

NORTH READING PUBLIC SCHOOLS
North Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Public Budget Hearing

Date: April 6, 2015

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Distance Learning Lab at North Reading High School

School Committee Members Present

Clifford Bowers (arrived at 6:55 p.m.)

Janene Imbriano

Gerald Venezia

Mel Webster

Staff Members Present

Jon Bernard – Superintendent of Schools

Michael Connelly – Director of Finance and Operations

Patrick Daly – Assistant Superintendent

Cindy Elmore – Recording Secretary

Visitors: Ms. Julie Koepke, Board of Selectmen: Mr. Robert Mauceri, Mr. Jeff Yull, Mr. Michael Prisco, School Principals: Mr. Sean Killeen, Mr. Glen McKay, Ms. Catherine O’Connell, Ms. Christine Molle, Mr. Anthony Loprete; Residents, Parents and Teachers from North Reading, Mr. Dan Tomasello (of the North Reading Transcript).

I. Executive Session

At 6:32 p.m. the Committee voted on a motion by Mrs. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. Webster pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of ongoing discussion related to collective bargaining and to return to Open Session. Motion passed 3-0 on a roll call vote.

At 6:52 p.m. the Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Mrs. Imbriano to return to Open Session. Motion passed 3-0.

II. Call to Order Budget Public Hearing:

Chairman Venezia called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

III. A.1. Fiscal Year 2016 Public Budget Hearing :

Superintendent Bernard opened the hearing with comments about the development process of the FY16 budget, and thanked the Director of Finance and Operations Mr. Michael Connelly, the School Committee, Board of Selectmen, Finance Planning Team, Finance Committee and School District Administrators for their collaborative work on constructing the budget.

Mr. Bernard explained that the preliminary modified level services budget for fiscal year 2016 represents a \$1,122,211 or 4.2% increase over the FY 2015 budget appropriation. As a result of the Finance Planning Team meeting held on March 27th and the budget workshop with the School Committee on March 31st, the gap in the fiscal year 2016 budget for the North Reading Public Schools has been reduced from \$760,228 to \$407,564 and a list of reductions has been identified to help close this budget gap and achieve a balanced budget.

Mr. Bernard turned the presentation over to Mr. Connelly, who presented a breakdown of the available revenue and list of reductions for the proposed FY16 budget in detail.

The final vote of the FY16 budget will be at the April 27, 2015 School Committee meeting. After the presentation, the floor was opened to the public for questions.

Chairman Venezia closed the Public Hearing at 8:20 pm.

IV. Future Business:

April 13, 2015	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting, E. Ethel Little School Cafeteria
April 27, 2015	7:00 PM	Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Vote, NRHS Distance Learning Lab

V. Adjournment:

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Bowers and seconded by Mr. Webster to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. Motion passed 4-0.

Documents and Exhibits:

1. PowerPoint Presentation: North Reading Public Schools FY16 Budget Hearing
2. FY16 Preliminary School Budget Update