

North Reading Public Schools
North Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Open Session

Date: March 23, 2020
Time: 6:30 PM
Place: Virtual Meeting

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. Bridget Grew (Class Representative – 2020), Ms. Jillian String (of the North Reading Transcript)

I. Call to Order Open Session

Chair Scott Buckley called the Open Session to order at 6:31 PM.

II. A. Public Input:

There was no public input.

II. B. Student Report:

Ms. Bridget Grew, Class of 2020, presented the Student Report.

II. D.1. Update: COVID-19 and North Reading Schools

Dr. Daly updated the committee on the district's response to COVID-19. Mr. Connelly and Dr. Daly provided updates on other aspects of district business during this time.

II. D.2. June 8, 2020 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles

Dr. Daly presented recommendations for changes to the articles to be submitted for the June 8, 2020 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. The following Town Meeting Articles were discussed and approved by the School Committee:

Lease of Land/Rooftop Space for Solar Photovoltaic Facilities

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to approve the proposed Article regarding the Lease of Land and Rooftop Space for Solar Photovoltaic Facilities as presented. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

Electricity Supply/On-Bill Credit Purchase Agreements (Majority Vote)

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to approve the Article regarding Electricity Supply/On-Bill Credit Purchase Agreements as presented. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

Agreements for Payments in Lieu of Taxes (Majority Vote)

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to approve the Warrant Article regarding Agreements for Payments in Lieu of Taxes as submitted. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

II. D.3. NEC Board

Dr. Daly reviewed the recommended Articles of Agreement for the Northshore Education Consortium. The three proposed changes are 1. Admission of Pawtucket Regional School District as a member, 2. Amending language to create a “superintendent only” board, 3. Amend language regarding responsibilities of board members.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Pappavaselio and seconded by Mr. McGowan to adopt the amended changes to the Articles of Agreement for the Northshore Education Consortium. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

II. D.4 SOA Updates

Dr. Daly presented his comments to the DESE’s commitment request for the North Reading Student Opportunity Plan: SY 2021-2023.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Pappavaselio and seconded by Mr. McGowan to approve the district plan for the Student Opportunity Act. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

II. E.1 Minutes:

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. McGowan to accept the March 2, 2020 Executive Session minutes as written. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. McGowan to accept the March 2, 2020 Open Session minutes as written. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

II. E.2. Budget Update:

There was no budget update.

II. E.3 Staffing: There was no staffing update.**II. E.4. Bids and Donations:**

- Hood School Parent’s Association: \$7,475.00 donation to be used towards personalized iPads.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Imbriano to accept with gratitude a donation of \$7,475.00 from the J. Turner Hood School Parent's Association to be used towards the personalized iPads at the Hood School. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

II. F.1. Subcommittee Updates:

Mr. Connelly gave an update of the upcoming March 30th budget subcommittee meeting, where presentations are scheduled to start at 3:00 p.m. with the finalist LED companies. At this time all other previously scheduled subcommittee meetings have been postponed.

II. F.2 Administrative Report:

- **Massachusetts Teacher of the Year Semi-Finalist**
The Massachusetts Teacher of the Year Program honors a Massachusetts teacher who exemplifies fine teaching in the Commonwealth. On behalf of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, we are pleased to announce that Whitney Cleary has been named a semi-finalist in the 2021 Massachusetts Teacher of the Year program.
- **Digital Literacy and Computer Science Grant**
Dr. Downs worked on a grant with the DESE for Digital Literacy and Computer Science and the district was awarded the amount of \$13,440.00.
- **Superintendent's Entry Plan Update**
With the consideration of the school closures Dr. Daly has elected to postpone sending out information to parents in the form of a survey to collect data for my entry plan. He is continuing to work on all other aspects of the goals and plan but due to these unforeseen circumstances he wants to keep his surveys and communication limited to updates and emergencies only at this time. Dr. Daly is collecting many additional forms of data and feedback from our parents at this time that will provide insights into his entry plan.

II. F.3. Correspondence:

No correspondence at this time.

II. Future Business: All are dependent on the current shelter in place orders.

April 1, 2020	3:00 PM	Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Workshop (Virtual Meeting)
April 13, 2020	6:30 PM	School Committee Meeting: FY21 Budget Public Hearing TBD

IV. Adjournment:

The Committee voted on a motion made by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to adjourn at 7:46 pm. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

Documents and Exhibits:

1. NRPS Town Meeting Warrant Articles
2. Northshore Education Consortium – Articles of Agreement
3. North Reading Student Opportunity Plan: SY 2021-2023
4. Minutes – Executive Session – March 2, 2020
5. Minutes – Open Session – March 2, 2020
6. Gift Acceptance Memo – Hood School Parent’s Association
7. Letter Regarding: NRPS award of Digital Literacy Now Grant