

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

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

Date: June 13, 2022

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Hybrid Meeting (+1 475-441-4825 / PIN: 932 356 195#) [meet.google.com/cxq-kauo-muy](https://meet.google.com/cxq-kauo-muy)

***School Committee Members Present***

Dyana Boutwell

Scott Buckley

Jeff Friedman

Rich McGowan

Noelle Rudloff

***Staff Members Present***

Patrick Daly – Superintendent of Schools

Michael Connelly – Assistant Superintendent of Finance  
and Operations

Sean Killeen - Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning

Cindy Elmore – Recording Secretary

**I. Call to Order Open Session:**

Chair Scott Buckley called the Open Session to order at 6:18 pm.

**Executive Session:**

*The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to personnel matters, and to return to Open Session. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.*

Chair Scott Buckley called the Open Session back to order at 6:34 pm.

**II. A. Public Input:**

Mr. Drew Depatie and Mr. John Barrett addressed the School Committee with their views on the North Reading School District. Mr. Steve Sigmund and Mr. Noah Spicer expressed their support of the leadership of the North Reading Public Schools.

**II. B. Student Report:**

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

**II. D.1. Recognition of NRPS Retirees:**

Superintendent Daly and the School Committee recognized the following teachers and staff members in the district who are retiring:

Sally Sorrentino, Math Teacher – Middle School

Anne Hewitt, Grade 4 Teacher – Batchelder School

Gale Talis, Special Education Paraprofessional – High School

Kathy Lentini, Special Education Paraprofessional – Little School

Pam String, Administrative Assistant – Hood School

Joseph Hehn, Interim Vice Principal – High School

**II. D.2. Knitting Club Proposal:**

Dr. Catherine O'Connell and Ms. Jennifer Novicki presented a proposal for a Knitting Club as a Middle School Extracurricular Activity.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Boutwell and seconded by Mr. McGowan to approve the proposed Knitting Club at the Middle School. Motion passed 5-0.

**II. D.3. Performing Arts Programs and Fee Schedule Updates:**

Dr. Daly, Mr. Connelly, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations and School Committee representatives of the Fine Arts Subcommittee discussed updates to the performing arts programs and the proposed fee schedule.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to approve the Performing Arts fee schedule as listed with the one addition that there will be a family cap on fees worked into it this year. Motion passed 5-0.

**II. D.4. School Resource Office MOU and School Safety Update:**

Dr. Daly shared an update on the latest draft of the School Resource Office Memorandum of Understanding and discussed updates related to school safety.

**II. D.5. Standards Based Report Cards Update:**

Mr. Sean Killeen, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, provided an update on revisions to the standards based report cards at the elementary schools.

**II. D.6. Teaching and Learning Updates:** Deferred to a later meeting.**II. D.7. Virtual Art Show:**

Dr. Daly and Mr. Killeen shared the link and provided information about the District's Virtual Art Show.

**II. D.8. NRPS 2025:**

Dr. Daly provided an update on the draft of NRPS 2025 and the process for feedback within the public comment period.

**II. D.9. School Committee 2022-2023 Meeting Schedule:**

Dr. Daly reviewed the 2022-2023 School Committee meeting schedule including summer dates.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Boutwell and seconded by Mr. Friedman to approve the 2022-2023 School Committee meeting schedule as amended. Motion passed 5-0.

**II. E.1 Minutes:**

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Boutwell and seconded by Mr. McGowan to approve the May 2, 2022 Open Session minutes as written. Motion passed 5-0.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Boutwell and seconded by Mr. McGowan to approve the May 9, 2022 Open Session minutes as written. Motion passed 5-0.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Boutwell and seconded by Mr. McGowan to approve the May 16, 2022 Executive Session minutes as written. Motion passed 5-0.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Boutwell and seconded by Mr. McGowan to approve the May 16, 2022 Open Session minutes as written. Motion passed 5-0.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Boutwell and seconded by Mr. McGowan to approve the June 6, 2022 Open Session/Town Meeting minutes as amended. Motion passed 5-0.

Amendment: Change on the three motions on Warrant Articles – change approve to recommend.

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

- High School Parent's Association: \$3,667.04 donation towards Senior Prom expenses.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to accept with gratitude a donation of \$3,667.04 from the North Reading High School Parent's Association to help fund the Class of 2022 Senior Prom. Motion passed 5-0.

- John Janasiewicz: \$810.00 donation to support the Girls' Soccer program.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to accept with gratitude a donation of \$810.00 from John Janasiewicz to support the Girls' Soccer program at the High School. Motion passed 5-0.

- Anonymous donor: \$235.00 donation to fund an 8<sup>th</sup> grader's field trip.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to accept with gratitude a donation of \$235.00 an anonymous donor to fund an 8<sup>th</sup> grader's field trip at the Middle School. Motion passed 5-0.

- Batchelder Parent's Association: \$790.00 donation to fund the Kindergarten field trip to the Stone Zoo.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to accept with gratitude a donation of \$790.00 from the Batchelder School Parent's Association to fund the Kindergarten field trip to the Stone Zoo. Motion passed 5-0.

- Middle School Parent's Association: \$622.00 donation for sling bags for 8<sup>th</sup> grade fun week.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to accept with gratitude a donation of \$622.00 from the North Reading Middle School Parent's Association to purchase sling bags for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade fun week at the Middle School. Motion passed 5-0.

- Parents of North Reading: \$2,129.00 donation to offset Cooperstown trip.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to accept with gratitude a donation of \$2,129.00 from various North Reading parents to offset the Cooperstown trip for the Baseball team at the High School. Motion passed 5-0.

- International Family Church \$2,000.00 in-kind donation for gifts of gratitude for North Reading Educators.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to accept with gratitude an in-kind donation of gift cards valued at \$2,000.00 from the International Family Church to be given to the North Reading educators in the District. Motion passed 5-0.

- NRHS Music Boosters: \$19,000.00 donation to purchase new HS Marching Band uniforms.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to accept with gratitude a donation in the amount of \$19,000.00 from the North Reading High School Music Boosters for the purchase of new uniforms for the High School Marching Band. Motion passed 5-0.

- Hornet Hall of Fame: \$11,300.00 donation to purchase the NRHS stadium scoreboard and table cover.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to accept with gratitude a donation of \$11,300.00 from North Reading High School Hall of Fame to purchase a stadium scoreboard and table cover for the High School. Motion passed 5-0.

- Hood School Parents' Association: \$4,945.00 donation to help defray the costs of the Hood school class field trips.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to accept with gratitude a donation of 4,945.00 from the Hood School Parents' Association to help defray the costs for class field trips. Motion passed 5-0.

### **III. F.1. Subcommittee Reports:** No subcommittee updates.

Mr. McGowan provided an update of the May 18, 2022 Athletic Subcommittee meeting.

Mr. McGowan and Ms. Rudloff provided an update of the May 25, 2022 Fine Arts Subcommittee meeting.

Mr. Buckley and Mr. McGowan provided an update of the May 27, 2022 Finance Planning Team meeting.

**Future Subcommittee Schedule:**

Finance Planning Team                      8:00 a.m.                      June 17, 2022

The policy subcommittee and evaluation subcommittee will meet ahead of the July meeting of the North Reading School Committee meeting.

**III.      F.2      Administrative Report:**

- Senior Week and Graduation were a great success. Dr. Daly reported that the students had a great time at all events.

**III.      F.3.      Correspondence:** None at this time.

**IV.      Future Business:**

Monday	July 25, 2022	6:30 PM	Superintendent's Goals 2021-2022 Summative School Committee Goals 2021-2022 Summative
Monday	August 29, 2022	4:30 PM	School Committee Goals Workshop
Monday	August 29, 2022	6:30 PM	FY24 Budget Calendar/FY Budget Goals

**V.      Adjournment:**

*The Committee voted on a motion made by Mr. McGowan and seconded Boutwell to adjourn at 8:54 pm. Motion passed 5-0.*

**Documents and Exhibits:**

1. Knitting Club Proposal
2. Performing Arts Fee Schedule
3. PowerPoint – Standards Based Report Cards Update
4. NPRS 2025
5. Draft North Reading School Committee 2022-2023 Meeting Schedule
6. Minutes – May 2, 2022 – Open Session/School Choice Public Hearing
7. Minutes – May 9, 2022 – Open Session
8. Minutes – May 16, 2022 – Executive Session
9. Minutes – May 16, 2022 – Open Session
10. Minutes – June 6, 2022 – Open Session/Town Meeting
11. Gift Acceptance Memo – High School Parent’s Association
12. Gift Acceptance Memo – John Janasiewicz
13. Gift Acceptance Memo – Anonymous Donor
14. Gift Acceptance Memo – Batchelder Parent’s Association
15. Gift Acceptance Memo – Middle School Parent’s Association
16. Gift Acceptance Memo – Parents of North Reading
17. Gift Acceptance Memo – International Family Church
18. Gift Acceptance Memo – North Reading High School Music Boosters
19. Gift Acceptance Memo – Hornet Hall of Fame
20. Gift Acceptance Memo – Hood School Parent’s Association