

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

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

Date: April 10, 2023

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Hybrid: Distance Learning Lab / Virtual Meeting (+1 475-441-4825 / PIN: 932 356 195#)  
meet.google.com/cxq-kauo-muy

***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

Sean Killeen – Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning

Cindy Elmore – Recording Secretary

**I. Call to Order Open Session**

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

**II. A. Public Input:**

Ms. Nikki Tosi asked for an update on the schools' restrooms. Dr. Daly responded that there are gender restrooms available to all students. These are single use, all gender restrooms, and the only cost to the schools is for the signage. Ms. Tosi also asked who the stakeholders are for NRPS 2025. Dr. Daly responded that the strategic plan is for everyone in the schools and the community.

**II. B. Student Report:**

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

**II. D.1. Core Measurement Survey:**

Ms. Amy Luckiewicz, Drug Free Communities Grant Director, presented the 2023 Core Measurement Survey. Students will have the opportunity to opt out of the survey that will be administered in grades 6-12 in the weeks following April break. Additional questions surrounding gambling have been added to this year's survey.

*The School Committee took an unofficial vote and no one is opposed to the CIT conducting this year's survey.*

**II. D.2. Public Budget Hearing Presentation:**

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Friedman to open the FY24 Public Budget Hearing at 7:01 pm. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Michael Connelly, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, presented updates to the FY2024 recommended school budget and the status of the remaining budget gap. The School Committee will hold another budget workshop on April 26, 2023.

The Committee voted on a motion by Rick McGowan and seconded by Jeff Friedman to close the FY24 Public Budget Hearing at 8:02 pm. Motion passed 5-0.

**II. C.1. Second Reading, Policy IMG:**

The School Committee held a second reading of policy IMG which relates to Animals in School. This is a new policy and the language is based upon MASC language along with policies from other districts.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Rudloff and seconded by Mr. Friedman to approve the second reading of Policy IMG. Motion passed 5-0.

**II. D.3. School Committee Self-Evaluation:**

Mr. Friedman gave a brief update on the School Committee Self-Evaluation. Mr. Friedman will add each member's comments to a master feedback form. The evaluation will be shared by the April 26, 2023 meeting.

**II. E.1 Minutes:** No minutes to approve.**II. E.2. Budget Update:**

Mr. Connelly gave an update on the status of the FY23 school budget and financial activity through the end of March.

**II. E.3 Staffing:** No staffing update.**II. E.4. Bids and Donations:**

- Little School PTO – Donation of \$760.00 to help fund the grade 4/5 field trip to the Boston Symphony.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Rudloff to accept with gratitude a donation in the amount of \$760.00 from the E. Ethel Little Elementary School PTO to help fund the grade 4/5 field trip to the Boston Symphony. Motion passed 5-0.

- Stacey and Matthew DiCarlo – Donation of \$100.00 towards the HS Baseball program.

*The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Rudloff to accept with gratitude a donation in the amount of \$100.00 from Stacey and Matthew DiCarlo to put towards the NRHS baseball program. Motion passed 5-0.*

**III. E.5. Grants:** None at this time.

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

Mr. Buckley gave an update of the March 31, 2023 and April 6, 2023 Finance Planning Team meeting.

**Future Subcommittee Schedule**

- |                          |                |            |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------|
| • Finance Planning Team  | April 14, 2023 | 8:00 a.m.  |
| • Athletic Subcommittee  | May 23, 2023   | 12:00 p.m. |
| • Fine Arts Subcommittee | May 24, 2023   | 3:15 p.m.  |

**II. F.2 Administrative Report:** None at this time.

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

**III. Future Business:**

Wednesday	April 26, 2023	3:00 PM	Budget Workshop (if needed)
Wednesday	April 26, 2023	6:30 PM	Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Vote
Monday	May 8, 2023	6:30 PM	L.D. Batchelder School Presentation
			School Committee Reorganization
Monday	May 22, 2023	6:30 PM	E. Ethel Little School Presentation
Monday	June 12, 2023	5:00 PM	SEPAC Presentation
Monday	June 12, 2023	7:00 PM	Town Meeting

**IV. Adjournment:**

*The Committee voted on a motion made by Mr. Friedman and seconded by Ms. Rudloff to adjourn at 8:23 pm. Motion passed 5-0.*

**Documents and Exhibits:**

1. PowerPoint – Core Measurement Survey
2. PowerPoint – FY24 School Budget Public Hearing
3. Policy IMG
4. Gift Acceptance Memo – Little School PTO
5. Gift Acceptance Memo – Stacey and Matthew DiCarlo