

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FY20 BUDGET HEARING  
AND  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

February 27, 2019

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

**ABSENT:** Susan Reardon

**ADMINISTRATION IN ATTENDANCE:** Brooke Clenchy, Superintendent of Schools, Todd Maguire, Assistant Superintendent, Pat Marone, 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 detailing the FY20 Budget to date.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

No citizens comments

**FY19 BUDGET HEARING CONCLUSION**

FY19 Budget Hearing concluded at 6:08 pm

**MOTION**

Kathy Codianne moved to close the FY20 Public Budget Hearing at 6:08 pm; seconded by Alise Crossland **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Elaine Sanfilippo Kathy Codianne, Stephen Rubinstein, Mike Horesh, Alise Crossland and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. (7-0-0)**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Romasco called the regular meeting to order at 6:09PM

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Elizabeth Davis-Edwards, Bolton resident, questioned the third Administrative position at NRHS and the increase in legal costs.

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES**

Chairman Romasco asked the Personnel Subcommittee the timeline of the Superintendent's Evaluation process. Ms. Codianne advised she will hold an evaluation workshop on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm prior to the regular School Committee meeting.

**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)  
Superintendent Clenchy advised the Assabet Valley Collaborative Financial Report is in the packet for review.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **STEMscopes Presentation**

Martina Kenyon provided a powerpoint presentation on the STEMscopes, curriculum software/program for science and engineering instruction.

### **NRHS Robotics Competition Travel Approval Request**

Superintendent Clenchy discussed use of private vehicles for travel as outlined on the trip requests. Superintendent Clenchy advised travel will not be in private vehicles as indicated on the request form, a bus will be provided.

#### **MOTION**

Alise Crossland moved to approve the NRHS Robotics Overnight Competition Trip request to Mt. Olive, NJ on 3/8/19 – 3/10/19 for 20 students and 5 chaperones as detailed in the approval request form on the contingency that at least two CORI'd and Fingerprinted chaperones attend and transportation is in a district sanctioned vehicle; seconded by Elaine Sanfilippo **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Elaine Sanfilippo Kathy Codianne, Stephen Rubinstein, Mike Horesh, Alise Crossland and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. (7-0-0)**

### **NRHS Baseball Competition Travel Approval Request**

Superintendent Clenchy advised this tournament is by invite only and NRHS has been invited to attend. Superintendent Clenchy discussed use of private vehicles for travel as outlined on the trip requests. Superintendent Clenchy advised travel will not be in private vehicles as indicated on the request form, district vans will be used.

#### **MOTION**

Stephen Rubinstein moved to approve the NRHS Varsity Baseball Team Trip Request on 3/29/19 – 3/31/19 to Mashpee and Hyannis, Cape Cod, MA for 24 students and 3 coaches as detailed in the approval request form, on the contingency transportation is in a district sanctioned vehicle; seconded by Elaine Sanfilippo **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Elaine Sanfilippo Kathy Codianne, Stephen Rubinstein, Mike Horesh, Alise Crossland and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. (7-0-0)**

### **NRHS Cultural Greece Travel Approval Request**

Principal Di Domenico and Jackie Carter, NRHS Teacher presented the NRHS Cultural Greece Travel request and provided an overview of the trip itinerary. Ms. Carter advised the trip is being run through EF Tours.

#### **MOTION**

Kathy Codianne moved to approve the NRHS Cultural Greece Field Trip Request on 4/12/19/19 – 4/21/19 to Greece and the Greek Islands for 45 students and 5 chaperones as detailed in the approval request form; seconded by Alise Crossland **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Elaine Sanfilippo Kathy Codianne, Stephen Rubinstein, Mike Horesh, Alise Crossland and Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. (7-0-0)**

**E-Rate Update**

Ms. Marone provided a review of what the E-Rate program is, E-Rate is a federal universal service for schools and libraries program, reimburses up to 90% on telecommunications and internet access. The program is based on the free and reduced population of the district. Ms. Marone advised fiscal year 2020 is the last year for the E-Rate program. Ms. Marone advised the district must purchase the equipment, which is reimbursed in the following year.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**FY20 Budget**

Chairman Romasco advised there are three bulleted sub-topics on the agenda but other budget related topics can be discussed at this time. Chairman Romasco advised the School Committee must decide on the timeline of implementation of universal (free, full day) Kindergarten and funding of the program. Chairman Romasco advised universal Kindergarten will never be fully reimbursed from the state and that the district will continue to cover approximately the same amount of the cost as it currently does. The committee discussed the funding of OPEB, full day universal kindergarten, project expenses at NRHS, possible SOI expenses, funding the stabilization fund for the NRHS track and field, and setting up a stabilization fund for universal kindergarten. Chairman Romasco advised the rationale for the legal line item increase in the budget, advising the district has been involved in ongoing litigation with a former employee. Superintendent Clenchy advised the district also has to seek legal advice on other issues that cannot be discussed due to student confidentiality. Superintendent Clenchy provided a powerpoint presentation of where the budget process is at this time. The committee discussed staffing requests and class sizes at NRHS, E&D and bond funding for the projects at NRHS.

**MOTION**

Alise Crossland moved to allocated, out of revolving funds accounts, \$100,000.00 to fund OPEB and \$200,000.00 to fund universal full day kindergarten, funds for universal full day kindergarten to be put into a stabilization fund to be established; seconded by Kathy Codianne **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Elaine Sanfilippo Kathy Codianne, Stephen Rubinstein, Mike Horesh, and Alise Crossland **OPPOSED:** Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. (6-1-0)**

**MOTION**

Alise Crossland moved to establish a stabilization fund for universal full day kindergarten; seconded by Stephen Rubinstein **IN FAVOR:** Lorraine Romasco, Elaine Sanfilippo Kathy Codianne, Stephen Rubinstein, Mike Horesh, and Alise Crossland **OPPOSED:** Lynn Colletti **VOTED AND PASSED. (6-1-0)**

**MOTION**

Alise Crossland moved to allocate \$100,000.00 of the FY20 budget for universal full day kindergarten to be put into the established stabilization fund ; seconded by Stephen Rubinstein **IN FAVOR:** Elaine Sanfilippo, Stephen Rubinstein, Mike Horesh, and Alise Crossland **OPPOSED:** Lynn Colletti, Lorraine Romasco and Kathy Codianne **VOTED AND PASSED. (4-3-0)**

**2019-2020 School Year Calendar**

Tabled to March 13 2019 meeting.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget and Warrant Subcommittee**

No Report

**Personnel Subcommittee**

No Report

**Policy Subcommittee**

No Report

**SEPAC**

No Report

**Communication Advisory**

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 1, 2019

<b><u>WARRANT NO.</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>DESCRIPTION</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
3910	03/01/19	VENDOR FY19	\$ 282,112.46
3911	03/01/19	AP ACH FY19	\$ 99,165.31
3912	03/01/19	BENEFIT FY19	\$ 811,508.09
3913	03/01/19	PAYROLL FY19	\$1,481,309.73

Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2019

Executive Sessions Minutes of March 1, 2019

**ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR NEXT AGENDA**

2019-2020 School Year Calendar

FY20 Budget Vote

Director of Pupil Personnel Contract

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Committee went into Executive Session at 8:40 pm;

- A. "Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(3) - to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares – specifically the litigation matter of - George P. King, Jr. v. Patricia Marone, Docket No.: 1885CV00643".
- B. "Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the public body and the chair so declares – Unit C Evaluation Tool Review." To include Superintendent Clenchy, Assistant Superintendent Maguire, Business Manager Pat Marone and Director of Human Resources Ann Marie Stocia. Committee will adjourn in Executive Session.

**MOTION**

Lynn Colletti moved to go into Executive Session at 8:40 pm pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(3) - to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares – specifically the litigation matter of - George P. King, Jr. v. Patricia Marone, Docket No.: 1885CV00643”.

and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the public body and the chair so declares – Unit C Evaluation Tool Review.” To include Superintendent Clenchy, Assistant Superintendent Maguire, Business Manager, Pat Marone and Director of Human Resources, Ann Marie Stoica. Committee will adjourn in Executive Session; seconded Alise Crossland

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ms. Reardon	Yes
Mr. Rubinstein	Yes
Ms. Codianne	Yes
Ms. Romasco	Yes
Ms. Sanfilippo	Yes
Mr. Horesh	Yes
Ms. Colletti	Yes
Ms. Crossland	Yes

**VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (8-0-0)**

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  
SC Planning Calendar 2-27-19  
Superintendent's Report  
Assabet Valley Collaborative Audit Report  
STEMscopes Presentation  
NRHS Varsity Baseball Team Travel Approval Request  
NRHS Robotics Team Travel Approval Request  
NRHS Cultural Greece Field Trip Approval Request  
FY20 Budget Update  
2019-2020 School Year Calendar Proposal  
School Committee Draft Meeting Minutes of 2-13-19