

MASCONOMET REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Regular School Committee Meeting

May 17, 2017

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: K. Lyons, Superintendent D. Flaherty, MS Principal
P. Delani, MS Principal S. Fizz, SAB
R. Was, TBM Rotary Representative S. Stewart, L. Teichner, K. Trevenen, YRBS
D. Tenanty, Math Department Head
Others

A. **Call To Order** – Chair D. Volchok called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 in the Ralph Osgood Presentation Room. The meeting is video and audio taped.

B. **Welcoming Remarks** – Chair D. Volchok welcomed new Middleton School Committee member T. Cooper.

C. **Reorganization of School Committee**

1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair – D. Volchok opened the floor for nominations for the Chair of the School Committee. A motion was made by C. Miller.

MOTION: To nominate D. Volchok as Chair of the School Committee.

A motion was made by K. Sherwood

MOTION: To nominate K. Prentakis as Chair of the School Committee.

Hearing no other nominations, the nomination for Chair was closed.

VOTE: Motion to nominate D. Volchok as Chair of the School Committee passed by hand count (6-Volchok, 4-Prentakis).

The floor was opened for nominations for Vice-Chair of the School Committee. A motion was made by T. Cooper.

MOTION: To nominate K. Prentakis as Vice-Chair of the School Committee

K. Prentakis declined the nomination.

A motion was made by J. Spencer.

MOTION: To nominate W. Hodges as Vice Chair of the School Committee

A motion was made by K. Sherwood.

MOTION: To nominate K. Sherwood as Vice Chair of the School Committee

Hearing no other nominations, the nomination for Vice-Chair was closed.

VOTE: Motion to nominate W. Hodges as Vice Chair of the School Committee passed by hand count (7-Hodges, 4-Sherwood).

2. Preliminary Discussion of Subcommittee Assignments – D. Volchok requested that assignment sheets be submitted to him tonight and he will present subcommittee assignments at the next meeting.

D. **Accept Topsfield/Boxford/Middleton Rotary Joseph Carroll \$1000 Donation (Check #5105) to be Used for the Academic Awards Night** - TBM Rotary Representative R. Was gave a brief history of Dr. Carroll's accomplishments and vision and of the origin of the donation for the Academic Awards Night. R. Was shared that he was proud to present the \$1000 donation to recognize students for their academic team accomplishments. A motion was made by K. Prentakis.

MOTION: To accept the \$1000 TBM Rotary Joseph Carroll donation to be used for the Academic Awards Night.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

E. **Comments from the Audience** - No Comments

F. **Comments from SAB** - S. Fizz reported on the following: Memorial Day ceremony, luncheon for the veterans, preparation for Frolics, and the Freshman/Sophomore Semi Formal next year.

G. **Advanced Placement Statistics Report on Their Homework Study** - A power point slide show on the AP Statistics project "The Homework Problem" was presented by R. Schonewald and AP Statistics students. Students outlined the project which included a survey and reviewed the data results.

- H. Youth Risk Behavior Survey Data Presentation** - K. Trevenen, High School Nurse and Tri Town Council members M. Shaw, L. Teichner and S. Steward gave an overview of the Youth Risk Behavior Survey Data and reviewed the results of the survey taken by Masconomet Middle and High School students. The next steps and data tracker were shared. K. Lyons recognized the partnership between the Tri Town Council and Masconomet.
- I. Comments from Principals - Middle School Principal D. Flaherty** reported on the following: MCAS, 6th Grade transition, end of year activities, Life is Good, Anti-bullying presentation by Anthony Ianni, the Spring musical, the art show, curriculum connections (Israeli conflict debates, financial literacy, math interdisciplinary project) and upcoming dates of importance. **High School Principal P. Delani** reported on the following: Jazz Festival, North Shore Honors Scholar Dinner, Masconomet Scholarship Fund selection meeting, Pathways & E-Portfolio progress, 17-18 course scheduling, junior prom, Day of Poetry, Math MCAS, National Honor Society Banquet, Engineering Fair, peer leader selection process, Internship Fair, Memorial Day, Senior Week events, STE MCAS, Teacher Honor Wall Ceremony, Art All State students, School Council, Faculty Council and final exam schedule.
- O. Out of Order - Other Business, Old or New** - Superintendent Lyons reported on the recent waste water treatment plant (WWPT) failure, indicating that repair had begun yesterday afternoon and a waiver for bids was received. A recommendation was made to transfer no less than \$50,000 and no more than \$100,000 from the stabilization fund to the WWTP capital project fund to fund the repair. A motion was made by K. Prentakis.
 MOTION: To transfer \$60,000 from the stabilization fund to the WWPT Capital Project Fund to pay for the repairs.
 An amendment to the motion was made by J. Spencer.
 AMENDMENT: To transfer \$80,000 from the stabilization fund to the WWPT Capital Project Fund to pay for the repairs.
 VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.
- J. School Committee Review of STAC Updates and Discussion of Options** - D. Volchok stated that the Joint School Committee meeting scheduled for May 22nd was to discuss start time options and get a consensus to present to the individual committees for a vote. W. Hodges referred to the material sent to members that was a comparison of Options X, Y and Z. All options were reviewed and a discussion was held. Once a decision is made by all committees, the Superintendent and administrators will work on the implementation. If it's determined that the impact of the option is too great during the budget review process, the plan will not be implemented. Discussion was held regarding getting input from voters and taxpayers, public concern relating to the afternoon release time, pros and cons of putting the cost in the operating budget or putting it on the town warrants.
- K. Approval of Last Day of School for Students** - K. Lyons stated that 3 snow days were used during the 2016-27 school year and recommended that the Committee approve Tuesday, June 20, 2017 as the last day of school for the 2016-17 school year, assuming no additional emergency closings are needed. A motion was made by P. Fitzsimmons.
 MOTION: To approve that the last day of school for the 2016-17 school year is Tuesday, June 20, 2017, assuming no additional emergency closings are needed.
 VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.
- L. Superintendent's Report** - K. Lyons reported on the following: the appointment of P. Delani as Interim High School Principal, A. Schatzel as Interim Assistant Principal, M. Hildebrand (English) and J. Story (Social Studies) as Department Heads, the passing of the school budget at town meetings, the warrant article funds to not be in next year's operating budget, Middle School musical, Middle School Art Show, Umbrella Meeting, North Shore Chamber Awards, Barnes and Nobel Aware, alumni news, academic team awards, the digital sign, SEPAC Carnival and Tri Town Cycle and Stroll event. For the record, K. Sherwood requested that the budget document going forward contain a reference to the \$517,000 funding having come from the towns, as it represents additional funds approved outside of the regular FY18 Masconomet District Operating budget.
- M. Reports of the Subcommittees**
- Budget Subcommittee:** The following ten (10) warrants were signed since our last meeting:

Payroll Warrant	\$	723,217.82	Vendor Warrant	\$	3,495.00
Vendor Warrant	\$	824,979.01	Vendor Warrant	\$	2,325.00
Vendor Warrant	\$	98,558.41	Vendor Warrant	\$	74,348.49
Vendor Warrant	\$	2,957.00	Vendor Warrant	\$	<u>110.12</u>
Vendor Warrant	\$	24,475.25	TOTAL	\$	1,755,921.10
Vendor Warrant	\$	1,455.00			
 - Policy Subcommittee**— J. Spencer reported that a review of Section K is next for the subcommittee.
 - Community Relations Subcommittee**— C. Miller - no report
 - School Start Time Advisory Committee**— W. Hodges - no report
 - Turf Up Masco**— W. Hodges stated after he spoke with M. McSweeney and that he needed to speak with S. Givens for clarification on how much involvement the group can have

N. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of March 26, 2017 Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of April 26, 2017 Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes
3. Accept Donation From Boxford Historical Society (\$500 – Ck. #2214) to Art Department to be Donated to Meinelt Scholarship Fund (MRSF)
4. Approval of Establishment of Northshore Education Consortium Capital Fund - removed
5. Warrants \$1,755,921.10 – Ten (10) Warrants Signed

A motion was made by P. Fitzsimmons.

MOTION: To approve consent agenda with Item #4 removed for discussion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

K. Lyons gave an overview of Northshore Education Consortium, which Masconomet is a member, and stated that the Consortium would like to establish a revolving fund. Majority approval of the member School Committees is needed to establish the fund. K. Prentakis wanted to know what the surplus was in past years and how long will the funds last. K. Lyons will get the answers. Vote on this item will be deferred to the next meeting

P. Adjournment - A motion was made by P. Fitzsimmons.

MOTION: To adjourn.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously at 11:08 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:

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| 1. Agenda | 6. STAC Updates |
| 2. Subcommittee Assignment Form | 7. AP Statistics Report on Their Homework Study |
| 3. Consent Agenda | 8. Topsfield/Boxford/Middleton Rotary Donation |
| 4. Superintendent's Report | |
| 5. Youth Risk Behavior Survey Data Presentation | |