

MASCONOMET REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Regular School Committee Meeting/FY18 Budget Overview/Deliberation
February 16, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Volchok, Chair, Boxford T. Buono, Vice Chair, Middleton
C. Miller, Boxford L. Richards, Middlefield
K. Prentakis, Middleton K. Sherwood, Topsfield
J. Spencer, Topsfield W. Hodges, Topsfield
H. Rivers, Boxford

MEMBERS ABSENT: A. Pascucci, Middleton P. Fitzsimmons, Boxford

OTHERS PRESENT: K. Lyons, Superintendent L. Hodgdon, HS Principal
D. Flaherty, MS Principal Other

A. Call To Order –Vice-Chair T. Buono called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. on Wednesday, February 16, 2017 in the High School Media Center/Library. The meeting is video and audio taped. T. Buono reviewed the warrant article process which is a new approach for the District to ask for funds from the towns. The process is different this year because safety and security needs to be addressed and if it was included in the operating budget, the town assessments would increase to a level of that would be unaffordable to the towns. Only critical items of the facility assessment report are included in the warrant article.

B. Deliberation - T. Buono – Responses to the budget questions submitted by the Committee were given by S. Givens and K. Lyons. The following were discussed:

- Interest income and miscellaneous income (P card credit, surplus)
- FY18 International Students – Discussion was held regarding interest, location, and purpose
- Security Coordinator – Overview of present duties, duties performed by others, duties not performed and new duties. Discussion was held regarding the value and expectations of the proposed position.
- School Choice, Charter, Other Tuition – An overview of School Choice, Charter and Other Tuition was given.
- Miscellaneous Income
- Salary Increase comparison to the thumbnailSchool Nurse
- Looking at funds at the end of the year for MS Chromebooks

S. Givens will produce a matrix on staffing. D. Flaherty reviewed the reduction at the Middle School and its impact. Questions and comments in regard to the Middle School and High School proposed budgets were shared. Discussion was held regarding the Guidance Department, student/counselor ration, the responsibilities and programs of the department.

T. Buono asked that any additional questions be forwarded to S. Givens by the end of the day on Friday. T. Buono announced that the Legislators would be at the Monday, Feb. 27th meeting which is also the Public Hearing on the FY18 Proposed Budget and the Public Hearing on School Choice. The Legislators will start at 7:00 p.m. with the Public Hearing starting at 8:00 or later.

C. Adjournment - A motion was made by L. Richards.

MOTION: To adjourn.

VOTE: Motion passed by roll call at 9:18 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Olga Langlois, Secretary

Approved: _____
Date

Per the New Open Meeting Law, the list of the documents that were either distributed to the Masconomet Regional School Committee before the meeting in a packet, or at the meeting:

1. Agenda