

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

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

Date: March 7, 2022

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: NRHS Distance Learning Lab and Virtual Meeting (+1 475-441-4825 / PIN: 932 356 195#)  
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***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 McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing security and collective bargaining with the NREA. Motion passed 5-0.*

Chair Scott Buckley called the Open Session back to order at 6:38 pm.

**II. A. Public Input:**

North Reading residents John Barrette and Drew Depatie addressed the Committee in Public Input regarding the District promoting the COVID-19 vaccine, masking and the Social Justice curriculum.

**II. B. Student Report:**

Ms. Shivani Srikath, Class of 2022, gave the student report and shared her class work. Mr. Buckley congratulated her on receiving one of the 150 Coca Cola Scholarships awarded in the country.

**II. D.1. North Reading Middle School Presentation:**

Dr. Catherine O'Connell, Middle School Principal, led a team (Laura Oliveto, Assistant Principal, staff members Jeanne Cappuccio, Doug Deloray, Brianne DiPersio and Katie Bray, and grade 8 student, Matthew Capalbo) which presented an update from the North Reading Middle School.

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

Dr. Daly and Mr. Connelly presented the latest information concerning Winter 2022 including updated DESE and DPH guidance, the end of the masking mandate, testing options, and mitigation strategies.

**II. E.2. Fiscal Year 2023 Preliminary Budget Presentation:**

Mr. Connelly, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, presented the FY23 Preliminary Budget to the Committee and reviewed the calendar of events leading up to the June, 2022 Town meeting.

**II. D.2. Superintendent's Mid-Year Goals Update:**

Mr. Pappavaselio reviewed the Committee's feedback on Dr. Daly's goals, which consisted of an update on his goals through the midpoint of the 2021-2022 school year.

**II. D.4. School Committee Goals Update:**

Each member of the School Committee updated the progress of their goals made through the midpoint of the 2021-2022 school year.

**II. E.1 Minutes:**

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to approve the February 7, 2022 Open Session minutes as written. Motion passed 5-0.

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

Mr. Connelly gave the FY22 budget update.

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

- NRHS Hornet Hall of Fame: \$700 donation for the three elementary schools from the Turkey Trot.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to accept with gratitude a donation of \$700.00 from the North Reading High School Hornet Hall of Fame. These funds are to benefit the three elementary schools as follows: Little School \$300; Hood School \$200; Batchelder \$200. These funds are from the Turkey Trot Road Race. Motion passed 5-0.

- John and Nancy Meaney: \$100.00 donation for Track and Field.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to accept with gratitude a donation of \$100.00 from Mr. and Mrs. John Meaney. These funds are to benefit the Track and Field program at the high school. Motion passed 5-0.

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

Mr. McGowan and Mr. Buckley gave an update of the February 18, 2022 and March 7, 2022 Finance Planning Team meetings.

Ms. Imbriano and Mr. Connelly gave an update of the February 16, 2022 Athletic Subcommittee meeting.

**Future Subcommittee Schedule**

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|--------------------------|----------------|----------|
| • Athletic Subcommittee  | March 9, 2022  | 12:00 PM |
| • Fine Arts Subcommittee | March 9, 2022  | 3:15 PM  |
| • Finance Planning Team  | March 25, 2022 | 8:15 AM  |

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

- NRHS's participation in the Academic Decathlon was a very good showing.
- North Reading High School's A Capella group NOTEorious won (with the highest ever score) in the recent ICHSA (International Championship of High School A Cappella) Northeast Semifinal competition in Worcester, MA.

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

Monday	March 21, 2022	6:30 PM	North Reading High School Presentation
Monday	April 4, 2022	8:45 AM	FY23 Budget Workshop
Monday	April 11, 2022	6:30 PM	FY23 Budget Public Hearing/ Little School Presentation

**IV. Adjournment:**

The Committee voted on a motion made by Mr. McGowan and seconded Mr. Pappavaselio to adjourn at 9:02 pm. Motion passed 5-0.

**Documents and Exhibits:**

1. North Reading Middle School Presentation Agenda
2. FY23 Preliminary Budget
3. Superintendent's Goals
4. Minutes – Open Session – February 7, 2022
5. FY22 Budget Update Report
6. Gift Acceptance Memo – NRHS Hornet Hall of Fame
7. Gift Acceptance Memo – John and Nancy Meaney