

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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>

February 9, 2022

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE: Joseph Gleason, Leah Vivirito, Karen Devine, Dr. Mary McCarthy, Rich Eckel, Amy Cohen, Sharon Poch, Brett Collins, Mike Horesh, Stephen Rubinstein and Shawn Winsor

ADMINISTRATION IN ATTENDANCE: Superintendent Downing, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maguire, Director of Business and Operations, Pat Marone, Director of Human Resources, Ann Marie Stoica and Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Joan DeAngelis

6:00 PM CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chairperson Vivirito called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

6:03 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to Purpose 3, to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, specifically the matter of Maria Del Rosario vs. Nashoba Regional School District Docket No. 1885CV01899, based on my belief that having the discussion in open session may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of School Committee School Committee will return to open session at the conclusion of Executive Session.

MOTION

Chairperson Vivirito moved that the School Committee enter executive session at 6:03pm under so-called Purpose 3, to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, specifically the matter of Maria Del Rosario vs. Nashoba Regional School District Docket No. 1885CV01899, based on my belief that having the discussion in open session may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of School Committee.” Executive Session will include Superintendent Downing, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Joan DeAngelis and district legal counsel Attorney Kevin Freytag. School Committee will return to open session at the conclusion of Executive Session; seconded by Mike Horesh

Roll Call:

Joseph Gleason	Yes
Leah Vivirito	Yes
Karen Devine	Yes
Dr. Mary McCarthy	Yes
Mike Horesh	Yes
Amy Cohen	Yes
Sharon Poch	Yes
Brett Collins	Yes
Stephen Rubinstein	Yes
Shawn Winsor	Yes

VOTED AND PASSED. (10-0-0)

Committee returned to open session at 6:32 PM

6:33 PM CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mallory Sidorchuk, Keely Nowosacki, Dana Ellis and Jason Killough attended the meeting to voice their opinions regarding the Face Covering Policy/mandates.

6:52 PM CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda include:

Warrants of February 11, 2022

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
4231	02/11/22	VENDOR FY22	\$ 373,121.71
4232	02/11/22	AP ACH FY 22	\$ 211,636.51
4233	02/11/22	BENEFIT FY22	\$ 14,989.56
4234	02/11/22	PAYROLL FY22	\$1,499,911.81

Draft Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2022

MOTION

Mike Horesh moved to approve the consent agenda of February 9, 2022 containing the meeting minutes of January 26, 2022 and the warrants of February 11, 2022; seconded by Stephen Rubinstein

6:53 PM SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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

Superintendent Downing advised he would be asking the Committee to vote on a new masking protocol at the March 1, 2022 meeting. Superintendent Downing reviewed the proposed protocol, which is included in the meeting materials this week.

PM NEW BUSINESS

7:35 PM NRHS Program of Studies

Dr. Kate Boynton, Principal of NRHS presented the current NRHS Program of studies and the proposed changes.

7:49 PM DEAR J Presentation

Members of the DEAR J Advisory, Laurie Burnett, Lindsay Chaves, Rhyllis Christopher, Gregory Denson, Kristen Hera and Kelly Lawlor attended the meeting and gave a PowerPoint presentation on their process, mission statement, frame for their next steps, three recommendation for changes to the school calendar, next steps with the school committee and participation and collaboration.

8:09 PM Communication Subcommittee Survey

Ms. Cohen advised the Communication subcommittee has spent a large portion of their last few meetings working on a survey to be sent out to parents and caregivers from the Superintendent’s Office, this was a collaboration with the Superintendent, the survey will be sent out this week.

Subcommittee Goals Check-In

Will be reported during the subcommittee reports later in the meeting.

8:12 PM Section D of Policy Manual

Ms. Devine presented the proposed revisions to Section D of the policy manual for first reading. Chairperson Vivirito advised the Budget and Warrant subcommittee has reviewed and approved the proposed revisions. The revisions presented are the recommended by MASC. Dr. McCarthy advised she has consulted with Dorothy Presser from MASC regarding the budget timeline outlined in policy DBC, stating the School Committee must approve a budget 45 days prior to the first town meeting. Dr. McCarthy stated the policy should reflect MGL, Ms. Presser is doing further research on dates.

8:21 PM Approval of new members of the NRHS School Building Committee

Superintendent Downing advised the School Building Committee voted last night to fill the vacate seats on the School Building Committee with Tania Rich, Lancaster resident with a voting share, and Don Lowe, non-voting participant on behalf of the Town Administrators. Superintendent Downing is recommending the School Committee vote the same.

MOTION

Joseph Gleason moved accept the Superintendent’s recommendation; seconded by Chairperson Vivirito.

Mr. Rubinstein requested the motion be amended to vote each vacate seat separately.

MOTION

Joseph Gleason moved to approve Tania Rich, Lancaster resident with a voting share to the NRHS School Building Committee; seconded by Chairperson Vivirito

Roll Call:

Joseph Gleason	Yes
Leah Vivirito	Yes
Karen Devine	Yes
Dr. Mary McCarthy	Yes
Mike Horesh	Yes
Rich Eckel	Yes
Amy Cohen	Yes
Sharon Poch	Yes
Brett Collins	Yes
Stephen Rubinstein	Yes
Shawn Winsor	Yes

VOTED AND PASSED. (11-0-0)

MOTION

Joseph Gleason moved to approve Don Lowe, non-voting participant on behalf of the Town Administrators to the NRHS School Building Committee; seconded by Chairperson Vivirito

Roll Call:

Joseph Gleason	Yes
Leah Vivirito	Yes
Karen Devine	Yes
Dr. Mary McCarthy	Yes
Mike Horesh	Yes
Rich Eckel	Yes
Amy Cohen	Yes
Sharon Poch	Yes

Brett Collins	Yes
Stephen Rubinstein	No
Shawn Winsor	Yes

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8:26 PM DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS REPORT

Ms. Marone provided an update on the FY23 changes in the budget drivers, revenue, Chapter 70, assessments. Ms. Marone announced she will be retiring in October 2022.

Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley Donation Acceptance

MOTION

Mike Horesh moved to accept the donation from the Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley in the form of books to put into our library circulation at our elementary grades. The value of this donation is \$1,540.00; seconded by Stephen Rubinstein

Roll Call:

Joseph Gleason	Yes
Leah Vivirito	Yes
Karen Devine	Yes
Dr. Mary McCarthy	Yes
Mike Horesh	Yes
Rich Eckel	Yes
Amy Cohen	Yes
Sharon Poch	Yes
Brett Collins	Yes
Stephen Rubinstein	Yes
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8:41 PM NRHS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Dan Aube NRHS Student Representatives to the School Committee provided an update on current events and athletics at Nashoba Regional High School.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8:44 PM SY22-23 District Calendar

Ms. Stoica presented the SY22-23 SY District Calendar for a second reading with the revisions suggested at the first reading. Chairperson Vivirito advised the vote today is a vote on the dates, DEARJ's recommendations will be reviewed and added if appropriate in the next couple months.

MOTION

Mike Horesh moved to approve the SY22-23 District Calendar as presented; seconded by Chairperson Vivirito

Roll Call:

Joseph Gleason	Yes
Leah Vivirito	Yes
Karen Devine	Yes
Dr. Mary McCarthy	Yes
Mike Horesh	Yes

Rich Eckel	Yes
Amy Cohen	Yes
Sharon Poch	Yes
Brett Collins	Yes
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8:53 PM SUBCOMMITTEE/ADVISORY REPORTS

Budget and Warrant Subcommittee

Mr. Rubinstein stated there is no report. Mr. Horesh provided an update on the Budget and Warrant Goals.

Communication Subcommittee

Ms. Cohen reported the communication survey would be going out tomorrow. Ms. Cohen reviewed some of questions that will be on the survey. Ms. Cohen advised the survey will provide data for the subcommittee goals.

NRHS School Building Committee

Mr. Gleason reported the School Building Committee met yesterday, the subcommittee established they will be meeting on the third Tuesday of each month, two new members will be brought forward at the next meeting for approval, Kaestle Boos. provided a presentation on the next module. Mr. Gleason advised the visioning workshop will be held for the next two days at Wedgewood Hills Country Club in Stow. Next steps will be public forums, there will be two upcoming reports to the School Committee from the OPM, one in June and September.

Personnel Subcommittee

Chairperson Vivirito advised the subcommittee met today, continuing work on professional development for the School Committee regarding the Superintendent evaluation process. The subcommittee has worked with the Superintendent to develop his goals.

Policy Subcommittee

Ms. Devine reported the subcommittee met last week, to work on the Section D of the policy manual, which was presented earlier this evening.

Advisory Reports

Audit Advisory

Mr. Eckel reported the advisory is looking for a common meeting date to hold the first meeting and approve past minutes.

Diversity, Equity, Acceptance and Racial Justice Advisory (DEARJ)

DEARJ presented earlier this evening. Ms. Poch acknowledge the dedication of the advisory members on their time and mission.

Regional Agreement Amendment Advisory Committee (RAAAC)

Dr. McCarthy advised the advisory has not met since January 19th, the next meeting is March 16th,

Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)

No Report

9:04 PM ITEMS FOR NEXT/FUTURE AGENDAS

The committee reviewed the planning calendar for upcoming meeting items.

ADJOURN

MOTION

Chairperson Vivirito moved to adjourn at 9:12 pm; seconded by Dr. McCarthy

Roll Call:

Leah Vivirito	Yes
Karen Devine	Yes
Dr. Mary McCarthy	Yes
Mike Horesh	Yes
Rich Eckel	Yes
Joseph Gleason	Yes
Shawn Winsor	Yes
Steve Rubinstein	Yes
Amy Cohen	Yes
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Reference Documents and Presentations

Agenda
Superintendent's Report
Draft NRSD Face Covering Recommendation
NRHS Program of Studies Change Memo 2022-23
NRHS Program of Studies 2022-23 DRAFT
DEARJ Presentation
DEARJ Report to NRSC January 24, 2022
Policy Manual Section D - Clean Copy
Policy Manual Section D - Redlined Copy
Nashoba Valley Rotary Club Donation Memo
Budget Drivers FY23 Updated
22-23 NRSD Calendar 2-9-22
Draft Meeting Minutes of 1/26/22

Approved by NRSC 3/1/22
Submitted by Aleta Masterson

Aleta S. Masterson

Executive Assistant to the
Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent