

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

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

Date: March 22, 2021

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Virtual Meeting: [meet.google.com/cxq-kauo-muy](https://meet.google.com/cxq-kauo-muy)

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***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 6:30 pm.

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

**II. B. Student Report:**

Ms. Paris McAuliffe, Class of 2023, shared the student report and her class work.

**II. C.1. 2020-21 School Year Update: Return to In-Person Plan**

Superintendent Daly provided 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, survey data, plans for a return to full in-person learning, Class of 2021 graduation and SAT testing.

Mr. David Johnson (Director of Athletics) updated the Committee on sports currently running and the spring sports schedule.

**II. D.1. North Reading Middle School Presentation**

Tonight represents the third of the five school presentations made to the School Committee in 2020-21 school year. Dr. Catherine O'Connell, Principal facilitated the presentation with members of the North Reading Middle School faculty and students.

**II. D.2. RMLD Solar Presentation**

Greg Phipps and Shawn Intorcio from Reading Municipal Light Department provided a high-level presentation on Solar Options for the North Reading School Department. The presentation reviewed results from the Request for Information (RFI) they administered during the summer/fall months.

**II. D.4. 2021-22 School Calendar**

Dr. Daly presented the proposed 2021-22 school calendar.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Pappavaselio and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to approve 2021-22 School Calendar, specifically the start date and all the dates but understanding that the times are still to be determined. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

**II. D.3. First Reading: Policy AEAB**

The School Committee reviewed first reading of policy AEAB.

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

**II. D.5. Mid-Year Update: School Committee Goals for 2020-21**

Ms. Imbriano conducted a mid-year review of the School Committee’s progress toward meeting its established goals for the 2020-21 school year. Dr. Daly highlighted the goals document to reflect the Superintendent’s determination of goals that the School Committee has addressed to date.

**II. E.1 Minutes:**

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to accept the March 4, 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 gave a FY21 budget update. He also provided the latest information on the status of current and new COVID-19 relief grants available to the School District.

Mr. Connelly also presented a proposed Town Meeting Article for the June 5, 2021 Annual Town Meeting, to transfer funds into the Special Education Stabilization fund.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Pappavaselio and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to approve to put forth the article for town meeting on funding the Special Education Stabilization fund. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

**II. E.3 Staffing:** No staffing update.**II. E.4. Bids and Donations:** None at this time.

**II. F.1. Subcommittee Update:**

Mr. Pappavaselio gave an update of the Fine Arts Subcommittee meeting held on March 17, 2021.

Ms. Imbriano gave an update of the Athletic Subcommittee meeting held on March 17, 2021.

**Future Subcommittee Meeting Schedule:**

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|--------------------------|---------------|---------|
| • Finance Planning Team  | April 6, 2021 | 8:00 AM |
| • Athletic Subcommittee  | May 19, 2021  | 1:00 PM |
| • Fine Arts Subcommittee | May 19, 2021  | 3:30 PM |

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

- The District has applied for the Community Project Funding grant through Representative Seth Moulton.
- The District is rolling out the Cybersecurity grant for year two; staff training started this week.

**II. F.3. Correspondence:** No correspondence.**II. Future Business:**

Wednesday, March 31, 2021	3:00 PM	Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Workshop
Thursday, April 15, 2021	6:30 PM	Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Public Hearing
Wednesday, April 28, 2021	3:00 PM	Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Workshop

**IV. Adjournment:**

The Committee voted on a motion made by Mr. Pappavaselio and seconded by Ms. Imbriano adjourn at 9:07 pm. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

**Documents and Exhibits:**

1. North Reading Middle School Presentation - Agenda and PowerPoint
2. RMLD PowerPoint – North Reading Schools Solar Opportunities
3. Policy AEAB - Holidays
4. School Calendar 2021-2022
5. School Committee Goals 2020-2021
6. Minutes – Open Session – March 4, 2021
7. FY21 Budget Report
8. MEMO – to Michael Gilleberto, Town Administrator, regarding Town Meeting Article