

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

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

Date: March 28, 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  
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 6:32 pm.

**II. A. Public Input:**

North Reading Resident Drew DePatie addressed the School Committee regarding the process of reporting racist incidents at the North Reading Public Schools.

**II. B. Student Report:**

Sophia Galuppo, Class of 2022, presented the student report including an update on performing arts, athletics and extracurricular clubs at the High School and her class work.

**II. D.1. Northeast Metro Regional Vocational School Presentation:**

Ms. Judy Dymont, North Reading's Representative to the Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School and Mr. Dave DiBarri, Superintendent, presented on the programs and initiatives taking place at the Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational High School. Both Ms. Dymont and Mr. DiBarri thanked North Reading residents for their vote and support of the building project for a new school.

**II. D.2. NOTEorious Overnight Travel:**

Dr. Daly proposed an out of state overnight trip to New York City for students in the NOTEorious a cappella group in order to participate in the next round of competition in the International Championship of High School A Cappella (ICHSA) in April of 2022.

*The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Pappavaselio and seconded by Mr. McGowan to approve the trip to New York. Motion passed 5-0.*

**II. D3. North Reading High School Presentation:**

Mr. Loprete, North Reading High School Principal, along with students and staff presented “Career, Community, & Citizenship,” an overview of learning experiences at NRHS. Mr. Josh Rocco and students from the Internship Program, Ms. Nicole Pierce as the advisor to the DECA Club, and Mr. Chuck Campobasso, who is the coordinator of the Civic Action Project and students participated in the presentation.

**II. D.4. Research Project and Survey Proposal:**

North Reading High School Teacher Michelle Caulfield presented her graduate program research proposal and her planned surveys for students, staff and parents.

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

Dr. Daly presented the latest information concerning Spring 2022, including updated DESE and DPH guidance, data, and COVID-19 testing. Mr. Connelly updated the Committee on busing.

**II. E.1 Minutes:**

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to approve the March 7, 2022 Executive Session minutes as amended. Motion passed 5-0.

Amendment: in motion change “collecting bargaining” to “collective bargaining”.

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

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to approve the March 11, 2022 Executive Session minutes as written. Motion passed 4-0-1, Mr. Buckley abstained.

**II. E.2. Budget Update:** No budget update.**II. E.3 Staffing:** No staffing update.**II. E.4. Bids and Donations:**

- North Reading Diamond Club: \$4,500 donation for the painting and maintenance of the baseball grounds.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to accept with gratitude a donation of \$4,500.00 from Tim Haynes, Assistant Treasurer at the North Reading Diamond Club. These funds are intended for the painting and maintenance of the baseball grounds at the High School. Motion passed 5-0.

- Veteran's Business Supply: In-kind donation of Covid test kits, hand sanitizer and wipes valued at \$3,556.73.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to accept with gratitude an in-kind donation of Covid test kits, hand sanitizer and wipes valued at \$3,556.73 from Chris Mabbett at Veteran's Business Supply to benefit the District. Motion passed 5-0.

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

Ms. Imbriano gave an update of the March 9, 2022 Athletic Subcommittee meeting.  
Mr. McGowan gave an update of the March 9, 2022 Fine Arts Subcommittee meeting.  
Mr. McGowan gave an update of the March 25, 2022 Financial Planning Team meeting.  
Mr. Buckley gave an update on the progress of the solar energy project.

Future Subcommittee Schedule:

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| • Athletic Subcommittee  | April 13, 2022 | 12:00 PM |
| • Fine Arts Subcommittee | May 25, 2022   | 3:15 PM  |

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

- Dr. Daniel Downs, Director of Digital Learning, has been appointed to the Digital Learning Advisory Council (DLAC) for the term of March 2022 – March 2025.
- The District was recognized for the work that has been done in Cybersecurity at a ceremony March 8, 2022 by Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. The District has been selected to participate in the Municipal Cybersecurity Awareness Grant program for another year.
- Ms. Shivani Srikanth, Class of 2022 is one of eight Thoreau Scholars selected for the Class of 2026 by the Henry David Thoreau Foundation, which gives a scholarship of \$25,000 over four years.
- Dr. Daly received a phone call from a parent who represents a group in town to talk about the concerns being heard around the community about issues related to race and culture. The schools are continuing to take these issues seriously and a forum on the topic is being scheduled.
- Dr. Daly shared that a student leader of the High School's Social Activism Club sent letters from the students to Dr. Daly and the Transcript.

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

- Dr. Daly and the School Committee received a request to make changes to the Athletic Handbook, and to add this topic to the agenda of a future School Committee meeting. Mr. Buckley reviewed the requirements/policy on adding items to an agenda. In accordance with Policy BCBI, citizens may do so by submitting the request in writing to the Superintendent of Schools no less than ten (10) business days prior to the date of the School Committee meeting. Such requests are subject to the approval of the School Committee chairperson.

Mr. Buckley and Dr. Daly discussed the procedure for changes to the Athletic Handbook and that the proper channel is to put a request in writing to the Director of Athletics.

**III. Future Business:**

Monday	April 4, 2022	6:30 PM	FY 23 Budget Workshop
Monday	April 11, 2022	6:30 PM	FY23 Budget Hearing/ Little School Presentation

**IV. Executive Session:**

At 8:36 p.m. the Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Pappavaselio and seconded by Mr. McGowan to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining strategies for negotiations with the North Reading Food Service Workers and strategies related to litigation. Motion passed 5-0.

Chair Scott Buckley called the Open Session back to order at 8:57 p.m.

**V. Adjournment:**

At 8:57 p.m. Mr. Pappavaselio offered a motion to adjourn the Open Session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Imbriano. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

**Documents and Exhibits:**

1. NOTEorious Overnight Trip
2. North Reading High School Presentation Agenda
3. Minutes – March 7, 2022 – Executive Session
4. Minutes – March 7, 2022 – Open Session
5. Minutes – March 11, 2022 – Executive Session