

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FY24 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

Remote meeting via Zoom Technology

This meeting was held remotely, the Nashoba Regional School Committee adheres to Open Meeting Law (OML) Regulations, which have been altered. Here is a link to that order: <https://malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2021/Chapter20>

March 8, 2023

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE:** Joseph Gleason, Leah Vivirito, Amy Vessels, Amy Cohen, Shandor Simon, Brett Collins, Mike Horesh, Sharon Poch, Karen Devine, Scott Powell and Maureen Mazzone

**Open FY24 Budget Public Hearing and Pledge of Allegiance**

**MOTION**

Joseph Gleason moved to open the FY24 Budget Public Hearing at 6:30 pm; seconded by Mike Horesh

**Roll Call:**

Joseph Gleason	Yes
Leah Vivirito	Yes
Amy Vessels	Yes
Mike Horesh	Yes
Amy Cohen	Yes
Brett Collins	Yes
Maureen Mazzone	Yes
Shandor Simon	Yes
Sharon Poch	Yes
Karen Devine	Yes
Scott Powell	Yes

**VOTED AND PASSED. (11-0-0)**

**FY24 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

Superintendent Downing and Business Manager, Ross Mulkerin provided a powerpoint presentation detailing the FY24 budget timeline, annual percentage increase in the proposed budget compared to previous years, summary of FY24 budget work updates, summary of FY24 proposed town assessments, FY24 budget drivers, staffing changes, staffing reductions, estimated FY24 revenues, town assessments, minimum local contribution, variable assessment, enrollment, projected assessments. Superintendent Downing explained the new coaching model that will be introduced in the next school year.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS WERE MADE BY THE FOLLOWING RESIDENTS**

Richard Trussell, Lancaster, asked for clarification on the cost of SPED transportation vs. Reg. Ed transportation.

Alexandra Turner, Lancaster, questioned if NRSD has considered more technical programs that may help retain the students leaving to go to Voc. Schools.

Kendra Dickinson, Lancaster, questioned the line item for school choice, asked if we were doing school choice again and how many are Special Education students.

Anthony Romano, Stow, commented on slow role of expenditure on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Lindsay Chaves, Stow, questioned if the budget is a weighted budget and the dollars follow the students.

Dana Ellis, Stow, voiced her concern regarding the new coaching model.

Kelly Lawlor, Stow, thanked the Administration for Strategic Plan, which lead the development of the budget based on student needs.

Keely Nowosacki, Stow, voiced her concern regarding the new coaching model.

**MOTION**

Joseph Gleason moved to close the FY24 Budget Public Hearing at 7:34 pm; seconded by Leah Vivirito

**Roll Call:**

Joseph Gleason	Yes
Leah Vivirito	Yes
Amy Vessels	Yes
Mike Horesh	Yes
Amy Cohen	Yes
Brett Collins	Yes
Maureen Mazzone	Yes
Shandor Simon	Yes
Sharon Poch	Yes
Karen Devine	Yes
Scott Powell	Yes

**VOTED AND PASSED. (11-0-0)**

**CALL TO ORDER THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING at 7:36 pm**

**BUDGET DELIBERATIONS**

The School Committee discussed the proposed coaching model, budget process, expressed appreciation to district Administration for the hard work and transparency during the budget process, and the equity audit expense.

**ADJOURN**

**MOTION**

Joseph Gleason moved to adjourn at 8:00 pm; seconded by Leah Vivirito

**Roll Call:**

Joseph Gleason	Yes
Leah Vivirito	Yes
Amy Vessels	Yes
Mike Horesh	Yes
Amy Cohen	Yes
Brett Collins	Yes
Maureen Mazzone	Yes
Shandor Simon	Yes
Sharon Poch	Yes
Karen Devine	Yes
Scott Powell	Yes

**VOTED AND PASSED. (11-0-0)**

**Reference Documents and Presentations**

NRSD School Committee FY24 Budget Hearing Minutes, March 8, 2023

Agenda

FY24 Proposed Budget

FY24 Budget Presentation

Approved by NRSC 4/12/23

Submitted by Aleta Masterson



Executive Assistant to the  
Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent