

MASCONOMET REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Regular School Committee Meeting
July 20, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Volchok, Chair, Boxford T. Buono, Vice-Chair, Middleton
C. Miller, Boxford L. Richards, Middleton
K. Prentakis, Middleton H. Rivers, Boxford
K. Sherwood, Topsfield J. Spencer, Topsfield arr. 7:25 p.m.
W. Hodges, Topsfield P. Fitzsimmons, Boxford

MEMBERS ABSENT: A. Pascucci, Middleton

OTHERS PRESENT: K. Lyons, Superintendent 7:25 p.m.

- A. **Call To Order** – Chair D. Volchok called the meeting to order on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at 7:15 p.m. in the Ralph Osgood Presentation Room. The meeting is video and audio taped.
- B. **Remarks by the Chair** – D. Volchok - Discussion was held regarding Retreat topics – Budget Goals, Update on Vision 2025, School Committee Effectiveness, School Start Time, course selection and scheduling. P. Fitzsimmons indicated that she would like someone to take over as the MEF liaison. D. Volchok shared that Legal Counsel N. Stonberg will be retiring in October. K. Lyons will draft a letter of appreciation for her efforts for the District. K. Lyons and D. Volchok will conduct research on legal firms.

C. **Consent Agenda**

1. Accept Essential School Health Services Program Annual Data Report
2. Accept Class of 2016 Donation of \$8000.00 (ck. #4114) to be Used for the Digital Sign Project
3. Accept Masconomet Education Foundation Teacher Grant of \$207.00 (ck.# 1105) to be Used by Science Teacher C. Love
4. Accept Masconomet Education Foundation Donation of \$5,000.00 (Ch.# 1104) to be Used for the STEM Lab
5. Warrants \$4,207,949.47 – Twenty-One (21) Warrants Signed

A motion was made by K. Prentakis.

MOTION: To approve the Consent Agenda as amended (Item #6 – change \$5,000 to \$50,000)

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

D. **Comments from the Audience** - None

- E. **Approval of Calendar Handbook Changes** – High School and Middle School Calendar Handbook changes for 2016-2017 were reviewed. D. Volchok requested that future presentations of student calendar handbook changes be done in “track changes” mode. L. Richards commented that the student handbooks could be written in a friendlier fashion – the language is overly negative. K. Lyons underscored the handbook change that reflects prohibition of photographing others in school without their knowledge and their permission. A letter will be sent to all families in this regard. W. Hodges requested that the Committee review the draft at the August 20th Retreat. A motion was made by T. Buono.

MOTION: To approve the High School and Middle School 2016-2017 Calendar Handbook changes as presented.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

- F. **Discussion of Tri-Town Council Position on the Legalization of Marijuana** – T. Buono asked the Committee to support the Tri Town Council’s position. Discussion followed. The consensus of the Committee was that the issue was not a primary one in the District Mission and taking a position might not be a good precedent to set.

G. **Superintendent Report** – K. Lyons – No Report

H. **Report of the Subcommittees**

1. **Budget Subcommittee** – T. Buono – Twenty-one warrants were signed since the last meeting.

Payroll Warrant	\$	625,339.21	Vendor Warrant	\$	166,311.70
Payroll Warrant	\$	35,937.07	Vendor Warrant	\$	7,443.25
Payroll Warrant	\$	126,611.23	Vendor Warrant	\$	1,103.26
Payroll Warrant	\$	1,794,860.87	Vendor Warrant	\$	68.84
Vendor Warrant	\$	231,506.74	Vendor Warrant	\$	12,100.00
Vendor Warrant	\$	348,407.06	Vendor Warrant	\$	93,139.24
Vendor Warrant	\$	125.00	Vendor Warrant	\$	507.91
Vendor Warrant	\$	60,799.42	Vendor Warrant	\$	1,604.88
Vendor Warrant	\$	0.45	Vendor Warrant	\$	601,022.38
Vendor Warrant	\$	82,658.33	Vendor Warrant	\$	<u>1,604.88</u>
Vendor Warrant	\$	16,797.75	TOTAL \$		4,207,949.47

- T. Buono reported on the following: Telecom communications as a warrant article, touring the facilities, refining the budget process (goals to discuss at the Retreat are important), maximizing other sources for Special Education funding, and the possibility of reviewing fees every two years. The next meeting is scheduled for September 14th.
2. Policy Subcommittee – J. Spencer reported that the 1st meeting of the subcommittee would be August 15th.
 3. Community Relations Subcommittee – C. Miller stated that the subcommittee would meet in early September.
 4. School Start Time Advisory Committee – W. Hodges stated that a meeting for the Data Analysis Committee was scheduled for Monday, July 25th. A communication for parents is being developed along with a pamphlet. Dr. Owens is scheduled to speak on September 27th at 4:00 p.m. to the School Committee and at 7:00 p.m. for the Community.
 5. Turf Up Masco Update – W. Hodges reported that the group met on July 8th to work on developing the RFP for the consultant regarding feasibility. He will meet with S. Givens on July 26th. A discussion was held regarding Turf Up Masco solicitation.

- I. **Old/New Business** – K. Lyons requested that the Committee entertain new business in the form of a recommendation that the Committee appropriate from the Stabilization Fund up to \$25,000 to replace a Middle School air conditioner compressor that failed. A motion was made by K. Prentakis.

MOTION: To appropriate up to \$25,000 out of the Stabilization Fund to replace a Middle School air conditioner compressor.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

- J. **Adjournment and Executive Session** – A motion was made by P. Fitzsimmons.

MOTION: To go into Executive Session in accordance with Chapter 30, Section 21a (3) of the General Laws for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to negotiation of MTA agreement, where discussing this in open session might have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the School Committee. The Committee will not return to Open Session.

VOTE: Motion passed by roll call at 9:10 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
2. Consent Agenda
3. HS & MS Calendar Handbook Changes
4. Tri Town Council Position Statement
5. Superintendent Report