

**North Reading Public Schools**  
North Reading, Massachusetts

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

Date: January 28, 2021  
Time: 6:30 PM  
Place: Distance Learning Lab, North Reading High School  
Virtual Meeting (+1 470-705-3848 / PIN: 424 011 023#) [meet.google.com/vuq-hyat-umr](https://meet.google.com/vuq-hyat-umr)

***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. Gianna Naulivou, Class of 2022, shared the student report and her class work.

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

Dr. Glen McKay, Principal led the student and staff showcase of student learning, with a focus on kindness, as well as providing updates from the Hood School. Tonight, was the second of the five school presentations to be made to the School Committee in the 2020-21 school year.

**II. C.1. Hybrid Learning:**

Dr. Daly addressed updates on the progress of our schools in the 2020-21 school year in the hybrid model. Updates included communication about the COVID-19 testing, school data, the hybrid model, and other related topics.

**II. D.2. Elementary Performing Arts:**

Dr. Daly shared the recommendations of the administration for elementary performing arts.

**II. D.3. COVID-19 Pooled Testing:**

Dr. Daly presented an updated overview of the pool testing initiative with as much information as was available at this time.

**II. D.4. Second Reading: Policies GAE, GCH, and KN**

The School Committee reviewed the revisions of three policies.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to approve the second reading of Policy GCH and to keep the “track changes” as delineated in the document. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to approve the second reading of Policy GAE and to keep the “track changes” as delineated in the document. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to approve the second reading of Policy KN and to keep the “track changes” as delineated in the document. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

**II. E.1 Minutes:**

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded Mr. McGowan to accept the January 14, 2021 Executive Session minutes as written. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded Mr. McGowan to accept the January 14, 2021 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 provided an update on the status of the Invitation for Bid (IFB) for regular, athletic, and extra-curricular transportation that was due today, January 28, 2021. An official contract award, recommendations and pricing results will be presented at a later meeting in February.

In addition, Mr. Connelly provided a brief update on progress to date regarding the potential for a solar array project in North Reading. The status of Requests for Information (RFI) for this project with Reading Municipal Light Department (RMLD) was reviewed. There is a conference call scheduled for February 11<sup>th</sup> where results of potential viable solar array projects will be reviewed. If there are projects of interest that would generate revenue or save energy costs for North Reading, an official RFP will be issued in early March 2021.

**II. E.3 Staffing: No staffing update.****II. E.4. Bids and Donations:**

- Ross Mortgage Company, Inc.: \$250.00 in-kind donation of disinfectant wipe containers.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to accept with gratitude the in-kind donation of disinfectant wipe containers, valued at \$250.00 from Ross Mortgage Company, Inc. to be distributed, as needed, at the North Reading Public Schools. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

**II. F.1. Subcommittee Updates:**

Ms. Boutwell gave an update of the January 20, 2021 Athletic Subcommittee meeting.

Mr. Pappavaselio and Mr. McGowan gave an update of the January 20, 2021 Fine Arts Subcommittee meeting.

Mr. Buckley gave an update of the January 28, 2021 Budget Subcommittee meeting.

**Future Subcommittee Schedule**

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|---------------------------|------------------|---------|
| • Finance Planning Team   | February 5, 2021 | 8:00 AM |
| • Athletic Subcommittee   | March 17, 2021   | 1:00 PM |
| • Fine Arts Subcommittee  | March 17, 2021   | 3:30 PM |
| • Evaluation Subcommittee | February 4, 2021 |         |
| • Budget Subcommittee     | TBD              |         |

**II. F.2. Administrative Report:**

- Dr. Daly and Mr. Buckley brought up the topic of school start times for all grade levels for next year. This is an ongoing issue that is being reviewed by the administration. The Start Time Subcommittee will be meeting again soon.

**II. F.3. Correspondence:** There was no correspondence.**III. Future Business:**

February 8, 2021	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting – Virtual
March 4, 2021	6:30 PM	FY 2022 Preliminary Budget Presentation - Virtual

**IV. Adjournment:**

The Committee voted on a motion made by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio adjourn at 8:07 pm. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

**Documents and Exhibits:**

1. J. Turner Hood Elementary School Presentation Agenda
2. Protocols for responding to COVID-19 scenarios in school, on the bus, or in community settings.
3. Pooled Testing Program
4. Policy GAE – Grievances and Complaints
5. Policy GCH – Disciplinary Action
6. Policy KN – Public Complaints
7. Minutes – January 14, 2021 – Executive Session
8. Minutes – January 14, 2021 – Open Session
9. Gift Acceptance Memo – Ross Mortgage Company, Inc.