

North Reading Public Schools
North Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Open Session

Date: December 10, 2020

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Virtual Meeting (+1 727-324-6230 / PIN: 361 528 579#) meet.google.com/ezz-tctp-yav

School Committee Members Present

Dyana Boutwell
Scott Buckley
Janene Imbriano
Rich McGowan
Chris Pappavaselio

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 6:31 pm.

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

II. B. Student Report:

Ms. Paris McAuliffe, Class of 2023, shared the student report.

II. C.1. Reopening Update:

Dr. Daly addressed updates on the progress of our schools in the fall of 2020-21 in the hybrid model. Updates included communication about the COVID-19 community level data, performing arts, winter sports, and other related topics. Mr. Connelly gave an update on the free meals program which has now been extended to weekends.

II. D.2. NRHS Extracurricular Activities Proposals:

Ms. Josephine Ferrante and Ms. Kelly Crossan presented a proposed new club “Team Cure” at North Reading High School.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to approve Team Cure as a new club at North Reading High School. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

Ms. Shivani Srikanth and Ms. Veronica Stantcheva presented a proposed new “Social Activism Club” at the North Reading High School.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to approve the Social Activism Club starting this year at the High School. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

II. D.3. Middle School Assistant Principal Update:

Dr. Daly recognized the appointment by Dr. O'Connell of Ms. Laura Oliveto to the role of Interim Assistant Principal of the North Reading Middle School.

II. D.4. Welcome to Administrators:

Dr. Daly introduced and welcomed Mr. Michael Maloney as Interim Principal of the L.D. Batchelder Elementary School, Mr. Sean Killeen, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, and Ms. Laura Oliveto, Interim Assistant Principal of the North Reading Middle School, to their new roles in the district.

II. D.5. COVID-19 Testing:

Dr. Daly and Dr. Meghan Tramontozzi, NRPS District Medical Doctor, provided an overview of the Abbott BinaxNOW Covid-19 Testing opportunity.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to approve pursuing the BinaxNOW Covid-19 testing opportunity. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

II. D.6. Enrollment Projections:

Mr. Connelly presented the updated three-to-five-to-ten-year enrollment projections and trends for the North Reading School District. Mr. Connelly also reviewed any impact on the development of the fiscal year 2022 budget.

II. C.2. First and Second Reading: Policies

The School Committee reviewed second readings of different policies. The approval of the procedures of each policy will be reviewed at future meeting.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to accept as the second reading the Non-Discrimination and Harassment Policy formerly known as AC to be made into Policy ABBA to replace the old ABBA Policy. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to accept the second reading to eliminate the following policies: GAAA, JCA and JCAD as they are redundant towards the ABBA Policy, and is noted on the ABBA Policy. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to accept the second reading of the Civil Rights Grievance Procedure known as ABBA-R1. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to accept the second reading of the Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure to be named ABBA-R2. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to accept the first reading to eliminate the following policy regulations: GAAA-R, JCA-R and JCAD-R as they are redundant to ABBA-R1 and ABBA-R2. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

- II. D.1** Mr. Buckley announced that the Hood School Presentation has been pushed back to a January meeting.

II. E.1 Minutes:

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded Mr. Pappavaselio to approve the November 19, 2020 Open Session minutes as written. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

II. E.2. Budget Update:

Mr. Connelly, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations presented the FY21 budget update reflecting financial activity through the end of November. In addition, Mr. Connelly presented the Student Activity Account report reflecting student activity account balances through the end of the first quarter, September 30, 2020. The district applied for a grant through the New England Dairy Council.

- II. E.3 Staffing:** No staffing updates.

II. E.4. Bids and Donations:

- Lily Feng: \$500.00 donation to be used at the Hood School at the Principal's discretion.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to accept with gratitude a generous donation of \$500.00 from Ms. Lilly Feng to be used at the Principal's discretion at the Hood School. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

II. F.2 Subcommittee Update:

Mr. Buckley gave an update of the December 1, 2020 Finance Planning Team meeting.

Future Subcommittee Schedule

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| • Policy Subcommittee | December 14, 2020 | 1:00 PM | Virtual |
| • Finance Planning Team | January 8, 2021 | 8:00 AM | Virtual |

II. F.2 Administrative Report:

- The Annual Report for the Northshore Collaborative is available
- The District has received a donation from the State of cloth face masks for each student
- Mr. Connelly participated on a call with the State about ventilation systems and possible future grants.

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

III. Future Business:

January 14, 2021 6:30 PM Regular Meeting – Virtual

January 28, 2021 6:30 PM Regular Meeting – Virtual

IV. Adjournment:

The Committee voted on a motion made by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to adjourn at 8:26 pm. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

Documents and Exhibits:

1. PowerPoint for Team Cure – Extracurricular Club proposal at NRHS
2. PowerPoint for Social Activism Club – Extracurricular club proposal at NRHS
3. PowerPoint – Abbott BinaxNOW COVID-19 Testing
4. PowerPoint – NRPS Enrollment Projections
5. Policy – Non-Discrimination and Harassment – ABBA
6. Procedure – Civil Rights Grievance Procedure – ABBA-R1
7. Minutes – November 19, 2020 – Open Session
8. FY21 Budget Report
9. Gift Acceptance Memo – Ms. Lily Feng