

**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

December 16, 2020

LEGAL TRAINING WORKSHOP

Mike Maccaro, district Legal Counsel from Murphy, Hesse, Toomey and LeHane, LLC provided a powerpoint presentation/ training on the Open Meeting Laws to the School Committee members.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE: Joseph Gleason, Leah Vivirito, Stephen Rubinstein, Elaine Sanfilippo, Dr. Mary McCarthy, Rich Eckel, Amy Cohen, Kathy Codianne, Sharon Poch, Brett Collins and Mike Horesh

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

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chairwomen Sanfilippo called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Vice Chairwomen Sanfilippo and School Committee Members read the following correspondence:

1. Dara Ambrose, Bolton, regarding NRHS teaching models (read by Ms. Cohen)
2. Nancy Arsenault, Stow, regarding NRHS teaching models (read by Ms. Poch)
3. Dr. Christine Bielick, Bolton, regarding the NRSD teaching models (read by Ms. Vivirito)
4. Brooke Lindsay, NRHS Class of 2022, regarding NRHS teaching models (read by Mr. Horesh)
5. Justin Cameron, Bolton, regarding Student Learning Time (read by Mr. Gleason)

CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda include:

Warrants of December 18, 2020

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
4109	12/18/20	VENDOR FY21	\$ 92,104.53
4110	12/18/20	AP ACH FY 21	\$ 146,008.73
4111	12/18/20	BENEFIT FY21	\$ 14,785.78
4112	12/18/20	PAYROLL FY21	\$1,480,839.92

Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2020
Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2020

MOTION

Kathy Codianne moved to approve the consent agenda of December 16, 2020 containing the meeting minutes of December 2, 2020, and December 9, 2020 and the warrants of December 18, 2020; seconded by Dr. McCarthy

Roll Call:

Joseph Gleason	Yes
Leah Vivirito	Yes
Elaine Sanfilippo	Yes
Dr. Mary McCarthy	Yes
Mike Horesh	Yes
Rich Eckel	Yes
Amy Cohen	Yes
Sharon Poch	Yes
Stephen Rubinstein	Yes
Brett Collins	Yes
Kathy Codianne	Yes

VOTED AND PASSED. (11-0-0)

SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES

Vice Chairwomen Sanfilippo advised the Committee received an OML Complaint regarding the letter the Committee sent to the member towns Board of Selectmen regarding attendance at Tri-Town Meetings. Vice Chairwomen advised the Committee does not believe a violation occurred. Vice Chairwomen read the letter in question.

MOTION

Stephen Rubinstein moved to approve the letter dated 11/12/20, from the Nashoba Regional School Committee to the member towns Board of Selectmen regarding their participation in future Tri-Town Meetings; seconded by Joseph Gleason.

Roll Call:

Joseph Gleason	Yes
Leah Vivirito	Yes
Elaine Sanfilippo	Yes
Dr. Mary McCarthy	Yes
Mike Horesh	Yes
Rich Eckel	Yes
Amy Cohen	Yes
Sharon Poch	Yes
Stephen Rubinstein	Yes
Brett Collins	Yes
Kathy Codianne	Yes

VOTED AND PASSED. (11-0-0)

Vice Chairwoman Sanfilippo advised it was brought to her attention what order the roll was called in, if it is always called the same way it gives an advantage to the members at the end to hear the votes of the other members before casting their vote therefore Vice Chairwoman Sanfilippo advised she will be rotating the order of the roll call.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maguire provided district updates; the report can be viewed in its entirety [here](#). Superintendent Clenchy advised she would like the School Committee's thoughts for the district to go into full remote during the holiday season. Superintendent Clenchy advised the district Nurse Lead is in favor of the School Committee considering this option.

MOTION

Kathy Codianne moved the Nashoba Regional School Committee hold a Special Meeting on Monday,

December 21, 2020 at 6:00 PM for a one topic agenda, the consideration of the district going into full remote learning model immediately after the Winter Break; seconded by Leah Vivirito

Roll Call:

Joseph Gleason	Yes
Leah Vivirito	Yes
Elaine Sanfilippo	Yes
Dr. Mary McCarthy	Yes
Mike Horesh	Yes
Rich Eckel	Yes
Amy Cohen	Yes
Sharon Poch	Yes
Stephen Rubinstein	Yes
Brett Collins	Yes
Kathy Codianne	Yes

VOTED AND PASSED. (11-0-0)

MOTION

Joseph Gleason moved the amend the previous motion to: Nashoba Regional School Committee hold a Special Meeting on Monday, December 21, 2020 at 6:00 PM for a two topic agenda, the consideration of the district going into full remote learning model immediately after the Winter Break and the Winter District Athletic Schedule; seconded by Leah Vivirito

Roll Call:

Joseph Gleason	Yes
Leah Vivirito	Yes
Elaine Sanfilippo	Yes
Dr. Mary McCarthy	Yes
Mike Horesh	Yes
Rich Eckel	Yes
Amy Cohen	Yes
Sharon Poch	Yes
Stephen Rubinstein	Yes
Brett Collins	Yes
Kathy Codianne	Yes

VOTED AND PASSED. (11-0-0)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Policy Amendments

Policy KI – School Visits and Observations of School Programs by Parents/Guardians or their Designees

Policy IHBB – Observations of SPED Programs

Ms. DeAngelis and Attorney Vineesha Sow from Murphy, Hesse, Toomey and LeHane, LLP. reviewed the proposed changes to the policies. Ms. Vivirito advised the policies are being brought forward for a first reading.

MOTION

Amy Cohen moved to adopt policies KI and IHBA as revised; seconded by Stephen Rubinstein

Ms. Cohen withdrew her motion. After discussion, the policies will be brought back at the next meeting for a second reading and adoption.

Policy BEDH – Public Comments at School Committee Meetings

Ms. Cohen advised policy BEDH is being brought forward for second reading and adoption, advising the policy is the MASC policy and is being brought forward to be in compliance with the law. Ms. Cohen advised the revised policy protocols will allow for citizens to read their own comments during a meeting whether meeting in person or remotely.

MOTION

Leah Vivirito moved to approve the second reading and adoption of policy BEDH; seconded by Brett Collins

Roll Call:

Joseph Gleason	Yes
Leah Vivirito	Yes
Elaine Sanfilippo	Yes
Dr. Mary McCarthy	Yes
Mike Horesh	Yes
Rich Eckel	Yes
Amy Cohen	Yes
Sharon Poch	Yes
Stephen Rubinstein	No
Brett Collins	Yes
Kathy Codianne	Yes

VOTED AND PASSED. (10-1-0)

MOTION

Kathy Codianne moved the Policy Subcommittee prepare and present draft protocols for the implementation of the revised policy BEDH at the January 13, 2021 School Committee Meeting; seconded by Leah Vivirito

Roll Call:

Joseph Gleason	Yes
Leah Vivirito	Yes
Elaine Sanfilippo	Yes
Dr. Mary McCarthy	Yes
Mike Horesh	Yes
Rich Eckel	Yes
Amy Cohen	Yes
Sharon Poch	Yes
Stephen Rubinstein	Yes
Brett Collins	Yes
Kathy Codianne	Yes

VOTED AND PASSED. (11-0-0)

MOTION

Dr. McCarthy moved, In light of Governor Baker’s Massachusetts roll back to Phase 3, Step 1 of COVID Reopening Planning, to amend the September 2, 2020 vote to approve the 2020-2021 NRSD sports schedule as presented by Athletic Director Tania Rich, to include a change in the dates for all indoor winter sports, from the winter sports timeframe to the Fall Season II or “Floating Session” February 22-April 25, 2021; outdoor winter sports of alpine and Nordic skiing will remain in the winter sports timeframe, November 30, 2020-February 21, 2021; seconded by Kathy Codianne

Discussion: The Committee discussed the optics of moving the sports seasons. Some members expressed their feelings of leaving the participation of sports up to the parents. Ms. Rich joined the meeting to answer questions. Mr. Gleason advised this topic was not on the agenda for tonight’s meeting and would caution a vote on this topic tonight.

Dr. McCarthy withdrew her motion.

NRHS Proposed Hybrid Model

Vice Chair Sanfilippo advised this topic was discussed at previous meetings. School Committee Members discussed a “natural” break (i.e. semester break) in the NRHS schedule would be a good time to pivot learning models.

MOTION

Kathy Codianne moved to the NRHS move to the hybrid learning model, that was presented at the 12/2/20 School Committee Meeting, on March 1, 2021, contingent on a downward trend in Covid data in our School District; seconded by Brett Collins

Roll Call:

Joseph Gleason	Yes
Leah Vivirito	Yes
Elaine Sanfilippo	Yes
Dr. Mary McCarthy	No
Mike Horesh	Yes
Rich Eckel	Yes
Amy Cohen	Yes
Sharon Poch	No
Stephen Rubinstein	No
Brett Collins	Yes
Kathy Codianne	Yes

VOTED AND PASSED. (8-3-0)

MOTION

Amy Cohen moved to amend the previous motion to read; the NRHS move to the hybrid learning model, that was presented at the 12/2/20 School Committee Meeting, on January 25, 2021, contingent on a downward trend in Covid data in our School District; seconded by Rich Eckel

MOTION

Amy Cohen moved to retract the previous motion and re-motion to read; the NRHS move to the hybrid learning model, that was presented at the 12/2/20 School Committee Meeting, on February 1, 2021, contingent on a downward trend in Covid data in our School District; seconded by Rich Eckel

Roll Call:

Joseph Gleason	No
Leah Vivirito	Yes
Elaine Sanfilippo	No
Dr. Mary McCarthy	No
Mike Horesh	Yes
Rich Eckel	Yes
Amy Cohen	Yes
Sharon Poch	No
Stephen Rubinstein	No
Brett Collins	No
Kathy Codianne	No

VOTED AND FAILED. (4-7-0)

MOTION

Rich Eckel moved to strike the wording *contingent on a downward trend in Covid data in our School District* from the previous motions; seconded by Kathy Codianne

Roll Call:

Joseph Gleason	Yes
Leah Vivirito	Yes
Elaine Sanfilippo	Yes
Dr. Mary McCarthy	No
Mike Horesh	Yes
Rich Eckel	Yes
Amy Cohen	Yes
Sharon Poch	No
Stephen Rubinstein	No
Brett Collins	Yes
Kathy Codianne	Yes

VOTED AND PASSED. (8-3-0)

Discussion of Future Participation in Tri-Town Meetings

Tabled to January 13, 2021 meeting

NEW BUSINESS

Lancaster Listening Session

Tabled to January 13, 2021 meeting

Audit Advisory Committee

Tabled to January 13, 2021 meeting

EMT Program at NRHS

Superintendent Clenchy advised an MOU has been drafted by legal counsel and a signed copy has been sent to the Bolton Town Administer, Don Lowe, they requested a couple changes, these will be made and a revised copy will be sent to him tomorrow. Superintendent Clenchy advised she would like to see a presentation with the Program Coordinators and Cadets will be at a future meeting.

BUSINESS MANAGER UPDATE

Pre-K Tuition Review

Ms. Marone advised is the recommending a 1% tuition increase for Pre-K for the 2021-2022 School Year.

MOTION

Stephen Rubinstein moved to approve a 1% tuition increase for Pre-K for the 2021-2022 School Year as recommended by the Business Manager; seconded by Rich Eckel

Roll Call:

Joseph Gleason	Yes
Leah Vivirito	Yes
Elaine Sanfilippo	Yes
Dr. Mary McCarthy	Yes
Mike Horesh	Yes
Rich Eckel	Yes
Amy Cohen	Yes
Sharon Poch	Yes
Stephen Rubinstein	Yes
Brett Collins	Yes
Kathy Codianne	Yes

VOTED AND PASSED. (11-0-0)

November Results of Operation

Tabled to January 27, 2021

SUBCOMMITTEE/ADVISORY REPORTS

Budget and Warrant Subcommittee

No Report

Personnel Subcommittee

Dr. McCarthy reported the subcommittee met today with the Superintendent to continue working on the Superintendent goals. Dr. McCarthy advised the Superintendent will present her goals at the January 13th meeting.

Policy Subcommittee

No Report

Communication Subcommittee

Mr. Horesh reported the committee met last week with Consultant Chris Horan and the Superintendent, the communication protocol work continues.

NRHS School Building Subcommittee

Mr. Gleason reported the committee met last week to hold its organizational meeting, Vice Chairs Ms. Vivirito and Ms. Cohen and a Secretary, Ms. d' Entremont were elected.

Diversity, Equity Acceptance and Racial Justice Advisory

Items to be Considered for next/future Agendas

- Superintendent Goals
- Discussion of Future Participation in Tri-Town Meetings
- Lancaster Listening Session
- Audit Advisory Committee
- Policies KI and IHBA (second reading)
- Budget
- NRHS Program of Studies

ADJOURN

MOTION

Kathy Codianne moved to adjourn at 10:20 pm; seconded by Rich Eckel

Roll Call:

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| Joseph Gleason | Yes |
| Leah Vivirito | Yes |
| Elaine Sanfilippo | Yes |
| Dr. Mary McCarthy | Yes |
| Mike Horesh | Yes |
| Rich Eckel | Yes |
| Amy Cohen | Yes |
| Sharon Poch | Yes |
| Stephen Rubinstein | Yes |
| Brett Collins | Yes |
| Kathy Codianne | Yes |

VOTED AND PASSED. (11-0-0)

Reference Documents and Presentations

- Agenda
- SC Planning Calendar
- Superintendent's Report
- Policy BEDH - Public Comments at School Committee Meetings
- Proposed Draft Policy KI - School Visits and Observations of School Programs by Parents
- Proposed Draft Policy IHBA -OBSERVATIONS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS
- Parent Observation Policy (New Policy)
- Lancaster Listening Session Summary
- Audit Advisory Committee
- FY22 Pre School Tuition proposed increase
- FY21 Results of Operations 11.30.2020
- Draft meeting minutes of December 2, 2020
- Draft meeting minutes of December 9, 2020

Approved by NRSC 1/13/21
Submitted by Aleta Masterson

Executive Assistant to the
Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent