

North Reading Public Schools
North Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Open Session

Date: January 13, 2020

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

Chris Pappavaselio

Staff Members Present

Patrick Daly – Superintendent of Schools

Michael Connelly – Assistant Superintendent of Finance
and Operations

Cindy Elmore –Recording Secretary

Visitors: Ms. Julia Thorstad (Class Representative – 2021), Ms. Raichelle Kallery (The Savings Bank), Mr. Bruce Donovan (The Savings Bank), Mr. AJ Loprete (Principal, NRHS), Various teachers and students of North Reading High School, Ms. Ana Llamas Castro (Teacher, NRHS), Ms. Jillian String (of the North Reading Transcript)

I. Call to Order Open Session:

Chair Scott Buckley called the Open Session to order at 6:32 PM.

II. A. Public Input:

There was no public input.

II. B. Student Report:

Ms. Julia Thorstad, Class of 2021, presented the Student Report and her class work to the School Committee.

II. D.1. Special Recognition: The Savings Bank

The North Reading School Committee recognized the contribution made by The Savings Bank in the amount of \$10,000 that is being used to support the purchase and installation of scoreboards for both the softball and baseball fields.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to accept with gratitude the \$10,000.00 donation from The Savings Bank for the scoreboards for the softball and baseball fields. Motion passed 5-0.

II. D.2. Presentation: North Reading High School Faculty and Students

Mr. AJ Loprete, Principal, and students and staff of North Reading High School gave the second school presentation to the School Committee for the 2019-2020 school year. Principal Loprete also

presented four new course proposals for NRHS 2020-2021 school year. The following courses were approved by the School Committee: Epics and Fairytales: Academic, Advanced Algebra with Financial Applications: Academic, Contemporary Hispanic Culture and Traditions: Academic, and Advanced Placement Computer Science Principles.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to approve the four new high school courses proposed by Mr. Loprete. Motion passed 5-0.

II. D.3. Proposal: North Reading High School Language Immersion International Travel

Ms. Ana Llamas Castro and Ms. Amy St. Arnaud, Spanish teachers at NRHS, proposed a new international travel opportunity for students at the High School during the 2020-2021 school year. This would be a unique “language immersion” experience, for a small number of highly motivated students (approximately 12-15) traveling to Costa Rica during February 2021 school vacation.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Pappavaselio and seconded by Mr. McGowan to approve the NRHS trip to Costa Rica in February 2021. Motion passed 5-0.

II. D.4. Bus Transportation Contract Renewal

Mr. Connelly presented the district’s Bus and Transportation Bid and offered a recommendation for an extension of the current contract with North Reading Transportation.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Pappavaselio and seconded by Mr. McGowan to exercise the optional 5th year of the regular school bus transportation contract to NRT, Inc. from July 1, 2020 to June 31, 2021 as recommended by the Administration. Motion passed 5-0.

II. D.5. 2020-2021 Academic Calendar

Superintendent Daly reviewed the revised draft of the 2020-2021 Academic Calendar.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Pappavaselio and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to approve the NRPS 2020-2021 Calendar. Motion passed 5-0.

II. E.1 Minutes:

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to approve the December 9, 2019 Executive Session minutes as written. Motion passed 4-0-1, Ms. Boutwell abstained.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to approve the December 9, 2019 Open Session minutes as amended. Motion passed 4-0-1, Ms. Boutwell abstained.

Amendment: Executive Session: Return to Open Session – seconded by Ms. Imbriano, not by Ms. Boutwell.

Amendment: Adjournment shows passed 4-0, should show 3-1, Mr. Buckley voted no as to not end Superintendent Bernard’s last meeting.

II. E.2. Budget Update:

Mr. Connelly gave an update on the FY20 Budget.

II. E.3 Staffing:

No staffing changes at this time.

II. E.4. Bids and Donations:

- North Reading High School Parents' Association; In-kind donation from September - December 2019 of this school year.

Expense Category	September - December 2019
Speaker Presentation	\$2,000.00
Total	\$2,000.00

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to accept with gratitude in-kind donations for the above list of school activities and expenses from Sept. – Dec. 2019 from the North Reading High School Parents' Association totaling \$2,000.00. Motion passed 5-0.

- North Reading Middle School Parents' Association; In-kind donations from September - December 2019 of this school year.

Expense Category	September - December 2019
Enrichment Activities	\$3,273.30
Technology Equipment	\$4,000.00
General School Supplies	\$364.58
Other Miscellaneous Items	\$1,622.08
Total	\$9,259.96

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to accept with gratitude in-kind donations for the above list of school activities and expenses from Sept. – Dec. 2019 from the North Reading Middle School Parents' Association totaling \$9,259.96. Motion passed 5-0.

- J.T. Hood Elementary School Parents' Association; In-kind donations from September - December 2019 of this school year.

Expense Category	September - December 2019
Enrichment Activities	\$2,305.00
Teacher Equipment	\$2,199.71
Total	\$4,504.71

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to accept with gratitude in-kind donations for the above list of school activities and expenses from Sept. – Dec. 2019 from the J.T. Hood Elementary School Parents' Association totaling \$4,504.71. Motion passed 5-0.

- E.E. Little Elementary School Parents' Association; In-kind donations from September – December 2019 of this school year.

Expense Category	September - December 2019
Teacher Stipends	\$1,052.15
Enrichment Activities	\$2,598.02
School Supplies	\$977.18
Other Miscellaneous Items	\$413.72
Total	\$5,041.07

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to accept with gratitude in-kind donations for the above list of school activities and expenses from Sept. – Dec. 2019 from the E.E. Little Elementary School Parents' Association totaling \$5,041.07. Motion passed 5-0.

- L.D. Batchelder School Parents' Organization; In-kind donations from September - December 2019 of this school year.

Expense Category	September - December 2019
Teacher Supply Reimbursements	\$540.00
Enrichment Activities	\$6,078.09
Other Miscellaneous Items	\$531.36
Total	\$7,149.45

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to accept with gratitude in-kind donations for the above list of school activities and expenses from Sept. – Dec. 2019 from the L.D. Batchelder Elementary School Parents' Organization totaling \$7,149.45. Motion passed 5-0.

- Temple Fuel; \$200.00 donation to NRHS Football Program

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to accept with gratitude a donation of \$200.00 from Temple Fuel to be used towards the Football Program at the High School. Motion passed 5-0.

- NRHS Hornet Hall of Fame Association; \$1,000.00 donation towards fitness equipment to each of the schools - \$300.00 – Little School, \$200.00 – Hood School, \$200.00 Batchelder School, \$300.00 – Middle School.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to accept with gratitude a donation of \$1,000.00 from the North Reading High School Hornets Hall of Fame Association to be used by each school to purchase new fitness equipment as noted above for their participation in this year's Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot Race. Motion passed 5-0.

- NRHS Hornet Hall of Fame Association: \$500.00 donation to NRHS Masquers/Band Program

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to accept with gratitude a donation of \$500.00 from the North Reading High School Hornets Hall of Fame Association to be used to benefit NRHS Masquers/Band Program for their participation in this year's Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot Race. Motion passed 5-0.

- Nicole and Adam Griffith: \$5,000.00 donation towards the Middle School

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to accept with gratitude a donation of \$5,000.00 from Nicole and Adam Griffith to be used at the Principal's discretion at the Middle School. Motion passed 5-0.

- ARCH Painting: \$500.00 donation towards the FBLA Club

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to accept with gratitude a donation of \$500.00 from ARCH Painting to be used towards the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) student activity club at the High School. Motion passed 5-0.

- NRHS Lacrosse Boosters: \$1,620.50 donation towards Girls Lacrosse

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to accept with gratitude a donation of \$1,620.50 from North Reading High School Lacrosse Boosters to be used towards Girls Lacrosse at the High School. Motion passed 5-0.

- Kathleen Apigian: \$50.00 donation towards Thanksgiving baskets

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to accept with gratitude a donation of \$50.00 from Kathleen Apigian to be used towards Thanksgiving Baskets at the Batchelder School. Motion passed 5-0.

- J. Turner Hood Parents' Association/Cummings Properties: \$1,000.00 donation towards sensory programming

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to accept with gratitude a donation of \$1,000.00 from the J. Turner Hood Parents' Association and Cummings Properties to be used towards sensory programming at the Hood School. Motion passed 5-0.

III. F.1. Subcommittee Updates:

Mr. Pappavaselio provided an update on the January 9, 2020 Evaluation Subcommittee meeting.

Mr. Connelly provided an update on the January 6, 2020 presentation to the CIPC for NRPS.

Mr. Buckley provided an update on the December 13, 2019 Finance Planning Team meeting.

Ms. Boutwell provided an update on the January 13, 2020 Budget and Finance Planning Team meeting.

Subcommittee Schedule:

a)	Substance Use Coalition	January 15, 2020	10:00 AM
b)	NORCAM BOD	January 23, 2020	7:00 PM
c)	Finance Planning Team	January 31, 2020	8:15 AM
d)	Athletic Subcommittee	February 26, 2020	12:30 PM
e)	Fine Arts Subcommittee	February 26, 2020	2:30 PM

III. F.2 Administrative Report:

- **NEC and SEEM Collaborative Executive Directors Reports**
- **School Visit from Associate Commissioner; January 13, 2020**
School Committee Goal EP-III-A-1
On January 13, 2020 the District received a visit from an Associate Commissioner from the DESE.
- **Update: Report Card Delivery: North Reading Middle School**
Following the success of the District's progress report communication with parents and students, the North Reading Middle School will disseminate report cards digitally through the parent portal beginning with the second quarter.
- **Update: Assistant Superintendent Position**
The position of Assistant Superintendent will be filled temporarily by several individuals who are interested in learning more about the position, including Dr. Daniel Downs, Dr. Catherine O'Connell, and Mr. Sean Killeen. Mr. Killeen will be overseeing the majority of the duties at the district-level while also maintaining his role as Principal of the Batchelder School.
- **Update: E. Ethel Little Elementary School Blue Ribbon School Award**
The awards ceremony will be hosted by the Little School at 9:30 a.m. on January 27, 2020.
- **Cybersecurity Grant Program**
The District received a grant to implement a series of modules on the topic of Cybersecurity.

III. F.3. Correspondence:

No correspondence at this time.

IV. Future Business:

January 27, 2020	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting L.D. Batchelder Elementary School Cafeteria
February 10, 2020	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting Distance Learning Lab at North Reading Middle/High School

V. Adjournment:

The Committee voted on a motion made by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to adjourn at 9:01 pm. Motion passed 5-0.

Documents and Exhibits:

1. Student Work
2. North Reading High School, School Committee Meeting Agenda
3. North Reading High School – New Course Proposals 2020-2021
4. World Language Department Proposed Trip to Costa Rica – February 2021
5. Bus Transportation Contract Recommendation
6. NRPS School Calendar 2020-2021
7. Minutes – Executive Session – December 9, 2019
8. Minutes – Open Session – December 9, 2019
9. FY20 Budget Report
10. Gift Acceptance Memo – NRHS Parents’ Association
11. Gift Acceptance Memo – NRMS 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. Gift Acceptance Memo – L.D. Batchelder Elementary School Parents’ Organization
15. Gift Acceptance Memo – Temple Fuel
16. Gift Acceptance Memo – NRHS Hornet Hall of Fame Association
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18. Gift Acceptance Memo – Nicole and Adam Griffith
19. Gift Acceptance Memo – ARCH Painting
20. Gift Acceptance Memo – NRHS Lacrosse Boosters
21. Gift Acceptance Memo – Kathleen Apigian
22. Gift Acceptance Memo – J. Turner Hood Parents’ Association/Cummings Properties