

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

February 26, 2020

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE : Kathy Codianne, Joseph Gleason, Leah Vivirito, Stephen Rubinstein, Elaine Sanfilippo, Dr. Mary McCarthy 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 6:09 pm.

FY21 BUDGET HEARING

Chairman Codianne called the FY21 Budget Hearing to order at 6:00 pm. Superintendent Clenchy provided a powerpoint presentation detailing the member town's FY21 percentage increase as of today, the FY21 budget is a 4.12% increase from FY20, the proposed FY21 budget today is \$58,029.848. Superintendent Clenchy also reviewed the budget drivers and reductions to date. No Citizens questions.

MOTION

Kathy Codianne moved to close the FY21 Budget Hearing at 6:08 pm; seconded by Joseph Gleason **IN FAVOR**: Kathy Codianne, Joseph Gleason, Leah Vivirito, Stephen Rubinstein, Elaine Sanfilippo, Dr. Mary McCarthy and Mike Horesh **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

STUDENT PRESENTATION

Christy Nealon, Assistant Principal of the Center School introduced Center School Teacher, Ms. Narita, and students from The Center School who presented a powerpoint presentation on a "green" project they are working on at The Center School to reduce the number of plastic cups that are used at the water dispensers.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES

Chairman Codianne advised the School Committee will meet with Attorney Norris in Executive Session at the next meeting to debrief on the NRHS Investigation. Chairman Codianne reminded members on March 25th before the regular meeting will be a Superintendent's Evaluation workshop with Dorothy Pressor from MASC.

STUDENT REPORT

No report

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

Hale PTO Donation

Ms. Marone advised Mr. Grady has received a donation from the Stow PTO in the amount of \$3800.00 to be used to purchase 10 Galaxy Tablets and is requesting acceptance from the School Committee.

MOTION

Elaine Sanfilippo moved to accept the donation to the Hale Middle School from the Stow Parent Teacher Organization in the amount of \$3800.00 to be used to purchase 10 Galaxy Tablets; seconded by Stephen Rubinstein **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Codianne, Joseph Gleason, Leah Vivirito, Stephen Rubinstein, Elaine Sanfilippo, Dr. Mary McCarthy and Mike Horesh **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

Mary Rowlandson Donation

Ms. Marone advised Mr. O'Shea has received a donation to the Mary Rowlandson Elementary School from the Exxon/Mobil Lancaster Racing Mart in the amount of \$500.00 to support the areas of math and science and is requesting acceptance from the School Committee.

MOTION

Elaine Sanfilippo moved to accept the donation to the Mary Rowlandson Elementary School from the Exxon/Mobil Lancaster Racing Mart in the amount of \$500.00 to support the areas of math and science; seconded by Joseph Gleason **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Codianne, Joseph Gleason, Leah Vivirito, Stephen Rubinstein, Elaine Sanfilippo, Dr. Mary McCarthy and Mike Horesh **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

School Committee / Subcommittee Goals Update

Chairman Codianne provided a School Committee goals update document and reviewed the same. Chair's of the subcommittees provided updates on the status of the subcommittee goals.

OLD BUSINESS

DECA Field Trip Cost Update

Starvos Andreopoulos, NRHS Business Teacher, provided an overview of the DECA program at NRHS, 203 students participate in the program, and the different competitions and the process of the competitions. Mr. Andreopoulos reviewed the cost breakdown of State competition in Boston, advising the cost of competitions are rising while the fundraising efforts have not kept up with the rising costs, most of the fundraising efforts are used for the Nationals competition.

Birds at NRHS

Superintendent Clenchy read an email from Maura Bailey, English Teacher at NRHS regarding a situation in her class in which birds build nests in the ceiling of her class to hatch their babies every spring. A clip was shown to illustrate how load the birds are in the class.

MSBA (Mass. School Building Authority) Update

Superintendent Clenchy provided a slide detailing what a feasibility study is, and the process and timeline for funding. Superintendent Clenchy advised she is requesting a vote to put forth to the member towns a borrowing authorization for an amount "not to exceed" \$2,000,000 for the purpose of paying for a feasibility study.

MOTION

Elaine Sanfilippo moved to put forth to the member towns a borrowing authorization for an amount "not to exceed" \$2,000,000 for the purpose of paying for a feasibility study for the

Nashoba Regional High School; seconded by Leah Vivirito **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Codianne, Joseph Gleason, Leah Vivirito, Stephen Rubinstein, Elaine Sanfilippo, Dr. Mary McCarthy and Mike Horesh **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

Grant Information

Dr. Maguire advised Nashoba Regional High School is one of six schools who were selected to go to California with the NGLC Innovative Schools Learning Excursion. The trip is fully grant funded and includes Administration, a School Committee member, teachers and community government members.

Ad Hoc MSBA Communication Subcommittee

Superintendent Clenchy advised at the first subcommittee meeting it was decided that a School Committee subcommittee was not warranted. Ms. Sanfilippo advised after discussing the charge it became clear that the School Committee should not drive this task. Ms. Sanfilippo and Ms. Vivirito will continue to serve in an advisory capacity.

MOTION

Elaine Sanfilippo moved to disband the Ad Hoc MSBA Communication Subcommittee; seconded by Stephen Rubinstein **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Codianne, Joseph Gleason, Leah Vivirito, Stephen Rubinstein, Elaine Sanfilippo, Dr. Mary McCarthy and Mike Horesh **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

Employee Insurance Update

Ms. Marone advised the health insurance increased by 4.9% and no increase on the dental as we have a two year contract.

FY21 Budget Update

Ms. Marone reviewed the FY21 Budget Hearing Presentation that was provided earlier in the meeting with greater detail on OPEB and the timeline and process of contributing to OPEB. The Committee discussed the options of the amount deposited into OPEB, E & D, the track stabilization fund.

MOTION

Stephen Rubinstein moved a resolution to remove \$50,000 from the FY21 Budget allocated to the Track/Field Stabilization Fund and allow the Superintendent to use at her discretion; seconded by Leah Vivirito **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Codianne, Stephen Rubinstein, Dr. Mary McCarthy **OPPOSED:** Mike Horesh, Leah Vivirito, Elaine Sanfilippo **ABSTAINED:** Joseph Gleason **VOTED AND FAILED (3-3-1)**

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Budget Process

Chairman Codianne reviewed the DESE process and guidelines for the budget process and town meeting approval. C

Chairman Codianne advised she has been made aware of a field trip at NRHS for the Student Council to attend the MASC Student Council Conference and asked the School Committee to add an additional meeting on Monday, March 2nd to approve the trip. The Committee will meet on Monday at the Prescott Building on Monday at 6:30 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda included:

Warrants of February 28, 2020

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
4021	02/28/20	VENDOR FY20	\$ 220,767.80
4022	02/28/20	AP ACH FY20	\$ 94,255.89
4023	02/28/20	BENEFIT FY20	\$ 617.00
4024	02/28/20	PAYROLL FY20	\$1,485,051.83

Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2020

MOTION

Elaine Sanfilippo moved to approve the consent agenda of February 26, 2020 containing the warrants of February 28, 2020 and the meeting minutes of February 12, 2020; seconded by Stephen Rubinstein **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Codianne, Joseph Gleason, Leah Vivirito, Stephen Rubinstein, Elaine Sanfilippo, Dr. Mary McCarthy and Mike Horesh **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR NEXT/FUTURE AGENDAS

Ms. Vivirito asked about the preparation/planning for the Coronavirus. Superintendent Clenchy advised the Administration is monitoring this closely and another correspondence will be going out to the community this week.

Ms. Sanfilippo requested a report out on the "Green" initiatives throughout the district.

503C Foundation for donations from citizens.

NRSD Regional Agreement Amendment

ADJOURN

MOTION

Stephen Rubinstein moved to adjourn at 9:13 pm; seconded by Leah Vivirito **IN FAVOR:** Kathy Codianne, Joseph Gleason, Leah Vivirito, Stephen Rubinstein, Elaine Sanfilippo, Dr. Mary McCarthy and Mike Horesh **VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-0)**

Reference Documents and Presentations

Agenda

SC Planning Calendar

Superintendent's Report

The Center School Student Presentation

Hale MS Donation Acceptance Request

Mary Rowlandson ES Donation Acceptance Request

SC Goals 2019-2020

MSBA - What is a Feasibility Study?

DECA Trip Cost Update

Draft Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2020

Approved by NRSC 3-11-20