

Nashoba Regional School District Committee

Minutes of the Budget and Warrant Sub-Committee

November 1, 2021 at 07:30 p.m.

(Meeting held via the Zoom Technology Video Conferencing Platform)

Attendance: Members: Stephen Rubinstein , Chairman (Stow), Brett Collins
(Lancaster), Rich Eckel (Stow), Mike Horesh (Bolton),

Non-Members: Brian Boyle, Chair, Advisory Committee (Bolton), Brain Patuto,
Stow Finance Committee NRSD Liaison

07:30 p.m CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Rubinstein called to order the meeting of the Nashoba Regional
School District Committee's Budget and Warrant Sub-Committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Rubinstein requested a motion to accept the minutes of the
September 28, 2021 and October 18, 2021 meetings of the Budget and
Warrant Sub-Committee.

MOTION: Rich Eckel moved (Mike Horesh seconded) to accept the
minutes of the Budget and Warrant Sub-Committee for
September 28, 2021 and October 18, 2021.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: In Favor: S. Rubenstein, B. Collins, R. Eckel, M. Horesh
Opposed: None
Motion passes 4-0.

07:40 p.m UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Chairman Rubinstein recognized Member Horesh to discuss the B&W goals
for 2021-2022.

Member Horesh suggested a goal that the B&W Sub-Committee link monthly Results of Operations discussions and the Budget Development to the District Improvement Plan (DIP), which is currently in the third or three year. He also suggested a second goal that the Sub-Committee include Finance / Advisory committee members of the District's member towns in B&W Sub-Committee meetings.

Chairman Rubinstein commented that he did not think linking the DIP to the discussion of monthly operations was appropriate. The Monthly Results of Operations report and discussion is typically an agenda item on the second bimonthly B&W Sub-Committee meeting whereby the NRSD Administration shares an up-date and financial overview relative to the prior month.

Secretary Eckel concurred with Chairman Rubinstein and remarked that he did think it was appropriate to demonstrate the linkages between the DIP and other stated NRSC goals in the Superintendent's FY 2022-2023 Budget narrative during the FY 2022-2023 Budget Development process. Further, Secretary Eckel mentioned that he had discussed this request at a recent meeting with Superintendent Downing. Secretary Eckel suggested to Member Horesh that the B&W Sub-Committee modify his first suggested goal.

With respect to the Member Horesh's second stated goal to include Advisory/Finance Committee members in the B&W meeting, Secretary Eckel remarked that all the B&W Sub-Committee meetings are public and posted on the NRSD website. Secretary Eckel shared that members of the Lancaster and Stow Finance Committee's both attended several of the B&W Sub-Committee meetings last Fiscal Year.

Mr. Boyle was recognized to address the Sub-Committee and mentioned that because no Bolton NRSC members were part of the B&W Sub-Committee last Fiscal Year, members of the Bolton Advisory were not proactively invited to the meeting.

Secretary Eckel and Chairman Rubinstein agreed that although somewhat redundant because all B&W Sub-Committee are public and posted, that a goal to formally invite the appropriate Member Town Subcommittees would be supported. Chairman Rubinstein will request that the Superintendent's Executive Assistant invite Advisory/Finance members identified by B&W

Members.

Secretary Eckel cautioned that the B&W Sub-Committee meetings are advisory in nature and focus on oversight of next year's Budget Development and high-level financial this year's Operations spending.

Further, Secretary Eckel reminded those in attendance and any future attendees that this is a business meeting in public for the Sub-Committee members to deliberate. Although anyone is encouraged to attend, they must be recognized by Chairman Rubinstein to address the Sub-Committee and must address their questions to Chair according to the Standard Operation procedure of Robert's Rules,

Chairman Rubinstein requested a motion to accept the following goals for the B&W Sub-Committee (in no particular order):

- 1) Provide proactive invitations to each of NRSD member town's Finance/Advisory Committees on B&W meetings times, and other relevant matters.
- 2) Engage with the NRSD Superintendent and other relevant Administrators to develop a long term strategic plan regarding the serving and funding of NRSD's management of Other Postemployment Benefit (OPEB) liability.
- 3) Work with the Superintendent to create a detailed NRSD Budget narrative that links the Budget to the 2019-2022 District Improvement Plan (DIP) and other identifiable NRSD goals.

MOTION: Rich Eckel moved (Brett Collins seconded) to accept the B&W Sub-Committee Goals for SY2021-22.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: In Favor: S. Rubenstein, B. Collins, R. Eckel, M. Horesh
Opposed: None
Motion passes 4-0.

08:30 p.m NEW BUSINESS:

None.

08:33 p.m ADJOURNMENT:

No further business being before the Budget and Warrant Sub-Committee, Chairman Rubinstein requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION: Rich Eckel moved (Mike Horesh seconded) to adjourn the meeting

There was no discussion.

VOTE: In Favor: S. Rubenstein, B. Collins, R. Eckel, M. Horesh
Opposed: None
Motion passes 4-0.

Next Meeting: Nov 15, 2021 @ 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted this 15th day of December, 2021



Richard H Eckel (Stow)
Recording Secretary