

MASCONOMET REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Regular School Committee Meeting

March 28, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Volchok, Chair, Boxford W. Hodges, Vice Chair
K. Sherwood, Topsfield, Topsfield J. Spencer, Topsfield
A. Pascucci, Middleton C. Miller, Boxford
L. Richards, Middleton K. Prentakis, Middleton
T. Cooper, Middleton H. Rivers, Boxford arr. 7:45 p.m.

MEMBERS ABSENT: P. Fitzsimmons, Boxford

OTHERS PRESENT: K. Lyons, Superintendent S. Givens, Asst. Supt. For Finance & Operations

- A. **Call To Order** – Chair D. Volchok called the Wednesday, March 28, 2018 Regular School Committee/Budget Deliberation meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. in the Ralph Osgood Presentation Room. The meeting is video and audio taped.
- B. **Remarks by the Chair** – D. Volchok
- C. **Comments from the Audience** – None
- D. **Boxford Sustainability Committee** G. Martin and H. Langer, Representatives of Boxford Sustainability Committee provided a slide show presentation outlining Green Communities, the pros of Masco supporting the Boxford Green Community, the potential revenue gained by being a member, the potential grants received through an Energy reduction plan, the District adopting the energy plan, that Masco is a good place to look for energy efficiencies and the process of joining and the requests asked of Masco. Discussion was held regarding supporting Boxford as a Green Community and the pros and cons of this venture. A motion was made by T. Cooper.
MOTION: To move forward to support Boxford in their Green Community Initiative, join Boxford Green Community and participate in any audits needed.
VOTE: Motion passed.
- E. **Insurance Advisory Committee (IAC) Recommendation** - Asst. Superintendent for Finance/Operations S. Givens reported on the recommendation of the Insurance Advisory Committee. – A motion was made by W. Hodges.
MOTION: To accept the IAC recommendation to continue with the existing Blue Cross plans for health insurance in FY19 with a rate increase of .53% for the Blue Cross HMO and PPO benchmark plans and increase the Dental cap to \$1500 at a rate increase of 7.51%.
DISCUSSION: Discussion was held regarding the current plan and the dental cap increase.
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.
- F. **Discussion of School Start Time** – D. Volchok stated that there were two points to discuss as part of this agenda item – what does the Committee want to do long-term in regard to School Start Time and what does the Committee want to do short-term in regard to school start time. Discussion was held regarding contacting the Elementary School Committees to establish if they would continue working with Masconomet about School Start Time. After discussion was held, the consensus of the Committee was to have Chair D. Volchok meet with the Chairs of the Tri Town School Union and the Elementary School Unions to hold a discussion regarding school start time and the possibility of working together. The meeting should be held soon. The Committee stated that a decision should be reached by the end of June on whether or not to go forward. K. Lyons indicated that he hasn't had the time to review the short-term options H. Rivers shared with him and the Committee in depth, but would review them shortly. He indicated that some of the times on R. Rivers' list, such as mid-term/finals changes would be discussed with the School Councils.
- G. **Facilities Use Fee Framework** - Facilities Use Task Force -T. Cooper shared the facilities use fee framework developed by the task force. An overview of the developed framework was given and discussed. The task force will continue to work with the framework.
- H. **Superintendent Report** - K. Lyons reported on the following: tonight's successful International Dinner, the Parent workshop on Social and Emotional Learning Skills sponsored by Tri Town Council and Tri Town Union, the meaningful Student Protest of School Violence, an update on the High School Principal Search, the updated budget thumbnail, the comprehensive 2018-2019 school calendar (w/early release/delayed start), and that Masco grad S. Thornton has been nominated for High-Level State Department Office.
- I. **Report of the Subcommittees**
1. **Budget Subcommittee** – W. Hodges – D. Volchok, J. Spencer and K. Prentakis gave an update on the Towns' reactions to the approved FY19 Budget and Warrant Article indicating that there were no issues in either in Boxford or Middleton, but Topsfield had an issue with the warrant article. Discussion followed regarding the warrant article. The following nine (9) warrants were signed since the last meeting:

Payroll Warrant	\$	660,416.34
Vendor Warrant	\$	834,392.23
Vendor Warrant	\$	41,866.49
Vendor Warrant	\$	1,403.10
Vendor Warrant	\$	113.66

Vendor Warrant	\$	1.18
Vendor Warrant	\$	8,201.24
Vendor Warrant	\$	2,957.50
Vendor Warrant	\$	<u>69,127.19</u>
TOTAL	\$	1,618,478.93

2. Policy Subcommittee – C. Miller reviewed the 1st read policies and asked that any comments be sent to her before the April 4, 6:30 p.m. subcommittee meeting.

- a. Policy AC, Discrimination and Harassment - 1st Reading
- b. Policy GCAA, Discrimination and Harassment - 1st Reading
- c. Policy JBA, Discrimination and Harassment - 1st Reading
- d. Discrimination and Harassment Grievance Procedure (Informational)
- e. Policy GCRA, Professional Activities of Teachers - 1st Reading
- f. Policy JICG, Tobacco Products on School Property - 1st Reading
- g. Policy JLDAA, Confidentiality - 1st Reading

3. Community Relations Subcommittee – K. Sherwood gave an update on the meeting held tonight indicating that work on a budget article was done, that an article about the warrant article should be developed, and that she hoped to schedule a meeting for next week. J. Spencer and W. Hodges explained the issue with Topsfield in regard to the Warrant Article.
4. Turf Up Masco – T. Cooper reported that the group has started fundraising for the RFP.
5. Facility Use and Student Support Organizations Task Force - T. Cooper –report given earlier in meeting.
6. District Capital Investment Task Force – H. Rivers - No report.

J. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of March 7, 2018 Legislature Update/School Choice Public Hearing/FY19 Proposed Budget Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of March 12, 2018 Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of March 14, 2018 Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes
4. Accept Teacher Grant (\$5,370.00 - Ck. # 1164) from Masconomet Education Foundation to be used by EMT teacher G. West to Purchase CPR Manikins and Equipment
5. Warrants \$1,618,478.93 - Nine (9) Warrants Signed Since Last Meeting

A motion was made by J. Spencer.

MOTION: To approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
VOTE: Motion passed
ABSTAIN: A. Pascucci, March 7, 2018 Meeting Minutes

K. Other Business, Old or New - K. Lyons distributed a use of facility fee waiver request from the Hands Up for Gun Safety (HUGS) group which has been running out of the congregational church for about a year. K. Lyons met with D. McIlvaine and D. Read who are representatives of the group. It was determined that they will be charged at the Tier 2 fee with direct cost as needed. All promotional material for the event will state that the event is not sponsored by Masconomet. A motion was made by K. Sherwood.

MOTION: To deny the fee waiver or reduced fee request from the HUGS group for the facility rental.
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

The Administrator Bargaining Group decided that they would like to start negotiations now rather than waiting for elections of School Committee members in May. A. Pascucci and W. Hodges will represent the School Committee on the negotiation team. K. Prentakis reminded the Committee that regional agreement should be an agenda item at some point.

L. Adjournment

A motion was made by K. Prentakis.

MOTION: To adjourn.
VOTE: Motion passed by roll call at 10.10 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. Insurance Advisory Committee Recommendation
3. Superintendent Report
4. Consent Agenda
5. HUGS Fee Waiver Request
6. Facilities Use Fee Framework