

North Reading Public Schools
North Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Open Session

Date: February 13, 2023

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Hybrid – Middle/High School Media Center and Virtual (+1 475-441-4825 / PIN: 932 356 195#)
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School Committee Members Present

Dyana Boutwell (not present)

Scott Buckley

Jeff Friedman

Rich McGowan

Noelle Rudloff

Staff Members Present

Patrick Daly – Superintendent of Schools

Cindy Elmore – Recording Secretary

I. Call to Order Open Session

Chair Scott Buckley called the Open Session to order at 6:30 pm.

II. A. Public Input:

John Barrette, 2 Dogwood Lane asked the School Committee to support his request to the North Reading Department of Health and the Department of Public Health for an open forum on the dangers and inefficacy of COVID-19 vaccines and the dangers of children wearing masks. He also stated that it was inappropriate for his name to be used at a staff welcome back meeting at the beginning of the year.

II. B. Student Report:

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

II. D.1. Boys Hockey Overnight Trip Proposal:

Dr. Daly presented a letter from Athletic Director David Johnson to High School Principal AJ Loprete requesting an overnight trip for the Varsity Boys Hockey Team to Falmouth, MA to participate in the Jeff Hayes Memorial Tournament on February 21, 2023.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Rudloff and seconded by Mr. Friedman to approve the Boys Hockey overnight trip. Motion passed 4-0.

III. D.2. School Committee Awards Discussion:

Dr. Daly presented a request for a School Committee Award of Appreciation and a discussion about the process for these awards moving forward. After discussion it was agreed to waive the current March 1st deadline. The Policy Subcommittee will review Policy KDD and bring it forward for School Committee approval.

II. D.3. School Committee Goals Update:

The Evaluation Subcommittee and Mr. Buckley led the Committee through updates on their goals for the 2023-2024 school year.

II. D.4. Superintendent's Goals Update:

Dr. Daly presented an update on his goals at this point in the two-year cycle.

II. E.1 Minutes:

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Rudloff to approve the School Committee January 23, 2023, Open Session minutes as written. Motion passed 4-0.

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

- North Reading Youth Football – Donation of \$10,000 to help support the cost of the stadium scoreboard.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Rudloff to accept with gratitude a donation of \$10,000 from North Reading Youth Football to help support the cost of the new stadium scoreboard at the High School. Motion passed 4-0.

II. E.5. Grants:

- The North Reading Public Schools have been awarded a state-funded Municipal Cybersecurity Awareness grant to train its employees in identifying and avoiding cyber threats. The District will receive a portion of the \$250,000 allotment of state funds.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGovern and seconded by Ms. Rudloff to approve the Cyber Security Grant. Motion passed 4-0.

II. F.1. Subcommittee Reports:

Mr. Buckley and Mr. McGovern gave an update on the February 3, 2023 Finance Planning Team meeting.

Future Subcommittee Schedule

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| • Finance Planning Team | February 17, 2023 | 8:15 AM |
| • Athletic Subcommittee | March 8, 2023 | 12:00 PM |
| • Fine Arts Subcommittee | March 8, 2023 | 3:15 PM |

II. F.2 Administrative Report:

- **Family University**

On March 25, 2023 the district plans to host a Family University with a keynote speaker and breakout sessions for parents, guardians and caregivers. The Save the Date was shared out this week via Blackboard and Social Media.

- Keynote speaker – Dr. Elizabeth Englander
- Breakout Options including information for families on a variety of topics that are aligned with the district vision, including providing information on Universal Design for Learning; Multi-Tiered System of Supports; Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging; Drug and Alcohol Awareness (in partnership with the North Reading Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition) and more!
- 9am – 12pm on March 25, 2023.

- **Charles E. Jones Excellence in Education Award Ceremony**

On Friday, February 10, 2023 the 4th annual presentation of the Charles E. Jones Excellence in Education Award was presented to Mr. Jonathan Hudson. Mr. Hudson is a Special Education teacher at North Reading High School who has been involved not only in leading his classroom but also in our unified after-school programs for basketball and bocce. The District wishes to thank Ms. Claudia Brown and the entire committee for their work behind the scenes on this award.

- **NRPD and NRHS presentation on Substance Abuse**

On Tuesday, February 7, 2023 the North Reading High School Parents' Association in cooperation with the North Reading Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition and the North Reading Policy Department offered a program for parents on the dangers of substance abuse. Related offerings were shared with high school students the following day. Dr. Daly would like to thank all of those involved for a very successful and informative evening. Similar offerings will be available at the Family University event in March.

II. F.3. Correspondence: None at this time.**III. Future Business:**

Monday	February 27, 2023	6:30 PM	Digital Learning Update
Monday	March 13, 2023	6:30 PM	J. Turner Hood School Presentation
Monday	March 27, 2023	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting

IV. Adjournment:

The Committee voted on a motion made by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Rudloff to adjourn the Open Session at 8:08 pm. Motion passed 4-0.

Documents and Exhibits:

1. North Reading School Committee Goals 2022-2023
2. Letter to AJ Loprete, Principal NRHS, requesting a Varsity Boys Hockey team overnight trip
3. Policy – KDD – Recognition of Community/Parent Accomplishment and Service
4. Minutes – Open Session – January 23, 2023
5. Gift Acceptance Memo – North Reading Youth Football
6. Press Release - NRPS Receives State Cybersecurity Training Grant
7. Superintendent's Supplemental Administrative Report
8. List of nominees for the Charles E. Jones Excellence in Education Award