

NORTH READING PUBLIC SCHOOLS
North Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Open Session

Date: September 24, 2018

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Distance Learning Lab at North Reading Middle/High School

School Committee Members Present

Dyana Boutwell

Scott Buckley

Janene Imbriano

Rich McGowan

Mel Webster

Staff Members Present

Jon Bernard – Superintendent of Schools

Michael Connelly – Director of Finance and Operations

Cindy Elmore – Recording Secretary

Visitors: Ms. Bridget Grew (Student Representative Class of 2020), Ms. Madeleine Rutherford (NRHS Student and Treasurer of the NRHS Model United Nations Club), Mr. Michael Tyrrell (NRHS Student and President of the NRHS Model United Nations Club), Mr. Sotirios Pintzopoulos (NRHS Advisor of the NRHS Model United Nations Club), Ms. Jillian String (of the North Reading Transcript)

I. Call to Order Open Session:

Chair Janene Imbriano called the Open Session to order at 6:30 PM.

II. A. Public Input:

There was no public input.

II. B. Student Report:

The first student report of the 2018-2019 school was given by Bridget Grew, class of 2020. Bridget also presented her student work.

**II. C.1. 2018-2019 School Committee Goals Action Plan
Superintendent's Professional Practice Goal**

Superintendent Bernard reviewed the draft Action Plan to accompany the School Committee's goals, which were formally adopted at the September 10, 2018 meeting of the School Committee.

**II. C.2. Fiscal Year 2020 North Reading Public Schools' Capital Improvement Plan
Presentation**

The final proposal of the Fiscal Year 2020 NRPS's Capital Improvement Plan was reviewed and accepted by the School Committee.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Mr. McGowan to approve the recommended FY20 NRPS's Capital Improvement Plan. Motion passed 5-0.

III. D.1. Proposal: North Reading High School Trip; Harvard Model United Nations Conference 2019

Mr. Sotirios Pintzopoulos (NRHS teacher and Advisor of the Model United Nations Club), as well as the President, Mr. Michael Tyrrell and Treasurer, Ms. Madeleine Rutherford, proposed for approval of the Committee the Model United Nations Club attendance at the 2019 Harvard Model United Nations Conference on January 24-27, 2019. This will be the club's sixth year attending.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Boutwell and seconded by Mr. Buckley to approve the NRHS Model United Nations Club to attend the 2019 Harvard Model United Nations Conference January 24-27, 2019. Motion passed 5-0.

II. E.1 Minutes:

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Buckley and seconded by Mr. McGovern to approve the August 27, 2018 Executive Session minutes as written. Motion pass 4-0-1, Mr. Webster abstained.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Buckley and seconded by Mr. McGovern to approve the August 27, 2018 Open Session minutes as written. Motion pass 4-0-1, Mr. Webster abstained.

II. E.2. Budget Update:

Mr. Michael Connelly, Director of Finance and Operations, provided an update on the FY19 budget.

II. E.3 Staffing:

Mr. Bernard informed the School Committee that Mr. Joseph Hehn will start October 1, 2018 through the remainder of the 2018-19 school year as Interim Assistant Principal at North Reading High School. He worked for the district previously as Interim Assistant Principal at the High School and as a Long-Term Substitute Special Education teacher at the Middle School. A search for a permanent replacement will be conducted in the spring. In addition, Kiara Anderson was hired as a Special Education Paraprofessional at the Batchelder School. We are now fully staffed with 41 new hires this year.

II. E.4. Bids and Donations:

Superintendent Bernard requested the acceptance of the following donations:

- North Reading Middle School Parents' Association; \$4,336.00 donation to purchase Chromebooks.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Webster to accept with gratitude a donation of \$4,336.00 from the North Reading Middle School Parents' Association to purchase Chromebooks for our middle school students. Motion passed 5-0.

- Mr. Michael Callahan on behalf of the Kristin M. Callahan Foundation; Two new AED devices with travel cases valued at \$3,800.00.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Buckley to accept with gratitude a donation of two AED devices with travel cases valued at \$3,800.00 to supplement the school's inventory of AED devices for the Athletic Department. Motion passed 5-0.

II. F.1. Subcommittee Reports:

Mr. Webster and Ms. Boutwell provided a report on the September 18, 2018 Athletic Subcommittee meeting.

Ms. Imbriano provided a report on the September 20, 2018 Finance Planning Team meeting.

Mr. McGowan provided a report on the September 20, 2018 Policy Subcommittee meeting.

Subcommittee Schedule:

a)	Substance Abuse Coalition	September 25, 2018	10:00 AM
b)	NORCAM BOD	September 27, 2018	7:00 PM
c)	Finance Planning Team	October 10, 2018	8:15 AM
d)	CIPC Meeting	October 17, 2018	4:00 PM
e)	Policy Subcommittee	October 18, 2018	3:30 PM
f)	Athletic Subcommittee	October 23, 2018	12:30 PM

II. F.2 Administrative Report:

- **Executive Director's Reports; Northshore Education Consortium and SEEM Collaborative Superintendent's Professional Practice Goal**

Superintendent Bernard distributed the Northshore Education Consortium and SEEM Collaborative Executive Director's Reports.

- **STEM Night; Wednesday, October 24, 2018 Superintendent's Professional Practice Goal**

On Wednesday, October 24, 2018, the District will host a "STEM Night" as part of Governor Baker's "STEM Week" statewide initiative to boost student interest and raise awareness of STEM education.

- **Social Emotional Learning Retreat Superintendent's District Improvement Goal #5**

Superintendent Bernard provided an overview of the Social Emotional Learning Retreat that is being hosted in the district in 2018-2019.

- **Update: Parent University 2018 Superintendent's District Improvement Goal #6**

An organizational meeting will take place on October 25, 2018 to begin planning for this school year's Parent University event to be held on Saturday, April 6, 2019.

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- **Good News Department – North Reading High School MIAA Sportsmanship Honor Roll**
School Committee Goal FCR-III-A-4
Superintendent's Professional Practice Goal

Congratulation to the student athletes and coaches at North Reading High School who have again been named to the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association's Sportsmanship Honor Roll. The MIAA Honor Roll recognizes schools that did not have any coaches or student-athletes disqualified from a contest for an entire academic year.

II. F.3. Correspondence:

No correspondence at this time.

III. Future Business:

October 9, 2018	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting Distance Learning Lab at North Reading Middle/High School
October 15, 2018	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting/Pre-Town Meeting Superintendent's Conference Room
October 15, 2018	7:00 PM	North Reading Town Meeting Performing Arts Center at North Reading Middle/High School
October 29, 2018	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting Distance Learning Lab at North Reading Middle/High School

IV. Adjournment:

The Committee voted on a motion made by Mr. Webster and seconded by Mr. Buckley to adjourn at 7:47 pm. Motion passed 5-0.

Documents and Exhibits:

1. Student Report
2. North Reading School Committee Goals Action Plan
3. Large Capital Project Priority List
4. MEMO – Request for club trip – NRHS Model United Nations Club
5. Minutes – Executive Session – August 27, 2018
6. Minutes – Open Session – August 27, 2018
7. September 28, 2018 – FY19 Budget Report
8. Gift Acceptance Memo – NRMS Parents’ Association
9. Gift Acceptance Memo – Mr. Michael Callahan on behalf of the Kristin M. Callahan Foundation
10. Northshore Education Consortium Executive Director’s Report
11. SEEM Collaborative Executive Director’s Report
12. Press Release 5/2/18 from Executive Office of Education Regarding Inaugural STEM Week for Students Across the Commonwealth
13. Flyer – NRPS Social Emotional Learning Retreat 2018-2019