

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

Meeting Held at:
Emerson School
2nd Floor Conference Room
50 Mechanic Street
Bolton, MA 01740

October 12, 2022

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

ABSENT: Shawn Winsor

6:00 PM Call to Order of Regular Meeting and Pledge of Allegiance

6:00 PM 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.

MOTION

Mike Horesh moved to go into 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. Executive Session to include the School Committee, Superintendent Downing, Assistant Superintendent Friend, Interim Director of Business, Ross Mulkerin, Director of Human Resources, Ann Marie Stoica, and Director of Pupil Personnel Service, Joan DeAngelis. School Committee Meeting will resume to open session at the conclusion of the Executive Session; seconded by Amy Cohen

Roll Call:

Joseph Gleason	Yes
Leah Vivirito	Yes
Karen Devine	Yes
Amy Vessels	Yes
Mike Horesh	Yes
Amy Cohen	Yes
Sharon Poch	Yes
Maureen Mazzone	Yes

VOTED AND PASSED. (8-0-0)

6:53 PM PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

6:54 PM CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda include:

Warrants of October 14, 2022

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
4302	10/14/22	VENDOR FY23	\$ 261,613.30
4303	10/14/22	AP ACH FY23	\$ 201,306.80
4304	10/14/22	BENEFIT FY23	\$ 938,560.77
4305	10/14/22	PAYROLL FY23	\$1,507,593.95

Draft Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2022

MOTION

Mike Horesh moved to approve the consent agenda of October 12, 2022 containing the meeting minutes of September 28, 2022 and the warrants of October 14, 2022; seconded by Sharon Poch **IN FAVOR:** Joseph Gleason, Leah Vivirito, Karen Devine, Amy Vessels, Amy Cohen, Sharon Poch, Brett Collins, Mike Horesh, and Maureen Mazzone **VOTED AND PASSED. (9-0-0)**

6:56 PM SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON UPDATE

Chairperson Vivirito stated effective immediately that member Rich Eckel has resigned, and thanked him for his service.

Chairperson Vivirito stated there will be a future agenda item regarding the Stow Town Charter; there is a 10 year review that happens that the School Committee, particularly the Stow Contingent of the Committee, can weigh in on any revisions they would like to suggest.

6:57 PM SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Downing and Assistant Superintendent Ms. Friend, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Joan DeAngelis provided district updates; the report can be viewed its entirety [here](#).

Ms. DeAngelis provided a review of the IEP exit survey pilot and the Pupil Personnel Services professional development schedule.

7:41 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.

7:48 PM NEW BUSINESS

Assistant Superintendent Friend’s Entry Plan

Assistant Superintendent Laura Friend provided her entry plan and reviewed same.

Interim Director of Business, Ross Mulkerin’s Entry Plan

Interim Director of Business, Ross Mulkerin provided his entry plan and reviewed same.

8:20 PM UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Policy IMG – Animals in Schools

Ms. Devine advised the policy is being brought forward for a second reading, no changes have been made since the first reading.

MOTION

Mike Horesh moved to adopt the revisions to policy IMG as presented; seconded by Leah Vivirito
IN FAVOR: Joseph Gleason, Leah Vivirito, Karen Devine, Amy Vessels, Amy Cohen, Sharon Poch, Brett Collins, Mike Horesh, and Maureen Mazzone **VOTED AND PASSED. (9-0-0)**

8:22 PM SUBCOMMITTEE/ADVISORY REPORTS

Budget and Warrant Subcommittee

Mr. Horesh advised the next meeting is October 24th.

Communication Subcommittee

Ms. Poch reported they met prior to the School Committee meeting tonight, they discussed who would be Chair, it may be a Co-Chair situation, they discussed the development of a School Committee newsletter, the SC will meet again in November.

NRHS School Building Committee

Mr. Gleason advised they held their fourth public forum last night, the proposed design options were presented, the next meeting is scheduled for October 18th, at which time the committee will be making a recommendation to the full School Committee on the Preferred Schematic Report which will include the design recommendation from the School Building Committee. The OPM advised last night that a report on estimates should be provided by Friday of this week and will be presented to the Building Committee on the 18th. Mr. Gleason reminded the committee the project is at the discretion and “beckon call” of the MSBA, we can only move the process as fast as the MSBA moves.

Personnel Subcommittee

Mr. Horesh reported they met on October 4th and reviewed the School Committee Manual, each Personnel SC member will review assigned sections for proposed revisions, last 2021 there significant updates are required, the draft revisions will be brought forward at a December meeting, the subcommittee also discussed training for the School Committee on the Superintendent’s MidCycle goals review.

Policy Subcommittee

No report

Advisory Reports

Audit Advisory

Ms. Mazzone reported she has put out a request for a Stow town representative to the advisory, the advisory is moving forward with organizing a meeting.

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

Ms. Poch reported DEARJ met last week to discuss a multi-faceted approach this year, discussing what projects they want to work on and what they can partnering with the district to help move forward their work on equity and inclusion.

Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)

Ms. Devine reported she has connected with the SEPAC Chairs, they had their first meeting, there will be more to report at the next meeting.

Regional Agreement Amendment Advisory Committee (RAAAC)

Chairperson Vivirito reported meet and finalized the document and it to the NRSD Legal Council, there are a few follow up questions. There will be a public hearing on Oct. 26th for the public to weigh-in on, any feedback provided will be sent to DESE and the final will be voted on at a November School Committee Meeting.

8:35 PM ITEMS FOR NEXT/FUTURE AGENDAS

The committee reviewed the planning calendar for upcoming meeting items.

ADJOURN

MOTION

Mike Horesh moved to adjourn at 8:45 PM; seconded by Leah Vivirito **IN FAVOR:** Joseph Gleason, Leah Vivirito, Karen Devine, Amy Vessels, Amy Cohen, Sharon Poch, Brett Collins, Mike Horesh, and Maureen Mazzone **VOTED AND PASSED. (9-0-0)**

Reference Documents and Presentations

Agenda

Draft Meeting Minutes of 9/28/22

Superintendent's Report

Pupil Services Professional Development Plan 2022-2023 SY

IEP Exit Survey / Pilot Results

Disproportionality in Special Education Report

FY24 Budget Timeline

Assistant Superintendent, Laura Friend Entry Plan

Interim Director of Business, Ross Mulkerin Entry Plan

Policy IMG -Animals in School.Redline

Policy IMG-Animals in School.Final

Approved by NRSC 10-26-22

Submitted by Aleta Masterson



Executive Assistant to the