



# NASHOBA Regional School Committee

## Meeting Agenda

February 9, 2022

6:00 PM

### Remote Meeting via Zoom Technology

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>

In response to concerns about the potential for privacy and safety violations embedded in Zoom, the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) has shared preliminary guidance for conducting meetings and online learning. Recommendations include sending the link only to those participating in the meeting (committee members, superintendent, presenters) and requiring a password. Other recommendations include having the local cable channel livestream or otherwise broadcast the meeting to make it accessible to the public, and either taking public comments off the agenda or asking that comments be emailed to the Chair who can read them at the meeting.

While public comment is not a requirement of the Open Meeting Law, our school committee wants to continue to include it as part of our agenda. Our protocol for Citizens' Comments was recently updated. It is as follows: *Any individual interested in speaking to an issue which is on the agenda or within the School Committee's authority during the Public Comment portion of a School Committee meeting held over Zoom shall sign up to speak by emailing [nrsc@nrsc.net](mailto:nrsc@nrsc.net) at least 1 hour before the meeting, with a subject line "PUBLIC COMMENT FOR (DATE) MEETING". The chairperson will respond to the participant with the zoom link prior to the start of the meeting, and copy the Zoom host via email. The Zoom host will then allow the individual to join the meeting during the Public Comment segment of the meeting, which is usually the first 15 minutes. The individual shall display their full name and town of residence on screen when they join the Zoom meeting. Individuals will be called upon to speak in the order in which their requests were received. Each individual's comment shall be in accordance with [Policy BEDH](#) After the comment is read, the individual will be asked to leave the Zoom meeting. If the individual does not leave, the Zoom host will remove the participant.*

To view the meeting in real time, click this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wzqXhEbWlv8>

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| I. Call to order of Regular Meeting and Pledge of Allegiance   | 6:00 PM |
| II. Executive Session  | 6:00 PM |
| Executive Session pursuant to Mass. General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares regarding the matter of Maria del Rosario vs. NRSD Regional School District et al. (Docket No. 1885CV01899):. |         |
| III. Citizens' Comments  | 6:30 PM |
| IV. Consent Agenda (AR)  | 6:40 PM |
| a) Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2022   |         |
| b) Warrants of February 11, 2022   |         |
| V. Superintendent Update (IO)  | 6:45 PM |
| a) Covid Update  |         |
| b) Vote to approve flexible masking at NRHS starting on March 7th (AR)   |         |
| c) Teaching and Learning Update  |         |
| VI. New Business   | 7:15 PM |
| a) NRHS Program of Studies (IO) (10 mins.)   |         |
| b) DEAR J Presentation (IO) (10 mins.)   |         |
| c) Communication Subcommittee Survey (IO) (10 mins.)   |         |
| d) Subcommittee Goals Check-In (IO) (10 mins.)   |         |
| e) Section D of Policy Manual (IO) (10 mins.)  |         |

- f) Vote to approve new members of School Building Committee (10 mins.)  
(Tania Rich, Lancaster resident with a voting share, and  
Don Lowe, non-voting participant on behalf of the Town Administrators) (AR)
- VII. Business and Operations Report 8:15 PM  
a) FY23 Budget Update  
b) Rotary Club Book Donation Acceptance (AR)  
c) Employee Insurance Update
- VIII. Student Representative Report (IO) 8:25 PM  
Sonia Nicholson & Dan Aube
- IX. Unfinished Business 8:35 PM  
SY22-23 District Calendar (AR)
- X. Sub Committee/Advisory Reports 8:45 PM  
Subcommittee Reports (IO)  
a) Budget and Warrant Report Mr. Rubinstein will report  
b) Communication Ms. Cohen will report  
c) NRHS School Building Committee Mr. Gleason will report  
d) Personnel Report Ms. Vivirito will report  
e) Policy Report Ms. Devine will report  
Advisory Committee Reports (IO)  
a) Audit Advisory Mr. Eckel will report  
b) Diversity, Equity, Acceptance and Racial Justice Advisory (DEARJ) Ms. Poch will report  
c) Regional Agreement Amendment Advisory Committee (RAAAC) Dr. McCarthy will report  
d) Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) Mr. Collins will report
- XI Items for Next Agenda (AR) 8:55 PM
- XII. Adjourn 9:00 PM

Postings can be found at: [https://www.nrsd.net/school\\_committee/agendas\\_minutes\\_and\\_meeting\\_materials](https://www.nrsd.net/school_committee/agendas_minutes_and_meeting_materials)

Posted on 2/7/22 at 8:41 am

**Leah Vivirito (Stow Rep.) – Chairperson**  
**Joseph Gleason (Lancaster Rep.) - Secretary**  
Amy Cohen – Bolton Representative  
Brett Collins – Lancaster Representative  
Karen Devine – Stow Representative  
Rich Eckel – Stow Representative

**Mike Horesh (Bolton Rep). Vice Chairperson**  
Dr. Mary McCarthy – Bolton Representative  
Shawn Winsor – Lancaster Representative  
Sharon Poch– Lancaster Representative  
Stephen Rubinstein – Stow Representative