

NORTH READING PUBLIC SCHOOLS
North Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Open Session

Date: December 18, 2017
Time: 6:00 PM
Place: Distance Learning Lab

School Committee Members Present

Scott Buckley
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 (Not Present)

Visitors: Ms. Samantha Galvin (Student Representative, Class of 2020), Mr. AJ Loprete (Principal, NRHS), Members of the High School faculty, students and other guests, Mr. Duncan Macneil (NRHS Student Council Member), Ms. Mary Madden (NRHS Student Council Member), Mr. Michael Geoffrion-Scannell (of the North Reading Transcript)

I. Call to Order Open Session:

Chairman Mel Webster called the Open Session to order at 6:06 p.m.

Executive Session:

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Venezia and seconded by Ms. Imbriano pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21, to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to the contract negotiations with the North Reading Education Association (NREA). Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

At 6:30 p.m. Ms. Imbriano offered a motion to conclude the Executive Session and enter into Open Session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Koepke. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

Open Session:

Chairman Mel Webster called the Open Session back to order at 6:34 p.m.

II. A. Public Input:

No public input at this time.

II. B. Student Input:

Ms. Samantha Galvin gave the student report and presented a sample of her class work.

II. C.1. MSBA/SSBC Update

There was no formal update tonight. A meeting of the SSBC is scheduled for January 9, 2018. It is anticipated that this will be a “final” meeting of the SSBC.

II. D.1. Presentation: North Reading High School Superintendent’s Professional Practice Goal

Tonight was the first of the five school presentations to be made to the School Committee in the 2017-2018 school year. Mr. AJ Loprete, Principal, and members of the High School faculty, students and other guests made their presentations to the School Committee.

II. D.2. Presentation: North Reading High School Student Council Trip Proposal

North Reading High School students and members of the Student Council, Duncan Macneil and Mary Madden, presented a proposal for a trip to attend the Massachusetts Association of Student Councils’ annual conference in Hyannis on March 7-9, 2018.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Venezia and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to approve the North Reading High School Student Council trip to the Massachusetts Association of Student Councils’ annual conference in Hyannis on March 7-9, 2018. Motion passed 5-0.

II. D.3. Presentation: North Reading High School Hockey Team Trip Proposal

Mr. AJ Loprete, Principal at NRHS, presented a proposal for the North Reading High School Hockey Team to participate in an overnight invitational hockey tournament in Sandwich, MA, on February 19 & 20, 2018.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Venezia and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to approve the North Reading High School Hockey Team overnight trip to participate in an invitational hockey tournament in Sandwich, MA, on February 19 & 20, 2018. Motion passed 5-0.

II. D.4. School Committee Policies; First Reading School Committee Goal LG-III-A-1 Superintendent’s Professional Practice Goal

The Policy Subcommittee has met to review and make recommendations for updates to a number of School Committee Policies, some of which are listed below for review and approval.

- Policy JGI and JGI-R: Physical Restraint of Students and Restraint Prevention and Behavior Policy and Procedures

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Buckley and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to approve the first reading of revised policy JGI / Physical Restraint of Students and added regulations JGI-R / Restraint Prevention and Behavior Support Policy and Procedures. Motion passed 5-0.

- Policy DJED: Procurement Requirements / Fiscal Management

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Buckley and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to approve the first reading of revised policy DJED / Procurement Requirements / Fiscal Management. Motion passed 5-0.

II. E.1. Minutes:

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Ms. Koepke to approve the November 13, 2017 Open Session minutes as written. Motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Venezia abstained.

II. E.2. Budget Update:

Mr. Connelly provided a status report on the FY18 budget.

II. E.3. Staffing: There were no staffing updates.

II. E.4. Bids and Donations:

Superintendent Bernard requested the acceptance of the following donations:

- Ms. Catherine Tring; \$200.00 donation to support the FIRST Robotics program.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Koepke and seconded by Imbriano to accept with gratitude a \$200.00 donation from Ms. Catherine Tring to support the FIRST Robotics program.

- Teradyne Inc.; \$1000.00 donation to support the FIRST Robotics program.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Koepke and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to accept with gratitude a donation of \$1,000.00 from Teradyne Inc., to support the FIRST Robotics program. Motion passed 5-0.

- NOAA Fisheries Greater Atlantic Regional Office; donation of 14 fourth generation used iPads with cases and one 3rd generation iPad with case, valued at \$2,910.00 for the 6th grade students at North Reading Middle School.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Koepke and seconded by Mr. Imbriano to accept with gratitude a donation of 14 fourth generation used iPads with cases, and one 3rd generation used iPad with case valued at approximately \$2,910.00, from NOAA Fisheries Greater Atlantic Regional Office for the 6th grade students at North Reading Middle School. Motion passed 5-0.

- Amazon Robotics; In-kind donation of computer equipment for the 6th grade students at North Reading Middle School, totaling \$6,638.00.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Koepke and seconded by Mr. Imbriano to accept with gratitude an in-kind donation from Amazon for computer equipment for the 6th grade students at North Reading Middle School. Motion passed 5-0

II. F.1. Subcommittee Reports:

Mr. Venezia and Mr. Webster gave an update from the December 5, 2017 Finance Planning Team meeting.

Mr. Buckley gave an update from the December 8, 2017 Contracts Subcommittee meeting.

Subcommittee Meeting Schedule:

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| a) | Athletic Facilities Committee | December 19, 2017 | 12:30 PM |
| b) | NORCAM | December 21, 2017 | 7:00 PM |
| c) | Policy Subcommittee | January 4, 2018 | 7:00 AM |
| d) | SSBC | January 9, 2018 | 5:30 PM |
| e) | Finance Planning Team | January 23, 2018 | 8:15 AM |
| f) | Budget Subcommittee | TBA, January 2018 | |

II. F.2. Administrative Report: There was no administrative report.

II. F.3. Correspondence: No correspondence at this time.

III. Future Business:

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| January 8, 2018 | 6:30 PM | Regular Meeting/Distance Learning Lab at NRMS/HS |
| January 22, 2018 | 6:30 PM | Regular Meeting/Batchelder School Presentation Batchelder School Cafeteria |
| February 8, 2018 | 6:30 PM | Regular Meeting/Distance Learning Lab NRMS/HS |

IV. Adjournment:

The Committee voted on a motion made by Mr. Venezia and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to adjourn at 8:02 pm. Motion passed 5-0.

Documents and Exhibits:

1. Student Representative – School Work
2. NRHS School Presentation Agenda
3. 2018 MASC Spring Conference Trip Request
4. Memo: From Dave Johnson – Varsity Boys Hockey team trip request
5. Policy: JGI/Students/Physical Restraint of Students
6. Policy: JGI-R/Students/Restraint Prevention and Behavior Support Policy and Regulations
7. Policy: DJED/Fiscal Management/Procurement Requirements
8. Minutes: Open Session November 13, 2017
9. FY18 Budget Update
10. Gift Acceptance Memo – Ms. Catherine Tring
11. Gift Acceptance Memo – Teradyne Inc.
12. Gift Acceptance Memo – NOAA Fisheries Greater Atlantic Regional Office
13. Gift Acceptance Memo – Amazon Robotics