

North Reading Public Schools
North Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Open Session

Date: March 2, 2020

Time: 6:00 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. Sophia Galuppo (Class Representative – 2022), Ms. Jillian String (of the North Reading Transcript)

I. Call to Order Open Session

Chair Scott Buckley called the Open Session to order at 6:00 PM. in the Superintendent's conference room.

Executive Session:

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Pappavaselio and seconded by Ms. Imbriano pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21, to go into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations with union and non-union personnel, and to reconvene in Open Session. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

At 6:28 p.m. the Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Pappavaselio and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to return to Open Session in the Distance Learning Lab. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

II. Call to Order Open Session

Chair Scott Buckley called the Open Session to order at 6:36 PM.

III. A. Public Input:

There was no public input.

III. B. Student Report:

Ms. Sophia Galuppo, Class of 2022, presented the Student Report and her class work to the School Committee.

**III. D.1. Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Presentation
Superintendent's Professional Practice Goal**

Mr. Michael Connelly, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, presented and reviewed the Fiscal Year 2021 Preliminary Budget for the North Reading Public Schools. There will be a School Committee Budget Workshop on April 1, 2020 and School Committee vote on May 4, 2020.

III. D.2. 2019-2020 Revised School Committee Meeting Schedule

The School Committee Meeting Schedule for 2019-2020 was voted to be changed given the conflict with the May 11th DESE ceremony in Worcester.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to accept the revised 2019-2020 School Committee Meeting Schedule as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

III. D.3. Proposal: North Reading High School Varsity Baseball Team Trip

The proposed trip requested by Athletic Director, Mr. David Johnson, for an overnight trip for the North Reading High School Varsity Baseball team, April 22-23, 2020 to Old Orchard Beach, ME. was approved.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Pappavaselio and seconded by Mr. McGowan to approve the North Reading High School Varsity Baseball team's overnight trip April 22-23, 2020 to Old Orchard Beach, ME. Motion passed 5-0.

III. D.4 Proposal: DECA Competitions Overnight Trip

A request was reviewed from Ms. Nicole Pierce, high school teacher, for the students who competed and advanced in the DECA competition, to travel to Boston and stay overnight on February 26, 2020 so that they may participate in the State Competition round. This is a three-day event.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to approve the DECA overnight trip in Boston on February 26, 2020. Motion passed 5-0.

**III. D.4. June 8, 2020 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles
Superintendent's Professional Practice Goal**

Superintendent Daly reviewed the recommended article to be submitted for the June 8, 2020 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. The deadline for the submission of Articles is March 16, 2020.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to approve the proposed Warrant Article as written and without any substantive changes. Motion passed 5-0.

III D.5. Before-school Child Care

Michael Connelly, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations presented recommendations for a rate increase to the 2020-2021 before school child care program.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Pappavaselio and seconded by Mr. McGowan to approve Before School Child Care rate increases for the 2020-21 school year as recommended by the Administration; the increase includes expanding the program hours to begin at 7:00 a.m. at each elementary school. Motion passed 5-0

III. D.6. Assistant Superintendent Search Timeline

Superintendent Daly reviewed the proposed timeline for the Assistant Superintendent search process. The Committee agreed to have Mr. Pappavaselio be on the search team with Ms. Imbriano as a back-up representative.

III. E.1 Minutes:

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. McGowan to approve the February 10, 2020 Executive Session minutes as written. Motion passed 5-0.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. McGowan to approve the February 10, 2020 Open Session minutes as written. Motion passed 5-0.

III. E.2. Budget Update:

Mr. Connelly, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations gave an update of the FY20 Budget.

III. E.3 Staffing: There was no staffing update.

III. E.4. Bids and Donations:

- China Cuisine: \$500.00 donation to be used towards Performing Arts 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 China Cuisine to be used towards the Performing Arts program at the High School. Motion passed 5-0.

- The Boland Group/Fuddruckers: \$365.60 donation to be used towards the swim team

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to accept with gratitude a donation of \$365.60 from The Boland Group (Fuddruckers) to be used towards the swim team at the High School. Motion passed 5-0.

III. F.1. Subcommittee Updates:

Superintendent Daly provided an update of the February 25, 2020 Substance Abuse Coalition meeting.

Ms. Boutwell and Ms. Imbriano provided an update of the February 26, 2020 Athletic Subcommittee meeting.

Mr. Pappavaselio provided an update of the February 27, 2020 Fine Arts Subcommittee meeting.

Mr. McGowan provided an update of the February 27, 2020 NORCAM BOD meeting.

Superintendent Daly provided an update of the Early Start Time review committee.

Subcommittee Schedule:

a)	Finance Planning Team	March 5, 2020	8:15 AM
b)	Substance Use Coalition	March 24, 2020	9:30 AM
c)	NORCAM BOD	March 26, 2020	7:00 PM
d)	Athletic Subcommittee	April 15, 2020	12:30 PM
e)	Fine Arts Subcommittee	April 15, 2020	2:30 PM

III. F.2 Administrative Report:

- **COVID-19 Virus**
North Reading Public Schools is working closely with Town Hall and continues to monitor the situation.
- **Cyber Security Posters**
Cyber Security posters regarding the Cyber Security modules will be posted.
- **Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Recognition Ceremony**
On Monday, May 11, 2020 the L.D. Batchelder School will be recognized as a 2019 School of Recognition and E. Ethel Little School will be recognized as a 2019 National Blue-Ribbon school.
- **Progress Report: NRHS**
North Reading High School received a letter from New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), stating that the Commission on Public Schools reviewed the Special Progress Report of North Reading High School and continued the school's accreditation.

III. F.3. Correspondence:

No correspondence at this time.

IV. Future Business:

March 23, 2020	6:30 PM	Regular Meeting Distance Learning Lab at North Reading Middle/High School
April 1, 2020	3:30 PM	Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Workshop Superintendent's Conference Room

V. Adjournment:

The Committee voted on a motion made by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. Pappavaselio to adjourn at 8:35 pm. Motion passed 5-0.

Documents and Exhibits:

1. Student Work
2. NRPS FY2021 Preliminary Budget Presentation
3. North Reading School Committee: 2019-2020 Meeting Schedule
4. Letter from David Johnson regarding NRHS Varsity Baseball Team travel
5. Letter from Nicole Pierce regarding DECA travel
6. North Reading School Committee Proposed Warrant Article for June 8, 2020 Town Meeting
7. 2020-2021 School Year Before School Childcare Rates
8. NRPS Assistant Superintendent Search Timeline
9. Minutes – Executive Session – February 10, 2020
10. Minutes – Open Session – February 10, 2020
11. FY20 Budget Report
12. Gift Acceptance Memo – China Cuisine
13. Gift Acceptance Memo – The Boland Group (Fuddruckers)
14. MADESE letter regarding award event on May 11, 2020
15. NEASC letter regarding NRHS accreditation