

North Reading Public Schools
North Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Open Session

Date: November 28, 2022

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Hybrid Meeting - NRHS Distance Learning Lab and Virtual (+1 475-441-4825 / PIN: 932 356 195#)
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School Committee Members Present

Dyana Boutwell

Scott Buckley

Jeff Friedman

Rich McGowan

Noelle Rudloff (not present)

Staff Members Present

Patrick Daly – Superintendent of Schools

Michael Connelly – Assistant Superintendent of Finance
and Operations

Sean Killeen – Asst. Superintendent of Teaching & Learning

Cindy Elmore – Recording Secretary

I. Call to Order Open Session

Chair Scott Buckley called the Open Session to order at 6:35 pm.

II. A. Public Input: No public input.

II. B. Student Report:

Sophie Saquet, Class of 2024 provided the student report and presented her class work.

II. D.3. International Travel - Peru 2024:

International Travel Club advisors, Mr. Evan Noce and Mr. Michael Vaudo, presented a proposal for an April 2024 student trip to Peru.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Boutwell and seconded by Mr. Friedman to approve the international travel trip to Peru in 2024. Motion passed 4-0.

II. D.4. Immersion Trip to Spain 2024:

World Languages Curriculum Coordinator, Ms. Ana Llama Floresquero, proposed a February, 2024 Language Immersion trip to Spain.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Friedman and seconded by Mr. McGowan to approve the immersion trip to Spain in 2024. Motion passed 4-0.

II. D.1. Model United Nations Overnight Travel:

Model United Nations advisor, Justin Reddington, presented a proposal for students to attend the Harvard Model United Nations Conference in Boston from Thursday, January 26, 2023 to Sunday, January 29, 2023.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Friedman to approve the Model United Nations overnight travel January 26-29, 2023. Motion passed 4-0.

II. D.5. NREA Educator Evaluation Collective Bargaining Agreement:

Dr. Daly reviewed the Educator Evaluation Collective Bargaining Agreement, highlighting the recent updates. This document has been shared with the Committee for review and has been ratified by the NREA.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Boutwell and seconded by Mr. McGowan to approve the Educator Evaluation Collective Bargaining Agreement. Motion passed 4-0.

II. D.6. Spring 2022 MCAS and ACCESS Presentation:

Mr. Sean Killeen, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, presented an overview of the 2022 district MCAS results for the North Reading Public Schools as well as ACCESS scores for English Language Learners.

II. D.2. NOTEorious International Competition (ICHSA) Overnight Travel:

Members of NOTEorious and advisor, Ms. Allison Kane, shared about their overnight travel plans to attend the International Competition for A Cappella in Troy, New York on February 4, 2023.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Friedman to approve the NOTEorious trip to the ICHSA Quarterfinal Round in Troy, New York on February 4 and 5, 2023. Motion passed 4-0.

II. D.7. Teaching and Learning Update:

Mr. Sean Killeen, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, presented an overview and update on the work that educators have been participating in this year including the standards-based report cards, professional development, and curriculum updates.

II. C.1. School Committee Goals:

The Evaluation Subcommittee reviewed the final version of the School Committee's goals for 2022-23 year.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Friedman to approve the School Committee Goals for 2022-23 with the exception of deleting section 4.3. Motion passed 4-0.

II. E.1. Minutes:

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Boutwell and seconded by Mr. Friedman to approve the October 3, 2022 Open Session minutes as written. Motion passed 4-0.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Boutwell and seconded by Mr. Friedman to approve the Executive Session minutes for October 17, 2022 as amended. Motion passed 4-0.

Amendment: Add “potential litigation” to motion to enter into Executive Session.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Boutwell and seconded by Mr. Friedman to approve the October 17, 2022 Open Session minutes as amended. Motion passed 4-0.

Amendments: Add “potential litigation” to motion to enter into Executive Session.

II.F.1. Subcommittee Reports: Correct spelling of SEPAC.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Boutwell and seconded by Mr. Friedman to approve the November 17, 2022 Executive Session minutes as written. Motion passed 4-0.

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 November of fiscal year 2023.

In addition, Mr. Connelly presented the first quarter activity report and requested approval of all the active Middle and High School clubs for the 2022-23 school year.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Friedman to approve the list of active student activity accounts at the High School and Middle School for the 2022-23 school year as presented by the Administration. Motion passed 4-0.

II. E.3 Staffing: No staffing update.

II. E.4. Bids and Donations:

- Hood School Parents’ Association – Donation of \$200.00 to help fund the 1st grade transportation for a field trip.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Friedman to accept with gratitude a donation of \$200.00 from the Hood School Parents’ Association to help fund the 1st grade transportation to the Library, Police and Fire Department. Motion passed 4-0.

- Hood School Parents’ Association – Donation of \$100.00 to help fund Steam Night.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Friedman to accept with gratitude a donation of \$100.00 from the Hood School Parents’ Association to help fund Steam Night at the Hood School. Motion passed 4-0.

- Lisa and Tim Howland – Donation of \$25.00 towards field hockey.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Friedman to accept with gratitude a donation in the amount of \$25.00 from Lisa and Tom Howland to go towards the Field Hockey program at the High School. Motion passed 4-0.

- Little School PTO – Donation of \$3,048.01 to help fund a Sphero Bolt Power Pack for Digital Learning classes.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Friedman to accept with gratitude a donation in the amount of \$3,048.01 from the Little School PTO to help fund a Sphero Bolt Power Pack for Digital Learning classes. Motion passed 4-0.

- Middle School Parents' Association – Donation of \$560.00 to help fund the 8th grade Harold Parker field trip transportation.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Friedman to accept with gratitude a donation in the amount of \$560.00 from the Middle School Parents' Association to help fund the 8th grade Harold Parker State Park field trip transportation. Motion passed 4-0.

- Adrian A. Gasper & Co. – Donation of \$500.00 to help support DECA Club membership dues.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Friedman to accept with gratitude a donation in the amount of \$500.00 from Adrian A. Gasper & Company LLP to help support DECA Club membership dues at the High School. Motion passed 4-0.

- Rebecca Mikulski; Senior Brand Manager for Amazon Global Robotics – In-Kind Donation of \$4,000.00 of Robotics products to be used for the Robotics Club.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Friedman to accept with gratitude an in-kind donation of robotics products valued at \$4,000.00 from Rebecca Mikulski; Senior Brand Manager from Amazon Global Robotics. These robotics products will be used in the Robotics classroom and for the Robotics Club at the Middle School. Motion passed 4-0.

II. F.1. Subcommittee Reports:

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

Ms. Boutwell and Dr. Daly gave an update of the November 9, 2022 Athletic Subcommittee meeting.

Mr. McGowan gave an update of the November 9, 2022 Fine Arts Subcommittee meeting.

Future Subcommittee Schedule

- Finance Planning Team December 2, 2022 8:15 AM

II. F.2 Administrative Report:

• K-12 Action Committee

K12 Action Committee will meet four times throughout the year. The Health/Wellness, Bullying Prevention/Safe Schools, and Diversity, Equity, and Belonging groups will meet throughout the year and report their progress on their goals at the remaining K-12 Action Team meetings. The next scheduled meeting of this group is on December 13, 2022 at 3:15 pm.

- The Equity, Diversity, Inclusion & Belonging sub-group for parents met on November 22, 2022 at 6:30 pm. Mr. McGowan was able to join the group as they discussed questions for an upcoming parent and community survey.

- **Extra-curricular and Athletic Achievements**

On November 15, 2022 NOTEorious placed into the International Competition of High School A Cappella (ICHSA) will compete February 4, 2023 in Troy, NY. The North Reading High School Cheerleading Team won the Cape Ann League and came in third in the state. The North Reading High School football team, along with the cheerleaders and marching band, will be playing at Gillette Stadium on Friday, December 2, 2022. The Volleyball, Field Hockey, and both men's and women's Soccer teams also made the playoffs.

- **School Safety**

The district recently distributed COVID-19 Test Kits for all students PreK-12 and made them available for interested staff members. The recommendation was to use a test prior to returning to school on November 28, 2022 and again following Winter break. We also distributed information and cards to students with information about Text to 9-1-1. All students will receive two information cards as well as digital information cards to share with parents, families and caregivers.

ALICE Drills have been conducted with staff members at all five schools and will continue in December. The School Safety team is meeting to review student drills and scenarios with staff for implementation early in 2023.

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

III. Future Business:

Monday	December 12, 2022	6:30 PM	Student Services Presentation (at Hood School)
Monday	January 9, 2023	6:30 PM	NRHS Presentation
Monday	January 23, 2023	6:30 PM	NRPS 2025 Updates

IV. Adjournment:

At 9:07 p.m. the Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Friedman to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and that the Committee will not return to Open Session. Motion passed 4-0 on a roll call vote.

Documents and Exhibits:

1. North Reading School Committee Goals 2022-23
2. PowerPoint – Peru 2024
3. PowerPoint –Immersion Trip to Spain
4. Model United Nations Overnight Travel Request
5. NREA Educator Evaluation Collective Bargaining Agreement
6. Spring 2022 MCAS and ACCESS presentation
7. NOTEorious International Competition Overnight Travel request
8. Teaching and Learning Update
9. Minutes – Open Session/Town Meeting – October 3, 2022
10. Minutes – Executive Session – October 17, 2022
11. Minutes – Open Session – October 17, 2022
12. Minutes - Executive Session – November 17, 2022
13. FY23 November Budget Update
14. FY23 Student Activity Quarter 1 Report (July 1 – September 30, 2022)
15. Gift Acceptance Memo – Hood School Parents' Association
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17. Gift Acceptance Memo – Lisa and Tom Howland
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