

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

April 26, 2017

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

SCHOOL CHOICE PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Romasco opened the public hearing, Superintendent Clenchy advised she recommends not participating in School Choice for the 2017-2018 school year. School Committee members voiced their agreement with the Superintendent's recommendation. No citizen comments were made. Public hearing was closed at 6:07 pm

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Romasco called the regular meeting to order at 6:07 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

Chairman Romasco advised the annual town meetings are May 1st, the powerpoint decks are ready and will be available at the meeting and advised Superintendent Clenchy will be in Bolton and Finance Subcommittee members will present in their respective towns.

Chairman Romasco announced that tonight is the last meeting for two School Committee members, Nicole Odekirk, Stow Rep. and Jennifer Leone, Lancaster Rep. and thanked them for their commitment and contributions.

Growth Mindset in the Classroom Presentation

Ross Mulkerin, Principal at The Center School in Stow introduced Liz Messina, 3rd Grade Teacher and students of The Center School who gave a presentation on how growth mindset can be used and is being used in the classroom. After the presentation Mr. Mulkerin answered questions on the growth mindset model being used.

2017/2018 School Choice Vote

MOTION

Jennifer Leone moved to withdrawal from School Choice for the 2017-2018 School Year; seconded by Mark Jones **FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Mark Jones, Nicole Odekirk, Neal Darcy, Susan Reardon, Lynn Colletti and Jennifer Leone **VOTED AND PASSED. (7-0-0)**

Corrective Action Plan, Phase Two and Special Education

Superintendent Clenchy reviewed the Phase Two and Special Education Corrective Action Plan from the Forensic and MASBO report. Chairman Romasco advised the documents have been in the packet for two weeks for review and advised if there are outlining questions to forward to her and she will funnel to Administration.

Establishment of NRHS Facility Committee

Chairman Romasco advised this committee is specific to the High School and the charge of this committee will be to work towards a recommendation for the SOI and the feasibility study for the High School. Chairmen Romasco stated she would like the committee to be made up of residents from all three towns, School Administration and School Committee members. School Committee members will be identified following the FY18 Board assignments.

Bolton Police MOU

Superintendent Clenchy introduced Bolton Town Administrator, Don Lowe and advised the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between the District and the Town of Bolton for the School Resource Officer at NRHS is in the packet. Superintendent Clenchy stated the SRO reports to the Bolton Police Department. Mr. Lowe advised he will be presenting the MOU to the Bolton Selectmen at their next meeting and that the Town and District Counsel have reviewed/developed the MOU. School Committee members voiced their concerns of wording in the MOU regarding "District" vs. NRHS, and handling of crime scenes by NRSD personnel prior to Police arriving on scene. Superintendent Clenchy will bring those concerns to legal counsel and if there are any edits bring them back to the committee.

Piano Donation to NRHS

Ms. Marone advised NRHS has received a donation of a Steinway Model M piano from an anonymous Worcester resident the only stipulation is the high school would have to pay the transportation costs of approx. \$350.00, which would be funded by the NRHS Music budget. This donation would replace a piano at the HS that has recently suffered water damage from a leak in the roof.

MOTION

Jennifer Leone moved to accept the donation of a Steinway Model M piano for NRHS with the stipulation that the transportation cost would be made by NRSD; seconded by Susan Reardon **FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Mark Jones, Nicole Odekirk, Neal Darcy, Susan Reardon, Lynn Colletti and Jennifer Leone **VOTED AND PASSED. (7-0-0)**

OLD BUSINESS

Youth Risk Behavior Survey Follow Up Strategies

Donna Linstrom, Coordinator of Health and Wellness, introduced Melissa Snediker, Social Studies Teacher at NRHS, and stated Ms. Snediker is on the Health Advisory Council. Ms. Linstrom provided a review of the strategies the district will be using to address some of the social and emotional concerns from the Emerson Youth Risk Survey. Over the next year the concerns will be broken down into six topic phases; which will include guest speakers, student/parent education and staff training.

1. SAFETY - Bullying/cyberbullying, online safety
2. SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION - Alcohol, drugs, tobacco
3. SUICIDE PREVENTION - Depression
4. STRESS/ANXIETY MANAGEMENT
5. BUILDING RESILIENCY
6. HEALTH/WELLNESS PROMOTION - Sleep, nutrition, fitness, mindfulness

Ms. Snediker provided an overview of a teacher/student advisory model, where there would be smaller homerooms, and the same homeroom teacher would stay with them through grade 12 to develop a strong teacher/student bond.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Subcommittee

Mr. Darcy reported the committee met today and discussed finance related policies, and met with Tom Houle, Food Services Coordinator and Laura Dwyer, Enrichment Coordinator in preparation for their presentation to the School Committee.

Personnel Subcommittee

No report

Policy Subcommittee

Ms. Reardon reported the committee met and developed clarifying questions for the Finance Subcommittee regarding the finance policies they are working on. Donna Linstrom attended the meeting and will be attending the next meeting with Dorothy Presser to review the policies regarding Health and Wellness. Ms. Reardon reviewed of the process for MASC to develop the district policy manual.

SEPAC

No Report

Tech Committee

No Report

Emergency Response Committee

No Report

Audit Advisory

No report

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Clenchy advised she does not have a formal report. Ms. Stoica, HR Director provided an update on the Principal search for Hale Middle School and NRHS. Superintendent Clenchy advised Mr. Kyle Grady has accepted the position of Principal at Hale Middle School and his first day is July 1st. Superintendent Clenchy advised the Budget Book and brochure has been delivered to the Towns. Superintendent Clenchy thanked Ms. Odekirk and Ms. Leone for their work and contribution to the School Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda included:

Warrants of April 28, 2017

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3644	04/28/17	VENDOR	\$ 560,398.55
3645	04/28/17	BENEFIT	\$ 739,248.10
3646	04/28/17	PAYROLL	\$1,392,209.42

Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2017

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR NEXT AGENDA

Bolton/NRSD MOU

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Committee went into Executive session at 8:28 pm for the purpose of reviewing Executive Session Minutes of 1/18, 2/1, 2/6, 2/27, 3/1 and 3/29 for approval. To include Superintendent Clenchy and to adjourn in Executive Session.

MOTION

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Roll Call Vote:

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

VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)

Reference Documents and Presentations

- Agenda
- Corrective Action Plan, Phase Two
- Corrective Action Plan, Special Education
- MOU with Town of Bolton/Police and NRSD
- Piano Donation to NRHS Acceptance Memo
- Draft Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2017

Approved by NRSC 5/10/17