

North Reading Public Schools
North Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Virtual Open Session

Date: November 29, 2021

Time: 5:45 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
Cynthia Conant - Director of Student Services (Virtual)
Mike Rosa - Coordinator of School Counseling Services (Virtual)
Cindy Elmore – Recording Secretary (not present)

I. Call to Order Open Session:

Chair Scott Buckley called the Open Session to order at 5:45 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 go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing union and non-union contract negotiations and personnel matters. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

Chair Scott Buckley called the Open Session back to order at 6:42 pm.

II. B. Student Report:

Ms. Shivani Srikanth gave the student report and shared her classwork.

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

II. D.1. North Reading High School Club Proposal:

North Reading High School Principal, Mr. Loprete, club advisor Ms. Laura Hargrove and NRHS Seniors Amy Ho and Turfa Sarfaraz presented a proposal for a Culinary Club for North Reading High School.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to approve the Culinary Club at North Reading High School. Motion passed 5-0.

II. D.3. Student Services Presentation: Social Emotional Learning:

The Office of Student Services shared highlights of the work that is being done to support students' social emotional learning needs. Ms. Cynthia Conant, Director of Student Services and Michael Rosa, Coordinator of School Counseling Services, presented innovative ways the district's school counseling professionals are addressing the social and emotional needs of our students. This included the new programming that has been established this school year and some of the programming that is being planned for the near future.

II. C.1. COVID-19 Updates:

Dr. Daly and Mr. Connelly presented the latest information concerning Fall 2021 including updated DESE and DPH guidance, masking mandates, vaccination clinics, busing, COVID-19 testing, and school lunch.

II. D.2. Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds:

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, was enacted on March 11, 2021. The ARP Act provides additional funding for school districts to respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Education portion of ARP is known as the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds (ESSER III or ARP ESSER). Presentations at previous meetings, most recently on November 8, 2021, included a detailed review of the plans for the district. Additionally, the district has posted the implementation plan to its website in accordance with the regulations.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to approve the district's plan for ESSER II funds in the amount of \$211,096.00. Motion passed 5-0.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to approve the district's plan for ESSER III funds in the amount of \$451,952.00. Motion passed 5-0.

II. D.4. NRPS 2025 Updates:

Dr. Daly gave an update on the development of the District's updated Strategic Plan, NRPS 2025.

II. D.5 Enrollment Projections:

Mr. Connelly presented three, five and ten year enrollment projections for the School District and reviewed any impact on the development of the fiscal year 2023 budget.

II. D.6 Superintendent's Contract Extension:

The North Reading School Committee voted to approve the contract extension for the Superintendent of the North Reading Public Schools through June 30, 2026.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Pappavaselio and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to approve Superintendent Daly's contract through June 30, 2026. Motion passed 5-0.

II. D.7 Non-Union Personnel Contract Extensions:

The North Reading School Committee voted to approve the contract extensions for the Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, Michael Connelly; Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Sean Killeen; North Reading Middle School Principal, Catherine O'Connell; E. Ethel Little School Principal, Christine Molle; and L.D. Batchelder School Principal, Michael Maloney.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Pappavaselio and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to approve Superintendent Daly's recommendations for the contract extensions for the Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations (Michael Connelly), Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning (Sean Killeen), North Reading Middle School Principal (Catherine O'Connell), E. Ethel Little School Principal (Christine Molle), L.D. Batchelder School Principal (Michael Maloney). 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 November 8, 2021, Open Session Minutes as written. Motion passed 4-0; Ms. Imbriano abstained.

II. E.2. Budget Update:

Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, Michael Connelly, presented the Quarter 1 Student Activity Update for fiscal year 2022 including a motion to approve all active Middle and High School clubs for the 2021-2022 school year.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to approve the list of active student accounts at the High School and Middle School for the 2021-22 school year as presented by the Administration. Motion passed 5-0.

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

- Special Olympics of MA: \$2,000.00 donation for the NRHS Special Education Program.
- The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to approve with gratitude a donation of \$2,000.00 from Special Olympics of Massachusetts to benefit the Special Education Program at the High School. Motion passed 5-0.
- Greg Imbriano: \$500.00 in-kind donation of office supplies.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to approve with gratitude an in-kind donation of general office supplies valued at \$500.00 from North Reading resident Greg Imbriano to benefit all schools and offices across the district. Motion passed 5-0.

II. F.1. Subcommittee Reports: There were no subcommittee updates.

Future Subcommittee Meeting Schedule:

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| • Finance Planning Team | December 3, 2021 | 8:15 AM |
| • Fine Arts Subcommittee | December 8, 2021 | 3:15 PM |
| • Athletic Subcommittee | December 15, 2021 | 12:00 PM |

II. F.2 Administrative Report:

- Dr. Daly recognized the North Reading High School Football Team playing this weekend at Gillette Stadium.
- Dr. Daly advised there was water damage from the third floor of the High School, which fortunately was only drywall and has been repaired. The cause of the leak is being investigated.

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

Monday	January 10, 2022	6:30 PM	North Reading Middle School Presentation
Monday	January 24, 2022	6:30 PM	E. Ethel Little School Presentation

IV. Adjournment:

The Committee voted on a motion made by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to adjourn at 8:39 pm. Motion passed 5-0

Documents and Exhibits:

1. Culinary Club Proposal
2. PowerPoint: Supporting the Social and Emotional Needs of Students
3. Enrollment Projections
4. Minutes – Open Session – November 8, 2021
5. FY22 Student Activity Quarter 1 Report (July 1-September 30, 2021)
6. Gift Acceptance Memo – Special Olympics of Massachusetts
7. Gift Acceptance Memo – Greg Imbriano