

MASCONOMET REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Regular School Committee Meeting

July 18, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: W. Hodges, Chair, Topsfield T. Cooper, Vice Chair, Middleton
C. Miller, Boxford K. Prentakis, Middleton
J. Ciampa, Middleton J. Spencer, Topsfield
K. DeMarco, Boxford
A. Pascucci, Middleton

MEMBERS ABSENT: D. Volchok (Arrived at 7:45 p.m. - Present for Items E, and I)
Z. Bhuju, Topsfield

OTHERS PRESENT: K. Lyons, Superintendent S. Givens, Assistant Superintendent for
Finance and Operations

- A. **Call to Order** – W. Hodges called the Wednesday, July 18, 2018 regular School Committee meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Ralph Osgood Presentation Room. He stated that the meeting is being video and audio taped.
- B. **Remarks by the Chair** – The Chair announced the resignation from the School Committee of Hagan Rivers. The Chair asked the Superintendent to inform the Boxford Board of Selectmen. The Superintendent introduced the new Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Jackie Bolduc, who was seated in the audience.
- C. **Comments from the Audience** – None. The Chair asked audience members who were present with interest in Item E. Facility usage..., to defer their comments to later in the meeting
- D. **Approval of Additional Surplus Items and Roof Repairs Specification Work** – Assistant Superintendent Susan Givens requested Committee approval of surplus equipment as listed in the document she presented. A motion was made by K. Prentakis, seconded by C. Miller:
 - MOTION: To approve the recommended surplus actions be taken by the Committee.
 - VOTE: Motion passed unanimously. (D. Volchok absent)

Susan Givens informed the Committee about specifications for repair work and stated that work to be done by Gale Associates and is within the original appropriation, but that she would return to the Committee for additional appropriation at a later date. No action by Committee needed at this Time. S. Givens also reported that the Waste Water Treatment was off-line due to a bearing failure that would be a large expense. She will keep the Committee informed.
- F. **School Start Times Update** – The Chair moved this item up in the agenda. The Superintendent gave an update on the progress of the Ad Hoc Committee on School Start Times and stated that that group asked the bus consultant to complete an assessment of “Option Alpha” by August 15, 2018. The Superintendent described “Alpha” as a Masconomet going first plan, with an approximate start time of 8:05 a.m. with elementary school openings approximately 45 minutes later. K. Prentakis asked if it would be wise to look at a second transportation provider and specifically Essex Tech as a possible provider. The Chair stated that the Ad Hoc Committee would explore that.
- G. **Consent Agenda**
 - 1. Approval of June 20, 2018 Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes
 - 2. Warrants \$2,999,127.49 – (10) Warrants signed since last meeting

A motion was made by T. Cooper, seconded by K. Prentakis:

MOTION: To approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
VOTE: Motion passed. (D. Volchok absent)
ABSTAINED: J. Spencer

E. Facility Use and Student Support Organizations Task Force Recommendations - T. Cooper gave a comprehensive report about the nature of the problems to be solved by the Task Force, and provided an overview of the draft Guidelines for Student Support Organizations, the associated FAQ, and draft Guidelines for Facility Use.

D. Volchok asked if the maximum gift to student participants per activity of \$100 was sufficient. After some discussion, the Chair stated that there was consensus to raise that number to \$150. J. Duest spoke in favor of the higher limit on student participant gifts and asked for information about the CORI process.

D. Volchok stated that there would be impact to income by the general lowering of facility usage fees. J. Spencer spoke to the philosophy of viewing Masconomet facilities as a community resource and that supported the lowering of fees.

P. Fitzsimmons made a slide presentation and questioned the fairness of the fee schedule presented by the Task Force. Discussion ensued. Tina Strunk and representatives of the Masconomet Music Parents Association (MMPA) argued in favor of the Task Force recommendations on fees. Discussion about the MMPA placement in column A or column B ensued at length.

The Chair called for a motion in regard to the Task Force proposal on facility use fee. J. Spencer made a motion, seconded by T. Cooper:

MOTION: To approve the Task Force recommended Facilities Use Guide Fee Schedule as amended, amendment being correction of typographical error in carrying over Tier 3 Fees (Non-Tri-Town Rates) to new Column D.

VOTE: Motion passed, D. Volchok voting no.

J. Spencer then made a motion to endorse the Guidelines for Student Support Organizations, as amended, amendment being change to gift limit from \$100 to \$150. Motion seconded by T. Cooper.

MOTION: to endorse the Guidelines for Student Support Organizations, as amended, amendment being change to gift limit from \$100 to \$150.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

I. Adjournment and Executive Session (To discuss negotiations with non-represented personnel, Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations)

MOTION: To go into executive session in accordance with Chapter 30, Section 21 a (3) of the General Laws for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to contract negotiations with non-represented personnel: Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations

VOTE: Motion passed by roll call vote at 10:20 p.m.

Submitted by: _____ Approved: _____
 Jacqueline Bolduc 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. Agenda Guide
3. Surplus and Roof Project Update memorandum
4. June 20, 2018 Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes
5. Warrant Memorandum
6. 2018-2019 School Committee Members and Sub-Committee Members
7. July Personnel Report
8. High School Scheduling Update
9. Guidelines and Resources for Student Support Organizations
10. Use of Facilities Guidelines

11. SSO Guidelines FAQ
12. End of Year Status Report to MA Department of Public Health
13. School Safety & Security letter to the Board of Selectman, Town of Boxford
14. School Safety & Security letter to Masconomet Families
15. Masconomet Regional School District 2018-2019 Budget Priorities
16. Executive Session Motion