

**NORTH READING PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
North Reading, Massachusetts

**Regular Meeting of the School Committee**  
*Open Session*

Date: January 23, 2017  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Place: L.D. Batchelder School Cafeteria

***School Committee Members Present***

Clifford Bowers  
Julie Koepke  
Janene Imbriano  
Gerald Venezia  
Mel Webster

***Staff Members Present***

Jon Bernard – Superintendent of Schools  
Michael Connelly – Director of Finance and Operations  
Cindy Elmore – Recording Secretary

**Visitors:** Ms. Jerlin Kaithamattam (Student Representative), Mr. Sean Killeen (Principal, Batchelder Elementary School), faculty, students and parents of the Batchelder School, Ms. Leah Maihos (Drug Free Communities Grant Project Coordinator), Mr. Wayne Hardacker (Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds), Mr. Scott Buckley (NR Resident), Mr. Dan Tomasello (of the North Reading Transcript).

**I. Call to Order Open Session:**

Chairman Bowers called the Open Session to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Executive Session:**

*The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Ms. Imbriano pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21, to go into Executive Session to review collective bargaining strategies and to return to Open Session. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.*

*At 6:22 p.m. the Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to return to Open Session. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.*

**Open Session:**

Chairman Bowers called the Open Session back to order at 6:31 p.m.

**II. A. Public Input:**

No public input at this time.

**III. B. Student Input:**

Ms. Jerlin Kaithamattam gave the student report and presented a sample of her class work.

**III. D.1. Presentation: L.D. Batchelder School Faculty and Students Superintendent's Professional Practice Goal**

Tonight was the second of the five school presentations to be made to the School Committee in the 2016-2017 school year. Mr. Sean Killeen, Principal, and members of the L.D. Batchelder School faculty and students gave their presentation to the School Committee.

**III. D.2. Ms. Leah Maihos, Drug Free Communities Grant Project Coordinator; Student and Parent Survey**

Ms. Leah Maihos, Drug Free Communities Grant Project Coordinator gave a presentation regarding surveys that she wishes to have administered to students and parents in grades six through twelve to gather information needed to fulfill identified requirements of the community's recently acquired Drug Free Communities Grant.

*The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to allow the administration of the Pride Questionnaire for Grades 6-12 and the Parent Engagement and Perception Survey. Motion passed 5-0.*

**III. D.3. Presentation: Mr. Wayne Hardacker, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds**

Mr. Wayne Hardacker, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, provided his annual report to the School Committee.

**III. C.1. MSBA/SSBC Update**

- a. The water fountains throughout the campus continue to pose challenges; PMA representatives have been working collaboratively to try and resolve the issues as have school department personnel.
- b. The next SSBC meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2017.

**III. C.2. School Trip: North Reading High School International Travel Club**

At the January 9, 2017 meeting of the North Reading School Committee, Mr. Evan Noce, a teacher, English Department Curriculum Specialist, and faculty advisor to the International Travel Club at North Reading High School, presented a proposed trip for North Reading High School students to China (April 2018). This matter was tabled pending additional information on the role of the School Committee in allowing such trips. School Committee policies JHFA: Foreign Travel and JHFB: Late Night/Overnight Student Travel and the accompanying regulations (JHFB-R) and guidance from the School Committee's attorney, Mr. Liam O'Connell were reviewed.

*The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to approve the North Reading High School International Travel Club trip to China in April, 2018. Motion passed 4-1, Mr. Bowers voted no.*

**III. D.4. Before School Childcare Rates**

Mr. Michael Connelly, Director of Finance and Operations, gave a presentation on Before School Childcare rates. The School Committee voted to approve the proposed rate increase.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to approve the new rate schedule for Before School Childcare; 5 Days per week: \$85.00 per month (up from \$77.00), 4 Days per week: \$72.00 per month, (up from \$65.00), 3 Days - \$57.00 per month up from \$48.00, 2 Days – \$40.00 up from \$32.00 and 1 Day - \$20.00 up from \$16.00. Motion passed 5-0.

### **III. D.5. 2017-2018 Academic Calendar**

Superintendent Bernard reviewed the proposed draft of the 2017-2018 Academic Calendar.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to approve the 2017-2018 School Calendar. Motion passed 5-0.

### **III. E.1. Minutes:**

No minutes to approve at this time.

### **III. E.2. Budget Update:**

Mr. Michael Connelly, Director of Finance and Operations, provided a status report of the FY17 budget.

### **III. E.3. Staffing:**

There were no staffing updates.

### **III. E.4. Bids and Donations:**

There were no bids or donations to approve.

### **III. F.1. Subcommittee Reports:**

Mr. Venezia gave an update from the Secondary School Building Committee meeting held on January 10, 2017.

Mr. Webster gave an update from the Athletic Facilities Committee meeting held on January 12, 2017.

### **Subcommittee Schedule:**

a)	NORCAM BOD	January 26, 2017	7:00 PM
b)	Finance Planning Team	January 27, 2017	8:15 AM
c)	SSBC	January 31, 2017	5:30 PM
d)	Athletic Facilities Comm	January 31, 2017	6:30 PM
e)	Athletic Subcommittee	February 7, 2017	12:30 PM
f)	Evaluation Subcommittee	February 13, 2017	3:00 PM

**III. F.2. Administrative Report:**

No additional materials to distribute tonight.

**III. F.3. Correspondence:**

No correspondence at this time.

**IV. Future Business:**

February 6, 2017	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting – Distance Learning Lab NRMS/HS
February 27, 2017	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting – Distance Learning Lab NRMS/HS

**V. Adjournment:**

The Committee voted on a motion made by Ms. Koepke and seconded by Mr. Webster to adjourn at 8:48 pm. Motion passed 5-0.

**Documents and Exhibits:**

1. Student Representative – School Work
2. L.D. Batchelder Elementary School Presentation Agenda
3. Facilities Overview Report for School Committee – Dated January 23, 2017
4. FY17 Budget Report
5. 2017-2018 Before School Childcare Rates
6. The Pride Questionnaire for Grades 6-12
7. Parent Engagement and Perception Survey
8. 2017-2018 School Academic Calendar
9. Policy JHFA / Students / Foreign Travel
10. Policy JHFB and JHFB-R / Students / Late Night/Overnight Student Travel