

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

December 4, 2019

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE : Kathy Codianne, Dr. Mary McCarthy, Joseph Gleason, Leah Vivirito, Stephen Rubinstein, Elaine Sanfilippo and Mike Horesh

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

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Codianne called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES

Chairman Codianne advised the upcoming meetings will be full, so therefore she will be adhering to the allotted topic times on the agenda, if further discussion is needed the topic will be added to an upcoming agenda.

STUDENT REPORT

Isabelle Sonia, 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 Dr. Maguire provided district updates; the report can be viewed in its entirety at https://www.nrsd.net/Departments/superintendent_s_reports

NEW BUSINESS

2020-2021 Calendar Update

Ms. Stoica advised it is early in the process and reviewed the process for the school calendar development, stating it is driven by the Unit Contracts and district policy, calendar is to be presented to School Committee by March 1st. The Calendar Committee will begin meeting in January to begin work on the 2020-2021 calendar and review the data from the change in the half days of this year's calendar.

Food Services Update

Mr. Houle provided an update on the district Food Services, highlighting the financial increases year to date, the New England Dairy Grant which was used for the new Hot Chocolate Milk campaign at NRHS to encourage students to drink more milk, and a new Twitter page. Mr. Houle advised all nutrient analysis is now available on line for all food items sold.

School Committee MASS/MASC Conference Report

Chairman Codianne, Elaine Sanfilippo, Joseph Gleason and Dr. McCarthy all attended the MASS/MASC Conference in November, those who attended provided the salient points they each took away from the conference workshops they attended.

School Choice Discussion

Superintendent Clenchy advised she is presenting her recommendation for school choice for the 2020-2021 school year tonight and at the next meeting there will be the public hearing and the School Committee will vote. Superintendent Clenchy provided a powerpoint presentation detailing the number of school choice students currently in the district (51), per pupil expenditures for state (\$16,506) and NRSD (\$16,171), the reimbursement from the state for a school choice student is \$5000. Superintendent Clenchy also reminded the committee that once a student is accepted into the school choice program they belong to the district until they chose to leave or graduate.

Superintendent Clenchy advised her recommendation is to not participate in school choice for the 2020-2021 school year. The committee discussed the projected housing projects in the member towns.

OLD BUSINESS

Kindergarten Discussion

Chairman Codianne advised this topic has been discussed at previous meetings and is requesting a motion followed by school committee discussion and a presentation by the Superintendent.

Superintendent Clenchy provided the powerpoint presentation on funding for full day kindergarten that was previously given detailing the funds available for E & D (estimated at approx. \$360,000).

MOTION

Dr. McCarthy moved to authorize NRSD administration to use the surplus fund to fully fund free full-day kindergarten starting in the 2020-2021 school year, any and all remaining funds be distributed to the towns to be used toward the cost of the Nashoba Regional HS leach field; seconded by Elaine Sanfilippo **Motion was not voted.**

MOTION

Dr. McCarthy moved to authorize NRSD administration to use the surplus fund to fully fund free full-day kindergarten starting in the 2020-2021 school year; seconded by Leah Vivirito

Chairman Codianne called the vote without objection;

MOTION

To authorize NRSD administration to use \$219,432. of the surplus from FY19 to be applied to the existing funds and budget appropriation of FY20 to fully fund free full-day kindergarten starting in the 2020-2021 school year **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Codianne, Leah Vivirito, Dr. Mary McCarthy, Stephen Rubinstein, and Elaine Sanfilippo **OPPOSED:** Mike Horesh and Joseph Gleason **VOTED AND PASSED. (5-2-0)**

MOTION

Dr. McCarthy moved, to allocate remaining funds from the surplus to be distributed to the towns to be used toward the cost of the Nashoba Regional HS leach field; seconded by Stephen Rubinstein **Motion was not voted, motion was tabled.**

Superintendent Clenchy advised it was the district that did the borrowing for the project not the towns, she will seek advise on how this motion should carry and report back at a future meeting.

BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS MANAGER REPORT

Ms. Marone provided the October Treasurer Report and the FY20 Results of Operations Report 10-31-20. Building rental rates review is tabled to a future meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

No subcommittee reports

CORRESPONDENCE

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda included:

Warrants of December 6, 2019

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3997	12/06/19	VENDOR FY20	\$ 499,212.99
3998	12/06/19	AP ACH FY20	\$ 137,228.50
3999	12/06/19	BENEFIT FY20	\$ 873,115.05
4000	12/06/19	PAYROLL FY20	\$1,421,763.50

MOTION

Stephen Rubinstein moved to approve the consent agenda of December 4, 2019 containing the warrants of December 6, 2019; seconded by Elaine Sanfilippo **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Codianne, Leah Vivirito, Dr. Mary McCarthy, Joseph Gleason, Stephen Rubinstein, Elaine Sanfilippo and Mike Horesh **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR NEXT/FUTURE AGENDAS

- Business Manager Report
- Capital Plan Update
- Preliminary FY20 Budget to SC
- Technology Update
- Staffing Update
- School Choice Hearing
- Teaching and Learning Dept. Visioning
- Policy DED/DFG and CM
- Policy Manual Section J
- Policy GBGAA and GBGAA-R-ADG
- Extended Day Rate Review

ADJOURN

MOTION

Dr. McCarthy moved to adjourn at 8:05 pm; seconded by Leah Vivirito **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Codianne, Leah Vivirito, Dr. Mary McCarthy, Joseph Gleason, Stephen Rubinstein, Elaine Sanfilippo and Mike Horesh
VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)

Reference Documents and Presentations

Agenda
Superintendent's Report
SC Planning Calendar
School Choice Data
School Choice Costs
October Treasurer Report
FY20 Results of Operations Report 10-31-19
Kindergarten Presentation

Approved by NRSC 12/18/19