

MASCONOMET REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Boxford Elementary, Middleton Elementary, Topsfield Elementary
Joint School Committee Meeting

May 22, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Volchok, Chair, Boxford
T. Cooper, Vice Chair, Middleton
L. Richards, Middleton
P. Fitzsimmons, Boxford
H. Rivers, Boxford
K. Sherwood, Topsfield
T. Teleen, Boxford Elementary
D. Rivers, Boxford Elementary
C. Carroll, Middleton Elementary
F. Clapp, Middleton Elementary
K. Richardson, Middleton Elementary
L. Ross, Topsfield Elementary
M. Sokolowski, Topsfield Elementary
W. Hodges, Vice Chair, Topsfield
C. Miller, Boxford
K. Prentakis, Middleton
A. Pascucci, Middleton
J. Spencer, Topsfield
E. Palmer, Boxford Elementary
C. Hubbard, Boxford Elementary
H. Vaz, Boxford, Boxford, Elementary
M. Moreschi, Middleton Elementary
A. Karas, Middleton Elementary
K. Frere, Topsfield Elementary
J. Steffens, Topsfield Elementary

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: K. Lyons, Superintendent Others

1. **Call to Order** – Chair D. Volchok called the 22, 2017 Regular School Committee meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Ralph Osgood Presentation Room. The meeting is video and audio taped. STAC was recognized for their accomplishments and the open and inclusive process. The purpose of the meeting tonight was to discuss the options available and to determine one as the option to pursue.
2. **Discussion of Each STAC Recommended Option X, Y, and Z** - D. Volchok - Option X, Option Y and Option Z start time, end time and bus impact were reviewed. The pros and cons of each option were shared by Committee members. Feedback from Tri Town constituents was also shared. D. Volchok indicated that the Committees were not going on a final option. After consensus was reached, fine tuning of the top options will be done and the Superintendents will present final details to the individual Committees for a vote. Full support for the option chosen is the goal. The Committees will vote again next fall once final details of the chosen option is presented. C. Miller stated that the Administration should come up with solutions/recommendations to mitigate concerns with the chosen option. K. Lyons stated that start and end time changes will need to be negotiated with the Masco teachers because of contract language and that Middleton will also need to negotiate time changes, but not Boxford or Topsfield. He indicated that Option X might be more achievable.
3. **Public Comment** - Public Comments were as follows: L. Novak was in favor of making a change, J. Berkof asked to please consider twilight being pretty dark, 63% of students at Masconomet were against a change, athletes were against change. K. McVey, referenced 8:30 science data, her concern with the Arrow Block and extra help time for athletes. C. Bosain was grateful for all of the work done by STAC and shared that the Committee charge is to make the best decision for children and that the Committee can change policy to create the best academic atmosphere and not be concerned about teachers and their personal issues regarding a change in start time. A Middleton resident was resistant to the change because she has her schedule set up based on the school schedule and that financial concerns are part of the resistance to change. M. Perkins stated that while her children were doing fine with the present schedule, she sees the struggles students have with anxiety and pressure and if there is a chance to do something to help students be healthier, then it should be taken. She supports an earlier start time for the elementary schools.
4. **Adjournment** - A motion was made by P. Fitzsimmons.
MOTION: To adjourn.
VOTE: Motion passed at 9:20 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:
Options X, Y, Z