

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

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

Date: January 10, 2022

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Hybrid Meeting: North Reading High School Distance Learning Lab and Virtual:  
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***School Committee Members Present***

Dyana Boutwell (not present)

Scott Buckley

Janene Imbriano (not present)

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. Pappavaselio and seconded by Mr. McGowan to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing legal matters. Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote.*

Mr. Buckley called the Open Session back to order at 6:43 pm.

**II. A. Public Input:**

Mr. Adam Bakr, a student at North Reading High School represented students at NRHS in advocating for the delay or change of the upcoming mid-term exams in light of the stress of COVID-19 and the increased absences of students and teachers. Mr. Loprete, Principal of NRHS, also addressed the Committee. Superintendent Daly acknowledge this as an issue that will be addressed with the High School administration.

**II. B. Student Report:**

Ms. Sophia Galuppo (Class of 2022) gave the student report and shared her classwork.

**II. D.1. Special Recognition: Barbara Stats, Town Clerk**

The School Committee recognized Barbara Stats, Town Clerk, who is retiring after 40 years of service to the Town, including 24 years as Town Clerk. The School Committee presented Ms. Stats a gift to show their appreciation for her years of service, collaboration

and support of the North Reading School Department as well as the Town of North Reading.

**II. D.2. North Reading Middle School Club Proposal**

North Reading Middle School Principal, Dr. Catherine O'Connell, and the proposed club advisor, Mr. Ian Rush, presented a proposal for a Dungeons and Dragons Club for the North Reading Middle School.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Pappavaselio and seconded by Mr. McGowan to approve the pilot Dungeons and Dragons Club at the North Reading Middle School. Motion passed 3-0.

**II. D.3. Masquers Overnight Trip Proposal**

Ms. Allison Kane and her students presented a proposal for the Masquers Club to travel overnight to Nantucket in February for the Emergency Medical Services Training program.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to approve members of the Masquers Club to travel and stay overnight in Nantucket, MA in February 2022 for the Emergency Medical Services Training program. Motion passed 3-0.

**II. D.4. International Trips Update**

Mr. Evan Noce presented an update of the EF Education First proposals for international travel for 2022 and 2023. The Ecuador trip will take place April 2022 and the Japan trip will take place April 2023.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to approve the presented changes to the 2022 and 2023 International Trips itinerary. Motion passed 3-0.

**II. D.5. North Reading High School Course Proposals**

Mr. Loprete, North Reading High School Principal presented two proposed courses to be added to the program of studies for the 2022-2023 school year. Spanish in Career and Community: Academic and Advanced Technical and Design Production: Honors are the two proposed courses.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Pappavaselio and seconded by Mr. McGowan to approve the two proposed courses at North Reading High School. Motion passed 3-0.

**II. D.6 North Reading High School Program of Studies Updates**

Mr. Loprete, North Reading High School Principal, and Mr. Michael Rosa, Coordinator of School Counseling Services, presented suggestions for updates to the program of studies with respect to Advanced Placement Courses as well as recommendations for policy updates regarding class rank, grade point average, and related graduation distinctions.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Pappavaselio and seconded by Mr. McGowan to change the program of studies limiting the number of AP classes for each year and expanding the offerings to sophomore year students. Motion passed 3-0.

**II. D.7. 2022-2023 School Calendar**

Dr. Daly presented the 2022-23 school year calendar for approval. After discussion this item will be tabled for a future meeting.

**II. C.1. COVID-19 Updates**

Dr. Daly and Mr. Connelly presented the latest information concerning Winter 2022 including updated DESE and DPH guidance, masking mandates, vaccination clinics, busing, COVID-19 testing, and school lunch.

**II. E.1 Minutes:**

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to approve the November 29, 2021, Executive Session minutes as written. Motion passed 3-0.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to approve the November 29, 2021, Open Session minutes as written. Motion passed 3-0.

**II. E.2. Budget Update:**

Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, Michael Connelly presented the December budget update reflecting activity through December 31, 2021. The presentation also included updates to COVID-19 pandemic federal and state funding sources.

**II. E.3 Staffing:** The following staff have joined the North Reading Public Schools since mid-September:

Hood School	Julia Pintzopoulos	Visual Arts Teacher
Middle School	Eileen Gallella	General Paraprofessional
High School	Dean Malerba	Special Education Paraprofessional
	Connor Romaine	Long Term Substitute Math Teacher
District	Wayne Muise	Special Education Van Driver
	Christine Barraford	Interim Payroll/HR Specialist
Food Services	Candice Muise	Food Services Worker, Middle School
Custodial	Anthony Accardi	Long Term Substitute Custodian (MS/HS)

**II. E.4. Bids and Donations:**

- Yan Wu Shang: \$1,000.00 donation to the North Reading Middle School.
- The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to approve with gratitude a donation of \$1,000.00 from Yan Wu Shang to be used at the Principal's discretion at the North Reading Middle School. Motion passed 3-0.

**II. F.1. Subcommittee Reports:**

- Mr. McGowan provided an update on the December 3, 2021 Finance Planning Team meeting.
- Mr. Pappavaselio provided an update on the December 8, 2021 Fine Arts Subcommittee meeting
- Dr. Daly provided an update on the December 15, 2021 Athletic Subcommittee meeting.

**Future Subcommittee Schedule**

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| • Finance Planning Team  | January 14, 2022 | 8:15 AM |
| • Fine Arts Subcommittee | March 9, 2022    | 3:15 PM |

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

- Dr. Daly acknowledged the retirement of Mary Prenney, Director of North Reading Elder Services. Ms. Prenney has worked with the school district to integrate North Reading High School students and North Reading elders, as well as supporting the school department over the years with her involvement with the Community Impact Team. Dr. Daly also acknowledged the retirement of Maureen Stevens from the Recreation Department.

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

Monday	January 24, 2022	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting
Monday	February 7, 2022	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting

**IV. Adjournment:**

The Committee voted on a motion made by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to adjourn at 9:46 pm. Motion passed 3-0

**Documents and Exhibits:**

1. Dungeons & Dragons Club Proposal – Middle School
2. Masquers Overnight Trip Proposal – High School
3. International Trips Update – High School
4. North Reading High School – New Course Proposals
5. North Reading High School Program of Studies Update
6. 2022-2023 School Calendar
7. Minutes – Executive Session – November 29, 2021
8. Minutes – Open Session – November 29, 2021
9. FY22 December Budget Update
10. School Department COVID-19 Federal Sources of Funding FY22-24
11. Gift Acceptance Memo – Yan Wu Shang