

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

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

Date: July 26, 2021

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: 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 6:00 pm.

**Executive Session**

*The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Boutwell pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing NREA negotiations and administrative personnel matters. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.*

Mr. Buckley called the Open Session back to order at 6:34 pm.

**II. A. Public Input:** No public input.

**II. B. Student Report:** No student report.

**II. D.1. ASL Sign Language Club**

Dr. Catherine O'Connell, Middle School Principal and Ms. Brianne DiPersio, advisor to the ASL Sign Language Club, presented a proposal for the ASL Sign Language Club pilot at the North Reading Middle School for the school year 2021-2022.

*The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. McGowan to approve ASL Sign Language Club at the Middle School stating in the 2021-22 school year. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.*

**II. D.2. School Improvement Plans - Update**

Dr. Daly provided an update on the School Improvement Plans and the work that is taking place at each school based upon the feedback received at the last meeting.

**II. D.3. Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Accountability Update**

Dr. Daly reviewed the FAQ from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education about the Fall 2021 Accountability status for schools in Massachusetts. There will be no ranking this year due to the hybrid learning in the 2020-21 school year.

**II. D.4. School Committee Calendar**

Dr. Daly reviewed the draft meeting schedule for the 2021-22 school year including potential meeting dates. He also discussed the update to the Open Meeting Law provisions that have been extended and consideration of using technology for participation.

**II. D.5. Superintendent's Goals**

Dr. Daly shared information about his portfolio and goals for the 2020-21 school year. Dr. Daly's evaluation will be scheduled for August 16, 2021.

**II. D.6. NRPS 2025 Update**

Dr. Daly provided an update on the June 22, 2021 community presentations on NRPS 2025 as well as the upcoming work at the leadership retreats this summer and the next steps for preparing the document for the fall.

**II. E.1 Minutes:**

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to approve the June 21, 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 presented the final budget update of fiscal year 2021. Mr. Connelly also presented the results of the audit report of the end of year financial report for fiscal year 2020.

In addition, Mr. Connelly presented the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter student activity financial report reflecting activity through the end of the fourth quarter June 30, 2021.

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

Superintendent Daly requested the acceptance of the following donations:

- Little School PTO; \$588.04 donation to fund the purchase of Labsonic personal headphones.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to accept with gratitude a donation in the amount of \$588.04 from the E. Ethel Little Elementary School PTO for the purchase of Labsonic personal headphones. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

**II. F.1. Subcommittee Reports:** No subcommittee reports.

Dr. Daly gave an update of the June 19, 2021 SSBC meeting.

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

- Dr. Daly congratulated the North Reading High School for the USMC/AVCA Team Academic Award in Recognition of Outstanding Academic Performance.
- Dr. Daly spoke about COVID 19 and the fall semester. NRPS is continuing to have pooled testing. The district is recommending that those students and staff who are unvaccinated wear a mask. At the time there is no indication that the Department of Health and Department of Education are requiring masks or distancing. The district is waiting on a joint statement with the Education Commissioner and the Department of Health.

**II. F.3. Correspondence:** None at this time.**III. Future Business:**

Monday	August 16, 2021	4:30 PM	School Committee Goals Workshop
Monday	August 16, 2021	6:30 PM	Fall 2021 Planning / 2021-22 Goals
Monday	August 30, 2021	6:30 PM	School Reopening/FY23 Budget Calendar

**V. Adjournment:**

The Committee voted on a motion made by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. McGowan to adjourn at 8:11 pm. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

**Documents and Exhibits:**

1. Extracurricular Activity Proposal/Change Form
2. FAQ 2021 Accountability and Assistance for Districts and Schools
3. Draft 2021-22 School Committee Calendar
4. End-of-Cycle Summative Evaluation Report: Superintendent
5. Minutes – Open Session – June 21, 2021
6. FY21 July and Final Budget Report
7. FY21 Student Activity Q4 Report
8. Gift Acceptance Memo – E. Ethel Little School Parents' Association