

North Reading Public Schools
North Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Open Session

Date: April 29, 2019

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: North Reading Middle/High School Distance Learning Lab

School Committee Members Present

Dyana Boutwell

Scott Buckley

Janene Imbriano

Rich McGowan

Staff Members Present

Jon Bernard – Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Patrick Daly – Assistant Superintendent

Michael Connelly – Director of Finance and Operations

Cindy Elmore – Recording Secretary

Visitors: Ms. Elizabeth Barrett (Student Representative, Class of 2020), Ms. Allison Kane (Performing Arts teacher, NRHS)

I. Executive Session

At 6:03 p.m., the Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Buckley pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of conducting strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel. Motion passed 4-0 on a roll call vote.

At 6:30 p.m. the Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Buckley and seconded by Mr. McGowan to return to Open Session. Motion passed 4-0 on a roll call vote.

II. Call to Order Open Session:

Chair Janene Imbriano called the Open Session to order at 6:40 PM.

II. A. Public Input:

No public input.

II. B. Student Report:

Ms. Elizabeth Barrett, Class of 2020, presented the Student Report to the School Committee and presented her class work.

**C.1. School Committee Policies; Second Reading
School Committee Goal FCR-III-A-1
Superintendent's Professional Practice Goal**

Policy EDAA: Use of School Vehicles

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Buckley and seconded by Mr. McGowan to approve the second reading of Policy EDAA – Business Management – Use of School Vehicles. Motion passed 4-0.

II. D.1. Proposal: North Reading High School Performing Arts Trip; Disney World (Spring 2020)

Ms. Allison Kane, Performing Arts teacher, proposed a trip to Disney World for high school students from April 29, 2020 – May 3, 2020.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Buckley and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to endorse the NRHS Trip to Disney World, April 29, 2020 – May 3, 2020. Motion passed 4-0.

**II. D.2. Presentation: Grade 5 Health and Sexuality Curriculum
Superintendent's Professional Practice Goal**

Dr. Patrick Daly, Assistant Superintendent, proposed an update to the Grade 5 Health and Sexuality Curriculum. The video used in this class will be updated to make it more relevant for students today. Girls and boys would view the video in class together rather than segregated by sex. Parents will have the opportunity to view the video prior to it being shown to the students, with an opt-out option.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Buckley and seconded by Mr. McGowan to accept the Grade 5 Health and Sexuality Curriculum update. Motion passed 4-0.

**II. D.3. Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Vote
School Committee Goal FAM-III-A-1
Superintendent's Professional Practice Goal
Superintendent's District Improvement Goal #1**

Mr. Connelly, Director of Finance and Operations, and Superintendent Bernard presented the Fiscal Year 2020 proposed budget. The School Committee approved budget will be presented at the June 3, 2020 Town Meeting.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Buckley that the School Committee approve and hereby adopt the FY'20 School Operating Budget of \$31,757,773; this represents an increase of 3.3 % or \$1,011,726 over FY'19. Motion passed 4-0.

II. D.4. School Choice Public Hearing

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Buckley to open the Public Hearing for the purpose of discussing and voting on School Choice at 7:46 pm. Motion passed 4-0.

Under the Education Reform Act of 1993 there is a need to hold an annual public hearing on School Choice. Becoming a Choice District means that North Reading will accept students from other cities and towns for enrollment in its schools. Once a student is accepted as a choice student, he or she is a student until graduation or the student opts to withdraw. The district receives an additional \$5,000.00 from the sending district's Chapter 70 funds for each student accepted. A brief discussion followed.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Boutwell and seconded by Mr. McGowan that North Reading School District not participate in School Choice because the program as it is presently constructed ensures that the needs of some of the children of the Commonwealth cannot be met. Motion passed 4-0.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Buckley to close the Public Hearing on School Choice at 7:49 pm. Motion passed 4-0.

D.5. School Committee Self-Evaluation 2018-2019
School Committee Goal LG-III-C-1
Superintendent's Professional Practice Goal

Mr. McGowan presented the School Committee's 2018-2019 composite self-evaluation results and facilitated a discussion about the use of these results during a goal setting workshop to be held in the summer.

II. E.1 Minutes:

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Buckley to approve the March 18, 2019 Open Session minutes as written. Motion passed 4-0.

II. E.2. Budget Update:

Mr. Connelly provided an update on the FY19 budget.

II. E.3 Staffing:

No staffing reports at this time.

II. F.4. Bids and Donations:

Superintendent Bernard requested the acceptance of the following donations:

- Dascoli's Pizza; \$150.00 donation to the NRHS Track Team.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to accept with gratitude a donation of \$150.00 from Dascoli's Pizza for the NRHS Track Team. Motion passed 4-0.

- Various friends and family of James J. Chambers; \$765.00 donation for a scholarship to be given to a graduating senior to be chosen by Administration in memory of James J. Chambers, husband of High School Guidance Secretary, Anne Chambers.

\$25.00	Catherine Huston
\$50.00	NRHS Sunshine
\$100.00	Inez Murphy
\$40.00	Ruth Begley
\$100.00	Tom and Holly McCue
\$100.00	Claudia Brown
\$50.00	Becky Brown
\$50.00	John and Ann Kenney
\$25.00	Anne Lundell
\$25.00	Frank Carey
\$25.00	Carolyn Lucci
\$50.00	Robert Ward
\$25.00	Sara Tully
\$100.00	Richard Markuns Trust

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to accept with gratitude a donation of \$765.00 from various donors from friends and family of James J. Chambers for a scholarship to be given to a graduating senior chosen by the Administration in memory of James J. Chambers, husband of High School Guidance Secretary, Anne Chambers. Motion passed 4-0.

- North Reading Music Boosters; \$988.00 donation to help support costs for Music in the Park Field Trip.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to accept with gratitude a donation of \$988.00 from the North Reading Music Boosters to support costs associated with the Music in the Park field trip. Motion passed 4-0.

- Middle School Parents' Association; in-kind donations from December 2018 thru March 2019 of this school year for the following list of activities totaling \$2,395.85.

Enrichment Activities	\$1,750.00
Teacher Appreciation Luncheons	\$645.85
Total	\$2,395.85

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to accept with gratitude in-kind donations for the above list of school activities and expenses from December 2018 thru March 2019 from the NRMS Parents' Association totaling \$2,395.85. Motion passed 4-0.

- North Reading High School Parents' Association; in-kind donations from December 2018 thru March 2019 of this school year for the following list of activities totaling \$2,965.00.

Enrichment Activities	\$1,500.00
Other Miscellaneous Items	\$1,465.99
Total	\$2,965.00

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to accept with gratitude in-kind donations for the above list of school activities and expenses from December 2018 thru March 2019 from the NRHS Parents' Association totaling \$2,965.00. Motion passed 4.0.

- J.T. Hood Elementary School Parents' Association; in-kind donations from December 2018 thru March 2019 of this school year for the following list of activities totaling \$10,323.96.

Enrichment Activities	\$5,205.75
General School Supplies	\$471.00
Other items – Including 10 Stand-up Desks	\$4,647.21
Total	\$10,323.96

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to accept with gratitude in-kind donations for the above list of school activities and expenses from December 2018 thru March 2019 from the J.T. Hood Parents' Association totaling \$10,323.96. Motion passed 4.0.

- E.E. Little School Parents' Association; in-kind donations from December 2018 thru March 2019 of this school year for the following list of activities totaling \$12,787.93.

Teacher Supply Reimbursements	\$891.44
Enrichment Activities	\$6,182.50
General School Supplies	\$5,461.45
Other Miscellaneous Items	\$252.54
Total	\$12,787.93

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to accept with gratitude in-kind donations for the above list of school activities and expenses from December 2018 thru March 2019 from the E.E. Little Parents' Association totaling \$12,787.93. Motion passed 4.0.

II. F.1. Subcommittee Reports:

Ms. Boutwell provided a report on the April 9, 2019 Athletic Subcommittee meeting.

Mr. Buckley provided a report on the April 1, 2019, April 2, 2019 and April 26, 2019 Finance Planning Team meetings.

Subcommittee Schedule:

a)	Policy Subcommittee	May 2, 2018	4:00 PM
b)	Athletic Subcommittee	May 14, 2018	12:30 PM
c)	Substance Abuse Coalition	May 21, 2019	10:00 AM
d)	NORCAM BOD	May 23, 2019	7:00 PM
e)	Finance Planning Team	May 23, 2019	8:15 AM

II. F.2 Administrative Report:

- **MAPLE Learning Tour; Monday, April 29, 2019**
Superintendent's District Improvement Goal #4

On April 29, 2019 NRMS/HS conducted a Learning Tour in support of the MAPLE Massachusetts Personalized Learning EdTech Consortium, of which NRPS is a catalyst district. Superintendent Bernard extended his appreciation to Patrick Daly, Dan Downs, AJ Loprete, and Catherine O'Connell for their assistance in leading and organizing the initiative as well as all the teachers who participated.

II. F.3. Correspondence:

No correspondence at this time.

III. Future Business:

May 13, 2019	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting E. E. Little School Presentation E. E. Little School Cafeteria
June 3, 2019	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting Distance Learning Lab at North Reading Middle/High School
June 10, 2019	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Superintendent's Conference Room Town Meeting; Performing Arts Center
June 17, 2019	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting Distance Learning Lab at North Reading Middle/High School

The Committee discussed the upcoming Superintendent search and the creation of a Superintendent Search Committee. It was agreed one would be set up and addressed after the reorganization meeting on May 13, 2019. Ms. Imbriano outlined the recommended composition of the Search Committee as including: two School Committee members, one teacher, one non-teacher staff member, one school or district administrator, parent(s) representing the Elementary, Middle, and/or High School, one Special Education Advisory Council representative, and one former School Committee member.

IV. Adjournment:

The Committee voted on a motion made by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Buckley to adjourn at 9:06 pm. Motion passed 4-0.

Documents and Exhibits:

1. Student Work
2. Policy EDAA – Business Management – Use of School Vehicles
3. Proposal: NRHS Performing Arts Trip to Disney World
4. FY20 School Budget
5. Minutes – Open Session – March 18, 2019
6. FY19 Budget Report
7. Gift Acceptance Memo – Dascoli's Pizza
8. Gift Acceptance Memo – Various Donors
9. Gift Acceptance Memo – North Reading Music Boosters
10. Gift Acceptance Memo – Middle School Parents' Association
11. Gift Acceptance Memo – North Reading High School Parents' Association
12. Gift Acceptance Memo – J.T. Hood Elementary School Parents' Association
13. Gift Acceptance Memo – E.E. Little Elementary School Parents' Association
14. NRPS MAPLE Learning Tour Itinerary