



# NASHOBA Regional School Committee

## Meeting Agenda

March 27, 2024

6:30 PM

Remote via Zoom Technology  
and live streaming



The Nashoba Regional School Committee adheres to Open Meeting Law (OML) Regulations.

In response to concerns about the potential for privacy and safety violations embedded in Zoom, the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) has shared preliminary guidance for conducting meetings and online learning. Recommendations include sending the link only to those participating in the meeting (committee members, superintendent, presenters) and requiring a password. Other recommendations include having the local cable channel livestream or otherwise broadcast the meeting to make it accessible to the public, and either taking public comments off the agenda or asking that comments be emailed to the Chair who can read them at the meeting.

While public comment is not a requirement of the Open Meeting Law, our school committee wants to continue to include it as part of our agenda. Our protocol for Citizens' Comments was recently updated. It is as follows: *Any individual interested in speaking to an issue which is on the agenda or within the School Committee's authority during the Public Comment portion of a School Committee meeting held over Zoom shall sign up to speak by emailing [nrsc@nrsc.net](mailto:nrsc@nrsc.net) at least 1 hour before the meeting, with a subject line "PUBLIC COMMENT FOR (DATE) MEETING". The chairperson will respond to the participant with the zoom link prior to the start of the meeting, and copy the Zoom host via email. The Zoom host will then allow the individual to join the meeting during the Public Comment segment of the meeting, which is usually the first 15 minutes. The individual shall display their full name and town of residence on screen when they join the Zoom meeting. Individuals will be called upon to speak in the order in which their requests were received. Each individual's comment shall be in accordance with [Policy BEDH](#) After the comment is read, the individual will be asked to leave the Zoom meeting. If the individual does not leave, the Zoom host will remove the participant*

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| I.   | Call to order of Regular Meeting and Pledge of Allegiance  | 6:30 PM |
| II.  | Citizens Comments  | 6:35 PM |
| III. | Consent Agenda (Vote)                                      | 6:40 PM |
|      | a) Draft Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2024                 |         |
|      | b) Warrants of March 29, 2024                              |         |
| IV.  | School Committee Chairperson Update                        | 6:45 PM |
| V.   | Student Representative Report                              | 6:50 PM |
|      | Hansi Kommanavancha and Ava Wyman                          |         |
| VI.  | Superintendent's Report                                    | 7:00 PM |
|      | <b>Announcements</b>                                       |         |
|      | ● Field Trip Updates                                       |         |
|      | ● March 15 - Pave Your Path, Full Day PD Update & Feedback |         |

### Updates on Strategic Work

- Innovation Pathways Update (Presentation)
- Calm, Compassionate Teaching Approach, Dr. Larry Epstein (Presentation)

- VII. New Business 7:20 PM
- a) Dr. Larry Epstein, Calm Compassionate Teaching
  - b) Innovation Pathways Presentation
  - c) RSVVA (Retirees School Volunteers Association) Donation to FSS
  - d) School Lunch Policies-First Reading
  - e) Technology Policies-First Reading
  - f) C.M. Agreement Amendment (vote)
  - g) Grant authority to the N.R.H.S. Building Committee to approve all future project-related contracts/amendments (vote)
  - h) Grant Superintendent Downing authority to sign future C.M. Agreement Amendment approved by the School Building Committee(vote)
- IX. Finance and Operations 8:20 PM
- a) February Operating Report
  - b) Approval of FY24 FC161 Evaluate and Select HQIM Network Support Grant (vote)
  - c) Approval of FY24 FC274 New IEP Implementation Grant (vote)
- X. Unfinished Business 8:30 PM
- a) Student Opportunity Act (Vote)
- XI. Sub Committee/Advisory Reports 8:35 PM
- Subcommittee Reports (IO)
- a) Budget and Warrant Report Mr. Horesh will report
  - b) Communication Ms. Poch will report
  - c) NRHS School Building Committee Mr. Gleason will report
  - d) Personnel Report Ms. Poch will report
  - e) Policy Report Ms. Vessels will report
- Advisory Committee Reports (IO)
- a) Audit Advisory Ms. Ellis will report
  - b) Diversity, Equity, Acceptance and Racial Justice Advisory (DEARJ) Dr. Reinert will report
  - c) Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) Ms. Devine will report
- XII. Items for Next Agenda 8:55 PM
- XIII. Adjourn (Vote) 9:00 PM

Postings can be found at:

<https://www.nrsd.net/o/nrsd/page/sc-agendas-minutes-and-meeting-materials-23-24>

Posted 3/25/24 at 2:27 pm

**Leah Vivirito (Stow Rep.) – Chairperson**  
**Joseph Gleason (Lancaster Rep.) - Secretary**  
 Mike Horesh – Bolton Representative  
 Dr. Jacki Reinert – Lancaster Representative  
 Karen Devine – Stow Representative  
 Scott Powell – Stow Representative

**Amy Cohen (Bolton Rep). Vice Chairperson**  
 Amy Vessels – Bolton Representative  
 Shandor Simon – Lancaster Representative  
 Sharon Poch– Lancaster Representative  
 Dana Ellis – Stow Representative

Kirk Downing, Superintendent  
 Laura Friend, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning  
 Ross Mulkerin, Director of Finance and Operation