

**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

September 9, 2020

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE: Kathy Codianne, Joseph Gleason, Leah Vivirito, Stephen Rubinstein (left meeting at 9:10 pm), Elaine Sanfilippo, Dr. Mary McCarthy, Brett Collins, Rich Eckel, Amy Cohen, Sharon Poch 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
Chairwomen Codianne called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

CITIZENS COMMENTS
Chairwomen Codianne advised she received guidance from Legal Counsel if numerous comments are received with the same theme the Chair can summarize the submissions into one report out. Chairwomen Codianne read citizens comments/concerns from the below residents/staff regarding School Reopening;

- Burt and Karen Gould – Lancaster Residents
- Melissa Walsh – Teacher at Florence Sawyer School
- Stephanie Boyle – Teacher at Florence Sawyer School

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT
Superintendent Clenchy introduced Tyler Mignault a rising 9th grader, Superintendent Clenchy advised Tyler created a video “how to ride the bus” for the district and previewed the video, which will be sent out to the families in the district.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES
Chairwomen Codianne advised the School Committee voted at the last meeting to meet in person, whoever the only rooms that would comply with CDC guidelines would be the gymnasium, which would not allow for remote participants. Chairwomen Codianne advised she would like to charge the Superintendent to find a location within the District that would comply with CDC guidelines and allow for remote participation. The Chair advised the NREA has reached an MOU, once the Union has ratified the agreement it will come to the School Committee for a vote. The Chair advised the topic on the agenda tonight, SC Protocols will be tabled to a future meeting.

MOTION

Sharon Poch moved to rescind the vote taken at the August 25, 2020 School Committee Workshop requiring the School Committee to begin meeting in person on September 9, 2020; seconded by Mike Horesh

Roll Call:

Kathy Codianne	Yes
Joseph Gleason	No
Leah Vivirito	Yes

Stephen Rubinstein	Yes
Elaine Sanfilippo	Yes
Dr. Mary McCarthy	Yes
Mike Horesh	Yes
Brett Collins	No
Rich Eckel	Yes
Amy Cohen	Yes
Sharon Poch	Yes

VOTED AND PASSED. (9-2-0)

MOTION

Joseph Gleason moved the School Committee charge administration to conduct a feasibility study for the School Committee to meet in person either at a school or community facility that will comply with CDC meeting guidelines and remote audio and virtual participation technology. Study results are due on October 7, 2020; 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	Abstained
Brett Collins	Yes
Rich Eckel	Yes
Amy Cohen	Yes
Sharon Poch	Yes

VOTED AND PASSED. (10-0-1)

NEW BUSINESS

Reopening of Schools

First Day

Superintendent Clenchy advised the First Day back was August 31st, although the district meet virtually, it was very much like previous years she provided her open remarks, longevity awards, professional status and new hires were recognized and an overview of Professional Development was given. Dr. Maguire provided an overview of the Professional Development that was provided that day.

Facilities

Mr. Frieswick provided a review of the preparations that have been done to prepare for the return of students, included sanitizing, air quality, air filters, and room preparations.

Health/Wellness

Lesa Gulbicki provided a review of the training the Nurses have had, trainings for staff for students who need accommodations. Ms. Gulbicki advised she has attending the school open houses to answer questions. The isolation rooms will be ready when students return. Ms. Gulbicki provided a review on how COVID cases are determined and reported in the state and the CDC guidelines on masks, advising neck gaiters and bandanas are consider allowed in the Governors guidelines.

Professional Development and Technology

Dr. Maguire provided a review of the upcoming PD for the start of the year and continuing PD plan for the year including the March 6th full PD day with guest speaker Marc Brackett. Dr. Maguire provided an update of the Chromebooks for grades 3-5 and remotely learners that are in need of a loaner. Dr. Maguire advised there is a nationwide storage on Chromebooks, the first priority is our total remote learners, the students that will be learning via the hybrid model will receive training in the classroom with the teachers deciding when students are ready to take them home. Dr. Maguire advised PD has been in small group in person and virtually.

Busing

Michelle Cote provided an update on bussing needs, all cohorts have been determined and routes will be able to be done in a single run. Ms. Cote reviewed the cleaning and sanitizing methods that will be followed by the drivers between runs.

Staffing

Ms. Stoica provided an update on staffing needs, the status of positions that still need to be filled and substitute teachers.

Remote Learning Academy

Dr. Maguire provided an on the Remote Learning Academy, the academy teachers will be housed together at the high school so they will have common planning time. Dr. Maguire advised the bandwidth in the district has been enhanced and all teachers in district will have Zoom accounts and enhanced google meets software. Dr. Maguire provided a review of software that will be used in the academy.

Extra-Curricular Activities (Potential)

Superintendent Clenchy advised they are actively working on plans for extra-curricular activities at all grade levels. The Superintendent will keep the School Committee updated as plans are established.

OLD BUSINESS

Business Office Update

Ms. Marone provided an update on grants, FEMA, and the CARES reimbursements from the towns

Calendar Revision Proposal

Ms. Stoica presented the 20-21 calendar revision proposal advising when the present calendar was approved there was not a hybrid learning in place, the calendar being proposed today gives more quality between the cohorts. Ms. Stoica reviewed the changes and advising some of the days off are contractual. The administration will send out a short survey to survey the parents.

NRHS Principal Search Update

Superintendent Clenchy advised NESDEC will be assisting with the Principal search stating that Steve Cullinane will remain in place for this year. Superintendent Clenchy advised there are two new Assistant Principals and a new Dean of Students at the high school.

Updating School Committee Protocols

Tabled to future meeting

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Warrant Subcommittee

No Report

Personnel Subcommittee

No Report

Policy Subcommittee

Ms. Vivirito reported the subcommittee meet earlier today to continue to pursue the School Committee Student Representative, the status of the administration handbook, and discussed the effectiveness of school councils.

Communication Subcommittee

Mr. Horesh reported the subcommittee has meant twice, they have defined what effective communication looks like, what has and has not worked in the district in the past. The subcommittee will meet again with the Superintendent on Monday September 14th.

SPECIAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

MOTION

Joseph Gleason moved hold a Special School Committee meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 6:00 pm; 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
Rich Eckel	Yes
Amy Cohen	Yes
Sharon Poch	Yes

VOTED AND PASSED. (11-0-0)

CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda include:

Warrants of September 11, 2020

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
4081	09/11/20	VENDOR FY21	\$ 294,119.33
4082	09/11/20	AP ACH FY 21	\$ 216,413.50
4083	09/11/20	BENEFIT FY21	\$ 568,958.39
4084	09/11/20	PAYROLL FY21	\$1,370,035.92

Meeting Minutes of September 2, 2020
Workshop Minutes of August 25, 2020
Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2020

MOTION

Elaine Sanfilippo moved to approve the consent agenda of September 9, 2020 containing the meeting minutes of August 10, 2020 and September 2, 2020, the Workshop minutes of August 25, 2020 and warrants of September 9, 2020; seconded by Leah Vivirito

Roll Call:

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

VOTED AND PASSED. (10-0-0)

ADJOURN

MOTION

Joseph Gleason moved to adjourn at 9:19 pm; seconded by Amy Cohen

Roll Call:

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

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Reference Documents and Presentations

- Agenda
- 2020 Enrollment 9-2-20
- 2020-2021 School Year Calendar Revision Proposal
- Draft Meeting Minutes of September 2, 2020
- Draft Workshop Minutes of August 25, 2020
- Draft Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2020

Approved by NRSC 9/23/20