath for FY17 audit services and negotiation an audit contract.

MOTION

Jennifer Leone moved to hire MelansonHeath for FY17 audit services and negotiation of an Audit contract; seconded by Mark Jones **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Mark Jones, Kathy

Codianne, Nicole Odekirk, Neal Darcy, Susan Reardon and Jennifer Leone **VOTED AND PASSED. (7-0-0)**

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Subcommittee

Mr. Darcy reported the Finance Subcommittee reviewed their goals, discussed a budget calendar, budget postmortem, budget book and brochure, examination of district fees and Dr. Hemman will be attending a Finance Subcommittee meeting to provide a review of school choice, OPEB, stabilization funds and E & D. Chairmen Romasco requested that the initial discussion with Dr. Hemman include the full School Committee since the topics have important implications across the district.

Personnel Subcommittee

Ms. Codianne reported the committee met on Monday, the subcommittee discussed the non-union contracts that expire in June, the School Committee Handbook, and the Superintendent provided an update on the Principal search.

Policy Subcommittee

Ms. Reardon reported the committee met with Dorothy Pressor, MASC, to continue work on the Policy Manual, they will meet again on May 10th to continue the work. Ms. Odekirk advised there have been over 200 responses to this year’s Staff Climate survey.

SEPAC

Ms. DeAngelis advised Susan Senator, author of Making Peace with Autism: One Family's Story of Struggle, Discovery, and Unexpected Gifts, presented to the group providing an overview of her philosophy, personal experience.

Tech Committee

No Report

Emergency Response Committee

No Report

Audit Advisory

No Report

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.*)

Ms. Stoica provided an update on the Hale and NRHS principal search.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairmen Romasco advised there was a form letter submitted from a few parents regarding the preschool tuition for 2017-2018, a list of those residents who submitted the letters is in the packet, copies of those letters are available upon request.

CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda included:

Warrants of April 14, 2017

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3641	04/14/17	VENDOR	\$ 336,626.74
3642	04/14/17	BENEFIT	\$ 59,120.80

Meeting Minutes of March 29, 2017, as amended.

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR NEXT AGENDA

Ms. Romasco polled the Committee for interest in holding the annual Goal Setting Workshop at the June 21st School Committee meeting, pending availability of Dorothy Presser's (MASC field representative) availability versus in August. Holding the workshop in June will allow the subcommittees to begin working on their goals throughout the summer when the School Committee is on summer hiatus.

ADJOURN

MOTION

Jennifer Leone moved to adjourn at 8:29 PM; seconded by Neal Darcy **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Mark Jones, Kathy Codianne, Nicole Odekirk, Neal Darcy, Susan Reardon and Jennifer Leone **VOTED AND PASSED. (7-0-0)**

Reference Documents and Presentations

Agenda

Bus Contract Presentation

17-18 Bus Contract

DECA Overnight Travel Request

Luther Burbank Donation Approval Request

Draft Meeting Minutes of March 29, 2017

Approved by NRSC 4/26/17