

NORTH READING PUBLIC SCHOOLS
North Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Open Session

Date: July 27, 2015

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Distance Learning Lab at North Reading High School

School Committee Members Present

Clifford Bowers

Julie Koepke

Janene Imbriano

Gerald Venezia

Mel Webster

Staff Members Present

Jon Bernard – Superintendent of Schools

Patrick Daly – Assistant Superintendent

Michael Connelly – Director of Finance and Operations

Cindy Elmore – Recording Secretary

Visitors: Ms. Lana Simone, Mr. Dan Tomasello (of the North Reading Transcript)

I. Executive Session

At 6:44 p.m. the Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Mr. Bowers pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing ongoing legal matters and school safety and security measures and to return to Open Session. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

At 6:57 p.m. the Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Mr. Bowers to return to Open Session. Motion passed 5-0..

II. Call to Order Open Session:

Chairperson Ms. Janene Imbriano called the Open Session to order at 7:05 PM.

III. A. Public Input:

There was no public input.

III. B.1. MSBA/SSBC Update:

- a. Abatement of the former High School progressing well and building demolition is anticipated to begin in August
- b. Concrete work on the main entrance plaza continues
- c. Concrete work at the north (gymnasium) entrance continues

- d. Binder course paving has taken place at the Tennis Courts and Team Room (final course scheduled for late July/early August)
- e. Air balancing is ongoing; progressing towards F building
- f. Air Handler units start-up has begun. Four of six units are operational
- g. Interior casework is close to completion; work is currently taking place in the science classrooms
- h. Punchlist work continues in the High School and E 2 story building 2nd floor was “punched” on July 20th. Remaining portions of the Middle School building will be “punched” in stages over the next three weeks.
- i. Floors in Middle School are being waxed
- j. The next SSBC meeting is July 28, 2015.

III. C.1. Dr. Patrick Daly, Assistant Superintendent – PARCC Review

Dr. Daly provided a presentation that recaps the administration of the PARCC test this past school year. Dr. Daly also reviewed locally collected survey data and other relevant information as it relates to PARCC.

III. C.2. North Reading Middle School French Club Proposal

Superintendent Bernard presented a proposal for a French Club at the Middle School.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Bowers and seconded by Mr. Webster to approve the one year pilot of a French Club at the North Reading Middle School. Motion passed 5-0.

III. C.3. Annual Municipal Review of Town Owned Land

The School Committee conducted the annual review of Municipal Property owned by the Town but not under any jurisdiction. At this time the School Committee has no interest in any of the Town parcels.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Bowers and seconded by Ms. Koepke to recommend that the School Department has no interest in Town owned parcels. Motion passed 5-0.

III. C.4. October 5, 2015 Town Meeting Warrant Articles

The School Committee discussed items that would need to be submitted for the Town Meeting warrant. The deadline for submitting warrant articles is August 17, 2015. The Committee authorized the School Department to submit an article to authorize funding for the Little School Roof.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Bowers and seconded by Mr. Webster to authorize the Superintendent and Director of Finance and Operations to submit an article for funding the Little School Roof. Motion passed 5-0.

III. C.5. North Reading High School: Program for International Student Assessment (PISA)

North Reading High School has again been selected to participate in the Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) in 2015.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Bowers and seconded by Mr. Webster to approve North Reading High School participating in the Program for International Student Assessment. Motion passed 5-0.

III. E.1. Minutes:

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Mr. Bowers to approve the June 22, 2015 Executive Session minutes as written. Motion passed 5-0.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Mrs. Koepke to approve the June 22, 2015 Open Session minutes as written. Motion passed 5-0.

III. E.2. Budget Update:

Director of Finance and Operations, Mr. Connelly, presented the FY15 end of year budget review.

III. E.3. Staffing:

No staffing update at this time.

III. E.4. Bids and Donations:

Superintendent Bernard requested the acceptance of the following donation:

- Little School PTO: \$110.70 donation to purchase headphones for students in kindergarten for use in the computer labs.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Mr. Venezia to accept with gratitude a \$110.70 donation from the Little School PTO to be used to purchase headphones for students in kindergarten for use in the computer labs. Motion passed 5-0.

- Little School PTO: \$5,185.50 donation to help support the cost of speakers for SMART Boards.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mrs. Koepke and seconded by Mr. Venezia to accept with gratitude a \$5,185.50 donation from the Little School PTO to help support the cost of speakers for SMART Boards.

- Little School PTO: \$864.50 donation to support expenses associated with the Little School drama program.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Bowers and seconded by Mr. Webster to accept with gratitude a \$864.50 donation from the Little School PTO to help support the expenses associated with the Little School drama program.

- Hood School Parents' Association: \$1,100.00 donation to help support the costs associated with second and fifth grade field trips.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Mr. Bowers to accept with gratitude a \$1,100.00 donation from the Hood School Parents' Association to help support the costs associated with a grade 2 and grade 5 field trip. Motion passed 5-0.

- Batchelder School Parents' Organization: \$698.00 donation to support the purchase of science kits.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Bowers and seconded by Mrs. Koepke to accept with gratitude a \$698.00 donation from the Batchelder School Parents' Organization to purchase science kits. Motion passed 5-0.

- Batchelder School Parents' Organization: \$6,000.00 donation to purchase music equipment and make courtyard improvements.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Bowers and seconded by Mr. Webster to accept with gratitude a \$6,000.00 donation from the Batchelder School Parents' Organization to be used to purchase music equipment and make courtyard improvements. Motion passed 5-0.

- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Borek: \$450.00 donation to help fund the purchase of music equipment and make courtyard improvements at the Batchelder School.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Bowers and seconded by Mrs. Koepke to accept with gratitude a \$450.00 donation from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Borek to help fund the purchase of music equipment and make courtyard improvements at the Batchelder School. Motion passed 5-0.

III. F.1. Subcommittee Reports:

Subcommittee Schedule:

a) Athletic Subcommittee	August 4, 2015	12:30 PM
b) SSBC	July 28, 2015	5:30 PM
c) NORCAM BOAD	August 27, 2015	7:00 PM
d) Policy Subcommittee	TBD	3:00 PM
e) Finance Planning Team	TBD	8:15 AM

III. F.2. Administrative Report:

- Update: Little School Roof Restoration Project/MSBA Reimbursement: On July 24, 2015, the documents required by the Massachusetts School Building Authority, including documentation of a reserve funds transfer for the cost of an Owner's Project Manager and Feasibility Study and Schematic Design for the project (\$40,000) were mailed to the MSBA in advance of the August 3, 2015 deadline.
- 2015-2016 School Year: Information and important dates as they relate to the 2015-2016 school year:
 - August 25 & 26, 2015 (Tuesday and Wednesday)
 - New Teacher Orientation Program
 - August 31 & September 1, 2015 (Monday & Tuesday)
 - Optional Classroom Set-up Days and Technology Orientation for Middle School Educators
 - September 2, 2015 (Wednesday)
 - Open House for Middle School Students
 - Grade 6: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
 - Grades 7 & 8: 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
 - September 8, 2015 (Tuesday)
 - Opening Day for Faculty and Staff
 - 8:30 a.m.: Middle School/High School PAC
 - September 9, 2015 (Wednesday)
 - First Day of School: Grades 1-12
 - September 11, 2015 (Friday)
 - First Day of School for Pre-K and Kindergarten
 - September 30, 2015 (Wednesday: Tentative)
 - Community Open House/Ribbon Cutting for the new North Reading Middle School: 6:30 p.m.
- "National Night Out": The Community Impact Team is hosting "National Night Out" on Tuesday, August 4, 2015, at Ipswich River Park from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Informational Presentation: The Community Impact Team is hosting an informational presentation, "Persistent Marijuana Use and Neuropsychological Decline," at the Town Hall, August 5, 2015.

III. F.3. Correspondence:

- 2015 Advanced Placement Scores from Principal Loprete, NRHS
- Governor Baker Community Compact Cabinet: Town Administrator Michael Gilleberto and Selectman Michael Prisco have recommended that the Town of North Reading and North Reading School District participate in the Community Compact Cabinet regarding EDC and Infrastructure

Development. There was a consensus among the School Committee Members to move this forward with the interest being in the area of Administration and Finance. The School Committee requested that the Superintendent craft a letter to the Town Administrator noting the stated interest.

IV. Future Business:

August 24, 2015 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting, NRHS DLL
(5:30 p.m. for continuation of Goal Setting Workshop)

V. Adjournment:

The Committee voted on a motion made by Mr. Bowers and seconded by Mrs. Koepke to adjourn at 8:50 pm. Motion passed 5-0.

Documents and Exhibits:

1. PARCC Update: PowerPoint Presentation
2. Letter of Intent to Create a Middle School French Club
3. Annual Municipal Review – Town Owned Land
4. Memo regarding Town Warrant Deadline
5. MADESE letter announcing NRHS participation in the Program for International Student Assessment (PISA)
6. Minutes: Executive Session – June 22, 2015
7. Minutes: Open Session – June 22, 2015
8. FY15 Final Budget Report
9. Gift Acceptance memo: Little School PTO
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12. Gift Acceptance memo: Hood School Parents' Association
13. Gift Acceptance memo: Batchelder School Parents' Organization
14. Gift Acceptance memo: Batchelder School Parents' Organization
15. Gift Acceptance memo: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Borek
16. Community Impact Team Flyer "Persistent Marijuana Use and Neuropsychological Decline"
17. 2015 Advanced Placement Scores – NRHS
18. Memo from Michael Gilleberto regarding: Governor Baker Community Compact Cabinet