MASCONOMET REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

April 12, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT:	T. Cooper, Chair, Middleton	M. Ogden, Vice Chair, Topsfield
	P. Bernheart, Boxford	T. Currier, Middleton
	W. Hodges, Topsfield	Z. Bhuju, Topsfield
	C. Bolzan, Boxford	K. Prentakis, Middleton
	C. Miller, Boxford	J. McLean, Boxford (via remote left 8:00pm)
MEMBERS ABSENT	D. Casamassima, Middleton	
OTHERS PRESENT:	M. Harvey, Superintendent via remote	
	J. Sands, Asst. Superintendent of Finance and Operations	

A. **Call to Order** – T. Cooper, Chair, called the Regular Meeting of the School Committee of April 12, 2023, to Order at 7:01pm, in the High School Library.

B. **Remarks from the Chair** – T. Cooper acknowledged the work being done on the state budget which has suggested 100% reimbursement of regional transportation costs.

C. **Athletic Winter Season Recognitions** – John Daileanes thanked Turf Up and the School Committee for all of the work being done to bring turf fields to Masco. He also thanked the parents of the student athletes.
The Swimming and Diving Team coach was recognized for being awarded the Coach of the Year Award and the NEC diver of the year was recognized. All conference and state competitors were recognized.
Miles Darling was recognized for his wrestling accomplishments.
Indoor Track all stars and NEC all conference athletes were recognized.
Girls Ice Hockey all-star and all conference athletes were recognized.
Boys Basketball all-star and all conference athletes were recognized.
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Girls Ski Team went undefeated the last 2 seasons. All-star and students who qualified for all states were recognized.
Boys Ice Hockey NEC all-star athletes were recognized.
Gymnastics have been state champions for 4 years in a row. The coaches were recognized, NEC MVP was recognized, Globe and Boston Herald all-scholastic athletes were recognized as well as all-star and all conference athletes.

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

E. **SAB Report** – Lila Thomas provided the SAB report. Juniors are getting ready for prom in May. Seniors are starting their internships next week. Student elections are done. Overall, the students are happy and motivated to finish the school year.

F. **FY24 Budget Communication Plan** – T. Cooper stated that the Community Relations Sub-Committee met before the last School Committee meeting about getting information out to the public. Two of the three Towns will have an override at Town Meeting. P. Bernheart put a flyer together with the information regarding the budget and increases. This information will be given to the Middleton Council on Aging for their newsletter. The School Committee needs to reach people outside the Masco community. M. Harvey will be meeting with the other Councils on Aging in Middleton and Boxford. Turf Up has its own communication plan in place.
K. Prentakis thought the percentages used instead of dollar amounts was too confusing and it needs to be clear. He suggested deleting the second chart and using dollar amounts and combining all the small slices of the pie chart together and label as "other". W. Hodges added that the font is small and hard to read. Z. Bhuju agreed with the use of dollar amounts on the charts. T. Currier suggested adding to the left paragraph information regarding mandated services from the state. And expanding on the use of amenities for turf up. M. Ogden suggested indenting the new paragraphs. J. McLean informed the School Committee that the second chart shows the increases over the past few years and agreed if only one chart is to be used, then the pie chart should be used. Z. Bhuju suggested putting the second chart on a slide for the Moderator's forum. K. Prentakis agreed and added a yearly update report at Town Meetings for larger projects. M. Ogden was concerned with information overload prior to Town Meeting. Discussion followed regarding how to get the flyers to all the residents and future newsletters.

It was approved by a 5-4 Vote to send the flyer out in the mail to the residents.

T. Currier checked with the Ethics Commission regarding making a donation or providing a link to Turf Up. Making a personal donation would make an appearance of a conflict of interest so a disclosure form would need to be filed.

G. Superintendent's Report – M. Harvey congratulated the Art Department for the winning entries in the 6th Congressional District High School Visual Arts Competition. He also congratulated a MS student who won a National Silver medal in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards for her scorpion sculpture. "*Women in Wallace*" competed in the state finals and M. Harvey recognized the students who participated and thanked Brian Pereira for his work. M. Harvey also congratulated the 2023 National Press Club Zimmerman Scholarship Winner.
The posting for the High School Principal position closed April 7th and 22 applications have been received and are being reviewed. The interview committee is being assembled. L. Bennett is working on the Tiered Focus Monitoring Review being conducted.

H. **Policy B Second Reads** – BA, BBAA, BBBA/BBBB, BCA, BEDB, Sustainability Policy. A motion was made to approve the B Policies as presented by Z. Bhuju, it was seconded by C. Miller and unanimously approved.

MOTION: Approve Policies B
VOTE: 10-0, Motion Carried

Sustainability Policy – 1st Read – policy presented contains all the changes discussed.
A motion was made to approve the Sustainability Policy as presented by Z. Bhuju, it was seconded by C. Miller and passed by a vote of 9-1 with T. Currier opposed**.**

MOTION: Approve Sustainability Policy
VOTE: 9-1, Motion Carried

C. Bolzan asked how the carbon footprint of Masco would be measured. Discussion followed on the various ways and that the School Committee would like it regularly assessed by the people running the building, including energy efficiency, etc. Z. Bhuju added that environmental laws will be the guidelines for assessment and direction.

I. Policy First Readings: Policy Manual Section K – M. Ogden reviewed all the changes in Policies KA, KBA, KBBA, KBD, KBE, KBEA, KCB, KDB, KDD, KE, KF, KFR, KFA, KFB, KGA, KHA, KHB, KHC, KI, KLG, KLH, KLJ, KLK, KBB.
A motion was made to approve Policies K as presented by T. Currier, it was seconded by Z. Bhuju and unanimously approved.

MOTION: Approve Policies K
VOTE: 10-0, Motion Carried

J. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes of March 29, 2023, Meeting.
2. Warrants $1,365,196.31 (10) Warrants signed since March 29, 2023.
3. Accept Gift from PAC for the Class of 2024.
4. Approval of Ultimate Frisbee Field Trips.
5. Accept Football Boosters Donation.
6. Accept MEF Donation to Field Hockey Student Activities Account.

A Motion was made by M. Ogden to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, it was seconded by T. Currier and unanimously approved.

MOTION: Approve Consent Agenda
VOTE: 10-0, Motion Carried

Z. Bhuju informed the School Committee that the Tri-Town Council is presenting "Hiding in Plain Sight".
K. Prentakis asked if the 3 Towns had signed off on the SRO Agreement for 2024 yet.

The Meeting was adjourned by T. Cooper at 8:58pm.

Submitted By: _____ Approved_____
Lynn Viselli, Recording Secretary Date

Per the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, the list of documents that were either distributed to the Masconomet School Committee before the meeting in the packet or at the meeting.

1. Agenda
2. FY24 Communication Flyer
3. Superintendent Report
4. B Policies
5. K Policies
6. Sustainability Policy
7. Consent Agenda