

North Reading Public Schools
North Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Open Session

Date: August 29, 2022

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Hybrid Meeting: Distance Learning Lab and Virtual: meet.google.com/cxq-kauo-muy
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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
Cindy Elmore – Recording Secretary

I. Call to Order Open Session

Chair Scott Buckley called the Open Session to order at 6:39 pm.

II. A. Public Input: No public input.

II. B. Student Report: No student report.

II. D.1. Haunted Playground:

Masquers students and advisor Mrs. Allison Kane presented a proposal for the 2022 Haunted Playground which the Masquers and Mrs. Kane organize and run with help from other students and parents.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to approve the 2022 Haunted Playground at the Batchelder School on October 22, 2022. Motion passed 5-0.

II. E.3 Staffing:

Dr. Daly introduced two new hires in the district; Ms. Morgan Soares, Human Resources Administrator, and Ms. BarriAnn Alonzo, Assistant Principal at North Reading High School.

II. D.2. North Reading Middle School and High School Handbooks:

Dr. Daly reviewed updates to the 2022-23 North Reading High School, Athletics, and Middle School Handbooks.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Friedman to approve the 2022-2023 North Reading Middle and High School Handbooks. Motion passed 5-0.

II. D.3. 2022-23 School Year Opening Update:

Dr. Daly and Mr. Connelly provided an update on the readiness of the schools for the 2022-23 school year. Dr. Daly explained that the summer months are the busiest time in the district making sure all is set with the schools and the infrastructure. The School Safety Team met over the summer and the ALICE programs were reviewed. Dr. Daly reported that the district is in a good place prior to opening.

II. D.4. FY'24 Budget and Calendar Goals:

Mr. Connelly, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations presented the FY'24 Budget Calendar and Budget Goals.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Friedman and seconded by Ms. Rudloff to approve the FY'24 Budget Calendar and Budget Goals. Motion passed 5-0.

II. C.1. Superintendent's Evaluation:

Mr. Friedman reviewed Superintendent Daly's evaluation and covered the highlights of the evaluation from the School Committee.

II. D.4. School Committee Evaluation:

Mr. Friedman reviewed the School Committee Self Evaluation and covered the highlights of the evaluation made by the School Committee.

II. E.1 Minutes:

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Boutwell and seconded by Mr. McGowan to approve the July 25, 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 July 25, 2022 Open Session minutes as written. Motion passed 5-0.

II. E.2. Budget Update:

Mr. Connelly, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, presented the final FY'22 Budget Update and year end general fund balance.

In addition, Mr. Connelly presented the FY'22 4th Quarter Student Activity financial report which reflects activity through June 30, 2022.

Mr. Connelly also reported the final list of in-kind gifts and donations received during FY'22.

II. E.4. Bids and Donations:

- Little School PTO – Donation of \$626.13 to fund the purchase of Art wish list supplies.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Rudloff to accept with gratitude a donation in the amount of \$626.13 from the E. Ethel Little School PTO for the purchase of art wish list supplies. Motion passed 5-0.

- Little School PTO – Donation of \$995.64 to fund the purchase Labsonic personal headphones.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Rudloff to accept with gratitude a donation of in the amount of \$995.64 from the E. Ethel Little School PTO for the purchase of Labsonic personal headphones. Motion passed 5-0.

- Reading Cooperative Bank – Donation of \$5,000.00 to help fund the High School scoreboard project.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Rudloff to accept with gratitude a donation of \$5,000.00 from Reading Cooperative Bank to help fund the stadium scoreboard project for the High School. Motion passed 5-0

II. F.1. Subcommittee Reports:

Mr. Buckley and Mr. McGowan provided an update of the August 19, 2022 Financial Planning Team meeting.

Future Subcommittee Schedule:

- Finance Planning Team September 16, 2022 8:15 AM

II. F.2 Administrative Report:

- Dr. Daly reported that additional move-in's in North Reading over the summer have generated the need to add an additional half day Kindergarten. Because of this there were a few moves between schools.

II. F.3. Correspondence: None at this time.

III. Future Business:

Monday	September 19, 2022	6:30 PM	School Improvement Plans
Monday	October 3, 2022	6:45 PM	Town Meeting
Monday	October 17, 2022	6:30 PM	MCAS Presentation

IV. Adjournment:

The Committee voted on a motion made by Ms. Rudloff and seconded to Mr. Friedman adjourn at 7:49 pm. Motion passed 5-0.

Documents and Exhibits:

1. PowerPoint – Haunted Playground
2. North Reading Middle School and High School Handbooks – 2022-2023
3. FY 24 School Committee Budget Calendar & Budget Goals
4. Minutes – July 25, 2022 – Executive Session
5. Minutes – July 25, 2022 – Open Session
6. FY22 Final Budget Report
7. FY22 Student Activity Quarter 4 Report (April 1 – June 30, 2022)
8. FY22 Gifts and Donations
9. Gift Acceptance Memo – Little School Parents’ Association
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