

NORTH READING PUBLIC SCHOOLS
North Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Open Session – Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Workshop

Date: April 24, 2019

Time: 3:00 PM

Place: Superintendent's Conference Room

School Committee Members Present:

Janene Imbriano

Dyana Boutwell

Scott Buckley

Rich McGowan

Staff Members Present:

Jon Bernard, Superintendent

Patrick Daly, Assistant Superintendent

Michael Connelly, Director of Finance and
Operations

Cynthia Conant, Director of Student Services

Ms. Imbriano called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

Ms. Imbriano asked Mr. Connelly to review the current state of the Fiscal Year 2020 budget. Mr. Connelly distributed a document to guide his presentation ("FY20 School Committee Budget Workshop; April 24, 2019"). The presentation included a review of the current revenue available for FY20, current budget gaps, budget highlights, and analysis of fixed cost increases, and a proposal to reconcile the recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2020 and available revenue.

Ms. Boutwell asked for additional information regarding the (positive) impact of expanding programs in Foreign Language and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) at the Middle School. Mr. Bernard and Dr. Daly provided an overview of the proposed program; an informational packet was distributed. Identified was the need to fund the acquisition of two additional teachers in Fiscal Year 2021 to support the academic and programmatic changes to be implemented at North Reading Middle School in 2019-2020. There was much discussion around this proposed change, which received favorable feedback. Dr. Daly provided a detailed explanation of the proposed change and its anticipated impact.

Other items discussed included the additional needs of the district, which are not included in the recommended budget, projected needs for FY2021, and enrollment projections for 2019-2020.

In closing, the administration's budget recommended to the School Committee and to be voted on at the School Committee meeting to be held on April 29, 2019 is \$31,757,773.

At 4:30 p.m. Mr. Buckley offered a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Ms. Boutwell. The motion passed 4-0.