

Nashoba Regional School Committee
Regional Agreement Amendment Advisory Committee (RAAAC)
Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2021 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

Call to Order: Chair Dr. Mary McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Attendance: Dr. Mary McCarthy (Bolton), Brian Boyle (Bolton), Sharon Poch (Lancaster), Ellen Sturgis (Stow), and Kathy Konno (Stow).

Absent: Lorraine Romasco (Bolton), Stephen Rubinstein (Stow)

Welcome and Introductions: The members of the RAAAC offered brief personal background information and discussed their familiarity with the existing Regional Agreement

Scope and Timetable for RAAAC Work: The RAAAC is aiming to complete its work so that a revised Regional Agreement can be placed before the voters at Town Meetings in Spring 2022. Brian Boyle will confirm with officials in Bolton about when items need to be finalized for inclusion in the Town Meeting Warrant (likely the end of February or early in March).

Meeting Schedule and Designation of Secretary: The RAAAC is scheduled to meet via Zoom as follows:

- Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 7:00 PM

To equitably distribute minute-taking responsibilities, the designation of Secretary will be made on a rotating basis.

Review of Documents and Meeting Materials: Prior to the meeting, committee members had independently reviewed several documents provided by Dr. McCarthy in the online packet of meeting materials. Members asked if other regional school districts' Regional Agreements could be shared with the committee prior to the next meeting. Members also agreed to be prepared to discuss their edits or comments on each section of the Regional Agreement during the next meeting.

Proposed Plan for Editing the Agreement: The RAAAC is taking on primary responsibility for making formatting changes and substantive amendments to the Regional Agreement. We have already received several helpful suggestions and comments from Christine Lynch and Michelle Griffin of DESE. Toward the end of our process, the RAAAC will ask the District's legal counsel to review the document before it is submitted to the School Committee for approval.

Everyone agreed that the Regional Agreement should be clear and understandable by any interested citizen. We also want the document to provide context where appropriate (*e.g.*, with footnotes explaining historical practice or key terms).

Adjourn: MOTION - Ellen Sturgis moved to adjourn at 8:10 PM; seconded by Brian Boyle.

Roll Call:

Dr. Mary McCarthy	Yes
Brian Boyle	Yes
Ellen Sturgis	Yes
Kathy Konno	Yes
Sharon Poch	Yes

VOTED AND PASSED. (5-0)

Approved by RAAAC on 11/30/2021

Submitted by Brian Boyle