

North Reading Public Schools
North Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Open Session

Date: January 24, 2022

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Distance Learning Lab, North Reading High School

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

Cindy Elmore –Recording Secretary

I. Call to Order Open Session:

Chair Scott Buckley called the Open Session to order at 6:33 pm.

II. A. Public Input:

Mr. Drew DePatie and Mr. Eric Evans addressed the committee regarding the mask mandate in the North Reading Public Schools and how the Committee will address future Department of Elementary and Secondary Education mandates. Mr. Buckley commented that the North Reading School Committee has not issued a mask mandate, but is following the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's mandate.

II. B. Student Report:

Ms. Cassandra Fitts, Class of 2024, shared the student report and her class work.

II. D.1. North Reading Baseball Team Overnight Trip Proposal:

Coach Eric Archambault proposed to the Committee the overnight North Reading High School Baseball Team trip to Cooperstown, NY.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Pappavaselio and seconded by Mr. McGowan to approve the North Reading Baseball Team overnight trip to Cooperstown, NY. Motion passed 5-0.

II. D.2. DECA Overnight Trip Proposal:

Dr. Daly shared, on behalf of DECA, the details of their overnight trip proposal to the state competition in Boston.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Pappavaselio and seconded by Mr. McGowan to approve DECA's overnight trip to Boston, MA. Motion passed 5-0.

II. C.1. COVID-19 Update:

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

II. C.2. NRPS 2025 Update:

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

II. D.3. 2022-2023 School Calendar:

Dr. Daly presented the revised 2022-23 school year calendar for approval. The recommended updates include a half day on December 23, 2022 and the last day with five snow days moving to June 26, 2023.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to approve the 2022-23 School Year Calendar. Motion passed 5-0.

II. D.4. SEEM Collaborative Annual Report:

Dr. Daly provided the 2021 Annual Report for the SEEM Collaborative, which has been adopted by the Board of Directors.

The Superintendent is providing this information to the School Committee consistent with the obligations set forth given the Superintendent's appointment as the North Reading Public Schools' district representative to the SEEM Collaborative's Board of Directors.

II. D.5. Northshore Education Consortium Annual Report:

Dr. Daly provided the 2021 Annual Report for the Northshore Education Consortium, which has been adopted by the Board of Directors.

The Superintendent is providing this information to the School Committee consistent with the obligations set forth given the Superintendent's appointment as the North Reading Public Schools' district representative to the Northshore Education Consortium Board of Directors.

II. E.1 Minutes:

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Pappavaselio and seconded by Mr. McGowan to approve the January 10, 2022, Executive Session minutes as written. Motion passed 4-0-1, Ms. Boutwell abstained.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Pappavaselio and seconded by Mr. McGowan to approve the January 10, 2022, Open Session minutes as written. Motion passed 4-0-1, Ms. Boutwell abstained.

II. E.2. Budget Update: No budget update.**II. E.3. Staffing:** No staffing update.

II. E.4. Bids and Donations:

- Class of 2021: \$2,000.00 donation for general school improvements.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to accept with gratitude a donation of \$2,000.00 from the Class of 2021: Jacqueline Raimo, Treasure and Nessren Ourdyl, Class President, to assist with general school improvements at the High School. Motion passed 5-0.

II. F.1. Subcommittee Update:

Mr. Pappavaselio gave an update of the January 24, 2022 Evaluation Subcommittee meeting.

Future Subcommittee Meeting Schedule:

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| • Budget and Finance Subcommittee | January 27, 2022 | 3:30 PM |
| • Finance Planning Team | January 28, 2022 | 8:15 AM |
| • Fine Arts Subcommittee | March 9, 2022 | 3:15 PM |

II. F.2 Administrative Report:

- Ms. Barbara Stats came by the district offices to thank the district and the School Committee for her retirement gift and recognition at the last School Committee meeting.
- Dr. Daly and the School Committee thanked Chartwells for the treats they provided tonight for the School Committee in recognition of National School Board Recognition Month.
- Dr. Daly encouraged the public to get out and vote in the special election for the Northeast Regional Vocational Technical School's building project.

II. F.3. Correspondence: No correspondence.**III. Future Business:**

Monday	February 7, 2022	6:30 PM	School Committee Goals Update
Monday	March 7, 2022	6:30 PM	FY2023 Preliminary Budget Presentation

IV. Adjournment:

The Committee voted on a motion made by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to adjourn at 7:38 pm. Motion passed 5-0.

Documents and Exhibits:

1. Varsity Baseball Team Overnight Trip to Cooperstown, NY
2. DECA Overnight Trip to Boston, MA
3. NRPS 2022-2023 School Calendar
4. Minutes – January 10, 2022 – Executive Session
5. Minutes – January 10, 2022 – Open Session
6. Gift Memo – Class of 2021