

NORTH READING PUBLIC SCHOOLS
North Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Open Session – Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Workshop

Date: April 26, 2023

Time: 5:05 PM

Place: Superintendent's Conference Room

School Committee Members Present:

Scott Buckley

Rich McGowan

Dyana Boutwell

Jeff Friedman

Noelle Rudloff

Staff Members Present

Patrick Daly, Superintendent

Michael Connelly, Assistant Superintendent
of Finance and Operations

Sean Killeen, Assistant Superintendent
of Teaching and Learning

Mr. Buckley called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Dr. Daly shared that the district has agreed to contract renewals for several administrators including the Director of Student Services, who falls under the School Committee for final approval. There were no questions from the Committee.

Mr. Buckley asked Mr. Connelly to review the current state of the Fiscal Year 2024 budget. Mr. Connelly distributed a document to guide his presentation (FY24 Final School Budget Update as of April 24, 2023). The presentation included a review of the current revenue available for FY24, budget drivers and the remaining budget gap; the state budget and COVID-19 grant status; elementary class sizes and enrollment breakdown; and one-time costs and budget closing gap ideas.

The Committee discussed some of the district's suggestions for reconciling the budget gap and Dr. Daly addressed a question from the public related to the proposed restructuring of the Digital Learning positions that results in a 1.0 FTE reduction. The district proposed gap closing measures and other reductions that allowed us to move forward with one of the NRPS 2025 positions, the 1.0 FTE STEM Coordinator.

In closing, the administration's budget recommended to the School Committee to be shared for the School Committee Budget Vote on April 26, 2023 is \$37,319,595 for level services.

At 6:21 p.m. Ms. Boutwell offered a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Mr. Friedman. The motion passed 5-0.