

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

October 24, 2018

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE:** Lorraine Romasco, Elaine Sanfilippo, Kathy Codianne, Stephen Rubinstein, Mike Horesh, and Lynn Colletti

**ABSENT:** Susan Reardon and Alise Crossland

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

**SCHOOL CHOICE PUBLIC HEARING**

Chairman Romasco opened the public hearing at 6:00 pm. Chairman Romasco advised the public may have a dialogue with the Committee during a Public Hearing. Hilare Bowie, Clinton resident has a student at Hale MS as a school choice student. Ms. Bowie stated she would like to see School Choice open for her second student. Ms. Bowie provided financial data she has collected on why the district should open school choice. Smita Munroe voiced her support for the district to open school choice and spoke of the positive experience her student has had. The Chair thanked Ms Bowie for her continual championship of the district, which has always been thoughtful, respectful and positive. She shared that School Choice discussions will continue and asked that everyone keep in mind that there are many factors that go in to School Choice consideration Hearing closed at 6:17 PM

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Romasco called the regular meeting to order at 6:17PM

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES**

Chairman Romasco advised the Executive Session minutes of 9/27/17 have been approved and released and asked the Sub Committees to ensure their meeting minutes are upto date and posted, the next regular School Committee Meeting will be November 14<sup>th</sup>, MASC will be holding a roles and responsibilities workshop for the School Committee on November 28<sup>th</sup>.

**STUDENT REPORT**

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

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Clenchy and Assistant Superintendent Maguire provided district updates; The Superintendent's report can be viewed in its entirety at [http://www.nrsd.net/district/superintendent s reports](http://www.nrsd.net/district/superintendent_s_reports)

**SCHOOL STUDENT PRESENTATION**

Principal Bates from the Florence Sawyer School, Jayne Richards, Teacher from FSS and four students presented a presentation on the Random Acts of Kindness Club (RAK) at the Florence Sawyer School.

## **BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS MANAGER REPORT**

Ms. Marone provided the FY20 budget timeline and review same. Ms. Marone also reviewed the September 2018 Treasurer's Report.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **School Choice Discussion**

Superintendent Clenchy advised the district Administration has had numerous conversations and have looked at many points of data. Superintendent Clenchy stated she is also in favor of school choice if it is in line with district class size guidelines. Superintendent Clenchy reviewed the current enrollment in grade levels/schools. Superintendent Clenchy provided a chart of historical data of school choice in and school choice out enrollments. Superintendent Clenchy advised she has had meetings with all three Town Administrators to discuss new developments in the communities. Superintendent advised she is recommending the district not participate in school choice for the 2019-2020 school year. The School Committee members asked questions and deliberated.

### **MOTION**

Lynn Colletti moved to opt out of the school choice program for the 2019-2020 school year; seconded by Lorraine Romasco **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Elaine Sanfilippo, Kathy Codianne, Stephen Rubinstein, Mike Horesh, and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

### **Human Resources Update**

Ms. Stoica, Director of Human Resources provided a power point presentation reviewing the current staff numbers, substitutes, roles and responsibilities and compliance of the Human Resources Department. Ms. Stoica provided a quick update on the substitute teacher effort and will share a more formal update at a future SC meeting.

### **Early Education (K and PreK Tuition Fee Recommendation)**

Superintendent Clenchy advised the School Committee did not increase tuition fees last year. Superintendent Clenchy advised the proposal being presented tonight is in line with the current teachers' contract salary increase and lane changes. Ms. Stoica reviewed the salary step and lane changes chart. Superintendent Clenchy provided three recommended tuition increases, 2%, 2.5% and 3%. She shared that 2.0% will cover the cost of living (COLA) adjustment noted in the Unit A and Unit C contracts, 2.5% would cover COLA and the steps and lanes, and 3.0% will cover the COLA, steps and lanes and the health insurance estimated increase. The School Committee discussed full cost recovery of the Pre-K and K.

### **MOTION**

Stephen Rubinstein moved to increase preschool and kindergarten tuition by 3% for the 2019-2020 school year; seconded by Kathy Codianne **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Codianne and Stephen **OPPOSED:** Lorraine Romasco, Elaine Sanfilippo, Mike Horesh, and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND FAILED. (2-4-0)**

### **MOTION**

Lynn Colletti moved to increase kindergarten tuition 2.5% for the 2019-2020 school year seconded by Mike Horesh **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, , Kathy Codianne, Mike Horesh, and Lynn Colletti **OPPOSED:** Elaine Sanfilippo **ABSTAINED:** Stephen Rubinstein, **VOTED AND PASSED. (4-1-1)**

**MOTION**

Elain Sanfilippo moved to increase preschool tuition by 3% for the 2019-2020 school year; seconded by Kathy Codianne **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Elaine Sanfilippo, Kathy Codianne, Stephen Rubinstein, Mike Horesh, and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

**NRHS Overnight Travel Approval Request – German Club to URI**

Ms. Marone advised Nathan Prichard, German teacher at NRHS, is requesting the School Committee Approval for an overnight field trip on 11/2/18-11/3/18 for 10 students and one chaperone to attend STEM day at URI (University of Rhode Island).

The Committee discussed meeting on Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup> to revisit the overnight travel approval request and asked Administration to obtain the answers to their questions regarding lodging, chaperones, transportation and for Mr. Prichard to attend the meeting to answer any follow up questions. The Committee agreed to meet on Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. The Superintendent advised Mr. Prichard will attend.

**MOTION**

Elaine Sanfilippo moved to approve the overnight field trip on 11/2/18-11/3/18 for 10 students and one chaperone to attend STEM day at URI (University of Rhode Island); seconded by Lynn Colletti **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Elaine Sanfilippo, Kathy Codianne, **OPPOSED** Stephen Rubinstein, Mike Horesh, and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND FAILED. (3-3-0)**

**Policy JICH – Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug use by Students Prohibited**

Chairman Romasco advised policy JICH is on the agenda today because Superintendent Clenchy requested this policy be “fast tracked”. Superintendent Clenchy advised the current policy does not address vaping and e-cigarettes, therefore she is requesting approval of the revised policy which allows Administration to have more oversight on enforcement for these products.

**MOTION**

Kathy Codianne moved to approve Policy JICH – Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug use by Students Prohibited as presented; seconded by Stephen Rubinstein **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Elaine Sanfilippo, Kathy Codianne, Stephen Rubinstein, Mike Horesh, and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**MCAS Follow Up**

Martina Kenyon, K-12 Curriculum Coordinator and Assistant Superintendent Maguire provided a presentation on the breakdown by grade levels and subgroups of the MCAS data presented at the previous School Committee Meeting. Additional information on how to track student growth will be moved to a future SC meeting.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget and Warrant Subcommittee**

Mr. Rubinstein reported the meeting was cancelled.

**Personnel Subcommittee**

Ms. Codianne reported the committee met and worked on the School Committee Manual, the next meeting will be November 27<sup>th</sup>. A discussion ensued on maintaining continuity of manual information. The administration is responsible for ensuring consistency across the manuals and with the District's policies. It was suggested that the SC manual opening page indicate that the manual is intended to be a guide and that the Nashoba Regional School District Policy Manual shall be the policy of record and have precedence.

**Policy Subcommittee**

Ms. Colletti reported the works continues with Dorothy Presser from MASC.

**SEPAC**

Ms. Codianne reported on the upcoming events.

**Communication Advisory**

Ms. Sanfilippo the committee has not met.

**Emergency Response Committee**

No Report

**Audit Advisory**

Ms. Sanfilippo reported the advisory met last week and advised the Stow representative is Mark Jones who will also chair the advisory, the Bolton representative is David Yesue, at this time there is no representative from Lancaster. The Committee discussed the upcoming audit.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Topics on consent agenda included:

Warrants of October 26, 2018

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3873	10/26/18	VENDOR FY19	\$ 269,196.72
3874	10/26/18	AP ACH FY19	\$ 36,220.96
3875	10/26/18	BENEFIT FY19	\$ 65,935.35
3876	10/26/18	PAYROLL FY19	\$1,470,401.90

Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2018

**ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR NEXT AGENDA**

- Employee Insurance Review
- Capital Plan Update
- Extended Day Update/Tuition Proposal
- Technology Update
- Organizational Chart

**ADJOURN**

**MOTION**

Elaine Sanfilippo moved to adjourn at 9:00 pm; seconded by Kathy Codianne **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Elaine Sanfilippo, Kathy Codianne, Stephen Rubinstein, Mike Horesh, and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (6-0-0)**

Meeting Materials provided tonight can be located at: [Click Here](#)

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



**Reference Documents and Presentations**

Agenda

18-19 SC Planning Calendar 10-24-18

Superintendent's Report

Florence Sawyer School Presentation - Random Acts of Kindness Club

FY20 Budget Prep.Timeline

FY19 Results of Operations 9/30/18

September Treasurer Report

NRHS Overnight Travel Approval Request.URI

Human Resources Update

Proposed Rates Increases for K and Pre-K

Policy JICH – Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug use by Students Prohibited

2018 MCAS Achievement Presentation

2018 MCAS Achievement Data by Grade Level and Subgroups

School Committee Draft Meeting Minutes of 10-10-18

