

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

Remote meeting via Zoom Technology

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May 18, 2022

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE: Joseph Gleason, Leah Vivirito, Karen Devine, Amy Vessels, Rich Eckel, Amy Cohen, Sharon Poch, Brett Collins, and Mike Horesh

ABSENT: Stephen Rubinstein and Shawn Winsor

ADMINISTRATION IN ATTENDANCE: Superintendent Downing, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maguire, Director of Business and Operations, Pat Marone

6:30 PM CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE

Vice Chairperson Vivirito called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

6:32 PM CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

6:32 PM SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATE

- a) Chairperson Vivirito introduced Amy Vessels, new School Committee Member from Bolton.
- b) The Chairs of the subcommittee provided an update on their subcommittee goals, the goals and progress can be found at the link below.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1d1a8fGnMfScXTceUFZ5WCxQGMLKEyGKJsA-q-nWP7Fw/edit#gid=0>

2022-2023 SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR

MOTION

Rich Eckel moved to approve the 2022-2023 School Committee Meeting Calendar with the revision of Summer Workshop will be August 25, 2022, November 30, 2022 will be a regular meeting and there will be one meeting in December in 2022, which will be December 14th; seconded by Sharon Poch

Roll Call:

Leah Vivirito	Yes
Karen Devine	Yes
Amy Vessels	Yes
Mike Horesh	Yes
Rich Eckel	Yes
Joseph Gleason	Yes
Amy Cohen	Yes
Sharon Poch	Yes
Brett Collins	Yes

VOTED AND PASSED. (9-0-0)

7:06 PM CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda include:

Warrants of May 20, 2022

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
4259	05/20/22	VENDOR FY22	\$ 266,978.71
4260	05/20/22	AP ACH FY 22	\$ 217,266.74
4261	05/20/22	BENEFIT FY22	\$ 5,650.82
4262	05/20/22	PAYROLL FY22	\$1,844,709.30

Draft Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2022

MOTION

Mike Horesh moved to approve the consent agenda of May 18, 2022 containing the meeting minutes of May 4, 2022 and the warrants of May 20, 2022; seconded by Sharon Poch

Roll Call:

Leah Vivirito	Yes
Karen Devine	Yes
Amy Vessels	Yes
Mike Horesh	Yes
Rich Eckel	Yes
Joseph Gleason	Yes
Amy Cohen	Yes
Sharon Poch	Yes
Brett Collins	Yes

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7:08 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 on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 the WCSA hosted a scholars luncheon to honor the valedictorians of the school systems across Worcester County. This year, Drew Abrutyn and Rebecca Solomon, were honored as top students in NRSD for their academic achievement..

Assabet Valley Collaborative Capitol Reserve Ceiling

MOTION

Leah Vivirito moved to approve revisions to the Capital Reserve Plan to increase the cap from \$722,500 to \$1,500,000 and to include capital projects at all of AVC’s owned or leased properties; seconded by Mike Horesh

Roll Call:

Leah Vivirito	Yes
Karen Devine	Yes
Amy Vessels	Yes
Mike Horesh	Yes
Rich Eckel	Yes
Joseph Gleason	Yes
Amy Cohen	Yes
Sharon Poch	Yes
Brett Collins	Yes

VOTED AND PASSED. (9-0-0)

7:40 PM NEW BUSINESS

SY2022-2023 District Physician Contract

MOTION

Mike Horesh moved to authorize the Superintendent to sign the 2022-2023 SY Physician’s Contract between the district and Dr. Russell Coleman. Dr. Coleman will receive a \$5000 stipend under the terms of the contract; seconded by Leah Vivirito

Roll Call:

- Leah Vivirito Yes
- Karen Devine Yes
- Amy Vessels Yes
- Mike Horesh Yes
- Rich Eckel Yes
- Joseph Gleason Yes
- Amy Cohen Yes
- Sharon Poch Yes
- Brett Collins Yes

VOTED AND PASSED. (9-0-0)

NRHS DECA Donation Acceptance

Principal Boynton advised the NRHS DECA Program as received a donation for \$3500.00 to the NRHS DECA Club from Murphy Insurance. The donation is to be used for: pay for some of the expenses we incurred on our recent trip to Atlanta, fund two \$500 Nashoba DECA Leadership scholarships given to 2 Nashoba seniors on Senior Awards Night, and seed money for our next competition season and fundraisers

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Roll Call:

- Leah Vivirito Yes
- Karen Devine Yes
- Amy Vessels Yes
- Mike Horesh Yes
- Rich Eckel Yes
- Joseph Gleason Yes
- Amy Cohen Yes
- Sharon Poch Yes
- Brett Collins Yes

VOTED AND PASSED. (9-0-0)

7:53 PM DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS REPORT

- a) Ms. Marone provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Food and Nutrition program reviewing the increase in the cost of operating the program and requesting a 9% increase in school lunches, which would increase \$0.30 to \$3.60
- b) Ms. Marone advised she has been working with the bus company to find efficiencies; adjustments were made to the Florence Sawyer and Mary Rowlandson bus routes, which results in an approx.. \$25,000 savings for the last couple months of school, these changes are expected to carry through next year provided there is not a large change in move in enrollment, the savings for next year will be \$153,000.
- c) Ms. Marone reviewed the March and April 2022 Results of Operations

8:05 PM NRHS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

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

8:19 PM UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NRHS Civil Rights Trip Approval

Greg Denson provided a PowerPoint presentation to clarify question that were asked at the last meeting when he initially brought this forward to the School Committee for approval.

MOTION

Mike Horesh moved to conditionally approve the Civil Rights focused six-day trip scheduled for April vacation 2023, allowing students to start enrolling on the trip with the understanding that a final school committee vote will take place in September 2022; seconded by Leah Vivirito

Roll Call:

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Karen Devine	Yes
Amy Vessels	Yes
Mike Horesh	Yes
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Superintendent Evaluation

Chairperson Vivirito provided the Composite School Committee Summative 2021-2022 Superintendent Evaluation and reviewed each standard and rating for each standard.

MOTION

Leah Vivirito moved to accept the Composite Summative 2021-2022 Superintendent Evaluation as presented; seconded by Mike Horesh

Roll Call:

Leah Vivirito	Yes
Karen Devine	Yes
Amy Vessels	Abstain
Mike Horesh	Yes

Rich Eckel	Yes
Joseph Gleason	Yes
Amy Cohen	Yes
Sharon Poch	Yes
Brett Collins	Yes

VOTED AND PASSED. (8-0-1)

SRO MOU

Superintendent Downing advised the Bolton Police Policy regarding the SRO is in the packet along with the MOU. The committee discussed the Bolton Police Department policies that are associated with the MOU, where they are posted so District families can review and how the District will be notified of any changes to those policies. After discussion it was decided this will be put on a future agenda with Chief Nelson being invited to the meeting.

9:14 PM SUBCOMMITTEE/ADVISORY REPORTS

Budget and Warrant Subcommittee

Mr. Eckel reported the Budget and Warrant and Audit Advisory held a joint meeting, during the meeting the Results of Operations were reviewed and a discussion regarding OEMB was held. Ms Marone has not yet received the annual audit.

Communication Subcommittee

No Report

NRHS School Building Committee

Mr. Gleason reported the subcommittee met last night and received a presentation on building concepts, the architect is getting closer to determining the type of project this will be either a renovation/build out or new build. The next public forum will be June 14th at NRHS, at the June 21st meeting the OPM will be asking for a vote of approval on the preliminary design program plan to submit to MSBA.

Personnel Subcommittee

No report

Policy Subcommittee

Ms. Devine reported the subcommittee met last weekend and reviewed policy section D, which will be presented to the SC on June 1st, the subcommittee also began reviewing revisions to the harassment policies and will be presented for first read at the next SC meeting, the minimum wage policy will be reviewed at a future meeting.

Advisory Reports

Audit Advisory

Mr. Eckel advised this report was include in the Budget and Warrant subcommittee report.

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

Ms. Poch reported DEARJ has created a memo detailing the requests for changes to the calendar, they are working on a end of year summary of all the areas they have worked on this year.

Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)

Mr. Collins reported SEPAC held their election, Dana Green and Pam Duggin are the new Co-Chairs.

PM ITEMS FOR NEXT/FUTURE AGENDAS

The committee reviewed the planning calendar for upcoming meeting items.

ADJOURN

MOTION

Rich Eckel moved to adjourn at 9:29 pm; seconded by Amy Cohen

Roll Call:

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Amy Vessels	Yes
Mike Horesh	Yes
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Reference Documents and Presentations

Agenda

2022-2023 School Committee Meeting Calendar

Subcommittee Goals

Superintendent's Update

2022 Worcester County Superintendents Association NRHS Scholars

AVC School Committee Memo - Revision to Capital Reserve Plan 2022

2022-2223 District Physician Contract

March Results of Operations

April Results of Operations

DECA Donation Approval Request

NRSD Food and Nutrition Update

Superintendent's Self Evaluation Report

Composite SC Summative Evaluation Report-2021-22

NRHS Civil Rights Trip Approval Form 2023

NRHS Civil Rights Trip Follow-up

2022 SRO (School Resource Officer) MOU (Memorandum of Understanding)

Bolton Police Policy on SRO

Draft Meeting Minutes of 5/4/22

Approved by NRSC 6/1/22

Submitted by Aleta Masterson

Executive Assistant to the
Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent