

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

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

Date: December 12, 2022

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Hybrid Meeting: J. Turner Hood School Library and Virtual (+1 475-441-4825 / PIN: 932 356 195#)  
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***School Committee Members Present***

Scott Buckley

Rich McGowan

Jeff Friedman

Noelle Rudloff (virtual)

Dyana Boutwell (not present)

***Staff Members Present***

Patrick Daly – Superintendent of Schools

Sean Killeen - Assistant Superintendent for Teaching & Learning

Cindy Elmore - Recording Secretary

**I. Call to Order Open Session**

Chair Scott Buckley called the Open Session to order at 6:31 pm.

**II. A. Public Input:** No public input.

**II. B. Student Report:**

Sucheta Srikanth, Class of 2025 provided the student report and presented her class work.

**II. D.1. Student Services Presentation:**

Ms. Cynthia Conant, Director of Student Services, presented a dedication in memory of Dr. Ilda Carreiro King, PhD. The presentation focused on Dr. King's lasting legacy with respect to developing literacy skills for students with specialized learning needs as well as mentoring educators on literacy development teaching methodologies. Dr. King's family was gracious enough to donate her extensive library of literacy resource books and materials to the North Reading School District (Hood School). To pay tribute to Dr. King and provide a place for teachers to view and continue to use Dr. King's resources, a dedicated space in the Hood School library has been created. The space is unique and cozy place to curl up with a book. Dr. King's family was in attendance for the unveiling of "Dr. Ilda's Garden – Where Literacy Skills Blossom."

**II. D.2. Appointment: Northshore Education Consortium Board of Directors**

Annually a North Reading representative is appointed to the Northshore Education Consortium (NEC) Board of Directors, a position traditionally held by the Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Daly was appointed for a one year term from July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Friedman to appoint Dr. Patrick Daly to the Board of Directors of the Northshore Education Consortium. Motion passed 4-0 on a roll call vote.

**II. D.3. Appointment: SEEM Collaborative Board of Directors**

Annually a North Reading representative is appointed to the SEEM Collaborative Board of Directors, a position traditionally held by the Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Daly was appointed for a one year term from July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Friedman to appoint Dr. Patrick Daly to the Board of Directors of the SEEM Collaborative. Motion passed 4-0 on a roll call vote.

**II. E.1 Minutes:**

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Friedman and seconded by Mr. McGowan to approve the November 28, 2022 Open Session minutes as written. Motion passed 4-0 on a roll call vote

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Friedman and seconded by Mr. McGowan to approve the November 28, 2022 Executive Session minutes as written. Motion passed 4-0 on a roll call vote.

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

- Keystone Precision & Engineering – Donation of \$818.00 to help purchase team magazine.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Friedman to accept with gratitude a donation of \$818.00 from Keystone Precision and Engineering Inc. to help purchase the team magazine at the High School. Motion passed 4-0 on a roll call vote.

- Batchelder School Parent' Association – Donation of \$3,988.20 to purchase replacement play kitchen furniture at the Batchelder School.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Friedman to accept with gratitude a donation in the amount of \$3,988.20 from the Batchelder School Parents' Association to purchase replacement play kitchen furniture for four Kindergarten classrooms. Motion passed 4-0 on a roll call vote.

- Class of 2022 – Donation towards commemorative stone and landscaping at the High School.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Friedman to accept with gratitude a donation in the amount of \$2,000.00 from Luke Benecke, Class of 2022 President and Gianna Naulivou, Class of 2022 Treasurer to be used towards the commemorative stone and landscaping initiatives for the new board on the football field. Motion passed 4-0 on a roll call vote.

- The Dry Cleaner by Val – Donation of to help fund the playground program at the Hood School

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Friedman to accept with gratitude a donation in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the Dry Cleaner by Val to help fund the playground program at the Hood School. Motion passed 4-0 on a roll call vote.

## II. F.1. Subcommittee Reports:

Mr. McGowan and Mr. Buckley gave an update of the December 2, 2022 Finance Planning Team meeting.

### Future Subcommittee Schedule

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| • CIPC                       | December 15, 2022 | 8:00 AM  |
| • Finance Planning Team      | January 6, 2023   | 8:15 AM  |
| • The Athletic Subcommittee  | January 18, 2023  | 12:00 PM |
| • The Fine Arts Subcommittee | January 18, 2023  | 3:15 PM  |

## II. F.2 Administrative Report:

- **K12 Action Committee**

This year the K-12 Action Team will meet on December 13, 2022 at 3:15 pm.

- Recent incidents at the High School have been addressed through a school forum
- Discussion will include updates from all subcommittees (Health/Wellness; Bullying Prevention and Intervention; and Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging).

- **Recent Changes to Discipline Regulations**

Following the recent updates to state regulations, the district has updated its process for responding to discipline and suspension. We are in the process of updating our school committee policies and the corresponding handbook changes.

- **MASC Professional Development Opportunities**

The district was recently represented by Superintendent Daly and School Committee member Rich McGowan at two professional development opportunities offered by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC).

On November 2-5, 2022 Dr. Daly and Mr. McGowan were chosen to present on a panel entitled “Shared Service Model Approach to Anti-Racist Practices.” Along with area Superintendents, the Executive Director of SEEM, DEIB Coordinator India Barrows, and other school committee members, Mr. McGowan and Dr. Daly presented on the strategies, successes and challenges of a shared model for a multi-district position. Both Mr. McGowan and Dr. Daly also attended additional sessions throughout the conference.

On December 9, 2022 Dr. Daly and Mr. McGowan participated in a session entitled “Emerging Issues in Education Law 2022.” Topics include collective bargaining, strikes and work of the Bureau of Labor Relations; discipline regulations; and legal cases involving student privacy/parental rights (Foote, et. al. v. Ludlow School Committee.)

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

**III. Future Business:**

Monday	January 9, 2023	6:30 PM	North Reading High School Presentation
Monday	January 23, 2023	6:30 PM	NRPS 2025 Updates
Monday	February 13, 2023	6:30 PM	Goals Update

**IV. Adjournment:**

*The Committee voted on a motion made by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Freidman to adjourn at 7:57 pm. Motion passed 4-0 on a roll call vote.*

**Documents and Exhibits:**

1. PowerPoint – Student Services Presentation
2. Minutes – Open Session – November 28, 2022
3. Minutes – Executive Session – November 28, 2022
4. Gift Acceptance Memo – Keystone Precision & Engineering
5. Gift Acceptance Memo – Batchelder School Parents' Association
6. Gift Acceptance Memo – Class of 2022
7. Gift Acceptance Memo – The Dry Cleaner by Val