

**NASHOBA REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

June 7, 2023

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE:** Joseph Gleason, Leah Vivirito, Karen Devine, Amy Vessels, Amy Cohen, Sharon Poch, Scott Powell, Jacki Reinert, Dana Ellis, Shandor Simon and Mike Horesh

**ABSENT:**

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

Chairperson Vivirito introduced the two new members, Dana Ellis from Stow and Jacki Reinert from Lancaster, both members provided a brief bio on themselves.

**6:33 PM SCHOOL COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION**

**Nominations for Chair**

**MOTION**

Mike Horesh moved to approve to nominate Leah Vivirito as Chairperson of the School Committee for the 2023-2024 SY; seconded by Joseph Gleason **IN FAVOR:** Joseph Gleason, Leah Vivirito, Karen Devine, Amy Vessels, Amy Cohen, Sharon Poch, Scott Powell, Jacki Reinert, Dana Ellis, Shandor Simon and Mike Horesh **VOTED AND PASSED. (11-0-0)**

No other nominations raised.

**Nominations for Vice Chair**

**MOTION**

Mike Horesh moved to approve to nominate Amy Cohen as Vice Chairperson of the School Committee for the 2023-2024 SY; seconded by Sharon Poch **IN FAVOR:** Joseph Gleason, Leah Vivirito, Karen Devine, Amy Vessels, Amy Cohen, Sharon Poch, Scott Powell, Jacki Reinert, Dana Ellis, Shandor Simon and Mike Horesh **VOTED AND PASSED. (11-0-0)**

No other nominations raised.

**Secretary for School Committee**

Chairperson Vivirito appointed Mr. Gleason as Secretary of the School Committee for the 2023-2024 SY.

**2023-2024 School Committee Meeting Calendar**

After discussion it was consensus to post three meetings in January.

**MOTION**

Leah Vivirito moved to approve the 2023-2024 School Committee meeting calendar as amended; seconded by Amy Cohen **IN FAVOR:** Joseph Gleason, Leah Vivirito, Karen Devine, Amy Vessels, Amy Cohen, Sharon Poch, Scott Powell, Jacki Reinert, Dana Ellis, Shandor Simon and Mike Horesh **VOTED AND PASSED. (11-0-0)**

**6:50 PM PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Members of the DEAR J advisory, Elizabeth Bendler and Laurie Burnett read a statement regarding acceptance and inclusion of the LBGTQ+ community members of our towns.

**6:55 PM CONSENT AGENDA**

<u>WARRANT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
4370	6/9/23	VENDOR FY23	\$221,624.98
4371	6/9/23	AP ACH FY23	\$269,292.98
4372	6/9/23	BENEFIT FY23	\$987,271.85
4373	6/9/23	PAYROLL FY23	\$1,581,397.34

Draft Meeting Minutes of May 24, 2023 and May 31, 2023

**MOTION**

Mike Horesh moved to approve the consent agenda of June 7, 2023 containing draft Meeting Minutes of May 24, 2023 and May 31, 2023, and Warrants of June 9, 2023; seconded by Leah Vivirito **IN FAVOR:** Joseph Gleason, Leah Vivirito, Karen Devine, Amy Vessels, Amy Cohen, Sharon Poch, Scott Powell, Jacki Reinert, Dana Ellis, Shandor Simon and Mike Horesh; seconded by Sharon Poch **VOTED AND PASSED. (11-0-0)**

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON UPDATE**

No Report

**6:58 PM SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

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

**NRHS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

No Report

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**PM UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**7:25 PM SUBCOMMITTEE/ADVISORY REPORTS**

**Budget and Warrant Subcommittee**

Mr. Horesh reported the next meeting will be Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, and provided an update on the formation of the OPEB Advisory, stating they have had no resident interest from Stow and Lancaster, but ample interest from Bolton. The committee discussed membership options.

**Communication Subcommittee**

No Report

**NRHS School Building Committee**

- I. Mr. Gleason reported the Schematic Design Project Budget in the total amount of Two Hundred Forty-One Million Seven Hundred Fourteen Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars and 001/00 (\$241,714,926.00) was approved on May 31<sup>st</sup> which will be submitted to the MSBA on June 27, 2023. Mr. Gleason stated he anticipates there may be a slight relief from that amount, coming from the Town of Bolton providing so relief on the building permitting fees, it is in their discretion if they want to waive any fees. Mr. Gleason advised the next meeting will be a joint meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup> to approve Schematic Design and its attendant Schematic Report submission to the MSBA. Mr. Gleason advised it will be a four meeting scenario and explained the process. Mr. Gleason advised there will be a virtual meeting on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm to vote on incurring the debt.

**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**

Amy Cohen moved to adjourn at 7:49 PM; seconded by Amy Vessels **IN FAVOR:** Joseph Gleason, Leah Vivirito, Karen Devine, Amy Vessels, Amy Cohen, Sharon Poch, Scott Powell, Jacki Reinert, Dana Ellis, Shandor Simon and Mike Horesh; seconded by Sharon Poch **VOTED AND PASSED. (11-0-0)**

**Reference Documents and Presentations**

- Agenda
- Proposed 2023-2024 Meeting Calendar
- Draft Meeting Minutes of May 24, 2023
- Draft Meeting Minutes of May 31, 2023
- Superintendent's Update

Approved by NRSC 6/15/23  
Submitted by Aleta Masterson

*Aleta J. Masterson*

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