

MASCONOMET REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Community Relations Subcommittee Community Dialogue Minutes - Wednesday March 12, 2025

In attendance: CR members Kendra Petrone, Adrienne Heaphy-Tenney.

Public attendance: Jessica Goldberg (MASCO teacher), Elizabeth Saitton (Boxford/Masco alum/teacher), Peter Magner (MASCO teacher), Leah Campbell (MASCO adjustment counselor), Kim Brisbois (Masco adjustment counselor) Pearce Deal (Boxford), Elizabeth Young (Boxford), Barbara Klanderman (Boxford), Amy Klanderman (Boxford), Jake Testa (Topsfield), Samantha Stevens (Boxford), Christian Leblanc (MASCO teacher), Kaden Mason (Middleton), Anjo Kordis (Boxford), Emma Boldi (Middleton), Sam Kaplan (Middleton), Brian Dow (MASCO), Kathy Rowell (MASCO), Stacy Manneheim (MASCO), Russ Fiore (Boxford), Ethan Silvano (Boxford), Feed Glore (Boxford), Jenny Graves (Topsfield), Jacki Dubois (Middleton), Erin Crete (Boxford), Michele Voner (Topsfield).

A. Called meeting to Order at 6:07pm

B. Concerns/topics that were discussed: Questions about the budget were the main focus.

-There were questions over how many teachers are retiring and what/if any way could we utilize that as a tool to save money within the operational budget. Roughly 4-5 years from now MASCO could see a large drop in the highest paid teachers retiring; 5-7 years possibly an even bigger drop.

-Additional concerns regarding enrollment in the elementary schools; enrollment seems to be up so questions arose as to what would happen when those kids get to MASCO.

-How will losing staff affect the class sizes for the current elementary school kids?

-Discussion over setting up a meeting with state reps to speak about state funding and the distribution of state money.

-Special Ed parents in the group offered information about SEPAC and connecting schools like Landmark to MASCO for additional training for OOD placement specialists.

G. Adjourned at 6:57pm.

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