

North Reading Public Schools
North Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Open Session

Date: September 27, 2021

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: NRHS Distance Learning Lab and 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 (Virtual)
Michael Connelly – Assistant Superintendent of Finance
and Operations
Sean Killeen – Assistant Superintendent
Cindy Elmore – Recording Secretary (Virtual)

I. Call to Order Open Session

Chair Scott Buckley called the Open Session to order at 6:01 pm.

Executive Session:

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Ms. Boutwell pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21, to enter into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining with union personnel, litigation, and personnel contracts and to return to Open Session. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

Chair Scott Buckley called the Open Session back to order at 6:37 pm.

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

II. B. Student Report:

Ms. Shivani Srikanth gave the student report (virtually) and presented her class work.

II. C.1. Reopening Fall 2021

Dr. Daly and Mr. Connelly presented the latest information about reopening for Fall 2021 including updated DESE and DPH guidance, masking, busing, and COVID-19 testing.

II. D.1. Introduction of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coordinator

Assistant Superintendent Sean Killeen introduced our new Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coordinator, India Barrows, who will be working collaboratively with several districts through the SEEM Collaborative.

II. D.2. 2021 MCAS Presentation

Assistant Superintendent Sean Killeen presented an update on the spring 2021 MCAS results for the District and an overview of how we will be using this data to inform instruction for the 2021-22 school year.

Mr. Killeen also gave an update on Professional Development the NRPS District participated in over the summer.

II. D.3 NREA Memorandum of Agreement

Dr. Daly presented for approval the NREA Memorandum of Agreement concerning COVID-19 for the 2021-22 school year.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Pappavaselio and seconded by Mr. McGowan to approve the NREA Memorandum of Agreement concerning COVID-19 for the 2021-22 school year. Motion passed 5-0.

II. D.4 Town Meeting Warrant Articles

Mr. Buckley and the School Committee reviewed the applicable Town Meeting Warrant articles that could impact the North Reading Public Schools, including Article 16: Authorize Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School District 16 Construction Project.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to approve Article 16: Authorize Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School District 16 Construction Project for the October Town Warrant. Motion passed 5-0

II. E.1 Minutes:

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to approve the September 13, 2021, Executive Session minutes as written. Motion passed 5-0.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to approve the September 13, 2021, Open Session minutes as written. Motion passed 5-0.

II. E.2 Budget Update:

Mr. Connelly, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, presented the FY22 budget update.

II. E.3 Staffing: No staffing update.**II. E.4 Bids and Donations:** No bids or donations.**II. F.1 Subcommittee Reports:**

Mr. Buckley and Mr. McGowan provided an update on the September 14, 2021 Finance Planning Team meeting.

Future Subcommittee Meetings Scheduled:

Finance Planning Team September 29, 2021 8:15 AM

II. F.2 Administrative Report:

- Dr. Daly acknowledged Shivani Srikanth on her accomplishment of being honored as one of BostonInno's 25 under 25 class of 2021.
- A grant for \$40,000.00 has been earmarked for the North Reading Public Schools for technology improvements. Dr. Daly acknowledged and thanked Representative Brad Jones for his support and work on this grant approval.

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

Monday	October 4, 2021	6:45 PM	Regular Meeting prior to Town Meeting
Monday	October 4, 2021	7:00 PM	North Reading Town Meeting
Monday	October 18, 2021	6:30 PM	NRPS 2025 Updates/Capital Improvements Plan
Monday	November 8, 2021	6:30 PM	FY22 Budget & Federal Grant COVID Update

IV. Adjournment:

The Committee voted on a motion made by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

Documents and Exhibits:

1. PowerPoint – Assistant Superintendent Killeen’s presentation on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coordinator, MCAS 2021 Results, and Professional Development
2. Minutes – Executive Session – September 13, 2021
3. Minutes – Open Session – September 13, 2021
4. FY22 September Budget Report