

North Reading Public Schools
North Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Open Session

Date: May 17, 2021

Time: 6:30 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:

Superintendent Daly called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

II. Reorganization of the North Reading School Committee

By policy, an annual reorganization meeting shall take place on the first Monday following Town election. Superintendent Daly acted as Chairperson for this portion of the meeting.

Election of Officers:

- a. Chair – Scott Buckley

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to appoint Mr. Buckley as the Chair of the 2021-2022 School Committee. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

Mr. Buckley took over the meeting at this time.

- b. Vice-Chair – Rich McGowan

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Pappavaselio and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to appoint Mr. McGowan as the Vice-Chair of the 2021-2022 School Committee. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

- c. Secretary – Janene Imbriano

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Pappavaselio and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to appoint Ms. Imbriano as the Secretary of the 2021-2022 School Committee. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

- d. Legislative Representative – Dyana Boutwell

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Pappavaselio and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to appoint Ms. Boutwell as the Legislative Representative of the 2021-2022 School Committee. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

II. A. Public Input: No public input.**II. B. Student Report:**

Ms. Gianna Naulivou, Class of 2022, presented the Student Report to the School Committee and presented her class work.

II. D.2. Presentation: E. E. Little Elementary School Faculty and Students

Tonight represented the fifth and final School Committee meeting held in the schools across the district in the 2020-2021 school year. Ms. Christine Molle (Principal), students and staff of the Little School provided a presentation for the School Committee.

II. D.3. Core Measurements Presentation

Ms. Amy Luckiewicz, Drug Free Communities Grant Coordinator, presented the results of the Core Measurements Survey administered to students in grades 6-12 in spring of 2021.

II. D.4. Yale University Study

Dr. Glen McKay, Principal, presented his request to administer the Student Emotion Regulation Assessment (SERA) at the J. Turner Hood School. The data would allow the school to inform practice during the development of their plans to implement tiered supports for behavior as part of an overall school wide behavior plan. There would be an opt-out for parents and families.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to approve the administration of the Yale University Study at the J. Turner Hood School. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

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

Superintendent Daly provided updates on the progress of our schools in the 2020-21 school year. Updates included the plan for vaccination clinics for students, in-person learning, summer programs, and more.

II. D.5. School Choice Vote:

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to open the Public Hearing on School Choice at 7:56 pm. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

Under the Education Reform Act of 1993 there is a requirement to hold an annual public hearing on School Choice. Becoming a Choice District means that North Reading will accept students from other cities and towns for enrollment in its schools. Once a student is accepted as a choice student, that student is enrolled in North Reading until graduation or until that student opts to withdraw from the North Reading Public Schools. The District receives additional revenue from the sending district's Chapter 70 funds for each student accepted. The Administration recommends not becoming a School Choice District at this time. Discussion followed.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to not participate in School Choice because the program as it is presently constructed ensures that the needs of some children of the Commonwealth cannot be met. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to close the Public Hearing on School Choice at 8:00 pm. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

II. D.1. Reorganization of the North Reading School Committee (Continued)

Subcommittee Assignments:

The North Reading School Committee agreed with the following appointments:

- a. Policy Subcommittee (two members) – Janene Imbriano and Chris Pappavaselio
- b. Athletic Subcommittee (two members) – Dyana Boutwell and Janene Imbriano.
- c. Evaluation Subcommittee (two members) – Janene Imbriano and Chris Pappavaselio
- d. Budget Subcommittee (two members) – Scott Buckley and Dyana Boutwell
- e. Contracts Review Subcommittee (two member) – no appointment needed at this time
- f. Fine Arts Subcommittee (two member) – Rich McGowan and Chris Pappavaselio
- g. NORCAM Advisory Board (one member) – Rich McGowan
- h. Finance Planning Team (Chair and Vice-Chair) – Scott Buckley and Rich McGowan
- i. Substance Abuse Coalition (one member) – Janene Imbriano
- j. Special Education Parent Advisory Council (one member) – Scott Buckley
- k. Capital Improvement Plan Committee (one member) – Janene Imbriano
- l. SSBC (two members) – Scott Buckley and Janene Imbriano

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to approve the following for the North Reading School Committee Subcommittee's: Policy Subcommittee – Janene Imbriano and Chris Pappavaselio, Athletic Subcommittee – Dyana Boutwell and Janene Imbriano, Evaluation Subcommittee – Janene Imbriano and Chris Pappavaselio, Budget Subcommittee – Scott Buckley and Dyana Boutwell, Fine Arts Subcommittee – Rich McGowan and Chris Pappavaselio, NORCAM Advisory Board – Rich McGowan, Finance Planning Team – Scott Buckley and Rich McGowan, Substance Abuse Coalition – Janene Imbriano, Special Education Parent Advisory Council – Scott Buckley, Capital Improvement Plan – Janene Imbriano and SSBC – Scott Buckley and Janene Imbriano. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

II. D.6. Proposed Summer Meeting Schedule

The School Committee agreed to the proposed summer meeting schedule as follows:

Monday, July 26, 2021 6:30 p.m.; Superintendents Goals, School Committee Goals
Thursday, August 12, 2021 6:30 p.m.; Fall 2021 School Reopening

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to approve Monday, July 26, 2021 and Thursday, August 12, 2021 summer meeting schedule for the North Reading School Committee. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

III. E.1 Minutes:

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to approve the May 3, 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 by Ms. Boutwell to approve the May 3, 2021, Open Session Minutes as written. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

III. E.2. Budget Update: No FY21 budget update.**III. E.3 Staffing:** No staffing report.

Mr. Buckley wished Dr. O'Connell a quick recovery from a recent procedure.

III. F.4. Bids and Donations:

Superintendent Daly requested the acceptance of the following donation:

- NRHS Parent Association; \$3,500.00 donation to the Senior Class of 2021 Celebration.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to accept with gratitude a donation of \$3,500.00 from the North Reading High School Parent Association to benefit the Senior Class of 2021 Celebration at the North Reading High School. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

III. F.1. Subcommittee Reports:

Mr. Buckley gave an update of the May 12, 2021 SEPAC presentation.

Subcommittee Schedule:

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| a) | Athletic Subcommittee | May 19, 2021 | 1:00 PM |
| b) | Fine Arts Subcommittee | May 19, 2021 | 3:30 PM |
| c) | Finance Planning Team | May 25, 2021 | 8:00 AM |

III. F.2 Administrative Report: None at this time.**III. F.3. Correspondence:** None at this time.**IV. Future Business:**

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| 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 |

V. Adjournment:

The Committee voted on a motion made by Mr. Pappavaselio and seconded by Mr. McGowan to adjourn at 8:22 pm. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

Documents and Exhibits:

1. Policy Descriptions for School Committee Officers
2. Current Subcommittee Assignments
3. Student Work
4. E.E. Little School Presentation Agenda
5. Community Impact Team – 2021 Core Measurement Report
6. Yale University Study
7. Minutes – Executive Session – May 3, 2021
8. Minutes – Open Session – May 3, 2021
9. Gift Acceptance Memo – North Reading High School Parents Association