

NORTH READING PUBLIC SCHOOLS
North Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Open Session

Date: November 7, 2016
Time: 5:45 PM
Place: 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
Dr. Patrick Daly – Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Michael Connelly – Director of Finance and Operations
Cindy Elmore – Recording Secretary

Visitors: Ms. Kate Pecora (Student Representative), Mr. Sotirios Pintzopoulos (NRHS teacher and faculty advisor to the Model UN Club), Mr. Caleb Pelmas (Student Representative, Model UN Club), Dr. Daniel Downs (Digital Learning Coordinator), Mr. Scott Buckley (NR Resident), Mr. Dan Tomasello (of the North Reading Transcript)

I. Call to Order Open Session:

Chairman Bowers called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Executive Session:

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. Webster pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21, to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and a potential legal matter, and to return to Open Session to continue the meeting. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

Chairman Bowers called the Open Session back to order at 6:32 p.m.

II. A. Public Input:

There was no public input.

II. B. Student Report:

Ms. Kate Pecora gave the student report and presented her class project.

II. C.1. MSBA/SSBC Update:

- a. Discussions are ongoing to address the needed repairs to the drainage system; a meeting is set for 10:30 a.m. on November 9, 2016 for this purpose.
- b. Recommissioning of the boilers and hot water system took place on November 4, 2016.

- c. Awaiting updates on the landscaping plan and the status of punch list items.
- d. The next SSBC meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2016.

II. D.1. School Trip: North Reading High School Model United Nations Club

North Reading High School teacher and faculty advisor to the Model United Nations Club, Mr. Sotirios Pintzopoulos, and Mr. Caleb Pelmas, a student member of the club presented a request to attend the Harvard Model United Nations Conference on January 26, 2017 through January 29, 2017. The North Reading High School Model United Nations Club has participated in the conference in past years and this has been a very positive experience for the students involved.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Koepke and seconded by Mr. Webster to approve the NRHS Model United Nations Club to attend the annual conference at Harvard University from January 26-29, 2017. Motion passed 5-0.

II. D.2. School Trip: North Reading High School Hockey Team

NRHS Principal, Mr. AJ Loprete requested permission for the North Reading High School Hockey Team to participate in an Invitational Tournament in Sandwich, MA on February 20-21, 2017. Teams have participated in this tournament with great success in past years.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Mr. Venezia to approve the NRHS Hockey Team to participate in an Invitational Tournament in Sandwich, MA February 20-21, 2017. Motion passed 5-0.

II. D.3. School Trip: North Reading High School Cooperative Ski Team

NRHS Athletic Director, Mr. David Johnson requested permission to form a Cooperative Ski Program with Haverhill High School and Billerica High School beginning with the winter 2016/2017 season. Cooperative athletic programs receive a two-year endorsement for the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Ms. Koepke to approve North Reading High School's participation in a Cooperative Ski Team with Haverhill High School as the host program and Billerica High School as the other school participating. Motion passed 5-0.

II. D.4. Proposal: Dr. Daniel Downs, Digital Learning Coordinator - Technology Survey Superintendent's Professional Practice Goal

Dr. Daniel Downs reviewed his desire to administer a technology survey to students, parents, and educators (specific surveys for each group) to gather information to be used to inform the development of the school district's Technology Plan. There will be an option to opt out of taking the survey.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. Venezia to allow a technology survey to be given to students (5-12), parents, and educators to gather information to be used for the development of the School District's Technology Plan. Motion passed 5-0.

II. D.5. Presentation: Spring 2016 State Standardized Test Results Superintendent's Student Learning Goal

Dr. Patrick Daly, Assistant Superintendent, gave a presentation on the district's results on the spring 2016 state standardized tests (PARCC and MCAS).

II. D.6. Student Enrollment Projections

Mr. Michael Connelly, Director of Finance, and Operations, presented a report on "Enrollment Projections." He shared copies of relevant student enrollment data.

II. E.1. Minutes:

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to approve the October 11, 2016 Open Session minutes as written. Motion passed 5-0.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to approve the October 12, 2016 Open Session minutes as written. Motion passed 5-0.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to approve the October 17, 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 fiscal year 2017 Budget Report.

II. E.3. Staffing:

No staffing updates at this time.

II. E.4. Bids and Donations:

Superintendent Bernard requested the acceptance of the following donations:

- State Representative Brad Jones; in-kind contribution of an American Flag to be displayed at Arthur J. Kenney Field; value \$50.00

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to accept with gratitude the American flag from State Representative Brad Jones. Motion passed 5-0.

- Little School Parents' Association; \$102.37 for the purchase of a Scholastic magazine subscription for classroom use.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to accept with gratitude the \$102.37 from the Little School Parents' Association for a Scholastic magazine subscription. Motion passed 5-0.

- North Reading Youth Volleyball; \$300.00 to support the proposed improvements to the athletic facilities at North Reading Middle/High School.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to accept with gratitude the \$300.00 donation from the North Reading Youth Volleyball Association to support costs associated with upgrades to North Reading Middle/High School's athletic facilities including an irrigation sprinkler system.

- DonorsChoose.org; in-kind contribution of eight books valued at \$304.48 for classroom use at the J. Turner Hood Elementary School.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to accept with gratitude the eight (8) books from DonorsChoose.org to benefit the students at the J. Turner Hood Elementary School. Motion passed 5-0.

- Batchelder School Parents' Organization; \$619.94 for the purchase of Little Bits Steam Student Set to pilot the Makerspace unit at the Batchelder Elementary School.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to accept with gratitude the donation of \$619.94 from the Batchelder Parents' Organization for the purchase of a Little Bits Steam Student Set to pilot the Makerspace unit at the Batchelder Elementary School. Motion passed 5-0.

- Group donations from North Reading Middle School parents totaling \$2,471.00 to purchase planners for North Reading Middle School students.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to accept with gratitude a \$2,471.00 donation from the North Reading Middle School parents to purchase planners for Middle School students. Motion passed 5-0.

- Batchelder School Parents' Organization; \$3,290.00 to purchase a 20-foot diameter portable hexagon octopit.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to accept with gratitude the donation of \$3,290.00 from the Batchelder Parents' Organization for the purchase of 20-foot diameter portable hexagon octopit. Motion passed 5-0.

- E. Ethel Little School Parents' Association; \$25,000 to support the new playground project at the Little School.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to accept with gratitude the donation of \$25,000.00 from the E. Ethel Little School Parents' Association to support the new playground project at the Little School. Motion passed 5-0.

II. F.1. Subcommittee Reports:

Mr. Bowers and Mr. Venezia gave an update from the Finance Planning Team meeting held on October 12, 2016.

Mr. Venezia and Mr. Webster gave an update from the Athletic Subcommittee meeting held on October 25, 2016.

The Athletic Facilities Committee has not met recently, but Mr. Webster gave an update on the status of the sod and irrigation project at the North Reading Middle/High School.

Subcommittee Schedule:

a)	SSBC	November 9, 2016	10:30 AM
b)	Finance Planning Team	November 15, 2016	8:15 AM
c)	SSBC	November 9, 2016	5:30 PM
d)	NORCAM BOD	November 17, 2016	7:00 PM
e)	Athletic Subcommittee	November 29, 2016	12:30 PM
f)	Policy Subcommittee	TBD	
g)	Athletic Facilities Committee	TBD	
h)	Evaluation Subcommittee	TBD	

II. F.2. Administrative Report:

- **Little School Roof Replacement Project Update:**
Superintendent's District Goal #3
The Little School Roof Replacement Project is "substantially complete"
- **Superintendent's Fall 2016 Newsletter**
Superintendent's Professional Practice Goal
Superintendent's Fall 2016 Newsletter.
- **Educational Collaboratives Update**
Superintendent's Professional Practice Goal
Distributed the Executive Director's Reports from the SEEM Collaborative and the Northshore Education Collaborative. These reports were provided in accordance with the Superintendent's obligations as the district's representative to the two collaboratives.
- **Amazon Robotics Facilities**
Last Thursday, Superintendent Bernard, Michel Connelly, and Dr. Daly visited the Amazon Robotics Facilities in North Reading.

II. F.3. Correspondence:

No correspondence at this time.

III. Future Business:

November 21, 2016	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting – NRMS/HS Distance Learning Lab
December 12, 2016	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting; High School Presentation Distance Learning Lab
January 9, 2017	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting – NRMS/HS Distance Learning Lab

IV. Adjournment:

The Committee voted on a motion made by Mr. Webster and seconded by Ms. Koepke to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.. Motion passed 5-0.

Documents and Exhibits:

1. Student Representative – School Work
2. Request for NRHS to participate at Harvard Model United Nations Conference
3. Request for NRHS Varsity Boys Hockey Trip to Sandwich, MA
4. Request for NRHS Cooperative Ski Program Winter 2016-2017
5. Digital Learning Survey
6. PowerPoint: NRPS Assessment and Accountability Presentation
7. PowerPoint: NRPS Enrollment Projections
8. Minutes: Open Session – October 11, 2016
9. Minutes: Open Session – October 12, 2016
10. Minutes: Open Session – October 17, 2016
11. FY17 Budget Report
12. Gift Acceptance Memo – State Representative Brad Jones
13. Gift Acceptance Memo – Little School Parents' Association
14. Gift Acceptance Memo – North Reading Youth Volleyball Association
15. Gift Acceptance Memo – DonorsChoose.org
16. Gift Acceptance Memo – Batchelder Parent Organization
17. Gift Acceptance Memo – Middle School Parents
18. Gift Acceptance Memo – Batchelder Parent Organization
19. Gift Acceptance Memo – E. Ethel Little School PTO
20. Superintendent's Fall 2016 Newsletter
21. SEEM Collaborative – Executive Directors Report 10/18/16
22. North Shore Education Collaborative – Executive Directors Report 9/14/16