

MASCONOMET REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

April 22, 2020

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: M. Harvey, Superintendent
J. Sands, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations
P. Bullard, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services

- A. Call to Order** – T. Cooper, Chair, called the Regular Meeting of the School Committee of April 22, 2020 to order at 7:03 p.m. via zoom teleconference. T. Cooper reviewed the procedure for remote teleconference and participation. She thanked the administration and staff for the continued work they are doing.
- B. Remarks from Chair** – T. Cooper thanked the Leadership team for their work this past week.
- C. Coronavirus Response Update** – M. Harvey provided the weekly update to the SC. The extension of school closure to the end of the school year was announced this week. Remote learning will continue through the end of the school year and reopening and reentry plans will be addressed. The winners of the first Vision 2025 Challenge were announced and the 2nd Vision 2025 Challenge announced with entries due May 4th. The last day of seniors and senior MCAS decisions will be made soon. Access to the building for students to obtain personal belongings and return school property was discussed. Once the Order is lifted a plan will be put in place. Middle School second trimester grades will be A, B or Pass and 3rd trimester grades will be Pass/Fail. High School first semester grades will be letter grades and second semester will be Pass/Fail and these will not be used in determining GPA. Students are not responsible for work due prior to March 13, 2020. M. Harvey reviewed the activities being either cancelled or postponed for both the Middle School and High School. There are clubs that are meeting virtually every week. The preference for High School Graduation is to do it in person at the school if guidance is received on how to do it. Transition meetings and class scheduling is happening virtually. W. Hodges asked if the students are receiving the critical learning they will need by the end of the year and if the teachers are using best practices. M. Gnoza-Ogden added that parents should be engaged now that the closure has been extended as most are struggling. A. Pascucci stated that the teachers are capable professionals and are doing the best they can in this situation. Z. Bhujju added that teachers are trying to engage students and some are getting nothing in return from the students. K. DeMarco asked if the special education teachers were working with the other classroom teachers and asked that special education teacher's video call their students. P. Bullard replied that they are and they are also meeting with teachers and included in subject based meetings.

Lisa Novak asked about National Honor Society volunteer hours and yearbooks. Yearbooks have been ordered for both Middle School and the High School. Community service will have to be addressed moving forward. Gretchen Fishman asked that parents and students be included in the reentry plan.

D. Revised Policy, Reserve Funds Policy, DIBA – J. Sands presented the adjustment to the reserve policy from 4% minimum balance to 3% minimum balance as discussed at the last meeting. If the decision is unanimous, the amendment can pass without a second reading.

Z. Bhaju made a motion, seconded by C. Miller to amend the policy as presented.

Rollcall Vote:

T. Cooper – yes	C. Miller – yes
K. Prentakis – yes	K. DeMarco – yes
D. Volchok – yes	B. Thornborough – yes
M. Gnoza-Ogden – yes	J. Ciampa – yes
W. Hodges – yes	Z. Bhaju – yes
A. Pascucci – yes	

MOTION: To amend Reserve Funds Policy as discussed

VOTE: 11-0 Motion Carried

E. Comments from the Audience – See C above.

F. Adjournment – A motion was made by K. DeMarco at 8:13pm to adjourn, it was seconded by C. Miller.

Rollcall Vote:

T. Cooper – yes	C. Miller – yes
B. Thornborough – yes	K. Prentakis – yes
D. Volchok – yes	K. DeMarco – yes
J. Ciampa – yes	Z. Bhaju – yes
W. Hodges – yes	M. Ogden-Gnoza – yes
A. Pascucci – yes	

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. Revised Policy, Reserve Funds Policy DIBA