

North Reading Public Schools
North Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Open Session

Date: March 13, 2023

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Hybrid: J. Turner Hood Elementary / Virtual Meeting (+1 475-441-4825 / PIN: 932 356 195#)
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School Committee Members Present

Dyana Boutwell

Scott Buckley

Jeff Friedman

Rich McGowan (virtual)

Noelle Rudloff

Staff Members Present

Patrick Daly – Superintendent of Schools

Michael Connelly – Assistant Superintendent of Finance
and Operations

Cindy Elmore - Recording Secretary (not present)

I. Call to Order Open Session

Chair Scott Buckley called the Open Session to order at 6:30 pm.

II. A. Public Input: There was no public input.

II. B. Student Report:

Sucheta Srikanth, Class of 2025 provided the student report and presented her class work.

II. D.1. J. Turner Hood School Presentation:

Dr. Glen McKay, Principal of the Hood School shared the second presentation of the year from our five schools. Students and staff made presentations.

II. D.2. School Committee Award of Appreciation:

Ms. Karly Ronan, Hood School Special Education Teacher and three of her students gave a presentation about the benefits of having Logan, a comfort/therapy dog, in their reading classroom.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Friedman and seconded by Ms. Rudloff to provide the Award of Appreciation to Jeff Borkowski and Logan the Comfort Dog. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

II. D.3. FY'24 Preliminary School Budget Presentation:

Mr. Michael Connelly, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations presented the FY'24 preliminary budget. The FY'24 Preliminary Budget represents a starting point for budget deliberations. There is an April 3, 2023 School Committee FY'24 Budget Workshop and a FY'24 Public Budget Hearing set for the April 10, 2023 School Committee meeting.

II. C.1. Second Reading, Policy IHC-R: Grading, Weighted Grade Point Averages and Class Rank

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Friedman and seconded by Ms. Rudloff to approve the second reading of Policy IHC-R, Grading, Weighted Grade Point Average and Class Rank. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

II. D.4. First Reading, Policy IMG:

Policy IMG which relates to Animals in School was discussed and it was determined the Policy Subcommittee will present the policy at the next School Committee meeting.

II. E.1 Minutes: No minutes to approve.

II. E.2. Budget Update: No budget update.

II. E.3 Staffing: No staffing update.

II. E.4. Bids and Donations: No bids or donations

II. F.1. Subcommittee Reports:

Mr. Buckley and Mr. McGowan gave an update of the March 10, 2023 Finance Planning Team meeting.

Ms. Boutwell and Mr. McGowan gave an update of the March 7, 2023 Athletic Subcommittee meeting.

Ms. Rudloff gave an update of the March 8, 2023 Fine Arts Subcommittee meeting.

Future Subcommittee Schedule

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| • The Athletic Subcommittee | March 23, 2023 | 12:00 PM |
| • The Fine Arts Subcommittee | March 24, 2023 | 3:15 PM |
| • Finance Planning Team | March 25, 2023 | 8:15 AM |

II. F.2 Administrative Report:

• **Snow Day March 14, 2023**

In preparation for the Nor'easter expected on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, the District moved the previously scheduled half day from Wednesday to Tuesday. This would allow for a potential delayed opening on Wednesday if needed. This is all pending on the intensity of the storm.

II. F.3. Correspondence: None at this time.

III. Future Business:

Monday	March 27, 2023	6:30 PM	North Reading Middle School Presentation
Monday	April 3, 2023	8:45 AM	Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Workshop
Monday	April 10, 2023	6:30 PM	Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Public Hearing
Monday	April 24, 2023	6:30 PM	Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Vote

IV. Adjournment:

The Committee voted on a motion made by Mr. Friedman and seconded by Ms. Rudloff to adjourn at 9:21 pm. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

Documents and Exhibits:

1. Hood School Presentation Agenda
2. NRPS – FY24 Preliminary School Budget
3. Policy IHC-R – Grading, Weighted Grade Point Average and Class Rank