

**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

March 10, 2021

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE: Kathy Codianne, Joseph Gleason, Leah Vivirito, Stephen Rubinstein, Elaine Sanfilippo, Dr. Mary McCarthy, Rich Eckel, Amy Cohen, 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 and Ann Marie Stoica, Director of Human Resources

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Codianne called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Chairperson Codianne advised she would like to amend the agenda to have the subcommittee reports after citizen's comments.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Chairperson Codianne read a statement from Karen and Bert Gould, Lancaster - regarding having a PD day on Friday, March 5th

Elizabeth Davis-Edwards, Bolton - read her statement regarding the spirit of community during a pandemic.

Dr. Maguire played the video that was played during the PD Day on March 5th with student statements on what Belongs to NRSD means to them. Video will be available on the district website.

CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda include:

Warrants of March 12, 2021

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
4133	03/12/21	VENDOR FY21	\$681,934.39
4134	03/12/21	AP ACH FY 21	\$224,058.79
4135	03/12/21	BENEFIT FY21	\$945,386.29
4136	03/12/21	PAYROLL FY21	\$1,518,063.94

Draft Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2021

Draft FY22 Budget Public Hearing Minutes of March 3, 2021

MOTION

Elaine Sanfilippo moved to approve the consent agenda of March 10, 2021 containing the meeting minutes of February 24, 2021 and FY22 Budget Public Hearing minutes of March 3, 2021 and the warrants of March 12, 2021; seconded by Stephen Rubinstein

Roll Call:

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

VOTED AND PASSED. (10-0-1)

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Warrant Subcommittee

Mr. Rubinstein advised the Budget and Warrant report will be covered in the Budget section of the meeting.

Personnel Subcommittee

Dr. McCarthy advised the Personnel Subcommittee will report out later in the meeting during the Superintendent Search section.

Policy Subcommittee

No Report

Communication Subcommittee

No Report

NRHS School Building Committee

No Report

Diversity Equity, Acceptance and Racial Justice

No Report

SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES

Chairperson Codianne advised at the February 10th School Committee meeting she requested anyone interested in serving on the Negotiations Subcommittee to contact her, Stephen Rubinstein was the only member to contact the Chair.

MOTION

Joseph Gleason moved to approve the members of the Negotiations Subcommittee, (Kathy Codianne and Steve Rubinstein); seconded by Dr. McCarthy

Roll Call:

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

VOTED AND PASSED. (10-0-1)

Superintendent Search Committee / Documents

Chairperson Codianne shared an excel spreadsheet listing suggested stakeholders (parents, teachers, School Committee members, NRSD Central Office staff, principals, etc) to participate on the search committee, each School Committee member indicated their preference of the composition of the Superintendent Search Screening Committee. They Committee also worked on the application and community letter. Chairperson Codianne advised she would like to hold a Special School Committee Meeting on Monday, March 15th to continue to work on these items.

MOTION

Rich Eckel moved to hold a Special School Committee meeting on March 15, 2021 at 6:00 pm to continue working on the Superintendent Search Screening Committee composition and committee application; 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)

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Clenchy and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maguire provided district updates; the report can be viewed in its entirety [here](#).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

FY22 Budget Vote

Ms. Marone reviewed the January results of operations, revenue source, FY 22 Budget executive summary and district wide potential cuts. The Committee asked clarifying questions, discussed the Town’s financial needs in assessments, and educational reasonability to our schools. Several School Committee members expressed they are not pleased with a budget that presents cuts but acknowledged the financial needs of the towns and advised conversation be had with the Town FinComm to work together to stop the cycle of future cuts in the school budget.

MOTION

Stephen Rubinstein moved to adopt the FY22 Budget line items for salaries and benefits in the amount of \$47,359,257; 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	Abstained due to conflict of interest
Kathy Codianne	Yes

VOTED AND PASSED. (10-0-0)

MOTION

Stephen Rubinstein moved to adopt the all other (excluding salaries and benefits) non salary, operational and assessments cost in the amount of \$11,863,684 in the FY22 Budget; 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)

MOTION

Stephen Rubinstein moved to adopt the total FY22 Budget in the amount of \$59,222,941 a 2.06% increase; 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

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Warrant Signatories

Ms. Marone advised we have researched the ability to use a software program to sign the warrants electronically; the warrants can be signed electronically with a vote from the School Committee authorizing the use of the software.

MOTION

Rich Eckel moved to authorize the Administration to purchase the software, DocuSign for electronically signing of warrants; seconded by Elaine Sanfilippo

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

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School Committee Protocols

Tabled to March 24, 2021 Meeting

NEW BUSINESS

School Choice Discussion

Ms. Masterson advised the presentation in the packet is for review only, at the March 24th meeting, the presentation will be reviewed in detail, there will be a Public Hearing on School Choice and then a vote. School Committees must vote to opt out of School Choice each year if they do not want to participate in the School Choice Program.

Full Return Update

Dr. Maguire provided a PowerPoint Presentation updated on student full return, detailing the timeline, the K-8 enrollment for return and how many students have opted for the remote academy. Superintendent Clenchy advised that guidance from DESE has not been very clear and constantly changing but the Admin Team at NRSD is ahead of the guidance and is ready to full return for K-8, the high school presents a different set of challenges.

Items to be Considered March 15th Agenda

Final Approval of composition of Superintendent Search Committee
Approval of Superintendent Search Committee application and letter of application
Authorization of Superintendent and Chairperson to sign the MBSA Design Enrollment Certification

ADJOURN

MOTION

Stephen Rubinstein moved to adjourn at 10:05 pm; 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

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Reference Documents and Presentations

Agenda

SC Planning Calendar

Screening Committee Composition

Superintendent Search Timeline 3-8-21

Screening Committee Letter

Policy BDF - Advisory Committees

2020 Protocol Review

2020 Operating Protocols Survey Results

Superintendent's Report

FY21 January Results of Operations

FY 22 Budget - Budget Drivers 3.10.21

FY 22 Budget Assessment 3.10.21

FY 22 Budget Assessment Enrollment 3.10.21

FY 22 Budget Revenue by Source

FY 22 Budget Workbook 3.10.21

FY22 Budget Cuts

School Choice Presentation

Full Return Presentation

Draft meeting minutes of February 24, 2021

Draft FY22 Budget Public Hearing minutes of March 3, 2021

Approved by NRSC 3/24/21

Submitted by Aleta Masterson

Aleta S. Masterson

Executive Assistant to the
Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent