

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

April 12, 2023

SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE: Joseph Gleason, Leah Vivirito, Karen Devine, Amy Vessels, Amy Cohen, Sharon Poch, Brett Collins, Shandor Simon, Scott Powell and Maureen Mazzone

ABSENT: Mike Horesh

PM Call to Order of Regular Meeting and Pledge of Allegiance

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION

Joseph Gleason moved to go into Executive Session at 6:01 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 and Superintendent Downing, Assistant Superintendent, Laura Friend, 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 Amy Cohen

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

Roll Call:

Joseph Gleason	Yes
Leah Vivirito	Yes
Amy Vessels	Yes
Amy Cohen	Yes
Brett Collins	Yes
Maureen Mazzone	Yes
Karen Devine	Yes
Shandor Simon	Yes
Sharon Poch	Yes
Scott Powell	Yes

VOTED AND PASSED. (10-0-0)

The committee reconvened at 7:00 pm

7:00 PM PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

7:00 PM CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda include:

- Draft FY24 Budget Hearing Minutes of 3/8/23
- Draft Meeting Minutes of 3/15/23
- Draft Special Meeting Minutes of 4/3/23
- Warrants of April 14, 2023

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
4354	4/14/23	VENDOR FY23	\$ 304,914.10
4355	4/14/23	AP ACH FY23	\$ 278,402.43
4356	4/14/23	BENEFIT FY23	\$ 2,737.12
4357	4/14/23	PAYROLL FY23	\$1,546,729.02

MOTION

Joseph Gleason moved to approve the consent agenda of April 12, 2023 containing the Draft FY24 Budget Hearing Minutes of 3/8/23, Draft Meeting Minutes of 3/15/23, Draft Special Meeting Minutes of 4/3/23 and Warrants of April 14, 2023; seconded by Sharon Poch **IN FAVOR:** Joseph Gleason, Leah Vivirito, Karen Devine, Amy Vessels, Amy Cohen, Sharon Poch, Brett Collins, Scott Powell, and Shandor Simon **VOTED AND PASSED. (9-0-0)** (Ms. Mazzone was not present in room during vote)

7:03 PM SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON UPDATE

Chairperson Vivirito advised if you are a Chairperson of a subcommittee, please forward your approved minutes to Aleta for posting and if you have minutes that have not been approved please plan for that in the near future.

7:05 PM NRHS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

No Update

7:05 PM SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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

School Choice Data

Superintendent Downing presented a powerpoint presentation providing historical revenue data of students school choicing in and out of the district, and where he sees a possibility of opening School Choice broken down to school/grade level. Superintendent recommended all schools stayed closed to school choice for grades K-2 and provided a grid of where spots might be available taking into consideration move ins. The School Committee discussed the concern of students school choicing out of the district.

Renaissance Learning Presentation

Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Laura Friend presented a powerpoint presentation update on Renaissance Star reading and math student growth data from fall to winter and a look ahead to the end of the year. The presentation included sample reports accessible through Star that help teachers inform and target their instruction based on student need.

Special Education Team Meeting Survey Presentation

Director of Pupil Services, Joan DeAngelis provided the results of the IEP Exit Survey and advised she will return to report out on the post high school outcomes as DESE has asked district to hold off on sharing those with the communities.

9:03 PM NEW BUSINESS

New Members of SBC

MOTION

Joseph Gleason moved to approve the recommendation of the School Building Committee and approve Rich Eckel of Stow and David Yesue of Bolton as voting members of the School Building Committee; seconded by Leah Vivirito **IN FAVOR:** Joseph Gleason, Leah Vivirito, Karen Devine, Amy Vessels, Amy Cohen, Sharon Poch, Brett Collins, Scott Powell, Shandor Simon and Maureen Mazzone **VOTED AND PASSED. (10-0-0)**

DECA Donation

MOTION

Joseph Gleason moved to accept the donation from Murphy Insurance in the amount of \$2500.00 to be used on travel expenses for students attending the Nationals trip; seconded by Leah Vivirito **IN FAVOR:** Joseph Gleason, Leah Vivirito, Karen Devine, Amy Vessels, Amy Cohen, Sharon Poch, Brett Collins, Scott Powell, Shandor Simon and Maureen Mazzone **VOTED AND PASSED. (10-0-0)**

9:08 PM UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Warrant Process

Ms. Mazzone and Mr. Powell advised the Budget and Warrant subcommittee has recommended the Chair of the subcommittee be authorized to sign the warrants with a designee as a backup. The committee wordsmith the motion, Mr. Gleason made a motion after discussion.

MOTION

Joseph Gleason moved to accept the Budget and Warrant subcommittee's recommendation that the Chairperson of the Budget and Warrant Subcommittee be authorized to execute, on behalf of the district committee any and all warrants pertaining to district business, in the event the Chairperson is unavailable, the authority will then vest to the subcommittee Secretary ; seconded by Leah Vivirito **IN FAVOR:** Joseph Gleason, Leah Vivirito, Karen Devine, Amy Vessels, Amy Cohen, Sharon Poch, Brett Collins, Scott Powell, Shandor Simon and Maureen Mazzone **VOTED AND PASSED. (10-0-0)**

9:26 PM SUBCOMMITTEE/ADVISORY REPORTS

Budget and Warrant Subcommittee

Ms. Mazzone advised the subcommittee will be bringing a recommendation of an OPEB Advisory to the next SC meeting.

Communication Subcommittee

No Report

NRHS School Building Committee

Mr. Gleason reported the subcommittee held it's monthly meeting on April 6th, the Office of Inspector General approved the CM At Risk application. The building tours were held on April 1st, approximately 14 people attended. Mr. Gleason advised that the schematic design was supposed to be submitted to the estimators, we should have the cost estimations by the 12th or 13th of May, sometime between now and June the building committee will be making a recommendation to the School Committee to incur debt, at which point we are looking at either the 24th or 28th of July for the School Committee to vote on the recommendation of the Building Committee. The sooner the vote is taken faster the project can move forward

Personnel Subcommittee

No Report

Policy Subcommittee

No Report

Advisory Reports

Audit Advisory

No Report

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

No Report

Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)

No Report

Regional Agreement Amendment Advisory Committee (RAAAC)

No Report

ADJOURN

MOTION

Leah Vivirito moved to adjourn at 9:31 PM; seconded by Sharon Poch **IN FAVOR:** Joseph Gleason, Leah Vivirito, Karen Devine, Amy Vessels, Amy Cohen, Sharon Poch, Brett Collins, Scott Powell, Shandor Simon and Maureen Mazzone **VOTED AND PASSED. (10-0-0)**

Reference Documents and Presentations

- Agenda
- Superintendent's Update
- FY24 Budget Book
- School of Choice Summary Report
- Renaissance Star Data April 2023 Update
- Pupil Personnel Services Update
- DECA Donation Memo
- Draft FY24 Budget Hearing Minutes of 3/8/23
- Draft Meeting Minutes of 3/15/23
- Draft Meeting Minutes of 4/3/23

Approved by NRSC 4/26/23
Submitted by Aleta Masterson



Executive Assistant to the
Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent