

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

Remote meeting via Zoom Technology

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May 4, 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, and Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Joan DeAngelis

**6:00 PM SCHOOL CHOICE PUBLIC HEARING**

Superintendent Downing provided a PowerPoint presentation with data for School Choice Student in and out of the district. Superintendent Downing recommended the district not allow School Choice for the 2022-2023 SY and research enrollment for the 2023-2024 SY. Two Citizens were in attendance, June Mitchell, Bolton and Keely Nowosacki, Stow. Ms. Mitchell attended to voice her opposition to participating in School Choice, Ms. Nowosacki ask questions about the program and process.

**MOTION**

Chairperson Vivirito moved to open the 2022-2023 SY School Choice Hearing; seconded by Rich Eckel

**Roll Call:**

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

**VOTED AND PASSED. (9-0-0)**

**MOTION**

Chairperson Vivirito moved to close the 2022-2023 SY School Choice Hearing at 6:22 PM; seconded by Rich Eckel

**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
Shawn Winsor	Abstain
Rich Eckel	Yes
Stephen Rubinstein	Yes

**VOTED AND PASSED. (10-0-1)**

**6:23 PM CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chairperson Vivirito called the meeting to order at 6:23 pm.

**6:23 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 Rick Eckel

**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
Shawn Winsor	Yes
Rich Eckel	Yes
Stephen Rubinstein	Yes

**VOTED AND PASSED. (11-0-0)**

Committee returned to open session at 6:47 PM

**6:47 PM CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None

**6:48 PM SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATE**

Chairperson Vivirito accounted that tonight will be Dr. McCarthy’s last meeting as her term is expiring and she is not seeking reelection. Chairperson Vivirito stated that Senator Cronin and Representative Hogan both sent in Citation in recognition of Dr. McCarthy servicing on the School Committee, Chairperson Vivirito read the citations. Chairperson Vivirito and Mr. Horesh read statements thanking Dr. McCarthy for her dedication and commitment to the School Committee for the last three years.

**7:06 PM SUPERINTENDENT'S SUMMATIVE EVALUATION REPORT**

Superintendent Downing provided a PowerPoint Presentation of the 2022-2023 Superintendent Summative Evaluation and Goals Evidence, reviewing the three goals and the evidence provided to show progress in the goals.

**7:26 PM DR. BOYNTON ENTRY PLAN PRESENTATION**

Dr. Boynton, Principal of NRHS, presented a PowerPoint presentation on her entry plan as she wraps up her first year as Principal of NRHS. Dr. Boynton reviewed, the process in developing her plan, NRHS strengths, areas for growth in the areas of Culture, Teaching and Learning and Facilities, results from the Panorama survey, and topics to explore further.

**8:35 PM NEW BUSINESS**

**8:35 NRHS Civil Rights Trip Presentation**

Greg Denson, NRHS teacher provided a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the proposed Civil Rights trip in April 2023 to Georgia and Alabama. Mr. Denson provided details on the trip's itinerary and support that will be given to students during the trip if needed. Mr. Denson is seeking approval of the trip at the next meeting so he may start advertising and fund raising. Chairperson Vivirito will speak to the Superintendent regarding the process.

**MOTION**

Stephen Rubinstein moved to give conditionally approval for the trip to allow to beginning the planning with a final approval no later than February 2023; seconded by Joseph Gleason

Mr. Rubinstein withdrew his motion.

**8:54 PM NRHS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

No Report

**8:54 PM UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**8:54 PM School Resource Officer (SRO) MOU Vote**

Tabled to future meeting

**8:57 PM School Choice Vote (2022-2023 SY)**

**MOTION**

Mike Horesh moved to withdraw from the School Choice Program for the 2022-2023 SY due to current enrollment and to be compliant with district class size policies; DESE to be notified of this vote; seconded by Leah Vivirito

**Roll Call:**

Joseph Gleason	Yes
Leah Vivirito	Yes

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

**VOTED AND PASSED. (10-0-1)**

**9:00 PM CONSENT AGENDA**

Topics on consent agenda include:

Warrants of May 6, 2022

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
4255	05/06/22	VENDOR FY22	\$ 476,838.84
4256	05/06/22	AP ACH FY 22	\$ 130,003.63
4257	05/06/22	BENEFIT FY22	\$ 932,514.67
4258	05/06/22	PAYROLL FY22	\$1,455,144.92

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**MOTION**

Mike Horesh moved to approve the consent agenda of May 4, 2022 containing the meeting minutes of April 6, 2022 and the warrants of May 6, 2022; seconded by Leah Vivirito

**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
Shawn Winsor	Yes
Rich Eckel	Yes
Stephen Rubinstein	Yes

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**9:02 PM SUBCOMMITTEE/ADVISORY REPORTS**

**Budget and Warrant Subcommittee**

No Report

**Communication Subcommittee**

Ms. Cohen reported the subcommittee met on April 7<sup>th</sup>, the subcommittee reviewed their progress towards goals, Superintendent Downing will be invited to the next meeting to discuss survey incorporation into strategic planning forums.

**NRHS School Building Committee**

Mr. Gleason reported the next meeting is May 17<sup>th</sup>, the second public forum was held on April 25<sup>th</sup>, which had an attendance of approx. 13 residents. Mr. Gleason reminded everyone these forums are recorded and may be watched on the Bolton Access TV website. The subcommittee met on April 12<sup>th</sup>, at that meeting a vote was taken to designate the current location of NRHS as the location for either the remodel or building of a new school, the architect is not ready to make that determination so therefore what the subcommittee voted is not “set in stone”.

**Personnel Subcommittee**

Chairperson Vivirito reported the Superintendent Evaluation work continues.

**Policy Subcommittee**

Ms. Devine reported the subcommittee met on April 11<sup>th</sup> and continue work on Section D of the policy manual, Mr. Gleason is assisting the subcommittee with this work. Next meeting will be next week.

**Advisory Reports**

**Audit Advisory**

No Report

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

Ms. Poch reported the advisory met on April 27<sup>th</sup>, the advisory worked in two areas raising awareness for the indigenous people and land acknowledgement and specific trainings for the School Committee.

**Regional Agreement Amendment Advisory Committee (RAAAC)**

Dr. McCarthy reported the advisory had it’s last meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup>, the agreement has been given to Chairperson Vivirito who will follow up with DESE on a few remaining questions.

**Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)**

Mr. Collins reported SEPAC will hold a business meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup> to hold elections for the 2022-2023 SY.

**9:08 PM ITEMS FOR NEXT/FUTURE AGENDAS**

The committee reviewed the planning calendar for upcoming meeting items.

**ADJOURN**

**MOTION**

Dr. McCarthy moved to adjourn at 9:09 pm; seconded by Leah Vivirito

**Roll Call:**

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

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**Reference Documents and Presentations**

Agenda

Superintendent's Summative Evaluation Presentation

Superintendent's Summative Evaluation Report

Dr. Boynton Entry Plan

NRHS Civil Rights Trip Presentation 2023

NRHS Civil Rights Trip Approval Form 2023

School Choice Data

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

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Approved by NRSC 5/18/22

Submitted by Aleta Masterson



Executive Assistant to the  
Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent