

North Reading Public Schools
North Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Open Session

Date: October 5, 2020

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Virtual Meeting (+1 904-580-9336 / PIN: 206-974-989#) meet.google.com/wdm-iows-urq

School Committee Members Present

Scott Buckley

Janene Imbriano

Chris Pappavaselio

Rich McGowan

Dyana Boutwell (not present)

Staff Members Present

Patrick Daly – Superintendent of Schools

Michael Connelly – Assistant Superintendent of Finance
and Operations

Cindy Elmore –Recording Secretary

I. Call to Order Open Session

Chair Scott Buckley called the Open Session to order at 6:00 pm.

Executive Session

The Committee voted on a motion by Mrs. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. McGowan pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21, to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and litigation, and to return to Open Session. Motion passed 4-0 on a roll call vote.

Mr. Buckley called the Open Session back to order at 6:31 pm.

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

II. B. Student Report:

Ms. Shivani Srikanth gave the first student report of the year, including the upcoming student elections at the High School.

II. C.1. Reopening Update:

Dr. Daly addressed the procedure and protocols that were used when a teacher at the Hood School was diagnosed with Covid-19.

Also discussed was the criteria if North Reading falls in the Massachusetts “red zone”, the bus schedule/runs, sports/spectators, hybrid model and extra-curricular activities.

II. D.1. Academic Calendar:

The School Committee reviewed and voted to accept the changes to the 2020-21 school year Academic Calendar.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. McGowan to approve the revised academic calendar for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion passed 4-0 on a roll call vote.

II. D.2. School Committee Calendar: No changes needed to be discussed.

II. D.3. Batchelder School Principal Search Timeline:

The School Committee reviewed and agreed with the proposed Batchelder Principal Search Timeline.

II. D.3. School Committee Goals:

The School Committee reviewed and accepted the 2020-21 School Committee Goals.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. McGowan to approve the 2020-21 School Committee Goals. Motion passed 4-0 on a roll call vote.

II. E.1 Minutes:

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. McGowan to approve the September 24, 2020 Open Session minutes as written. Motion passed 4-0 on a roll call vote.

II. E.2. Budget Update:

Mr. Connelly, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations presented the first budget update of fiscal year 2021 including expenses related to the COVID-19 virus.

II. E.3 Staffing: There were no staffing updates.

II. E.4. Bids and Donations:

- Salem State University: \$500.00 donation of a mini grant for STEM preparation

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to accept with gratitude a mini grant totaling \$500.00 from Salem State University to be used for STEM week preparation at North Reading Public Schools. Motion passed 4-0 on a roll call vote.

II. F.1 Subcommittee Update:

Mr. Buckley provided an update on the September 30, 2020 Finance Planning Team meeting.

Future Subcommittee Schedule

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| • Athletics Subcommittee | October 14, 2020 | 12:30 PM | Virtual |
| • Fine Arts Subcommittee | October 14, 2020 | 3:30 PM | Virtual |

II. F.2 Administrative Report: There was no administrative report.

II. F.3. Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

III. Future Business:

October 19, 2020 6:30 PM Regular Meeting – Virtual

November 5, 2020 6:30 PM Regular Meeting – Virtual

November 19, 2020 6:30 PM Regular Meeting - Virtual

IV. Adjournment:

The Committee voted on a motion made by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. McGowan to adjourn at 8:09 pm. Motion passed 4-0 on a roll call vote.

Documents and Exhibits:

1. 2020-2021 NRPS School Calendar
2. 2020-2021 School Committee Calendar
3. L.D. Batchelder School Principal Search Timeline
4. North Reading School Committee Goals 2020-2021
5. Minutes – Open Session – September 24, 2020
6. FY21 Budget Report
7. Gift Acceptance Memo – Salem State University