

**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>

January 26, 2022

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

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

**6:00 PM CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice Chairperson Vivirito called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

**6:03 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares – Unit A / Unit C.

**MOTION**

Mike Horesh moved to go into Executive Session at 6:03 pm pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares – Unit A / Unit C. Executive Session to include the School Committee, Superintendent Downing, Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Maguire, Director of Business and Operations, Pat Marone and Director of Human Resources, Ann Marie Stoica. School Committee Member Brett Collins will be excused from Executive Session due to a conflict of interest. School Committee will return to open session at the conclusion of the Executive Session; seconded by Stephen Rubinstein

Chairperson Vivirito declared discussion of strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body – Unit A / Unit C

**Roll Call:**

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

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

Committee returned to open session at 6:47 pm

**6:48 PM CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Keely Nowosacki, Stow resident, attended the meeting stating her opinions on the masking mandates.

**6:53 PM CONSENT AGENDA**

Topics on consent agenda include:

Warrants of January 28, 2022

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
4227	01/28/22	VENDOR FY22	\$ 250,785.46
4228	01/28/22	AP ACH FY 22	\$ 162,544.43
4229	01/28/22	BENEFIT FY22	\$ 928,588.92
4230	01/28/22	PAYROLL FY22	\$1,568,892.77

Draft Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2022

**MOTION**

Mike Horesh moved to approve the consent agenda of January 26, 2022 containing the meeting minutes of January 12, 2022, and the warrants of January 28, 2022; seconded by Rich Eckel

**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
- Sharon Poch Yes
- Brett Collins Yes

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

**MOTION**

Mike Horesh moved to approve the FY23 Budget Workshop minutes, as amended of January 22, 2022; 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
- Steve Rubinstein Yes
- Amy Cohen Yes
- Sharon Poch Yes
- Brett Collins Yes

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

**6:56 PM SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

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

**7:30 PM NEW BUSINESS**

**7:30 PM SY22-23 District Calendar – First Reading**

Ms. Stoica reviewed the SY22-23 proposed calendar. Chairperson Vivirito advised this is a first reading tonight. Ms. Poch advised she has received some calendar revisions suggestions from the DEARJ Advisory regarding listing holiday names on the calendar, these will be brought forward at the next meeting for the seconding reading.

**7:44 PM Special Education Update**

Ms. DeAngelis provided a document on the Coordinated Program Review, reviewing the history, the indicators, Special Education and Civil Rights standards and where the district is in the process and next steps.

**7:53 PM Vote to hold FY 23 Budget Hearing and additional School Committee meeting on March 2, 2022**

Chairperson Vivirito advised the committee will need to take a vote to add the FY23 Budget Workshop to the calendar. Ms. Cohen advised the proposed date of March 2<sup>nd</sup> is Ash Wednesday for those to follow the Catholic religion. The Committee discussed observance of this holiday day and other possible dates for the hearing

**MOTION**

Mike Horesh moved to hold the FY23 Budget Public Hearing at 6:30 pm on March 2, 2022, at the conclusion of the hearing, the School Committee will hold a regular meeting; seconded by Rich Eckel

**Roll Call:**

Leah Vivirito	No
Karen Devine	No
Dr. Mary McCarthy	No
Mike Horesh	No
Rich Eckel	No
Joseph Gleason	Yes
Shawn Winsor	Yes
Steve Rubinstein	Yes
Amy Cohen	No
Sharon Poch	No
Brett Collins	No

**VOTED AND FAILED (3-8-0)**

**MOTION**

Leah Vivirito moved to hold the FY23 Budget Public Hearing at 6:30 pm on March 1, 2022, at the conclusion of the hearing, the School Committee will hold a one agenda item meeting; seconded by Amy Cohen

**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
Sharon Poch	Yes
Brett Collins	Yes

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

**8:10 PM PM Director of Business and Operations Report**

Ms. Marone advised Stavros Andreopoulos received a donation From Clinton Savings Bank for the DECA club for \$2500 and is asking the School Committee to approve this donation. Ms. Marone reviewed the FY22 December Results of Operations and provided an update on the FY22 budget to date.

**MOTION**

Mike Horesh moved to accept the donation in the amount of \$2500.00 from Clinton Savings Bank to Nashoba DECA to defray costs associated with attending competitions; 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
Steve Rubinstein	Yes
Amy Cohen	Yes
Sharon Poch	Yes
Brett Collins	Yes

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

**8:21 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.

**8:25 PM UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

**Policy BB – School Committee Legal Status**

**MOTION**

Mike Horesh moved to approve the revisions to Policy BB-Legal Status as presented; 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
Steve Rubinstein	Yes
Amy Cohen	Yes
Sharon Poch	Yes
Brett Collins	Yes

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

**Policy JFAA– Residency**

**MOTION**

Mike Horesh moved to approve the revisions to Policy JFAA-Residency as presented; 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
Steve Rubinstein	Yes
Amy Cohen	Yes
Sharon Poch	Yes
Brett Collins	Yes

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

**8:29 PM SUBCOMMITTEE/ADVISORY REPORTS**

**Budget and Warrant Subcommittee**

Mr. Rubinstein reported the subcommittee met on Monday. Mr. Rubinstein thanked the Superintendent for his excellent presentation. The subcommittee reviewed section D of the policy manual and found no significant changes to our present policies therefore the Budget and Warrant SC is recommending adopting the MACS Section D.

**Communication Subcommittee**

Ms. Cohen reported the subcommittee met on January 13<sup>th</sup>, and continued work on the development of a survey, the Superintendent will be attending the next meeting for his input on the survey.

**NRHS School Building Committee**

Mr. Gleason reported the committee met on January 18<sup>th</sup> at which time the committee was formally introduced to the Architect and Designer, Kaestle Boos., in addition to this the committee voted on establishing a certain per month for the committee to meet. The committee will be meeting on the third Tuesday of each month. Superintendent Downing provided a review of the scheduled Visioning Sessions which will be held on February 10, 11 and 8<sup>th</sup>. Superintendent Downing advised Dr. Frank Locker will be leading the sessions that will be made up of Administrators, Teachers, Students, Parents and local town officials.

**Personnel Subcommittee**

Chairperson Vivirito advised the subcommittee met this evening and continued to work on the Superintendent's Evaluation timeline, which the committee on one schedule, the timeline will trip past the Town Election. The subcommittee also discussed the new salary ranges for the Administrative Team, which will be brought to the School Committee at a future meeting.

**Policy Subcommittee**

No Report

**Advisory Reports**

**Audit Advisory**

Mr. Eckel reported a full advisory is now seated and will be holding a meeting in the near future.

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

Ms. Poch advised DEARJ as met twice since the last meeting, the advisory has been working on recommendations for the school calendar to include the names of holidays on the calendar. All holidays are now listed on the calendar as "holiday". DEARJ believes by listing the names of the holidays on the calendar it sends a message of equality and inclusion. Ms. Poch will share the recommendations at the next meeting.

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

Dr. McCarthy thanked Mr. Rubinstein for his time on the RAAAC advisory as he will no longer be serving on the advisory, Chairperson Vivirito will be serving the School Committee Stow seat on the advisory. Dr. McCarthy advised at the last meeting the Superintendent attended and provided a presentation on student enrollment. The Advisory will have one more meeting, on February 16<sup>th</sup>, which will conclude the work of the committee. Dr. McCarthy advised she has spoken to Christine Lynch and Michelle Griffin at DESE regarding the timeline of the Regional Agreement revisions, they advised the amendment review will not meet the deadline for warrants at town meetings this Spring, it is required the DESE review the Regional Agreement before it is presented to citizens at town meetings, so therefore the timeline for voting the amendment will be the Spring 2023 Town Meetings.

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

No Report

**8:47 PM ITEMS FOR NEXT/FUTURE AGENDAS**

The committee reviewed the planning calendar for upcoming meeting items.

**ADJOURN**

**MOTION**

Stephen Rubinstein moved to adjourn at 8:52 pm; seconded by Rich Eckel

**Roll Call:**

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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
Sharon Poch	Yes
Brett Collins	Yes

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

**Reference Documents and Presentations**

Agenda  
Superintendent's Report  
FY23 Initial Budget Presentation  
Proposed SY22-23 NRSD Calendar  
Pupil Personnel Services Update  
DECA Donation APPROVAL REQUEST Clinton Savings Bank 2022  
December Results Of Operations  
Policy BB - School Committee Legal Status  
Policy JFAA - Residency Policy  
Draft Meeting Minutes of 1/12/22  
Draft FY23 Budget Workshop Minutes of 1/22/22

Approved by NRSC 2/9/22  
Submitted by Aleta Masterson

*Aleta J. Masterson*

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Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent