

North Reading Public Schools
North Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Open Session

Date: July 30, 2020

Time: 8:00 AM

Place: Virtual Meeting (+1 724-201-1551 / PIN: 725 339 116#); meet.google.com/srm-jrgi-jpo

School Committee Members Present

Dyana Boutwell (left meeting at 9:00 a.m.)

Scott Buckley

Janene Imbriano

Rich McGowan

Chris Pappavaselio (left meeting at 9:00 a.m.)

Staff Members Present

Patrick Daly – Superintendent of Schools

Michael Connelly – Assistant Superintendent
of Finance and Operations (joined at 9:00 a.m.)

Visitors: Approximately 65 community members joined the meeting.

I. Call to Order Open Session

Chair Scott Buckley called the Open Session to order at 8:02 a.m.

II. A. Public Input

There was no public input.

II. B.1. Reopening Plan

Dr. Daly outlined the plan for reopening of schools that will be submitted to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education on July 31, 2020. He reviewed the three different learning models that are proposed: 1) full in person, 2) remote learning, and 3) hybrid learning.

The District proposed starting the year with a hybrid learning model with two days in person/two days of remote learning with the 5th day in person, alternating weekly between two cohorts of students. The Commissioner of Education wants schools to start on September 16, 2020 and has reduced the student school year to 170 days, with 10 days for training and professional development. A one day waiver will be requested for NRPS to start on September 17th. Further discussion with questions and answers from community members followed. The District will receive feedback from the DESE, and there will be more opportunities for parent/teacher/community feedback on the plan. The final plan will be submitted to the DESE by August 10, 2020.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Buckley and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to approve the submission of a plan by Dr. Daly to the DESE to address the three scenarios for school reopening, and to choose the hybrid model as the preferred plan. The motion passed 3-2 on a roll call vote. Ms. Boutwell and Mr. Buckley were opposed.

III. Future Business:

August 7, 2020 8:00 AM Regular Meeting – Final Reopening Plan

IV. Adjournment:

The Committee voted on a motion made by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. McGowan to adjourn at 9:17 a.m. Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote.

Documents and Exhibits:

1. North Reading Public Schools Reopening Plan