

NORTH READING PUBLIC SCHOOLS
North Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Open Session

Date: December 14, 2015

Time: 7:08 PM

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

Dr. Patrick Daly – Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Michael Connelly – Director of Finance and Operations

Cindy Elmore – Recording Secretary

Visitors: Nicolas O’Connell (Student Representative – Class of 2016), North Reading High School Faculty and Students, Mr. Dan Tomasello (of the North Reading Transcript)

I. Executive Session

At 6:08 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 enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing school safety and security protocols, and to admit Police Chief Michael Murphy and Brandon Flanagan of COPsync911. Motion passed 5-0 a roll call vote.

At 7:02 p.m. the Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Bowers and seconded by Mr. Webster to return to Open Session. Motion passed 5-0.

II. Call to Order Open Session:

Chair Janene Imbriano called the Open Session to order at 7:08 PM.

III. A. Public Input:

No public input at this time.

III. B. Student Input:

Nicolas O’Connell, Class of 2016 provided the student report and presented his class work.

III. D.1. Presentation: North Reading High School

Tonight was the first of the five school presentations to be made to the School Committee in the 2015-2016 school year. Mr. AJ Loprete, Principal, and members of the High School faculty and students made a presentation to the School Committee. This included "Preparing Students for the Redesigned SAT" by Ms. Kate Dabrieo and Mr. Shawn Plassmann; "Art Class: Another Dimension" by Mr. Andrew Dexter; and "A Commitment to Community" by members of the NRHS Student Council.

III. C.1. MSBA/SSBC Update:

- a. Work continues to address the punch list items at both the Middle School and High School.
- b. Lower site restoration (drain line, electrical, fields, parking). This continues through the month of December, will stop during the winter, and will resume in spring, 2016.
- c. Reports of late indicated that the target for the substantial completion of the work at the site of the former high school remains a focus for completion by the end of the calendar year.
- d. The next SSBC meeting is scheduled for December 22, 2015.

III. D.2. Presentation: North Reading High School Hockey Team

Mr. AJ Loprete, Principal of NRHS, requested permission, on behalf of the North Reading High School Hockey Team and Athletic Director David Johnson, to stay overnight on Cape Cod so that the team may participate in an Invitational Tournament (February 15-16, 2016).

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Ms. Koepke to approve the North Reading High School Hockey Team's overnight trip to Cape Cod, February 15-16, 2016. Motion passed 5-0.

III. D.3. Presentation: 2015 PARCC Results

Dr. Patrick Daly, Assistant Superintendent, provided a presentation on the Spring 2015 PARCC results.

III. D.4. Policy JQE: Pregnant Students

Policy JQE: Pregnant Students was presented for a first reading.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Mr. Venezia to approve the first reading of Policy JQE: Pregnant Students. Motion passed 5-0.

III. E.1. Minutes:

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Koepke and seconded by Mr. Bowers to approve the November 16, 2015 Open Session minutes as written. Motion passed 5-0.

III. E.2. Budget Update:

(a.) Mr. Connelly, Director of Finance and Operations provided a Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Update. (b.) Mr. Connelly and Superintendent Bernard also spoke about unfunded state and federal mandates. (c.) Mr. Connelly reviewed a listing of gifts and donations to date for the current fiscal year and a memo recommending a Booster and Support Group Application Recognition (North Reading High School Lacrosse Boosters).

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Venezia and seconded by Mr. Bowers to recognize the North Reading High School Lacrosse Boosters as a support group whose mission is consistent with the North Reading Public Schools' mission and School Committee policies and authorize the School Administration to have a collaborative working relationship with them for the betterment of the North Reading Public Schools and its fine programs.
Motion passed 5-0.

III. E.3. Staffing:

Superintendent Bernard and the Director of Finance and Operations, on behalf of North Reading High School, requested permission to hire a third assistant coach to complement the coaching staff of the boys and girls' winter track program, which has a current enrollment of 95 students. The stipend for the position is \$3,240 to \$4,266 depending upon candidate qualifications.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Mr. Venezia to approve a third winter track coach at the cost of \$3,240 to \$4,266.
Motion passed 5-0.

III. E.4. Bids and Donations:

Superintendent Bernard requested the acceptance of the following donation:

- North Reading High School Hall of Fame Association; donation of \$300.00 for the Little School, \$300.00 for the Middle School, and \$100.00 each at the Batchelder and Hood Schools for the purchase of physical education equipment. The proceeds were generated from participation in this year's Thanksgiving Day "Turkey Trot."

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Mr. Bowers to accept with gratitude an \$800.00 donation to be used at the elementary schools and middle school for the purchase of physical education equipment, donated by the North Reading High School Hall of Fame Association. Motion passed 5-0.

III. F.1. Subcommittee Reports:

Ms. Koepke gave a legislative update.

Subcommittee Schedule:

a) Policy Subcommittee	December 15, 2015	2:30 PM
b) NORCAM BOAD	December 17, 2015	7:00 PM
c) Finance Planning Team	December 18, 2015	8:15 AM
d) Athletic Subcommittee	December 22, 2015	12:30 PM
e) SSBC	December 22, 2015	5:30 PM
f) Evaluation Subcommittee	TBD	3:15 PM

III. F.2. Administrative Report:

No administrative report at this time.

III. F.3. Correspondence:

No correspondence at this time.

IV. Future Business:

January 4, 2016	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting, NRHS Distance Learning Lab
January 19, 2016	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting, Batchelder School Cafeteria

V. Adjournment:

The Committee voted on a motion made by Ms. Koepke and seconded by Mr. Webster to adjourn at 9:25 pm. Motion passed 5-0.

Documents and Exhibits:

1. Student work
2. NRHS Presentation Agenda
3. Request for NRHS Hockey Team overnight trip February 15-16, 2016
4. North Reading Assessment Updated PARCC
5. Policy: JQE – Pregnant Students
6. Minutes: Open Session – November 16, 2015
7. FY16 Budget Report
8. Impact of Unfunded State Mandate Project
9. FY16 Gifts and Donations to Date
10. Booster and Support Group Application of Recognition
11. Gift Acceptance Memo: NRHS Hall of Fame Association