

MASCONOMET REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

**October 11, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Ogden, Chair, Topsfield  
T. Currier, Middleton  
W. Hodges, Topsfield  
J. Horrigan, Boxford  
E. Clements, Boxford  
M. Alexander, Middleton  
J. McLean, Vice Chair, Boxford  
D. Casamassima, Middleton  
Z. Bhuj, Topsfield  
C. Bolzan, Boxford, 7:20 pm  
K. Petrone, Middleton

MEMBERS ABSENT: J. Sands, Asst. Supt. & Chief Procurement Officer

OTHERS PRESENT: M. Harvey, Superintendent  
L. Bennett, Assistant Supt. For Student Services

- A. **Call to Order** – M. Ogden, Chair, called the regular meeting of the School Committee of October 11, 2023, to Order at 7:03pm, at the High School Library.
- B. **Executive Session** - M. Ogden made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the deployment of security personnel or devises, or strategies with respect thereto and will return to Open Session, it was seconded by Z. Bhuj and unanimously approved by Roll Call vote:

M. Ogden – yes	K. Petrone – yes	T. Currier – yes	Z. Bhuj – yes
D. Casamassima – yes	W. Hodges – yes	J. Horrigan – yes	
E. Clements – yes	J. McLean – yes	M. Alexander – yes	

- C. **Remarks from the Chair** – M. Ogden acknowledged National Mental Health Day and added that Masco has a number of resources available. She also acknowledged the war in the Middle East which touches all of us. Masco is a welcoming community, please reach out if you need someone to talk to.

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

- E. **SAB Report** – Lilia Thomas, a junior, informed the SC that Student Representative interviews have been completed. Boo Bags will be available this fall. There will not be a homecoming dance this year, and students are hopeful there will be one next year. The Activities Fair for the freshmen was a big success.
- F. **Second Reading of Policy Section L** – A motion to accept Policy Section L as presented was made by C. Bolzan, seconded by M. Alexander.  
W. Hodges asked if any further changes had been made since the last reading. T. Currier informed the SC that no further changes were made.

**MOTION: Approve Policy Section L**

**VOTE: 10-0, Motion Carried**

- G. **First Reading of Select Policies from Section I** – Bhujju made a Motion to approve Policies from Section I as presented, it was seconded by C. Bolzan. T. Currier reviewed the changes in Section I as follows:
- IHBH – use MASC version with edits
  - IHA – remove
  - IHA – remove
  - IHE – remove
  - IHAM – keep Masco version with change to Wellness Department Head
  - IHAM-R – no changes
  - IHAMA – keep MASC version
  - IHAMB – added nicotine and cannabis to policy and changed to grades 7-12
  - IHB – revised title of policy, changed to 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday and changed children with special needs to students with disabilities
  - IHBA – adopt MASC version
  - IHBAA – title of the policy changed, Lynne’s title corrected and paragraph 9 changed to read observer be required to submit report beforehand
  - IHBD – adopt MASC version
  - IHBEA – adopt MASC version with edits
  - IHBF – correct Lynne’s title and keep Masco version
  - IHBG – change children to students, pronoun correction and struck “school” in paragraph 1
  - IHBGE – rescind
  - IHBG-R – no changes
  - IHBH – MASC version with change to post graduate success
  - IHBH-E – revoke
  - IHC – tabled
  - IHCA – adopt MASC version
  - IHB – changes allowing Administration to make decisions regarding class sizes with an annual report to the SC. Discussion followed regarding class size guidelines and reasoning for the decisions made
  - IJ – corrected cross references and legal references

**Z. Bhujju amended her Motion to approve Section I policies as updated, it was seconded by W. Hodges and unanimously approved.**

**MOTION: Approve Selected Policies, Section I**  
**VOTE: 10-0, Motion Carried**

- H. **MASC Conference Delegate Selection** – W. Hodges will attend the Conference.
- I. **Approve MOA with Masconomet Teachers Association re: Stipend** – M. Ogden reviewed the stipends paid to advisors for clubs and programs. The Rocketry Club and Poetry Club are entering their 3<sup>rd</sup> year, and the stipend will be 100% for FY24. The Fashion Club, Global Arts Club, and National Art Honor Society are all in their 2<sup>nd</sup> year and the stipend will be 50% for FY24. M. Harvey stated that this is part of the CBA.

**A motion was made by T. Currier to approve the MOU as presented, it was seconded by C. Bolzan and unanimously approved.**

**MOTION: Approve MOU**

**VOTE: 10-0, Motion Carried**

- J. **Superintendent's Report** – M. Harvey acknowledged the Commended Students in National Merit Scholarship Program. The top 50,000 students in the nation took PSATs. The Drama Club will perform “A Miracle Worker” on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Turf Up had a meeting with Stantec to review the latest schematic design which included 2 turf fields, concession stand and restroom building, press box, seating for field 1 and seating for field 2. The next step is for Stantec to create the design to build documents. There will be 8 students and 2 teachers visiting from France from 10/16-10/27 and attending classes. The Strategic Plan survey closes 10/15. Once a month coffee with the Superintendent and Principal coffee chats will be held 10/20 for MS and 10/27 for HS in their respective libraries from 8:30-9:00 am. T. Currier asked if there will be a community forum regarding the Turf Up design. Yes, when this will be done.

**K. Sub-Committee Reports**

Community Relations – the next meeting is Friday at 1pm via zoom and the agenda includes brainstorming ideas.

DCI/Budget – will be rescheduling the meeting scheduled for tomorrow night due to conflict with the negotiations sub-committee.

Anti-Racism – met 9/27 and discussed goals.

Policy – rescheduling the next meeting.

Liaison Updates – K. Petrone attended a portion of the SEPAC meeting, and they are showing “Chasing Childhood” 11/13 at the HS Library.

T. Currier informed the SC that the DECA Team is doing a project on Turf Up.

Negotiations – next meeting is Thursday for an Executive Session at 7:00pm.

**L. Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of Minutes of September 6, 2023, and September 20, 2023.
2. Warrants \$1,416,627.24 (09) Warrants signed since September 20, 2023.
3. Approve NYC Field Trip.

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

**MOTION: Approve Consent Agenda**

**VOTE: 10-0, Motion Carried**

**After the vote, the minutes were pulled for from the Consent Agenda for edits and tabled to the next meeting for approval.**

The next meeting will be held October 25, 2023, at 7:00pm. The Meeting was adjourned by M. Ogden at 8:52pm.

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. Policy Section L
3. Policy Section I
4. MASC Delegate Form
5. MOA with Masconomet Teachers Association
6. Superintendent Report
7. Consent Agenda