

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

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

Date: October 17, 2022

Time: 5:30 PM

Place: Hybrid Meeting: NRHS Distance Learning Lab and Virtual Meeting  
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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 5:00 pm.

**Executive Session:**

*At 5:01 p.m. the Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Rudloff to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation and strategy with respect to collective bargaining. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.*

Mr. Buckley called the Open Session back to order at 5:37 pm.

**II. A. Public Input:** There was no public input.

**II. B. Student Report:**

Piper Kirwin, Class of 2024 provided the student report and presented her class work.

**II. D.1. Town of North Reading - Wastewater Presentation:**

Town Administrator, Michael Gilleberto, Joseph Parisi, Director of the DPW, Stephen O’Leary and Vincenzo Stuto, Select Board members, presented the town’s wastewater proposal.

**II. D.2. Recognition of Professional Status Educators:**

Dr. Daly recognized the educators who are earning professional status in the district for their continued service to the students of North Reading.

Batchelder School	Kerin Bakst and Sarah Fitzpatrick
Hood School	Jessica Blanchette, Sarah Liekweg and Ali Marcus
Little School	Jenny Dakin, Kristen Nickerson, Brittany Joyce, Lauren Kelly, Kelly McCarthy and Ashley Zinchuk
Middle School	Lauren Johnson and Alison Stewart
High School	Alexandra Pepe and Joshua Rocco
District – Digital Learning	Paul Ayzazian
Music – Multiple Schools	Daniel Muse

## II. C.1. Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Goals:

Mr. Connelly, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, presented the revised budget goals for approval based on the discussion and recommendations made at the previous School Committee meeting.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Rudloff and seconded by Mr. Friedman to accept the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Goals as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

## II. D.3. Large Capital Improvement Plan Presentation:

Mr. Connelly presented the Large Capital Improvement Plan for fiscal year 2024 through 2028. The revised plan will be submitted to the Capital Improvement Planning Committee (CIPC) for their review.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Rudloff to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Request priority order as revised. Motion passed 5-0.

## II. E.1 Minutes:

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Boutwell and seconded by Mr. Friedman to approve the August 29, 2022 Open Session minutes as written. Motion passed 5-0.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Boutwell and seconded by Mr. Friedman to approve the August 29, 2022 Goals Workshop minutes as written. Motion passed 4-0-1. Ms. Boutwell abstained.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Boutwell and seconded by Mr. Friedman to approve the September 19, 2022 Open Session minutes as written. Motion passed 5-0.

## II. E.2. Budget Update:

Mr. Michael Connelly, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, presented the final fiscal year 2023 budget update reflecting activity through the month of September and the first quarter of fiscal year 2023.

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

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

- North Reading Diamond Club – Donation of \$26,000 to help fund the baseball infield projects.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to accept with gratitude a donation of \$26,000.00 from Tim Haynes, Assistant Treasurer of the North Reading Diamond Club. These funds are intended for the baseball projects at the High School as follows; \$15,000 NRHS baseball infield project; \$1,000 NRHS baseball infield project (Viking Tree); \$10,000 for the NRHS baseball backstop project. Motion 5-0.

- Tim Richards – Donation of \$300.00 to assist with triathlon packet filling for a CC/Track team activity.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Friedman to accept with gratitude a donation in the amount of \$300.00 from Mr. Tim Richards for assisting with the Triathlon packet filling for a Cross Country/Track team activity at the High School. Motion passed 5-0.

- Marianne and Andrew Keith/Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism. In-kind donation of a Communication Board valued at \$300.00.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Friedman to accept with gratitude a donation of a communication board for the Hood School playground valued at \$300.00 from Marianne and Andrew Keith through the Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism. This communication board is to support inclusivity and accessibility within school playgrounds as well as support children in initiating conversations with peers, navigating social situations and expressing themselves. Motion passed 5-0.

- Little School PTO – Donation of \$2,950.00 to defray the cost of buses for 2022-23 field trips.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Friedman to accept with gratitude a donation in the amount of \$2,950.00 from the E. Ethel Little School PTO to defray the cost of buses for 2022-2023 field trips. Motion passed 5-0.

- Middle School Parents' Association – Donation of \$2,419.78 to fund the purchase of 22 monitors for 6<sup>th</sup> grade computer class.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Friedman to accept with gratitude a donation in the amount of \$2,419.78 from the Middle School Parents' Association to purchase 22 monitors for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade computer class. Motion passed 5-0.

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

Mr. McGowan gave an update of the September 23, 2022 Finance Planning Team meeting.

Mr. McGowan gave an update of the September 21, 2022 Athletic Subcommittee meeting.

Ms. Rudloff gave an update of the September 21, 2022 Fine Arts Subcommittee meeting.

Mr. Buckley discussed the meet and greet at the Horseshoe Grille with the SEPAC parents.

### **Future Subcommittee Schedule**

- Finance Planning Team                      October 21, 2022                      8:15 AM

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

- The K12 Action Committee met on September 8, 2022. This is the group that falls under the CIT, Community Impact Team for the town. The K12 action team is comprised of subgroups: Health and Wellness, Bullying Prevention/Safe Schools and Diversity, Equity and Belonging. These groups will meet throughout the year and report out their progress on their goals.
- Update on the elementary schools' Understanding our Differences program.
- The Communication Board was delivered to the J. Turner Hood School.
- Update on scheduled visits by comfort/therapy dogs going to the Batchelder, Hood and High Schools. The policy on animals in our schools will be reviewed by the Policy Subcommittee. A "puppy cam" has been installed at the High School. The puppy cam has been a huge success.

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

## **III. Future Business:**

Monday	November 14, 2022	6:30 PM	MCAS/Presentation / Teaching & Learning
Monday	November 28, 2022	6:45 PM	Student Services Presentation
Monday	December 12, 2022	6:30 PM	NRPS 2025 Update

## **IV. Adjournment:**

The Committee voted on a motion made by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Rudloff to adjourn at 8:47 pm. Motion passed 5-0.

**Documents and Exhibits:**

1. PowerPoint – Town of North Reading Wastewater Presentation
2. Recognition of Professional Status Educators
3. FY24 Budget Goals
4. FY24-29 Large Capital Plan Presentation
5. Minutes – Open Session – August 29, 2022
6. Minutes – Open Session/Goals Workshop – August 29, 2022
7. Minutes – Open Session – September 19, 2022
8. FY22 Final Budget Update
9. FY23 Budget Update
10. Gift Acceptance Memo – North Reading High School Diamond Club
11. Gift Acceptance Memo – Little School Parents' Association