

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

Remote meeting via Zoom Technology

This meeting was held remotely in accordance with the Governor of Massachusetts' March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c. 30A, Section 2

May 19, 2021

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

ADMINISTRATION IN ATTENDANCE: Brooke Clenchy, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Maguire, Assistant Superintendent, and Pat Marone, Director of Business and Operations Manager.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion/Vote regarding Maria del Rosario vs. NRSD Regional School District et al. (Docket No. 1885CV01899)

Attorney Freytag attended the meeting and requested the School Committee vote to authorize payment of the post-judgment interest on Count 3 of Maria del Rosario vs. NRSD Regional School District et al. (Docket No. 1885CV01899) in the amount of \$313.59. Attorney Freytag stated it was requested to Ms. del Rosario's legal counsel to waiver the interest, which was denied.

MOTION

Leah Vivirito moved to authorize payment of the post-judgment interest on Count 3 of *Maria del Rosario vs. NRSD Regional School District et al. (Docket No. 1885CV01899)* in the amount of \$313.59; seconded by Sharon Poch

Roll Call:

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

VOTED AND PASSED. (10-0-1)

Discussion/Vote on Authorization of Execution for NRHS Feasibility Study Agreement with MSBA

Attorney Mello attended the meeting to request the School Committee vote to authorize the Superintendent to execute the NRHS Feasibility Study Agreement with MSBA,

MOTION

Joseph Gleason moved to approve, and authorize the Superintendent to execute, the proposed Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Feasibility Study Agreement between the MSBA and the Nashoba Regional School District, pertaining to the potential reconstruction of the existing District High School at 12 Green Road, Bolton, MA 01740, or the construction of a new District High School. The MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs that the Nashoba Regional School District incurs in excess of any grant that may be received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Nashoba Regional School District; seconded by Stephen Rubinstein

Roll Call:

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

VOTED AND PASSED. (11-0-0)

Superintendent Search Finalists

Dorothy Presser, Field Rep for Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC), provided an overview of the Screening Committee’s process and next steps in the process. Ms. Presser announced the three finalists are Dr. Beth Choquette, Principal, Bridge Street School, North Hampton, MA, Mr. Kirk Downing, Assistant Superintendent, Natick Public Schools and Mr. Jeremy Roche, Principal, Fitchburg HS. Ms. Presser read a brief bio on each candidate. Ms. Presser outlined the site visits to both the candidate’s home district and the candidates visit to NRSD. The committee discussed the formation of questions for the candidates.

NRHS Calendar Revision Request

Principal Cullinane advised due to not having finals this year, he is requesting the late start days scheduled for the last three days of school be changed to early release days.

MOTION

Leah Vivirito moved to revise the 2020-2021 SY Calendar to reflect June 18, 21, and 22 as early release days at NRHS not late starts; seconded by Rich Eckel

Roll Call:

Joseph Gleason	Yes
Leah Vivirito	Yes
Elaine Sanfilippo	Yes

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

VOTED AND PASSED. (11-0-0)

District Improvement Plan Review/Vote

Dr. Maguire advised he is requesting a year extension of the current District Improvement Plan as with the loss time this past year during the pandemic, some areas/goals on the plan were not met. Dr. Maguire reviewed the proposed plan.

MOTION

Leah Vivirito moved adopt the 2019-2022 District Improvement Plan as presented; seconded by Sharon Poch

Roll Call:

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

VOTED AND PASSED. (11-0-0)

Superintendent Update

Superintendent Clenchy provided a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the progress made on her 2021 goals.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

School Committee Organizational Meeting/Candidate Interviews

Vice Chairperson Sanfilippo introduced Shaw Winsor. Mr. Winsor provided his background with community service in Lancaster. Vice Chairperson provided a review of the Town Elections stating Mike Horesh was reelected in Bolton and Karen Devine from Stow is the member elect from Stow and will be sworn in on Monday afternoon after the Stow Town Elections on Saturday. Vice Chairperson advised the committee will need to vote on the Reorganization Meeting.

MOTION

Elaine Sanfilippo moved to add four School Committee Meetings, May 24th at 6:00 pm for the School Committee Reorganizational meeting and first Superintendent Candidate Interview, May 25, 26, 27th at 7:00 pm for Superintendent Candidate Interviews/deliberations; seconded by Leah Vivirito

Roll Call:

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

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR UPDATES

Vice Chairperson Sanfilippo reminded the committee members of the state mandatory training, Charting the Course for new school committee members that must be completed in their first year of their term, they can go to MASC.org for more details. Vice Chairperson Sanfilippo shared her thoughts on serving for the last three years on the School Committee.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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

DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

Ms. Marone advised she is requesting two votes to reaffirm the use of E & D that were previously approved by the School Committee. Ms. Marone provided and reviewed the March FY21 Results of Operations.

MOTION

Leah Vivirito moved to reaffirm the use of \$1,220,000 from E & D as a revenue source for the FY21 budget as voted and approved by the School Committee on March 11, 2020 .; seconded by Joseph Gleason

Roll Call:

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

VOTED AND PASSED. (10-0-1)

MOTION

Leah Vivirito moved to reaffirm the use of \$1,200,000 from E & D as a revenue source for the FY22 budget as voted and approved by the School Committee on March 10, 2021; seconded by Joseph Gleason

Roll Call:

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

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CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda include:

Warrants of May 21, 2021

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
4153	05/10/21	VENDOR FY21	\$ 15,897.35
4154	05/21/21	VENDOR FY21	\$ 796,982.31
4155	05/21/21	AP ACH FY 21	\$ 345,000.36
4156	05/21/21	BENEFIT FY21	\$ 1,114.30
4157	05/21/21	PAYROLL FY21	\$1,796,084.02

Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2021

MOTION

Leah Vivirito moved to approve the consent agenda of May 19, 2021 containing the minutes of May 5, 2021 and the warrants of May 21, 2021; seconded by Stephen Rubinstein.

Roll Call:

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

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SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Warrant Subcommittee

No Report

Personnel Subcommittee

Dr. McCarthy reported the committee met on May 7th to approve the final minutes of the subcommittee.

Policy Subcommittee

No Report

Communication Subcommittee

Mr. Horesh reported last week, Mr. Gleason attended and shared feedback from the SBC and encouraged collaboration between the Communication SB and SBC Community Engagement and outreach SB. Once a Project Manager is hired, the subcommittees will have a better understanding of the direction to proceed.

NRHS School Building Committee

Mr. Gleason reported on May 10th the Community and Outreach SC was put together and is going to be Chaired by Amy Cohen, on May 11th Mr. Gleason and Mr. Horesh met to discussed the collaboration between the SBC Community Outreach SC and the Communication SC. The full SBC met twice since the last School Committee Meeting, the committee voted on a finalized draft of the RFS for the Owners Project Manager, the draft will now be submitted to the MSBA for approval, once MSBA approves the document will then be filed in the Central Register, project cost in the RFS was listed as \$90 - \$130 million. Mr. Gleason encouraged all the School Committee members to go to the website and read the document. Mr. Gleason thanked the OPM Search Committee for their work.

Diversity Equity, Acceptance and Racial Justice

No Report

Audit Advisory

No Report

ADJOURN

MOTION

Joseph Gleason moved to adjourn at 8:41 pm; seconded by Stephen Rubinstein

Roll Call:

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Amy Cohen	Yes
Sharon Poch	Yes
Stephen Rubinstein	Yes
Brett Collins	Yes
Shawn Winsor	Yes

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Reference Documents and Presentations

NRSD School Committee Meeting Minutes, May 19, 2021

Agenda

SC Planning Calendar

2020-2021 SY Calendar

2019 - 2022 District Improvement Plan

Superintendent Update 5-19-21

Superintendent's Report

FY21 March Results of Operations

Draft meeting minutes of May 5, 2021

Approved by NRSC June 2, 2021

Submitted by Aleta Masterson



Executive Assistant to the
Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent