

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

September 14, 2022

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

ABSENT: Shawn Windsor

6:30 PM Call to Order of Regular Meeting and Pledge of Allegiance

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

6:32 PM CONSENT AGENDA

Topics on consent agenda include:

Warrants of September 16, 2022

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
4293	09/16/22	VENDOR FY23	\$ 173,380.10
4294	09/16/22	AP ACH FY23	\$ 137,420.13
4295	09/16/22	BENEFIT FY23	\$ 2,820.26
4296	09/16/22	PAYROLL FY23	\$1,507,593.95

Draft Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2022 (meeting II)

MOTION

Mike Horesh moved to approve the consent agenda of September 14, 2022 containing the meeting minutes of June 22, 2022 (Meeting II) and the warrants of September 16, 2022; seconded by Leah Vivirito **IN FAVOR:** Joseph Gleason, Leah Vivirito, Karen Devine, Amy Vessels, Amy Cohen, Sharon Poch, Brett Collins, Mike Horesh, Maureen Mazzone and Rich Eckel **VOTED AND PASSED. (10-0-0)**

6:33 PM SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON UPDATE

- a) Chairperson Vivirito introduce the new Stow Member, Maureen Mazzone.
- b) Advised the first meeting of the month will be in person and the second meeting will be remote, all subcommittee meetings will be held remotely
- c) Departments presenting to the School Committee will be provided with a presentation template
- d) Negotiations Subcommittee is looking for another member, SC members to email Leah if interested.

6:39 PM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Downing and Assistant Superintendent Ms. Friend, Director of Business Pat Marone and Interim Director of Business, Ross Mulkerin provided district updates; the report can be viewed in its entirety [here](#).

7:00 PM NEW BUSINESS

7:00 PM NRHS Comfort Dog Proposal Presentation

SRO Officer Casey McCarthy and NRHS Principal Dr. Boynton attended tonight to present a proposal for a Comfort Dog at NRHS. Officer McCarthy advised on what a comfort dog is, positive mental health impact, impacts on literary skills, impacts on individuals on the Autism spectrum, timeline of events, financial impacts, there will be no financial impacts to the district, the town will pay for the liability insurance and a local vet has offer to provide free veterinary services. Officer Casey also advised of how the dog would be utilized in a school setting.

7:17 PM Mary Rowlandson ES Natures Classroom Overnight Travel Approval Request

Principal Sean O'Shea attended the meeting seeking the School Committee approval for the 5th grade at Mary Rowlandson ES to attend Nature's Classroom on 10/17/22 – 10/21/22, 87 students and 11 chaperones will be attending. The School Committee will vote at the next meeting.

7:26 PM Superintendent Goals Presentation

Superintendent Downing provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining his three goals; student learning goal, professional practice goal and district improvement plan aka. Strategic Objectives. Superintendent Downing review each goal and the strategic objectives and the action steps for each goal/objective.

8:28 PM School Committee Protocols Review

Chairperson Vivirito provided the revisions to the School Committee protocols that were discussed at the School Committee summer workshop. The committee discussed wordsmith ideas. Final protocols will be brought back to the next meet for approval.

8:50 PM Policy Review

Ms. Devine brought forward revisions for policies Policy JJIF – Athletic Concussion, Policy JJIF-R Athletic Concussion Policy Regulations and Policy JFABD – Homeless Students for a first reading, providing a redline version showing the revisions and a final copy. School Committee will vote at the next meeting

9:04 PM NRHS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

No Student Report

9:04 PM UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

9:05 PM SUBCOMMITTEE/ADVISORY REPORTS

Chairperson Vivirito advised Subcommittee members to finish working on their goals as they will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Budget and Warrant Subcommittee

Mr. Eckel reported the subcommittee met and elected officers, Mr. Eckel is Chair and Mr. Horesh is Secretary. Mr. Eckel stated the subcommittee established their norms and goal.

Communication Subcommittee

Ms. Vessels reported the subcommittee met last week and worked on their goal and protocols and setting meeting dates.

NRHS School Building Committee

Mr. Gleason reported first meeting will be September 20,2022, on the agenda will be a presentation from KBA on building options, I have been advised this is going to be a lengthy presentation, in addition to that the next public forum will be October 3rd.

Personnel Subcommittee

Mr. Horesh reported the subcommittee met this month, they received the draft of the Superintendent Goals and discussed them, subcommittee established their meeting dates.

Policy Subcommittee

Ms. Devine reported the subcommittee met yesterday and discussed their goal and the policies that were brought forward.

Advisory Reports

Audit Advisory

No Report

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

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

Amy Cohen moved to adjourn at 9:14 PM; seconded by Rick Eckel **IN FAVOR:** Joseph Gleason, Leah Vivirito, Karen Devine, Amy Vessels, Amy Cohen, Sharon Poch, Brett Collins, Mike Horesh, Maureen Mazzone and Rich Eckel **VOTED AND PASSED. (10-0-0)**

Reference Documents and Presentations

Agenda

Draft Meeting Minutes of 6/22/22 Meeting II

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent's Goals Overview Presentation

Superintendent's Goals

NRSD School Committee Meeting Minutes, September 14, 2022
Comfort Dog Proposal Presentation
Natures Classroom Overview

MRE- Natures Classroom Approval Request
Policy JJIF-Athletic Concussion Policy.Redline
Policy JJIF-Athletic Concussion.Final
Policy JJIF-R -ATHLETIC CONCUSSION REGULATION.Redline
Policy JJIF-R-ATHLETIC CONCUSSION REGULATION.Final
Policy JFABD.Redline
Policy JFABD - Final
School Committee Protocols Revisions

Approved by NRSC 9/28/22
Submitted by Aleta Masterson



Executive Assistant to the
Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent