MASCONOMET REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

September 11, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT:	J. McLean, Chair, Boxford (zoom)	T. Currier, Vice Chair, Middleton
	K. Petrone, Middleton	E. Clements, Boxford
	A. Heaphy-Tenney, Topsfield	W. Hodges, Topsfield
	L. MacInnis, Middleton	C. Bolzan, Boxford
	J. Horrigan, Boxford	M. Ogden, Topsfield
	M. Alexander, Middleton	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: M. Harvey, Superintendent
J. Sands, Assistant Superintendent & Chief Procurement Officer

A. **Call to Order** – T. Currier, Vice Chair, called the School Committee Meeting of September 11, 2024, to Order at 7:04pm, in the High School Library.

B. **Remarks from the Chair** T. Currier remembered the events of 9/11 and spoke regarding the school shooting in Georgia. He thanked the Administration for offering counseling services.

C. **Public Comment** – Jack, SAB Senior from Boxford, informed the School Committee that Student Council is selling homecoming tickets and representatives are being chosen. The flags were placed at the entrance to the school in remembrance of 9/11.

D. **Introduction to Kevin Cyr, Director of Teaching and Learning -** M. Harvey introduced Kevin Cyr who comes to Masconomet from Lynnfield. He started at Masconomet July 1, 2024. Kevin informed the School Committee that he spent the summer getting to know the school community and observing. He hopes to formalize Teaching and Learning across the District and will work with the Department Heads to bring the teams together to formalize that work. The School Committee welcomed Kevin to the District.

E. **Field Trip to the Dominican Republic -** Jeanne O'Hearn presented the field trip to the School Committee. Grades 11 and 12 Spanish will be traveling to the Dominican Republic in April of 2025. 20 students and 2 chaperones will be traveling from Masco and the cost is approximately $2,950 per student. There will be financial aid available for students. The students will do 3 days of community service which counts towards the Global Diploma Program. C. Bolzan asked if the chaperones would be one male teacher and one female teacher, and she would like it to be a condition of the approval. Discussion followed regarding male and female chaperones and having 2 alternates in place, a male and a female. A motion was made to table this discussion for more information regarding chaperones by J. Horrigan, seconded by C. Bolzan and unanimously approved by Rollcall vote:

K. Petrone – yes J. McLean – yes T. Currier – yes M. Ogden – yes
L. MacInnis – yes C. Bolzan – yes M. Alexander – yes E. Clements – yes
W. Hodges – yes A. Heaphy-Tenney – yes J. Horrigan - yes

MOTION: Table for further information
VOTE: 11-0, Motion Carried

F. **Amend St. George's Classical Academy Approval to Include 8th Grade -** M. Harvey received a request from St. George's Classical Academy to extend the approval to 8th grade as they will be enrolling 8th grade students this fall. He reviewed the materials submitted which included the school's plans for 8th grade students in the areas of curriculum, instruction and assessment. M. Harvey recommends approval. A motion was made to approve the addition of 8th grade to St. George's Classical Academy as presented by M. Ogden, seconded by M. Alexander and approved by Rollcall vote:

K. Petrone – yes J. McLean – yes T. Currier – yes M. Ogden – yes
L. MacInnis – yes C. Bolzan – yes M. Alexander – yes E. Clements – yes
W. Hodges – yes A. Heaphy-Tenney – abstain J. Horrigan - yes

MOTION: Approve 8th grade for St. George's Classical Academy
VOTE: 10-0-1, Motion Carried

G. **Five Year Janitorial Contract -** J. Sands advised the School Committee that the current Janitorial Services contract expires on June 30, 2025. He is asking to procure a 5-year contract effective July 1, 2025, and this requires approval from the School Committee. A motion was made pursuant to M.G.L. c. 308, sec. 12(b) to authorize the Assistant Superintendent and Chief Procurement Officer to procure and enter into a new contract for Janitorial Services for a term not to exceed five (5) years effective July 1, 2025 was made by M. Alexander, seconded by C. Bolzan and approved by Rollcall vote:

K. Petrone – yes J. McLean – yes T. Currier – yes M. Ogden – yes
L. MacInnis – yes C. Bolzan – yes M. Alexander – yes E. Clements – yes
W. Hodges – yes A. Heaphy-Tenney – yes J. Horrigan - yes

MOTION: Approve five (5) year Janitorial Contract
VOTE: 11-0, Motion Carried

H. Approve MOA with Masconomet Teachers Association Regarding New Clubs
J. Sands informed the School Committee that the Teacher's contract asked that the process for stipends for new clubs be clearly defined. The first year of a club there is no stipend; the second year of the club there is a 50% stipend; and the third and following years the club is a full stipend. J. McLean asked if there was a minimum number of students for a club to be active. There is no minimum, however if there is not enough interest, the club will be stopped until interest picks back up. A motion was made to approve the MOA as presented by M. Ogden, seconded by K. Petrone and approved by Rollcall vote:

K. Petrone – yes J. McLean – yes T. Currier – yes M. Ogden – yes
L. MacInnis – yes C. Bolzan – yes M. Alexander – yes E. Clements – yes
W. Hodges – yes A. Heaphy-Tenney – yes J. Horrigan - yes

MOTION: Approve MOA
VOTE: 11-0, Motion Carried

I. **First Reading of Policy Section H -** T. Currier reviewed the proposed changes to Policy H, including:
HA – keep Masco version;
HB – adopt MASC version;
HC and HE – recommend removal;
HF – adopt MASC version; and
HM, HN, HO and HP - remove.
A motion was made to approve the First Reading of Policy Section H as presented by M. Alexander, seconded by L. MacInnis and approved by Rollcall vote:

K. Petrone – yes J. McLean – yes T. Currier – yes M. Ogden – yes
L. MacInnis – yes C. Bolzan – yes M. Alexander – yes E. Clements – yes
W. Hodges – yes A. Heaphy-Tenney – yes J. Horrigan - yes

MOTION: Approve First Reading Policy Section H
VOTE: 11-0, Motion Carried

J. **Superintendent's Report -** M. Harvey welcomed everyone back to school. Faculty reported on August 26th and attended the Opening Meeting, 7th and 9th grade students reported for orientation August 27th, and all students reported for school August 28th. He thanked the year round staff for all their hard work over the summer months and for getting the school ready to open. New faculty orientation was held August 21st, each new teacher will have a mentor and a series of meetings during the year. The Parent Communication Guide has been posted on the website to assist parents/guardians with problem solving and communication. This guide was prepared for the community. It is located The District's home page. The American flags were on display as a remembrance for 9/11. Middle School Open House will be held September 12th at 6:00pm. Parent Coffees will continue this year with the first being held September 20th at the Middle School and on September 27th for the High School.

K. **Subcommittee Reports**
Community Relations – scheduling dialogues and working meetings.
DCI/Budget – scheduling next meeting for next week.
Anti-Racism – meeting next week.
Policy – next meeting September 20th.
Liaison Updates – M. Ogden is getting information to meet with all of the boards. T. Currier and J. McLean are talking with the Select Board from each town to create a working group for DCI to work with all 3 towns. T. Currier advised there may be a Special Meeting in Middleton for the new school roof.

Turf Up – will have an update next meeting.
Negotiations – meeting September 16th at 3:00pm.

L. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of July 31, 2024, and August 28, 2024, Minutes.
2. 21 Warrants in the amount of $2,962,819.47.

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda as presented was made by M. Ogden, seconded by M. Alexander and approved by Rollcall vote:
K. Petrone – yes J. McLean – yes T. Currier – yes M. Ogden – yes
L. MacInnis – yes C. Bolzan – yes M. Alexander – yes E. Clements – yes
W. Hodges – yes A. Heaphy-Tenney – yes J. Horrigan - yes

MOTION: Approve Consent Agenda
VOTE: 11-0, Motion Carried

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

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. Field Trip to the Dominican Republic
3. Amendment to St. George's Classical Academy Approval
4. Janitorial Contract
5. MOA
6. Policy Section H
7. Superintendent Report
8. Consent Agenda