

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

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

Date: April 15, 2021

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Distance Learning Lab, North Reading High School

Virtual Meeting (+1 475-441-4825 / PIN: 932 356 195#) [meet.google.com/cxq-kauo-muy](https://meet.google.com/cxq-kauo-muy)

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

**II. C.1. 2020-21 School Year Update:**

Superintendent Daly provided updates on the progress of our schools in the 2020-21 school year in the hybrid model. The elementary schools and Middle School were back in school full time this week. Students are incredibly pleased to be in person again. Dr. Daly also discussed the precautions that students should observe during the April vacation next week.

**II. D.1. School Start Times / 2021-22 School Calendar**

Dr. Daly and members of the School Start Times Committee presented their recommendation to the School Committee.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to approve the school start times for next year, as 8:00 a.m. for Elementary going to 2:15 p.m., and the Middle School and High School starting at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

**II. D.2. Batchelder Principal Recommendation**

Dr. Daly made his recommendation to the School Committee for the next Principal of the L.D. Batchelder School, Mr. Michael Maloney, who has been serving as the interim principal at the Batchelder School. Dr. Daly thanked all those involved in the Principal Search Committee and the other applicants.

**Administrative Updates:**

- Dr. Daly acknowledged the elementary student winners of the Cambridge Science Festival Curiosity Challenge.
- Dr. Daly shared the exciting news that Mr. Loprete, Principal of North Reading High School has been awarded Administrator of the Year by the Massachusetts Association of School Councils.

**II. D.3. Fiscal Year 2022 Public Budget Hearing**

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. McGowan to open the Fiscal Year 2022 Public Budget Hearing at 7:45 pm. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

Mr. Connelly, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, provided an overview of the current status of the FY22 budget.

At the meeting of the Finance Planning Team on April 6 2021, available revenue was identified that indicates the school department's budget gap is currently at \$467,146 from the "Recommended Budget" presented on March 11, 2021.

The "Recommended Budget" of \$34,352,117 for Fiscal Year 2022 represents a \$1,758,901 or 5.4% increase over the Fiscal Year 2021 budget appropriation.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. McGowan to Close the Fiscal Year 2022 Public Hearing at 8:25 pm. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

**II. D.4. Second Reading: Policy AEAB**

The School Committee reviewed the second reading of Policy AEAB - Holidays.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Pappavaselio and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to approve the second reading of Policy AEAB 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 by Mr. Pappavaselio to accept the March 22, 2021 Open Session minutes as written. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

**II. E.2. Budget Update:** There was no fiscal year 2021 budget update.

**II. E.3 Staffing:**

Dr. Daly presented an update of new hires in the district since January, 2021:

<b>Batchelder</b>		Wendy Mutti		Food Service Associate
<b>Little</b>		Molly Sullivan		LTS Special Education Paraprofessional
		Erin Sanderson		LTS Special Education Teacher
<b>Middle</b>		Diane Colucciello		LTS Administrative Assistant
		Taylor Murphy		LTS Special Education Paraprofessional
		Arina Aloia		LTS Special Education Teacher
<b>High</b>		Kelsey Coughlin		LTS Guidance Counselor

**II. E.4. Bids and Donations:**

- Sterling Corporation, Dan Markow; in-kind donation of school furniture moving services valued at \$1,500.00.

*The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to accept with gratitude an in-kind donation of school furniture moving services, valued at \$1,500.00 from Dan Markow, owner of Sterling Corporation to benefit North Reading High School. Motion passed 5-0.*

- Debra Hayes; \$100.00 donation to the North Reading High School track program

*The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to accept with gratitude a donation of \$100.00 from Debra Hayes to benefit the Track program at North Reading High School. Motion passed 5-0.*

- Veteran's Business Supply; \$1,000.00 in-kind donation of N95 masks.

*The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to accept with gratitude an in-kind donation of N95 masks valued at \$1,000.00 from Veteran's Business Supply to benefit the North Reading Public Schools. Motion passed 5-0.*

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

Mr. Buckley and Mr. McGowan gave an update of the April 6, 2021 Finance Planning Team meeting.

Future Subcommittee Meeting Schedule:

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|--------------------------|----------------|---------|
| • Finance Planning Team  | April 29, 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:**

- Dr. Daly reported that North Reading High School students were Massachusetts Partnerships for Youth PSA Contest winners.
- The District received a Food Service Grant of \$11,351.00 for food service equipment.

**II. F.3. Correspondence:**

- Mr. Buckley mentioned an email from the Head of the Trustees of Trust Funds giving updates on two accounts and asking if the District will be using the funds this year.
- Mr. Buckley reported that two North Reading School Committee Scholarship awards at \$250.00 each are available this year to NRHS graduating seniors.

**III. Future Business:**

Monday	May 3, 2021	6:30 PM	Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Vote L.D. Batchelder School Presentation
Monday	May 17, 2021	6:30 PM	School Committee Reorganization E. Ethel Little School Presentation
Saturday	June 5, 2021	TBD	Town Meeting (Football Field)
Thursday	June 10, 2021	6:30 PM	SEPAC Presentation Elementary School Improvement Plans
Monday	June 21, 2021	6:30 PM	Middle/High School Improvement Plans

**IV. Adjournment:**

The Committee voted on a motion made by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio adjourn at 8:42 pm. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

**Documents and Exhibits:**

1. School Calendar 2021-2022
2. School Start Time Presentation & Listening Forum - PowerPoint
3. NRPS FY22 School Budget Public Hearing - PowerPoint
4. Policy AEAB - Holidays
5. Minutes – Open Session – March 22, 2021
6. Gift Acceptance Memo – Sterling Corporation, Dan Markow
7. Gift Acceptance Memo – Debra Hayes
8. Gift Acceptance Memo – Veteran’s Business Supply