

MASCONOMET REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

March 11, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: T. Cooper, Chair, Middleton C. Miller, Vice Chair, Boxford  
B. Thornborough, Boxford A. Pascucci, Middleton  
D. Volchok, Boxford K. Prentakis, Middleton  
K. DeMarco, Boxford J. Ciampa, Middleton  
Z. Bhaju, Topsfield W. Hodges, Topsfield  
M. Gnoza-Ogden, Topsfield

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: M. Harvey, Superintendent  
J. Sands, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations

A. **Call to Order** – T. Cooper, Chair, called the regular meeting of the School Committee of March 11, 2020 to order at 7:08, p.m. in the Ralph Osgood Presentation Room.

B. **Pledge of Allegiance**

C. **Remarks by the Chair** – T. Cooper reminded the Committee and audience that the meeting was being audio and video recorded. M. Harvey updated the SC on the emergency plans and procedures for Coronavirus.

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

E. **Public Hearing on FY21 Budget** – J. Sands presented the recommended FY21 budget which had no changes since the last meeting of March 4, 2020. The FY21 budget is a level service plus investment in critical priorities budget. Operating assessments were reviewed. K. Prentakis asked about the late bus routes. J. Sands informed the SC that if the late buses were approved, the details of the routes would be worked out with the bus company.

F. **Budget Adoption** – C. Miller made a motion: The Masconomet Regional School Committee approves an FY21 total general fund expenditures budget of \$37,911,614. This amount includes general fund operating expenses in the amount of \$36,324,364 and general fund debt service expenses in the amount of \$1,587,250. The motion was seconded by Z. Bhaju.

MOTION: Accept FY21 Operating Expense Budget.

VOTE: 11-0 Motion Carried.

Z. Bhaju made a motion: The Masconomet Regional School Committee votes to assess the towns of Boxford, Middleton and Topsfield a combined total of \$29,669,841 as the amount necessary to operate and maintain the District, as well as pay debt service for FY21. The District's Assistant Superintendent has determined the amounts apportioned to each town, and presented them herein on the slide title "Assessments by Town". The District's Treasurer shall certify and transmit the budget and assessments to each member within 30 days of School Committee approval. The motion was seconded by K. DeMarco.

MOTION: Approve the FY21 Budget Assessment.

VOTE: 11-0 Motion Carried.

**G. Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of March 2, 2020 School Committee Meeting Minutes
2. Warrants \$1,520,190.23 – Nine (9) Warrants Signed Since Last Meeting
3. Accept SEPAC Grants in the amount of \$70.44 for Book Purchase, \$252.98 for Technical Equipment and \$500.00 for SEL Summer Program Fees.
4. Accept gifts for DECA in the amounts of \$6,573.38 from Granite Telecommunications and \$500 from North Shore Networkers.

The consent agenda was read by T. Cooper. A motion was made by C. Miller and seconded by W. Hodges to accept the consent agenda.

MOTION: To Accept the Consent Agenda  
VOTE: 11-0 Motion Carried

**H. Adjournment** – A motion was made by C. Miller and seconded by K. DeMarco to adjourn at 7:35p.m.

MOTION: To Adjourn  
VOTE: 11-0 Motion Carried

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
Lynn Viselli, Recording Secretary Date

**Per the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, the list of documents that were either distributed to the Masconomet School Committee before the meeting in the packet or at the meeting.**

1. Agenda
2. FY21 Budget Presentation
3. Consent Agenda