

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

March 14, 2018

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

ABSENT: Stephen Rubinstein

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

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. Ms. Stringfellow reported on the student lead National Walkout and forum in support of safety in schools.

STUDENT / STAFF RECOGNIZATION

Principal Di Domenico recognized Haley Neff and Hannah Castner, NRHS Seniors, as Worcester County Superintendent's Association 2017-2018 Scholars. Principal Di Domenico also recognized Elspeth MacDonald, NRHS SPED Social Worker, for being nominated for the 2017-2018 National LifeChanger of the Year Award.

STUDENT PRESENTATION

Principal Friend, Greg Newton and Laura Pagington, LBMS Teachers, along with 8th Grade Social Students from the Luther Burbank Middle School presented a presentation on Student Learning at Luther Burbank MS and the 5 C's.

NEW BUSINESS

NRHS DECA Donation

Ms. Marone advised Stavros Andreopoulos, DECA Advisor, has received a donation from Clinton Savings Bank in the amount of \$2000.00 to help defray costs associated with attending DECA competitions and is asking for the School Committee to vote to accept this donation. School Committee asked Administration to have DECA present with a focus on how they are structured and supported.

MOTION

Mark Jones moved to accept the donation from Clinton Savings Bank in the amount of \$2000.00 to help defray costs associated with attending DECA competitions; seconded by

Kathy Codianne **INFAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Mark Jones, Alise Crossland, Kathy Codianne, Susan Reardon, Lynn Colletti and Neal Darcy **VOTED AND PASSED. (7-0-0)**

OLD BUSINESS

Stabilization Fund Update

Ms. Marone reviewed the MGL Section 16G1/2 which regulates the guidelines for establishing stabilization funds and detailed “next steps” for establishing stabilization funds. Ms. Marone advised a vote from the School Committee is required to establish a stabilization fund, letters will then be sent to the Towns for them to include on the warrant. The committee discussed the purposes for requested stabilization funds and how many funds are requested. The School Committee asked the Budget and Warrant Subcommittee to further define the stabilization fund for capital projects at the high school in order to provide a cohesive recommendation to the school committee.

MOTION

Neal Darcy moved to authorize the administration to establish a stabilization fund for the purpose of resurfacing the track and replacement of the turf field at the Nashoba Regional High School: seconded by Mark Jones **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Mark Jones, Alise Crossland, Kathy Codianne, Susan Reardon, Lynn Colletti and Neal Darcy **VOTED AND PASSED. (7-0-0)**

MOTION

Mark Jones moved to authorize the administration to establish a stabilization fund for the purpose of capital expenditures at the Nashoba Regional High School; seconded by Alise Crossland **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco and Mark Jones, **OPPOSED:** Alise Crossland, Kathy Codianne, Susan Reardon, Lynn Colletti and Neal Darcy **VOTED AND FAILED. (2-5-0)**

OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefit)

Ms. Marone provided an overview of OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefit) and what GASB (Governmental Accounting Standards Board) is, why state municipalities are funding OPEB, and the district’s current liability. Ms. Marone provided a draft for acceptance of Chapter 32B, Section 20 (OPEB Fund). Chairman Romasco requested the Budget and Warrant Subcommittee to set up parameters ~~on the~~ for the acceptance. Chairman Romasco asked all members to forward any questions to her and she will pass on to Chair of the Budget and Warrant subcommittee for review at their next meeting.

The committee discussed the amount to fund OPEB in the FY19 budget and going forward. Superintendent Clenchy advised there is \$50,000 build into the FY19 budget to fund OPEB, a higher amount would mean additional cuts to an already below level service budget.

MOTION

Mark Jones moved to direct the Administration to increase the OPEB FY19 Budget Line by \$25,000.00 for a total of \$75,000.00, increase to be funded within the current proposed budget; seconded by Alise Crossland **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Mark Jones, Alise Crossland, and Susan Reardon **OPPOSED:** Kathy Codianne, Lynn Colletti and Neal Darcy **VOTED AND PASSED. (4-3-0)**

NRHS SOI (Statement of Interest)

Superintendent Clenchy advised the SOI has not changed since the last time sent out, she has received revisions from the Committee, which have been and will be incorporated in, but the substance of the document will not change. Superintendent Clenchy advised every five years the DESE does a review of all schools in the state, the latest review was last year and those finding can be found on line at DESE. Chairman Romasco requested Mr. Darcy and Ms. Colletti review the document and forward their final comments and suggestions to Superintendent Clenchy by Monday. Superintendent Clenchy will have the final document ready for the March 28th meeting.

FY19 Budget

Chairman Romasco asked committee members if there where areas of the budget they still have concerns with. The Committee discussed the additional staffing position requests, technology, the ongoing literacy program, employee health insurance.and choiced out students.

The report out for IT 5 year plan including 1:1, warranties, broken units, accountability, to the School Committee is still needed. It was requested to be scheduled before next budget conversations start. It was suggested that this become a Superintendent goal for this coming school year.

The School Committee asked Administration to look at the implications of the Cadillac tax provisions in the ACA from health insurance premiums, which are scheduled to take effect in 2022. The numbers are substantial and if not addressed could be cutting sharply into the operational budget.

MOTION

Neal Darcy moved to approve the FY19 proposed budget in the amount of \$54,114,104. with the contingency of the approval of the Assistant Superintendent and Luther Burbank MS Assistant Principal's job descriptions: seconded by Kathy Codianne **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Mark Jones, Alise Crossland, Kathy Codianne, Susan Reardon, Lynn Colletti and Neal Darcy **VOTED AND PASSED. (7-0-0)**

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Warrant Subcommittee

Mr. Darcy reported the subcommittee voted on the annual reports and structure of those reports, which will be forth coming to a school committee meeting for a vote. The subcommittee will be meeting next week to continue discussions on OPEB and the stabilization funds.

Personnel Subcommittee

Ms. Codianne reported the Superintendent is developing the plan for the staff round table meeting and Ms. Pressor will be attending the April 11th meeting at 5:00 pm for a review of the Superintendent's Evaluation process.

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 16, 2018

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3819	03/16/18	VENDOR FY18	\$ 580,385.97
3820	03/16/18	BENEFIT FY18	\$65,120.16
3821	03/16/18	PAYROLL FY 18	\$1,303,115.72

Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2018

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR NEXT AGENDA

ADJOURN

MOTION

Kathy Codianne moved to adjourn at 8:45 pm; seconded by Mark Jones **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Mark Jones, Alise Crossland, Kathy Codianne, Susan Reardon, Lynn Colletti and Neal Darcy **VOTED AND PASSED. (7-0-0)**

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

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Reference Documents and Presentations

- Agenda
- 17-18 SC Planning Calendar 3-14-18
- Luther Burbank Student Presentation; Student Learning and the 5 C's, 8th Grade Social Studies
- NRHS DECA Donation Approval Request
- Stabilization Fund Letters To Towns
- MGL - Stabilization Funds
- OPEB Presentation
- NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT Chapter 32B Section 20 OPEB
- Nashoba OPEB Resolution

Approved by NRSC 3/28/18