MASCONOMET REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

May 24, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Ogden, Chair, Topsfield
D. Casamassima, Middleton
W. Hodges, Topsfield
M. Alexander, Middleton
J. Horrigan, Boxford
P. Bernheart, Boxford
J. McLean, Vice Chair, Boxford
T. Currier, Middleton
Z. Bhuju, Topsfield
C. Bolzan, Boxford
K. Petrone, Middleton

OTHERS PRESENT: M. Harvey, Superintendent
J. Sands, Assistant. Supt. Of Finance and Operations
L. Bennett, Assistant Supt. For Student Services

A. **Call to Order** – M. Ogden, Interim Chair, called the Regular Meeting of the School Committee of May 24, 2023, to Order at 7:03pm, at the High School Library.

B. **School Committee Reorganization**

1. School Committee Policy "BDA: School Committee Reorganization Meeting"
2. Elect Chair of the School Committee

A motion was made to nominate M. Ogden as Chair of the School Committee by Z. Bhuju, seconded by J. McLean and approved by Roll Call Vote:

T. Currier – yes	P. Bernheart – yes	D. Casamassima – yes
Z. Bhuju – yes	M. Ogden – yes	J. McLean – yes
C. Bolzan – yes	W. Hodges – yes	K. Petrone – no
M. Alexander – yes	J. Horrigan – yes	

MOTION: Nominate M. Ogden as School Committee Chair
VOTE: 10-1, Motion Carried

3. Elect Vice-Chair of the School Committee

A motion was made to nominate J. McLean as Vice-Chair of the School Committee by C. Bolzan, seconded by P. Bernheart.

T. Currier asked if the nomination of the Vice Chair had to be a member from Boxford and could there be a second nomination. He added that the Vice Chair needs to be physically present at meetings when the Chair is not available. J. McLean's work schedule may not allow for this. J. McLean stated that there was a merger at his work that caused the travel in order to establish work groups over 3 continents. Travel is not necessary now except for a week or two which will be scheduled around School Committee meetings. Discussion followed regarding the tradition of towns rotating into Vice Chair and Chair seats and having a second nomination on the floor. M. Harvey clarified that according to Robert's Rules you can have a second nomination. The vote is taken on the candidate in the order that the nomination is made, if the first person nominated receives a majority vote then no additional nominations are considered. **A second motion was made to nominate Trevor Currier as Vice-Chair of the School Committee by K. Petrone, no second is required.**

First motion to elect J. McLean as Vice-Chair of the School Committee by Roll Call Vote:

T. Currier – no	P. Bernheart – yes	D. Casamassima – no
Z. Bhuju – yes	M. Ogden – yes	J. McLean – yes
C. Bolzan – yes	W. Hodges – yes	K. Petrone – no
M. Alexander – yes	J. Horrigan – yes	

MOTION: Nominate J. McLean as School Committee Vice-Chair
VOTE: 8-3, Motion Carried

C. **Remarks from the Chair** – M. Ogden thanked everyone who ran for School Committee and welcomed the new members. She reviewed her first term on the School Committee in 2020 and that "we must move forward together". She reviewed the upcoming projects to be accomplished by the School Committee. M. Ogden reviewed the work done by the School Committee members and asked that everyone be respectful of each other, put the students first, be kind, flexible and work together.

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

E. **Review School Committee Protocols** – School Committee and Superintendent Roles Graphic – M. Harvey and M. Ogden reviewed the School Committee protocols. Each member read aloud the protocols and signed the protocol document. M. Ogden explained that the School Committee's work is similar to a legislative body creating policy and the superintendent carries out the policies with the leadership team. M. Harvey reviewed the graphic showing the School Committee and Superintendent individual roles and overlapping roles.

F. **Review Sub-Committee Composition** – M. Ogden explained that there are three major sub-committees, Community Relations, Budget and Policy. The other sub-committees are Anti-Racism, Turf Up, Negotiations, Liaison. Capital Budget and Strategic Planning will be added while others will be combined. M. Ogden asked that each member fill out the form indicating which sub-committees they want to be involved with. Roles of the sub-committees were reviewed.

G. **Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of Minutes of April 26, 2023, Meeting Minutes.
2. Warrants $2,802,021.54 (23) Warrants signed since April 26, 2023.
3. Accept Wellness MEF Grant in the Amount of $1000.
4. Accept Rotary Gift to the Class of 2023 Senior Honors Banquet.
5. Accept Master Teacher MEF Grant in the amount of $1046.

C. Bolzan asked to correct the name of the speaker supporting Turf Up.

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

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

The Meeting was adjourned by M. Ogden at 7:43pm.

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. School Committee Policy BDA
3. School Committee Protocols
4. Subcommittee Composition
5. School Committee and Superintendent Roles Graphic