

North Reading Public Schools
North Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Open Session

Date: May 3, 2021

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Virtual Meeting (+1 475-441-4825 / PIN: 932 356 195#) 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

Sean Killeen – Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and
Learning

Cindy Elmore –Recording Secretary

I. Call to Order Open Session

Chair Scott Buckley called the Open Session to order at 6:02 pm.

Executive Session

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mrs. Imbriano pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21, to enter into Executive Session to discuss the North Reading Education Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, administrative and personnel updates, and to return to Open Session. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

Mr. Buckley called the Open Session back to order at 6:30 pm.

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

II. B. Student Report: There was no student report.

II. D.1. L.D. Batchelder School Presentation

Tonight represents the fourth of the five school presentations made to the School Committee in 2020-21 school year. Mr. Michael Maloney, Principal of the L.D. Batchelder Elementary School facilitated. Students and teachers representing Kindergarten through Grade 5 participated in the presentation.

II. D.2. Fiscal Year 2022 School Budget Vote:

Superintendent Daly and Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, Mr. Connelly presented the updated status of the fiscal year 2022 budget. The public hearing on the FY 2022 budget was held on April 15, 2021. Since that meeting there have been updates made to the fiscal year 2022 revenue plan where additional revenue has been identified. The School Committee reviewed and discussed the most recent revenue plan

from the Finance Planning Team prior to taking a vote to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 School Budget of \$34,276,665.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to approve and hereby adopt the Final Fiscal Year 2022 School Operating Budget of \$34,276,665; this represents an increase of 5.2% or \$1,683,449 over Fiscal Year 2021. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

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

The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning provided updates on the progress of our schools in the 2020-21 school year. Updates included the return to in-person learning, pooled testing, and other related topics.

II. D.3. Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Update:

Mr. Killeen, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, presented the work he has been doing since he began the role full time in December 2020. Topics included curriculum, instruction, assessment, professional development, and educator evaluation.

II. D.4. School Choice Vote: Tabled to the May 17, 2021 meeting.

II. D.5. Northshore Education Consortium Budget and Tuition Rates:

Superintendent Daly and Mr. Connelly, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations highlighted salient points of the Northshore Education Consortium's Fiscal Year 2022 Budget.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to approve the Northshore Education Consortium Fiscal Year 2022 Budget. 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 Ms. Boutwell to approve the April 12, 2021 Open Session Budget Workshop minutes as written. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to approve the April 15, 2021 Open Session minutes as written. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

II. E.2. Budget Update:

Mr. Connelly updated the Committee on the status of the FY21 budget reflecting financial activity through the end of April. Mr. Connelly also gave an update on the status of federal grants related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Connelly also presented the Quarter 3 Student Activity Financial Report, which reflects activity through the end of the third quarter, March 31, 2021.

II. E.3 Staffing: No staffing updates.

II. E.4. Bids and Donations: No bids or donations at this time.**II. F.1. Subcommittee Update:**

Mr. Buckley and Mr. McGowan provided an update on the April 23, 2021 Finance Planning Team meeting.

Subcommittee Schedule:

a. CIPC Meeting	May 5, 2021	4:30 PM
b. Finance Planning Team	May 7, 2021	8:00 AM
c. Athletic Subcommittee	May 19, 2021	1:00 PM
d. Fine Arts Subcommittee	May 19, 2021	3:30 PM

II. F.2 Administrative Report:

- Tara Kenyon (educator) and Jillian Fleming (paraprofessional) were nominated by a parent for Leap for Education recognition. Their names, the Batchelder School, and NRPS were acknowledged in the broadcast.
- NORTH READING, MA - North Reading High moved up this year in the U.S. News and World Report's ranking of United States High Schools. This year's list ranks more than 17,800 public high schools throughout the country. Among those schools, North Reading High was ranked 1,783 - last year it was 2,241. The methodology used for this year's ranking focused on six factors: college readiness, reading and math proficiency, reading and math performance, underserved student performance, college curriculum breadth and graduation rates.
- The Superintendent participated in a book study and lecture on the topic of Antisemitism. The Lapping Foundation and the Community-call-to-action-against-Antisemitism Committee offered both the book study on April 29, 2021 and the *Conversation with Professor Deborah E. Lipstadt, Author of Antisemitism: Here and Now* on May 6, 2021.

II. F.3. Correspondence: There was no correspondence.**III. Future Business: All are dependent on the current shelter in place orders.**

Monday	May 17, 2021	6:30 PM	School Committee Reorganization E. Ethel Little School Presentation
Saturday	June 5, 2021	TBD	Town Meeting
Thursday	June 10, 2021	6:30 PM	SEPAC Presentation Elementary School Improvement Plans
Monday	June 21, 2021	3:00 PM	Middle/High School Improvement Plans

IV. Adjournment:

The Committee voted on a motion made by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. McGowan to adjourn at 8:56 pm. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

Documents and Exhibits:

1. Agenda – Batchelder School Presentation to the School Committee
2. FY22 Budget Update
3. Office of Teaching & Learning – Transition / Entry Planning
4. Approved FY22 Approved Budget and Tuition Rates – Northshore Education Consortium
5. Minutes – Budget Workshop – April 12, 2021
6. Minutes – Open Session – April 15, 2021
7. FY21 Budget Report
8. FY21 Student Activity Quarter 3 Report (January 1, 2021-March 31, 2021)