

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

**Regular Meeting of the School Committee**

*Open Session/Public Budget Hearing*

Date: April 11, 2022

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Hybrid: Distance Learning Lab, North Reading High School/Virtual: [meet.google.com/cxq-kauo-muy](https://meet.google.com/cxq-kauo-muy)  
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***School Committee Members Present***

Dyana Boutwell (not present)

Scott Buckley

Janene Imbriano

Rich McGowan

Chris Pappavaselio

***Staff Members Present***

Patrick Daly – Superintendent of Schools

Sean Killeen – Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning

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:**

North Reading Resident – Geof Simons took the opportunity to thank Janene Imbriano and Chris Pappavaselio for their time on the North Reading School Committee.

Jeff Yull, Drew DePatie, Doris Romulus (Drew's wife), John Barrette, Gennie Hadley, Sterling Smith (Arlington), Dianna Ploss (Peabody), addressed the School Committee regarding their opinions on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and Critical Race Theory in the North Reading Schools.

**II. B. Student Report:**

Shivani Srikanth, Class of 2022, presented her student work and her class work.

**II. D.1. Little School Presentation:**

Ms. Christine Molle (Principal Little School), students and staff from the E. Ethel Little School presented a showcase of the projects from Mr. Lynch's third grade classroom, and Ms. Polcari's fifth grade classroom.

*The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to open the Public Budget Hearing at 7:39pm. Motion passed 4-0 in a roll call vote.*

**II. D.2. Public Budget Hearing Presentation:**

Michael Connelly, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations presented updates to the FY2023 recommended school budget and the status of the remaining budget gap.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to close the Public Budget Hearing at 8:32pm. Motion passed 4-0 in a roll call vote.

**II. D.3. Creativity Survey:**

North Reading High School graduate Samantha Galvin (class of 2020) presented her request to have the district share a voluntary survey for students on the topic of “creativity.” The survey is for Ms. Galvin’s final project in her Sophomore Tutorial of Film at Harvard College. The survey will be collecting data on adolescent creativity, and the loss of creativity that people experience as they age. This will be sent to all grades K-12.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. McGowan to approve the Creativity Survey for students K-12. Motion passed 4-0 in a roll call vote.

**II. D.4. Core Measurement Survey:**

Ms. Amy Luckiewicz, Drug Free Communities Grant Director, presented the 2022 Core Measurement Survey. Students will have the ability to opt out of the survey that will be administered in grades 6-12 in the weeks following April break.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. McGowan to approve the Core Measurement Survey for 2022. Motion passed 4-0 in a roll call vote.

**II. D5. Food Services Contract FY23-FY25:**

The North Reading Public Schools’ Administration has reached an agreement with the Food Service Workers for a new three-year contract for fiscal years FY23 to FY25.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to approve the Food Services Worker Contract reached for FY23-FY25 as presented and recommended by the Administration. Motion passed 4-0 in a roll call vote.

**II. E.1 Minutes:** No minutes to approve.

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

Michael Connelly, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, provided an update on the status of the FY22 school budget and financial activity through the end of March.

**II. E.3 Staffing:** No staffing update.

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

- Greg Imbriano, North Reading Resident: In-Kind donation of five (5) boxes of hot and cold packs.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mrs. Imbriano to accept with gratitude an in-kind donation of five (5) boxes of hot and cold packs valued at \$1,200.00 from North Reading resident Greg Imbriano to benefit all schools and offices across the District. Motion passed 4-0 in a roll call vote.

- NRHS Music Boosters: \$455.00 donation for NOTEorious Fan Bus.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to accept with gratitude a donation in the amount of \$455.00 from the North Reading High School Music Boosters for the payment of the NOTEorious Fan Bus to the State Finals in Worcester, MA. Motion passed 4-0 in a roll call vote.

- Various Parent Donations: \$380.00 donation towards NOTEorious NY trip.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mrs. Imbriano to accept with gratitude various donations in the amount of \$380.00 from North Reading parents to benefit the NOTEorious NY trip. Motion passed 4-0 in a roll call vote.

- Frank Potvin, North Reading Resident: In-kind donation of audio/visual equipment.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mrs. Imbriano to accept with gratitude a donation of Audio/Visual equipment (green screen, LCD projector, digital camera, Brother printer, extra bulb for the projector, etc.) valued at \$1,153.99 from North Reading resident Frank Potvin to benefit the Audio/Visual department at the High School and Middle School. Motion passed 4-0 in a roll call vote.

## **II. F.1. Subcommittee Update:**

Mr. McGowan and Mr. Buckley gave an update of the April 8, 2022 Financial Planning Team meeting.

Future Subcommittee Meeting Schedule:

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|---------------------------|----------------|----------|
| • Athletic Subcommittee   | April 13, 2022 | 12:00 PM |
| • Financial Planning Team | April 29, 2022 | 8:00 AM  |
| • Fine Arts Subcommittee  | May 25, 2022   | 3:15 PM  |

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

- NOTEorious is in the ICHSA (International Championship of High School A Cappella) National Finals in New York. They are one of the top 10 high school a cappella groups in the U.S. and several countries.
- On May 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Daly will be holding a forum for parents on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion to clarify misunderstandings about what is a part of our curriculum.
- North Reading Middle and High School Councils are updating the language in the Student Handbooks with respect to student appearance. He shared the most current draft for 2022-2023.

## **II. F.3. Correspondence:**

- Dr. Daly received an anonymous letter today from Texas that shared several demands about COVID-19 including, masking, PCR testing, lockdowns, quarantines, etc. Plus other items that are taking place across the state, world and definitely beyond our jurisdiction.

- The District has been inundated with over 20 public records requests for official documents, emails and other information, which is taking up an inordinate amount of time from Mr. Connelly, our Records Officer and other staff members.

**III. Future Business:**

Monday	May 2, 2022	6:30 PM	Batchelder School Presentation / FY23 Budget Vote School Choice Vote
Monday	May 16, 2022	6:30 PM	School Committee Reorganization/ Hood School Presentation / SEPAC Presentation

**IV. Adjournment:**

*The Committee voted on a motion made by Mr. McGowan and seconded Ms. Imbriano to adjourn at 9:45 pm. Motion passed 4-0 in a roll call vote.*

**Documents and Exhibits:**

1. E. E. Little School Presentation Agenda
2. Creativity Survey – PowerPoint
3. Food Services Employee Contract FY23-25 Highlights
4. FY22 March Budget Report
5. Gift Acceptance Memo – Greg Imbriano
6. Gift Acceptance Memo – NRHS Music Boosters
7. Gift Acceptance Memo – NRHS Various Parents
8. Gift Acceptance Memo – Frank Potvin