

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

Remote meeting via Zoom Technology

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June 1, 2022

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE:** Joseph Gleason, Leah Vivirito, Karen Devine, Amy Vessels, Rich Eckel, Amy Cohen, Sharon Poch, Brett Collins, Mike Horesh, and Stephen Rubinstein

**ABSENT:** Shawn Winsor

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

**6:02 PM REORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**MOTION**

Mike Horesh moved to nominate Leah Vivirito as Chairperson of the School Committee for 2022-2023; 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
Brett Collins	Yes
Stephen Rubinstein	Yes

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

**No other nominations raised.**

**MOTION**

Stephen Rubinstein moved to nominate Sharon Poch as Vice Chairperson of the School Committee for 2022-2023; seconded by Joseph Gleason

Ms. Poch withdrew her name from nominations

**MOTION**

Joseph Gleason moved to nominated Mike Horesh as Vice Chairperson of the School Committee for 2022-2023; seconded by Chairperson Vivirito

**Roll Call:**

Joseph Gleason	Yes
Leah Vivirito	Yes
Karen Devine	Yes
Amy Vessels	Yes
Mike Horesh	Yes
Amy Cohen	Yes

Sharon Poch	Yes
Brett Collins	Yes
Stephen Rubinstein	Yes

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

**No other nominations raised.**

**MOTION**

Mike Horesh moved to nominate Joseph Gleason as the Secretary to the School Committee for 2022-2023; seconded by Sharon Poch

**Roll Call:**

Joseph Gleason	Yes
Leah Vivirito	Yes
Karen Devine	Yes
Amy Vessels	Yes
Mike Horesh	Yes
Amy Cohen	Yes
Sharon Poch	Yes
Brett Collins	Yes
Stephen Rubinstein	Yes

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

**No other nominations raised.**

**Rich Eckel joined the meeting at 6:06 pm**

**6:07 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel – Superintendent of Schools. "School Committee will return to open session at the conclusion of Executive Session.

**MOTION**

Chairperson Vivirito moved to go into Executive Session at 6:06 pm pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel – Superintendent of Schools, based on my belief that having the discussion in open session may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the School Committee Executive Session will include only the School Committee. School Committee will return to open session at the conclusion of Executive Session; seconded by Sharon Poch

**Roll Call:**

Joseph Gleason	Yes
Leah Vivirito	Yes
Karen Devine	Yes
Amy Vessels	Yes
Mike Horesh	Yes
Amy Cohen	Yes
Sharon Poch	Yes
Brett Collins	Yes
Rich Eckel	Yes
Stephen Rubinstein	Yes

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

Committee returned to open session at 6:49 PM

**MOTION**

Joseph Gleason moved to increase the Superintendent’s base salary by 4% or \$7400.00 for the 2022-2023 School Year; seconded by Chairperson Vivirito

**Roll Call:**

Joseph Gleason	Yes
Leah Vivirito	Yes
Karen Devine	Yes
Amy Vessels	Yes
Mike Horesh	Yes
Amy Cohen	Yes
Sharon Poch	Yes
Brett Collins	Yes
Rich Eckel	Yes
Stephen Rubinstein	Yes

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

Mr. Horesh stated his appreciation for the work the Superintendent has done and how far the district has come in the past year.

**6:50 PM NRHS EMT PROGRAM PRESENTATION**

EMT Cadets, Matt Alves, Heater Keene, Lauren Basteri, Niamh Guyer and Margot Sonia and EMT Program Advisor, Stephanie Hilliger attended the meeting and presented a PowerPoint presentation on the history of the EMT program, how the program works and the role the cadets play in the program.

**7:19 PM KAESTLE BOOS / SKANSKA PRESENTATION**

Mary Ann Williams, Kate Jessup, Sy Nguyen, Joe Milani and Craig Olson attended the meeting. Mr. Olson provided a presentation on the Nashoba Regional High School building project, reviewing the project schedule, module 3, educational visioning, educational program development, MSBA Space Summary Guidelines, building site selection, and building/renovate options.

**PM CONSENT AGENDA**

Topics on consent agenda include:

Warrants of June 3, 2022

<b><u>WARRANT NO.</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>DESCRIPTION</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
4263	06/03/22	VENDOR FY22	\$ 463,838.90
4264	06/03/22	AP ACH FY 22	\$ 323,511.07
4265	06/03/22	BENEFIT FY22	\$ 935,607.65
4266	06/03/22	PAYROLL FY22	\$1,512,734.47

Draft Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2022

**MOTION**

Mike Horesh moved to approve the consent agenda of June 1, 2022 containing the meeting minutes of May 18, 2022 and the warrants of June 3, 2022; seconded by Stephen Rubinstein

**Roll Call:**

Joseph Gleason	Yes
Leah Vivirito	Yes
Karen Devine	Yes
Amy Vessels	Yes
Mike Horesh	Yes
Amy Cohen	Yes
Sharon Poch	Yes
Brett Collins	Yes
Rich Eckel	Yes
Stephen Rubinstein	Yes

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

**7:55 PM SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

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

**MOTION**

Mike Horesh moved to approve the amendment to the 2022-2023 School Year Calendar to allow for September 6, 2022 to be a no school day for the Primary Election Day, adding one day to end of the school year; seconded by Rich Eckel

**Roll Call:**

Joseph Gleason	Yes
Leah Vivirito	Yes
Karen Devine	Yes
Amy Vessels	Yes
Mike Horesh	Yes
Amy Cohen	Yes
Sharon Poch	Yes
Brett Collins	Yes
Rich Eckel	Yes

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

**8:34 PM NEW BUSINESS**

**Harassment Policies (First Reading)**

Ms. Devine advised there are four policies being brought forward for a first reading tonight, policies, AC, AC-R, ACAB and JICK. Ms. Devine advised ACR and JICK are new policies provided by MASC, AC and ACAB are current policies in the NRSD manual.

**NRHS Student Handbook SY22-23 Review**

Dr. Boynton provided a memo detailing the changes to the SY22-23 NRHS Handbook and reviewed same. The proposed changes will be voted on at the next meeting.

**Communication Subcommittee Recommendations**

Ms. Cohen provided a memo with the recommendations of the Communication Subcommittee. Chairperson Vivirito advised these will be discussed at the School Committee Summer Retreat.

**9:05 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.

**9:12 PM UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Policy Manual Section D**

Ms. Devine presented the final draft of section D of the policy manual. Chairperson Vivirito thanked Mr. Gleason for his help in reviewing/revising this section. Mr. Gleason stated the policy manual is the domain of the Policy Subcommittee, Mr. Gleason advised he did not make any changes other than “clean it up” for language consistency. Mr. Gleason stated pertaining to policy DKC, he did make one substantive change, adding the School Committee’s obligation to provide properly completed and approved vouchers for any expense incurred at conferences and/or trainings.

**MOTION**

Mike Horesh moved to approve the revisions to Policy Manual Section D as presented; seconded by Leah Vivirito

**Roll Call:**

Joseph Gleason	Yes
Leah Vivirito	Yes
Karen Devine	Yes
Amy Vessels	Yes
Mike Horesh	Yes
Amy Cohen	Yes
Sharon Poch	Yes
Brett Collins	Yes
Rich Eckel	Yes
Stephen Rubinstein	Yes

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

**School Lunch Price Increase**

**MOTION**

Mike Horesh moved to approve a 9% increase in the charge for School Lunch. The price would increase \$0.30 to \$3.60; seconded by Leah Vivirito

**Roll Call:**

Joseph Gleason	Yes
Leah Vivirito	Yes
Karen Devine	Yes
Amy Vessels	Yes
Mike Horesh	Yes
Amy Cohen	Yes
Sharon Poch	Yes
Brett Collins	Yes
Rich Eckel	Yes
Stephen Rubinstein	Yes

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

**School Resource Officer (SRO) MOU Vote**

**MOTION**

Mike Horesh moved to authorize the Superintendent to sign the MOU for the School Resource Officer between NRSD and the town of Bolton; seconded by Leah Vivirito.

**Roll Call:**

Joseph Gleason	Yes
Leah Vivirito	Yes
Karen Devine	Yes
Amy Vessels	Yes
Mike Horesh	Yes
Amy Cohen	Yes
Sharon Poch	Yes
Brett Collins	Yes
Rich Eckel	Yes
Stephen Rubinstein	Yes

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

**9:20 PM SUBCOMMITTEE/ADVISORY REPORTS**

**Budget and Warrant Subcommittee**

Mr. Eckel advised a joint meeting of Budget and Warrant and Advisory will be held on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Communication Subcommittee**

No Report

**NRHS School Building Committee**

Mr. Gleason reported the subcommittee met on May 17<sup>th</sup>, the subcommittee reviewed the building design concepts, the next public forum is June 14<sup>th</sup>, the next subcommittee meeting will be June 21<sup>st</sup> at which time the subcommittee will vote to make a recommendation to the School Committee on the concept design submission to the MSBA.

**Personnel Subcommittee**

No report

**Policy Subcommittee**

No report

**Advisory Reports**

**Audit Advisory**

No Report

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

No report

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

No Report

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

No Report

**9:23 PM ITEMS FOR NEXT/FUTURE AGENDAS**

The committee reviewed the planning calendar for upcoming meeting items.

**ADJOURN**

**MOTION**

Leah Vivirito moved to adjourn at 9:24 pm; seconded by Sharon Poch

**Roll Call:**

Leah Vivirito	Yes
Karen Devine	Yes
Amy Vessels	Yes
Mike Horesh	Yes
Rich Eckel	Yes
Joseph Gleason	Yes
Amy Cohen	Yes
Sharon Poch	Yes
Brett Collins	Yes

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

**Reference Documents and Presentations**

- Agenda
- Superintendent's Update
- FY23 AVC Tuition, Service and Transportation Rates
- 22-23 NRSD Calendar.ProposedRevision6.1.22
- DEARJ Calendar Revision Recommendations
- Kaestle Boos-Skanska Presentation 6-1-22
- EMT Cadet Presentation
- Policy AC Final Version
- Policy AC Redline Version
- Policy AC-R
- Policy ACAB
- Policy JICK
- NRHS 22-23 Handbook Memo
- NRHS 22-23 Draft Handbook
- NRSC CSC 2022 Report & Recommendations
- Policy Section D - Suggested Revisions
- Policy Section D - Draft (Un-redlined)
- NRSD Food and Nutrition Update
- 2022 School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding with Appendices
- Draft Meeting Minutes of 5/18/22

Approved by NRSC 6/15/22  
Submitted by Aleta Masterson

Executive Assistant to the  
Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent