

North Reading Public Schools
North Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Open Session

Date: May 8, 2023

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Hybrid: Batchelder School Cafeteria / Virtual Meeting (+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

Staff Members Present

Patrick Daly – Superintendent of Schools

Michael Connelly – Assistant Superintendent of Finance
and Operations (Virtual)

Cindy Elmore – Recording Secretary

I. Call to Order Open Session:

Superintendent Daly called the Open Session to order at 6:00 pm.

Executive Session:

At 6:01 p.m. the Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Buckley to enter into Executive Session to discuss union personnel contracts and that they would resume in Open Session following the Executive Session. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

Superintendent Daly called the Open Session back to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. D.1. School Committee Reorganization:

By policy, an annual reorganization meeting shall take place following the Town election. Superintendent Daly acted as Chairperson for this portion of the meeting. Mr. Buckley was voted in as Chairperson assumed the Chair position immediately after being voted in. Mr. Buckley led the Committee in the election of officers and subcommittee members. It was voted that the subcommittee members would remain on the same subcommittees.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Rudloff to nominate Scott Buckley as School Committee Chair. Motion passed 5-0.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Rudloff and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to nominate Rich McGowan as School Committee Vice Chair. Motion passed 5-0.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Rudloff and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to nominate Jeff Friedman as School Committee Secretary. Motion passed 5-0.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Rudloff to nominate Dyana Boutwell as School Committee Legislative Representative. Motion passed 5-0.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Rudloff to maintain the Subcommittee assignments for the coming year. Motion passed 5-0.

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. E.6. Overnight Trip Request:

In accordance with Policy BCBD, Mr. McGowan made a motion for consideration and a vote for the Masquers' trip to Connecticut to be added to the agenda later in the meeting. Ms. Rudloff seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

II. D.2. Batchelder School Presentation:

Principal Michael Maloney and students and staff from the L.D. Batchelder School presented a showcase of student learning at the school. The presentation included a 5th Grade Band performance led by Mr. Muse; a Visual Arts Exhibit led by Ms. Doke; a 2nd Grade project "All Around North Reading"; and the "Project FOREST" Exploravision program led by Mr. Cassell and his 3rd Grade class.

II. E.6. Overnight Trip Request: Mason Murray, President of the Masquers and other officers gave a presentation on the Masquers' trip to the Stephen Sondheim Awards in New Haven, Connecticut, June 1-6, 2023.

Ms. Boutwell made a motion, seconded by Mr. McGowan to approve the Masquers trip to Connecticut. Motion passed 5-0.

II. D.3. SEEM Collaborative FY 2024 Budget:

Dr. Daly provided the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget adopted by the SEEM Board of Directors. Superintendent Daly is North Reading Public School Districts' representative on the board.

II. D.4. Northshore Education Consortium FY 2024 Budget:

Dr. Daly provided the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget adopted by the Northshore Education Consortium Board of Directors. Superintendent Daly is North Reading Public School Districts' representative on the board.

II. D.5. 2023-2024 School Committee Meeting Calendar:

Dr. Daly presented the proposed 2023-2024 School Committee Meeting Calendar, including summer dates for July and August, 2023.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Rudloff to approve the 2023-2024 School Committee Meeting Calendar as discussed. Motion passed 5-0.

II. E.1 Minutes:

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Boutwell and seconded by Ms. Rudloff to approve the April 26, 2023 Open Session, Budget Workshop minutes as written. Motion passed 5-0.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Boutwell and seconded by Ms. Rudloff to approve the April 26, 2023 Open Session minutes as written. Motion passed 5-0.

II. E.2. Budget Update: No budget update at this time.**II. E.3 Staffing:** New hires and staffing changes for the district are as follows:**District**

Laura Bantle
Gerson Vargas

District's Registered Dietitian (w/Chartwells)
Digital Learning Assessment & IT Support Specialist

Batchelder School

Elizabeth Rogers
Olivia Krol
Rebecca Workman

LT Substitute – Special Education Paraprofessional
LT Substitute – Academic Interventionist
Building Substitute

Hood School

Isabel Balderas
Breanne Mahoney
Gabrielle Aleksa
Abby Ricciardelli

Building Substitute
LT Substitute – Visual Arts Teacher
LT Substitute – Special Education Teacher
LT Substitute – Grade 4 Teacher

Middle School

Carol MacHugh
Humera Adnan

Retired – General Paraprofessional
LT Substitute – General Paraprofessional

High School

Linda Burke
Tracey Jorgenson

Transferred to Guidance Office Admin. Assistant
Administrative Assistant – High School Office

II. E.4. Bids and Donations: No bids or donations.**II. E.5. Grants:** None at this time.**II. F.1. Subcommittee Reports:**

The Financial Planning Team met on May 5, 2023. Mr. Buckley provided an update.

Future Subcommittee Schedule

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| • Financial Planning Team | June 2, 2023 | 8:00 a.m. |
| • Athletic Subcommittee | May 23, 2023 | 12:00 p.m. |
| • Fine Arts Subcommittee | May 31, 2023 | 3:15 p.m. |

II. F.2 Administrative Report:

- Teacher Appreciation Week – The Parent Associations have done a wonderful job celebrating our educators and providing some very visible signs of appreciation. We are all so grateful for everything our teachers do and also for those who take the time to show their appreciation
- North Reading Middle School One-Act Play – The Hornet Productions “The Little Prince” won nine acting awards, an ensemble award, a sound award, a music award, and was a gold star winner at the METG competition.
- Bias Incidents Update – On May 9, 2023 Superintendent Daly and Dr. O’Connell, Middle School Principal, will hold a brief forum during homeroom to directly communicate with students about bias incidents. The purpose of this interaction is to share with students how seriously the school and the district are committed to creating the safest environment possible for students and to provide all students with a reminder for the best way to report any concerns to our attention.

Some other updates include:

- Hate Crimes Prevention Grant
 - Training for District Staff
 - Training for High School Students
 - Those trained will lead additional trainings, including with students
- Opportunities for Middle and High School students to share their voices and ask questions
- Providing clarity about the ways to report incidents

II. F.3. Correspondence: No correspondence.**III. Future Business:**

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 8:45 pm. Motion passed 5-0.

Documents and Exhibits:

1. Policy BBAA – Method of Election of Officers
2. Policy BBABA– Chairman
3. Policy BBABB– Vice Chairman
4. Policy BBABC– Secretary
5. Policy BBABE– Legislative Representative
6. Batchelder School Presentation to the School Committee
7. Proposed 2023-2024 School Committee Meeting Schedule
8. Minutes – April 26, 2023 – Open Session – Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Workshop
9. Minutes – April 26, 2023 – Open Session
10. Staffing Update
11. Superintendent’s Supplemental Administrative Report