

NORTH READING PUBLIC SCHOOLS
North Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Open Session

Date: July 25, 2016

Time: 6:35 PM

Place: North Reading Middle/High School Distance Learning Lab

School Committee Members Present

Clifford Bowers

Julie Koepke

Janene Imbriano

Gerald Venezia

Mel Webster

Staff Members Present

Jon Bernard – Superintendent of Schools

Michael Connelly – Director of Finance and Operations

Cindy Elmore – Recording Secretary

Visitors: Mr. Scott Buckley (NR Resident), Mr. Dan Tomasello (of the North Reading Transcript)

I. Call to Order:

Chair Cliff Bowers called the Open Session to order at 6:35 PM.

II. A. Public Input:

There was no public input at this time.

II. B. Student Input:

There was no student input at this time.

II. C.1. MSBA/SSBC Update:

- a. Three of six tennis courts were resurfaced
- b. Dead plants and trees have been replaced
- c. Dodge Road swing gate installation is complete; lock and reflective tape to be installed
- d. Paving repairs have been completed
- e. Punchlist items continue to be addressed; “back punching” by PMA continues
- f. The next SSBC meeting is scheduled for August 9, 2016.

II. D.1. October 17, 2016 Town Meeting Warrant Articles:

The School Committee had no Warrant Articles at this time to be submitted.

II. D.2. Resolution Against Lifting the Cap on Commonwealth Charter Schools

The School Committee reviewed the Resolution Against Lifting the Cap on Commonwealth Charter Schools at the June 27, 2016 School Committee meeting. Based on that review the Committee agreed to adopt the resolution for submission and submit it to Senator Bruce Tarr, Representative Brad Jones, and Governor Baker.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to approve the Resolution Against Lifting the Cap on Commonwealth Charter Schools and send said resolution to Senator Bruce Tarr, Representative Brad Jones and Governor Baker. Motion passed 5-0.

II. D.3. Amendment to the Collaborative Agreement with the Northshore Education Consortium

At the March 21, 2016 School Committee meeting, the Committee, upon a recommendation from the Superintendent, endorsed a proposed amendment to the Collaborative Agreement with the Northshore Education Consortium (NEC). This amendment has been accepted by Massachusetts Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education, Mitchell Chester. An informational letter from NEC Executive Director Ms. Fran Rosenberg and a letter from Commissioner Chester were given to the Committee.

II. E.1. Minutes:

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to approve the June 27, 2016 Open Session minutes as written. Motion passed 5-0.

II. E.2. Budget Update:

Mr. Michael Connelly, Director of Finance and Operations, presented a FY16 Final Budget Report.

II. E.3. Staffing:

No Staffing Update at this time.

II. E.4. Bids and Donations:

Superintendent Bernard requested the acceptance of the following donation:

- Fit Revolution on behalf of the proceeds raised from this years' Hornet Hustle Road Race: \$2,500.00 donation to support physical education programs in the district's five schools.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Koepke and seconded by Mr. Venezia to accept with gratitude a \$2,500.00 donation from Fit Revolution on behalf of the proceeds raised from this years' Hornet Hustle Road Race to benefit each of the district's five schools' physical education programs. Motion passed 5-0.

II. F.1. Subcommittee Reports:

Mr. Webster gave a report of the Middle/High School Athletic Facilities Committee meeting of July 12, 2016.

Mr. Venezia and Superintendent Bernard met with NORCAM regarding cameras in the Performing Arts Center and will be submitting a written proposal of what is needed.

Mr. Webster gave a report of the Athletic Subcommittee meeting held on July 19, 2016.

Subcommittee Schedule:

a) NORCAM BOD	July 28, 2016	7:00 PM
b) Policy Subcommittee	August 3, 2016	9:00 AM
c) Finance Planning Team	August 9, 2016	8:15 AM
d) SSBC	August 9, 2016	5:30 PM
e) Athletic Facilities Comm	August 9, 2016	6:30 PM
f) Athletic Subcommittee	TBD	12:30 PM
g) Evaluation Subcommittee	TBD	3:15 PM

II. F.2. Administrative Report:

- **Little School Roof Replacement Project Update:**
Superintendent's District Goal #3

The Little School Roof Replacement Project construction work continues. The project remains on schedule. No significant issues to report.

- **Update: Global Child Foreign Language Program**

There are 210 students registered for Global Child Foreign Language (Chinese, French, and Spanish) programs to be hosted in our elementary schools and middle school for the Fall 2016 session. Very exciting!

- **National Night Out**

The Community Impact Team is hosting "National Night Out" on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 (Rain date: August 9th) at Ipswich River Park from 5:30 – 7:30 pm.

- **2016-2017 School Year**

Please take note of the following important dates and information as they relate to the 2016-2017 school year.

- August 23, 2016: High School "Freshmen Orientation"
- August 24 & 24, 2016: New Educator Orientation Program, School Committee members are welcome to join the group for lunch at noon in the High School cafeteria
- August 30, 2016: Middle School "Walkabout Day" for Grades 6, 7, & 8
- September 1, 2016: Professional Development Day for Educators
- September 6, 2016 (8:30 a.m.): Opening Day for Faculty and Staff; School Committee members are asked to please attend
- September 7, 2016: First Day of School for Grades 1-12
- September 7 & 8, 2016: Pre-K and Kindergarten Orientation
- September 9, 2016: First Day of School for Grades Pre-K & Kindergarten

II. F.3. Correspondence:

1. Letter from the North Suburban Child and Family Resource Network
2. North Reading High School Advanced Placement Score Report
3. Updated School Committee meeting schedule for 2016-2017

III. Future Business:

August 29, 2016	5:00 PM	Goals Workshop - Superintendent's Conference Room
August 29, 2016	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting – NRMS/HS DLL

IV. Executive Session:

At 7:40 p.m. the Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Venezia and seconded by Mr. Webster to go into Executive Session to discuss school safety and security protocols and to reconvene for the sole purpose of adjournment. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

V. Adjournment:

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. Venezia to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. Motion passed 5-0.

Documents and Exhibits:

1. North Reading School Committee Goals and Action Plan 2015-2016
2. Memo from Town Administrator regarding October Town Meeting Warrant
3. Resolution Against Lifting the Cap on Commonwealth Charter Schools
4. Northshore Education Consortium Collaborative Agreement Letters from Fran Rosenberg and Mitchell Chester
5. Minutes: Open Session – June 27, 2016
6. FY16 Final Budget Report
7. Gift Acceptance Memo – Fit Revolution
8. 2016 National Night Out Flyer