

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

February 28, 2018

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE : Lorraine Romasco, Kathy Codianne, Lynn Colletti, Mark Jones, and Stephen Rubinstein

ABSENT: Neal Darcy, Susan Reardon and Alise Crossland

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

FY19 BUDGET HEARING CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Romasco called the FY19 Budget Hearing to order at 6:00 PM

FY19 BUDGET HEARING

Chairman Romasco advised the citizens of the guidelines for the Budget Hearing. Superintendent Clenchy provided a powerpoint presentation of where the FY19 Budget is to date in the process.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Don Lowe, Bolton Town Administrator, advised he has been looking at the lighting in the area of the high school to increase the safety of the students and provided an update on the situation.

Don Hawkes, Stow Town FinCom, thanked the Committee and Superintendent for “job well done” on the budget and the transparency during the process.

Elaine Sanfilippo, Stow resident, asked what is the contingency planning for large facility repairs/expenses. Superintendent Clenchy advised the School Committee is in discussions regarding setting up stabilization funds to be able to address these issues and she continues to work with Town Administrators to address issues as they arise.

FY19 BUDGET HEARING CONCLUSION

FY19 Budget Hearing concluded at 6:32 pm

MOTION

Kathy Codianne moved to close the FY19 Public Budget Hearing at 6:32 pm; seconded by Mark Jones **IN FAVOR**: Lorraine Romasco, Kathy Codianne, Lynn Colletti, Mark Jones, and Stephen Rubinstein **VOTED AND PASSED. (5-0-0)**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Romasco called the regular meeting to order at 6:32 PM

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES

Chairman Romasco advised there are two more meetings before the budget vote, March 7th and 14th. The March 7th is not on the calendar as it was an additional meeting voted a couple meetings ago. Chairman Romasco advised the School Committee Members if they have any additional budget concerns to forward to her so she can forward to the Administration to be addressed at the next two meetings.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Clenchy provided district updates; the report can be viewed in its entirety at http://www.nrdsd.net/district/superintendent_s_reports

STUDENT REPORT

Isabel Stringfellow, NRHS Student Representative to the School Committee provided an update on academics, sports and events at Nashoba Regional High School and district Schools.

INTERIM BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS MANAGER REPORT

Ms. Marone provided the FY18 results of operations for January and reviewed same. Mr. Jones asked for an explanation on the Special Education Line. Ms. Marone advised the surplus is due to an out of district placement returning to the district. Ms. Stoica provided a review of the Aesop system for substitute calling. Chairman Romasco asked about the surplus in the Insurance and Benefits line, Ms. Marone advised this line is not just health insurance it also contains the building insurance, etc. and that a surplus should be maintained in this line to cover any new hires that may opt to enroll in our insurance.

Ms. Marone and Superintendent Clenchy provided a review of the FY19 Budget drivers and the executive summary changes from the last meeting. School Committee Members asked clarifying questions regarding staffing, OPEB funding, building safety update, E & D, digital learning, grants that will be no longer available, school choice out and charter schools.

Ms. Marone and Ms. Stoica advised there is a district Insurance Advisory Committee reviewing the employee insurance benefits and provided a review of the composition of the committee and the functions and processes of this committee. Ms. Stoica advised the committee is not yet ready to make a recommendation to the School Committee. Chairman Romasco questioned why the committee has not gone out to bid to research other carriers.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

NRHS SOI (Statement of Interest)

Superintendent Clenchy advised the SOI will be brought forward at the next meeting for a vote, preparation of the SOI is currently being finalized.

NRHS Leach Field Follow Up

Mr. Frieswick advised last week they met with the DEP. Mr. Dave Formato, from On-Sight Engineering provided an update on the options of moving the well and water supply discussions with DEP. The DEP advised dealing with the waste water is preferable and is willing to accommodate a schedule submitted by the district. Mr. Formato advised he is looking at consensus from the School Committee on direction to move forward.

The School Committee agreed to have On-Sight Engineering move forward with the paperwork to be presented at an upcoming School Committee meeting which will require a vote. The paperwork will include a letter of intent to the DEP regarding scheduling, scope of work with intent to relocate the leaching field on the NRHS property at the back of the property under the practice sport fields. On-Sight Engineering will coordinate with the gas company and all Authorities Having Jurisdiction AHJ. Mr. Formato also stated that when the leaching field is relocated, the NRSD/district will still be able to use the land above the leaching field for playing fields.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Warrant Subcommittee

Mr. Jones reported he and Ms. Codianne met this morning to review the proposed budget and he is in support of the proposed budget. Ms. Codianne advised she would like to research further cuts.

Personnel Subcommittee

Ms. Codianne reported personnel met to discuss the staff round tables and advised Superintendent Clenchy will meet with Mr. Keaveney to coordinate the date.

Policy Subcommittee

No Report

SEPAC

No Report

Tech Committee

No Report

Emergency Response Committee

No Report

Audit Advisory

No Report

CORRESPONDENCE

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda included:

Warrants of March 2, 2018

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3816	03/02/18	VENDOR FY18	\$ 297,161.12
3817	03/02/18	BENEFIT FY18	\$ 786,875.96
3818	03/02/18	PAYROLL FY 18	\$1,370,728.22

Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2018

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR NEXT AGENDA

OPEB Next Steps/Funding

NRSD School Committee Meeting Minutes, February 28, 2018
NRHS SOI
Stabilization Fund Follow UP
LBMS Student Presentation
Recognize WCSA Scholars
Recognize 2017 - 2018 LifeChanger of the Year award Nominee
MelansonHeath check-in

ADJOURN

MOTION

Mark Jones moved to adjourn at 8:33 pm; seconded by Stephen Rubinstein **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Kathy Codianne, Lynn Colletti, Mark Jones, and Stephen Rubinstein **VOTED AND PASSED. (5-0-0)**

Meeting Materials provided tonight can be located at www.nrsd.net

School Committee Meeting recordings can be viewed at: [Click Here](#)

Reference Documents and Presentations

Agenda
17-18 SC Planning Calendar 2-28-18
Superintendent's Report
FY19 Budget Hearing Presentation
FY19 Budget Documents 2-28-18
FY18 January Expenditure Report
Draft Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2018

Approved by NRSC 3-14-18