

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

Remote meeting via Zoom Technology

This meeting was held remotely in accordance with the Governor of Massachusetts' March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c. 30A, Section 2

April 8, 2020

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE:** Kathy Codianne, Joseph Gleason, Leah Vivirito, Stephen Rubinstein, Elaine Sanfilippo, Dr. Mary McCarthy, Brett Collins 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.

Chairman Codianne introduced Brett Collins the new member of the School Committee, who is fulfilling Alise Crossland's term. Mr. Collins provided a bio of myself and his family in the district

Chairman Codianne advised of the new regulations of the OML issued by Governor Baker.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Chairman Codianne advised she will read the citizens she has received, if citizens would like a copy of any submitted comments they can be requested from the Records Request Officer, a link to this is in the meeting materials packet on the website. The followings citizens submitted comments regarding the investigation at NRHS.

Janet and Jim O'Shea - Bolton  
Kathy Romeo - Bolton  
Grace Saccardo – Bolton  
Nanachta Rogers – Bolton  
Lorraine Romasco – Bolton  
Jacquelyn Reinert – Bolton  
Theresa O'Riorden – Stow  
Haidee LeClair - Lancaster

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NRHS Investigation Summary Report**

Chairman Codianne provided a review of the investigation process, reviewing the timeline of the investigation. Attorney Norris provided the scope of his investigation, advising his scope was not on the criminal charges or if other NRHS Teachers were aware of Ms. Veracka's actions. Attorney Norris advised during his interviews he did interview some staff who were not aware of Ms. Veracka's actions. Attorney Norris advised his scope was to investigate the School and District Administration's investigation into the actions of Ms. Veracka. Attorney Norris reviewed his investigation process, his conclusions, findings, recommendations and his Executive Summary.

Chairman Codianne advised the School Committee did not see the Executive Summary until the Executive Session at the School Committee meeting on March 11, 2020. The School Committee members asked clarifying questions to Attorney Norris.

Chairman Codianne read a statement of resignation from Principal Di Domenico. Chairman Codianne advised of the votes taken during the Executive Session on March 11, 2020, which were to accept the Executive Summary and to turn the report over to the district legal counsel Mike Maccaro. Chairman Codianne advised this is the beginning of the process for them not the end and next steps will be forthcoming.

Attorney Maccaro advised he will be reviewing the report in its entirety and will be working with the district Administration and School Committee on next steps.

#### **SOA (Student Opportunity Act)**

Dr. Maguire advised The Student Opportunity Act, signed into law on Nov. 26, 2019 provides a major infusion of new funding to Massachusetts public schools. Backed by the Fund Our Future Coalition, the act is by far the most significant update of the state education funding system since the Massachusetts Education Reform Act was enacted in 1993. The primary beneficiaries will be low-income students, students of color and English learners who have been left behind by the outdated system.

Vote tabled to next meeting.

#### **Bus Contract Update**

Superintendent Clenchy advised she has had several meetings with state officials regarding bus contracts, advising their advised at this point is for the region districts renegotiate contracts with the bus companies there are 11 districts in the region that use Dee Bus.

#### **Remote Learning Roll Out**

Dr. Maguire provided an overview of the Remote Learning Roll Out that was mandated by the DESE to begin on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Maguire reviewed the platforms being used and guides that are being provided to parents.

#### **Luther Burbank Donation Acceptance**

### **MOTION**

Elaine Sanfilippo moved to accept the gift donation in the amount of \$922.00 to the Luther Burbank Middle School, by a generous parent who has offered their payment of the cost of the Washington, D.C. trip to help supplement the reimbursement amounts for all of the other 8th grade families. Specifically, this gift will help to supplement the reimbursement amounts resultant from non-recoverable expenses due to the trip cancellation; seconded by Joseph Gleason

#### **Roll Call:**

Kathy Codianne	Yes
Joseph Gleason	Yes
Leah Vivirito	Yes
Stephen Rubinstein	Yes
Elaine Sanfilippo	Yes
Dr. Mary McCarthy	Yes
Mike Horesh	Yes
Brett Collins	Yes

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

**ADD A SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING TO CALENDAR**

**MOTION**

Stephen Rubinstein moved to add a School Committee meeting on April 22, 2020; seconded by Joseph Gleason

**Roll Call:**

Kathy Codianne	Yes
Joseph Gleason	Yes
Leah Vivirito	Yes
Stephen Rubinstein	Yes
Elaine Sanfilippo	Yes
Dr. Mary McCarthy	Yes
Mike Horesh	Yes
Brett Collins	Yes

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**EDGAR Grant Book Vote**

**MOTION**

Stephen Rubinstein moved to approve the EDGAR Grant Book as presented; seconded by Elaine Sanfilippo

**Roll Call:**

Kathy Codianne	Yes
Joseph Gleason	Yes
Leah Vivirito	Yes
Stephen Rubinstein	Yes
Elaine Sanfilippo	Yes
Dr. Mary McCarthy	Yes
Mike Horesh	Yes
Brett Collins	Yes

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

**Unit C Employee Compensation**

Ms. Stoica provided a review of the duties the Unit C employees are conducting during the school closure, i.e. building checks, professional development trainings, meal distributions, supply donations,

**MOTION**

Elaine Sanfilippo moved that all full- time and non-exempt hourly employees on paid active status at the time the School Closure began and remain on paid active status until May 4<sup>th</sup> be paid their regular compensation and benefits; seconded by Leah Vivirito

**Roll Call:**

Kathy Codianne	Yes
Joseph Gleason	Yes
Leah Vivirito	Yes

Stephen Rubinstein	Yes
Elaine Sanfilippo	Yes
Dr. Mary McCarthy	Yes
Mike Horesh	Yes
Brett Collins	Abstained

**VOTED AND PASSED. UNANIMOUS (7-0-1)**

### **MSBA Feasibility Study**

Superintendent Clenchy advised this motion is being brought to you tonight after being advised the Town of Bolton Selectmen voted down the previous motion of a 2 million cap. The Committee discussed the rationale for the revote.

### **MOTION**

Article \_\_\_\_\_. To see if the Town will approve an amount not to exceed **\$1,500,000** borrowing authorized by the **Nashoba Regional School District** for the purpose of paying costs of a **Feasibility Study for the Nashoba Regional High School, 12 Green Road, Bolton, Ma.** and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended at the direction of **Nashoba Regional High School Building Committee**. The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Study costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member municipalities. Any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA for the Study shall be as set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA.

Elaine Sanfilippo moved that the Town hereby approves an amount not to exceed **\$1,500,000** borrowing authorized by the Nashoba Regional School District for the purpose of paying costs of a **Feasibility Study for the Nashoba Regional High School, 12 Green Road, Bolton, Ma.**, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Study"), and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended at the direction of the **Nashoba Regional High School Building Committee**, that the Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Study costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member municipalities; provided further that any grant that District may receive from the MSBA for the Study shall be as set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA. [provided that the approval of the District's borrowing by this vote shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt its allocable share of the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 21/2)]; and that the amount of borrowing authorized by the District shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA; seconded by Dr. Mary McCarthy

### **Roll Call:**

Kathy Codianne	Yes
Joseph Gleason	Yes
Leah Vivirito	Yes
Stephen Rubinstein	Yes
Elaine Sanfilippo	Yes
Dr. Mary McCarthy	Yes
Mike Horesh	Yes
Brett Collins	Yes

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

### **SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES**

Chairman Codianne advised there will be a one topic special school committee meeting after the administration conducts a survey on April vacation, whether to take a vacation or continue on with remote learning for the 4 days.

### **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](https://www.nrsd.net/Departments/superintendent_s_reports)

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Topics on consent agenda included:

Warrants of April 10, 2020

<b><u>WARRANT NO.</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>DESCRIPTION</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
4033	04/10/20	VENDOR FY20	\$ 177,728.33
4034	04/10/20	AP ACH FY20	\$ 108,562.83
4035	04/10/20	BENEFIT FY20	\$ 880,869.79
4036	04/10/20	PAYROLL FY20	\$1,416,084.56

Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2020

### **MOTION**

Elaine Sanfilippo moved to approve the consent agenda of April 8, 2020 containing the warrants of April 10, 2020 and the meeting minutes of March 25, 2020; seconded by Stephen Rubinstein

### **Roll Call:**

Kathy Codianne	Yes
Joseph Gleason	Yes
Leah Vivirito	Yes
Stephen Rubinstein	Yes
Elaine Sanfilippo	Yes
Dr. Mary McCarthy	Yes
Mike Horesh	Yes
Brett Collins	Yes

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

### **ADJOURN**

### **MOTION**

Stephen Rubinstein moved to adjourn at 10:09 pm; seconded by Joseph Gleason

### **Roll Call:**

Kathy Codianne	Yes
Joseph Gleason	Yes
Leah Vivirito	Yes
Stephen Rubinstein	Yes
Elaine Sanfilippo	Yes
Dr. Mary McCarthy	Yes
Mike Horesh	Yes
Brett Collins	Yes

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

**Reference Documents and Presentations**

Agenda

Press Release regarding Investigation Summary

Investigation Report by Attorney Norris SC Executive Summary 3-11-20

Nashoba Regional School District Student Opportunity Plan 2021-2023

Luther Burbank Donation

Superintendent's Report 4-8-20

Draft Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2020

Approved by NRSC 4-22-20