

MASCONOMET REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Regular School Committee Meeting

April 11, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Volchok, Chair, Boxford W. Hodges, Vice Chair
 P. Fitzsimmons, Boxford C. Miller, Boxford
 L. Richards, Middleton K. Prentakis, Middleton
 T. Cooper, Middleton

MEMBERS ABSENT: H. Rivers, Boxford A. Pascucci, Middleton
 J. Spencer, Topsfield K. Sherwood, Topsfield, Topsfield

OTHERS PRESENT: P. Bullard, Asst. Supt. For Student Services S. Givens, Asst. Supt. For Finance & Operations
 D. Flaherty, MS Principal P. Delani, HS Principal
 A. Boepple, MS Social Studies Teacher K. Clyatt, MS Mathematics Teacher

A. **Call To Order** – Chair D. Volchok called the Wednesday, April 11, 2018 Regular School Committee meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Ralph Osgood Presentation Room. The meeting is video and audio taped.

B. **Remarks by the Chair** – D. Volchok announced that K. Lyons and O. Langlois were not present for tonight’s meeting and he would like all members to speak loudly, especially when making motions so O. Langlois can accurately note the minutes from the DVD of the meeting.

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

D. **Comments from SAB** - None

E. **Comments from Principals** - **HS Principal P. Delani** reported on the following: positive news from students on the China Exchange Trip, Senior Checkout week April 9-12, Student Council elections coming up, spring sports season, the Student Council hosted the St. Patrick’s dinner for Tri-Town seniors, peer leaders’ anti-bullying program with freshmen, students showing continued support for Parkland HS, student achievement/recognition/participation highlights (Chemistry, Art, and Language), Spring concert on April 5th, Student Government Day, Winter coaches named Coach of the Year (B. Hanchett-Swimming, C. O’Hara-Gymnastics and B. Duplissie-Boys Basketball), and the course selection process. Discussion was held regarding the course selection process and pathways. **MS Principal D. Flaherty** reported on the following: monthly updates (International Dinner, Literacy field trip to Cole School, 8 Red and White Teams to Museum of Science, SIBERT screening, Grade 8 tours of the HS on the early release day and Grade 6 Special Education parent’s night), Excels, Masco Million, upcoming events(Chinese Field trip to Peabody Essex Museum, Upstanders Writing Essay Recognition Ceremony on April 9, MSLA Bookmark Contest, Masco Fun Night, Wizard of Oz musical, Choral concert, band concert and Memorial Day assembly, homework free vacation in April and Memorial Day weekend), team meetings focusing on safety survey and team assemblies, School Improvement Plan update, and MCAS update.

F. **Presentation on Homework Survey** - Middle School Principal D. Flaherty, Social Studies Teacher A. Boepple and Mathematics Teacher K. Clyatt - A presentation was given on the survey regarding homework at Masconomet Middle School highlighting the following: response rates, current homework practices, when students do homework, keeping up with homework, who is struggling and why, the main purpose of the majority of homework, technology and next steps.

G. **Report of the Subcommittees**

1. **Budget Subcommittee** – W. Hodges stated that a meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 12. K. Sherwood shared the budget related article to be reviewed by the subcommittee. The following four (4) warrants were signed since the last meeting:

Payroll Warrant	\$	640,880.19	Vendor Warrant	\$	2,375.00
Vendor Warrant	\$	68,692.93	Vendor Warrant	\$	<u>145,490.12</u>
			TOTAL	\$	880,672.78

2. **Policy Subcommittee** – C. Miller stated that a meeting won’t be scheduled until after the elections.

- a. Policy AC, Discrimination and Harassment - 2nd Reading
- b. Policy GCAA, Discrimination and Harassment - 2nd Reading
- c. Policy JBA, Discrimination and Harassment - 2nd Reading
- d. Discrimination and Harassment Grievance Procedure (Informational)
- e. Policy GCRA, Professional Activities of Teachers - 2nd Reading
- f. Policy JICG, Tobacco Products on School Property - 2nd Reading
- g. Policy JLDAA, Confidentiality - 2nd Reading

A motion was made by K. Prentakis.

MOTION: To approve/adopt Policies AC, GCAA, JBA, GCRA, JICG, JLDAA and Discrimination and Harassment Grievance Procedure as presented.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

- 3. Community Relations Subcommittee – K. Sherwood - No report
- 4. Turf Up Masco – T. Cooper - No report
- 5. Facility Use and Student Support Organizations Task Force - T. Cooper stated that a meeting is scheduled for tomorrow. T. Cooper gave an update on the framework, guidelines for support groups being developed, fee structure review and development, and establishing relationships with groups.
- 6. District Capital Investment Task Force – H. Rivers - No report.

H. Consent Agenda

- 1. Warrants \$880,672.78 - Four (4) Warrants Signed Since Last Meeting

A motion was made by P. Fitzsimmons.

MOTION: To approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

VOTE: Motion passed

I. Other Business, Old or New - D. Volchok distributed preliminary information for the conceptual approval of the 2019 Disney Music Trip. P. Fitzsimmons asked if travel companies were compared for the trip. P. Fitzsimmons stated that the same company has been used for many of the past years and that there's no knowledge of whether the cost is competitive. S. Givens went through the process followed in regard to trips, collection of funds, etc. Discussion was held regarding the trip process, the cost, the number of students attending, getting the best price, having a policy in place, if there is administrative over-site, getting another travel agency bid and how trips are managed. It was determined that action would be deferred tonight, and that W. O'Keefe will attend the next meeting to answer questions. K. Prentakis reminded the Committee about his request to have regional agreement as a meeting agenda item. In response to C. Miller's question regarding if a meeting was held with the Tri-Town Committees about their interest in continuing to pursue school start time, D. Volchok stated that Superintendent Morrison met with the Committees last Thursday and the earliest meeting that could be scheduled is April 30, 2018. T. Cooper asked if there should be another Masco member in addition to the Chair attending the preliminary discussion meeting. W. Hodges volunteered to attend. It was determined to have W. Hodges attend the preliminary discussion meeting along with D. Volchok.

J. Adjournment

A motion was made by P. Fitzsimmons

MOTION: To adjourn.

VOTE: Motion passed by roll call at 8:32 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. Homework Survey Presentation
- 3. Policies AC, GCAA, JBA, GCRA, JICG, JLDAA and Information Discrimination and Harassment Grievance Procedure
- 4. Consent Agenda