

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

March 15, 2017

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

ABSENT: Nicole Odekirk

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 6:03 PM

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Laura Robert, Bolton – Thanked the Superintendent for their responses to her emails, and voiced her concerns regarding the tuition structure for Preschool.

Chair requested the Superintendent review the PreK program and determine if the program is meeting the needs of the students and operating efficiently. Superintendent Clenchy is conducting an evaluation of the program.

STUDENT REPORT

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

Mary Rowlandson Drone Presentation

Ms. Sandy Akdikman, Technology Teacher, Erin Keeney, Math Teacher and Sean O'Shea, Principal along with students from Mary Rowlandson ES gave a presentation on the drones project they have developed on the importance of bees and how to pollinate via drones in the absence of bees. Ms. Akdikman provided an overview of how science, technology of coding and math were all incorporated into the project. Each student reviewed a slide from the presentation.

Professional Development Day Debrief

Ms. Larsen, Coordinator of Digital Learning, provided a debrief of the work done on the full day Professional Development day on Friday, March 10th.

LEAP Grant Overview

Superintendent Clenchy provided an overview of the ESE LEAP program as a collection of districts, agencies and collaboratives with the goal of reducing a disproportionate special education identification and substantially separate placement of students of low-income families. Sean O'Shea, Principal of Mary Rowlandson ES, Martina Kenyon, and Patty O'Connor provided an overview of the LEAP program and working being done at NRSD. **Chair asked Mr O'Shea for future presentation on the NRSD LEAP collaborative process with the state as they create a baseline to look for consistent cultural markers to identify low income students who test below the state medium.**

NRHS Robotics, Baseball, and Basketball Overnight Trip Approval Requests

Chairman Romasco advised NRHS is requesting the approval of three overnight trips for NRHS students; the Varsity Baseball Team consisting of 24 students and 6 chaperones to go to Mashpee HS on March 24-26, 2017 for a baseball jamboree; the Robotics team consisting of 24 students and 6 chaperones to go to Bryant University, Smithfield, RI on March 24-26, 2017; and the varsity Basketball team consisting of 19 students and 3 chaperones to go to Springfield, MA on March 17-28, 2017.

Chair asked Dr Graham to change the travel template from 'Please sue' to 'Please use'.

MOTION

Jennifer Leone moved to approve the overnight travel requests for the Varsity Baseball Team consisting of 24 students and 6 chaperones to go to Mashpee HS on March 24-26, 2017 for a baseball jamboree; the Robotics team consisting of 24 students and 6 chaperones to go to Bryant University, Smithfield, RI on March 24-26, 2017; and the varsity Basketball team consisting of 19 students and 3 chaperones to go to Springfield, MA on March 17-28, 2017; seconded by Kathy Codianne **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Mark Jones, Neal Darcy, Lynn Colletti, Kathy Codianne, Susan Reardon, and Jennifer Leone **VOTED AND PASSED. (7-0-0)**

Wilder Road Culvert Discussion

Chairman Romasco advised the Wilder Road Culvert is a Town of Bolton specific issue and the reason it is being brought before the School Committee is the culvert, voted to be replaced by the Town of Bolton in May, 2016 and recommended for replacement by Bolton DPW, Bolton Police, and two independent Engineering studies has been delayed again. The Chairman advised that NRSD buses travel over the culvert. The safety of the students on those buses is a concern of the School Committee. Superintendent Clenchy shared she has been working closely with the bus company who has expressed concern about bus and student safety traveling over the culvert. The bus company's safety expert indicated they do not want the buses traversing the culvert in its current state. The Superintendent stated her recommendation is to reroute buses to avoid that area of the road which will result in additional cost implications. Don Lowe, Bolton Town Administrator provided a history of the situation and a timeline for bid and repair process. The Bolton FinCom will meet next week to vote on next steps.

Policy AADA-1 (Criminal Background Checks)

Ms. Reardon advised the policy subcommittee did not meet today, this policy is being reviewed because there has been some misinterpretation on the language. Ms. Stoica provided an overview of the criminal background checks, Ms. Stoica advised the current policy states the Principal, Superintendent or School Committee can determine who is required to get fingerprinted and advised there needs to be a clearer defined policy to be used district wide. The Chair **directed Policy and HR to review, revise the fingerprinting policy then publicize for the district when approved.**

Chair requested Policy issue the policies up for approval to the SC a min of 1 week prior to SC meeting

Chair requested a list of all policies under review/development that are not currently in the policy manual.

OLD BUSINESS

2017-2018 SY Calendar

Ms. Stoica provided a review of the Professional Development days and how the dates were selected by the Calendar Committee. Dr. Graham provided a follow up report on late starts at the high school including results from a parent survey and a summary of work that was completed by staff during the late starts. Superintendent Clenchy advised she supports late

starts but has reservations about 12 days and is concerned about lost time. Chairman Romasco stated the responsibility of determining how many late starts lies with the Superintendent and HS Administration not the School Committee. Superintendent Clenchy advised she will work with Dr. Graham and report back to the School Committee. The School Committee will vote on the calendar at the next meeting. ~~Chair directed HR to provide a list of all holidays at the beginning of each year to the principals to take into consideration when planning tests, field trips and school productions. Chair directed Superintendent and Dr Graham to coordinate and recommend late start dates at the next SC meeting. Upon approval, the 2018 school calendar will be voted. SC is two years into late starts. SC is looking for continuity, goals, measures of success, sustainability and the ROI of time—how will this look?~~

FY18 Budget

Ms. Marone presented an updated Preschool tuition increase proposal. The School Committee discussed operating cost of the program vs. tuition received. Chairman Romasco asked if any School Committee members had any questions on the FY18 budget presented; no questions raised.

MOTION

Jennifer Leone moved to accept the FY18 Budget of \$52,076,385 with a 3.49% increase as presented; seconded by Neal Darcy **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Mark Jones, Neal Darcy, Lynn Colletti, and Kathy Codianne, **OPPOSED:** Jennifer Leone and Susan Reardon **VOTED AND FAILED. (5-2-0) (Budget must be passed by a 2/3 affirmative vote)**

Ms. Leone advised she will reconsider her vote if she can be guaranteed a serious conversation will be had if there is surplus at the end of the budget cycle about how the surplus is used and not automatically folded into the budget without discussion, as she will no longer be seated on the School Committee at the end of the fiscal budget cycle.

MOTION

Jennifer Leone moved to reconsider the FY18 budget motion; seconded by Kathy Codianne **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Mark Jones, Neal Darcy, Lynn Colletti, Kathy Codianne, and Jennifer Leone **OPPOSED:** Susan Reardon **VOTED AND PASSED. (6-1-0)**

MOTION

Jennifer Leone moved to accept the FY18 Budget as presented of \$52,076,385 with a 3.49% increase as presented; seconded by Neal Darcy **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Mark Jones, Neal Darcy, Lynn Colletti, Kathy Codianne, and Jennifer Leone **OPPOSED:** Susan Reardon **VOTED AND PASSED. (6-1-0)**

~~Chair directed the superintendent to review the PreK program and answer the following; Is the district providing a Cadillac? Is the program operating efficiently? What is the goal of the program? NRSD needs to go back and revisit/evaluate the program.~~

~~Dr Hemmin and OPEB workshop. When will this happen?~~

~~Call out the serious discussion regarding surplus of funds for FY17 in the hopes that it reduces the town assessments in following years~~

~~Chair directed packet items to be in the packet on the Friday prior to SC meeting~~

~~Chair directed the minutes be checked and read by the SC prior to meeting and approval~~

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~~Chair directed Aleta to provide policy chair with all policies under construction and not currently in the policy manual. EX Chemical use~~

Chair requested packet items are in the packet on the Friday prior to SC meeting to allow for review.

Chair requested the minutes be checked and read by the SC prior to meeting and approval

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Subcommittee

No Report

Personnel Subcommittee

No Report

Policy Subcommittee

No Report

SEPAC

No Report

Tech Committee

No Report

Emergency Response Committee

No Report

Audit Advisory

Mr. Jones reported the Audit Advisory will be meeting tomorrow night to review the bids received.

Bringing recommendations to SC on 4/12

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.)*

CORRESPONDENCE

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda included:

Warrants of March 17, 2017

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3635	03/17/17	VENDOR	\$ 606,066.01
3636	03/17/17	BENEFIT	\$ 58,325.51
3637	03/17/17	PAYROLL	\$1,351,306.81

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR NEXT AGENDA

ADDA-1 Policy Review
Audit Advisory report out
2017-2018 SY Calendar

ADJOURN

MOTION

Jennifer Leone moved to adjourn at 8:48; seconded by Neal Darcy **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Mark Jones, Neal Darcy, Lynn Colletti, Kathy Codianne, Susan Reardon, and Jennifer Leone **VOTED AND PASSED. (7-0-0)**

Reference Documents and Presentations

Agenda
LEAP Program Overview
NRHS Baseball Overnight Approval Form
NRHS Robotics Overnight Approval Form
NRHS Basketball Overnight Approval Form
Policy ADDA-1 - NRSD CHRI
2017-2018 SY Calendar Proposal
Late Start Follow Up Report by Dr. Graham
Results for Late Start Survey to Parents
Superintendent's Report
Draft Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2017
Draft Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2017