

**NORTH READING PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
North Reading, Massachusetts

**Regular Meeting of the School Committee**

*Open Session*

Date: November 2, 2015

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Distance Learning Lab at North Reading High School

***School Committee Members Present***

Clifford Bowers

Julie Koepke

Janene Imbriano

Gerald Venezia

Mel Webster (not present)

***Staff Members Present***

Jon Bernard – Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Patrick Daly – Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Michael Connelly – Director of Finance and Operations

Cindy Elmore – Recording Secretary

**Visitors:** Mr. Sotirios Pintzopolous (NRHS Teacher, Model United Nations Club Advisor), Ms. Emily Zhang (Model United Nations Club Representative), Mr. Ben Hui (Model United Nations Club Representative), Ms. Judy Dymont (NR Representative to the Northeast Metro Tech School Committee), Mr. Ted Nickole (Superintendent Director, Northeast Metro Tech School), Mr. Dave DiBarrie (Principal, Northeast Metro Tech School), Ms. Amy Luckiewicz (NR Youth Services Director), Ms. Bridget Grew (NR Middle School Student), Ms. Carla Lister (NR Middle School Teacher), Mr. Dan Tomasello (of the North Reading Transcript)

**I. Executive Session**

At 6:01 p.m. the Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Koepke and seconded by Mr. Venezia pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21, to go into Executive Session to discuss school safety and security protocols, and to reconvene in Open Session. Motion passed 4-0 on a roll call vote.

At 6:57 p.m. the Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Bowers and seconded by Ms. Koepke to return to Open Session. Motion passed 4-0.

**II. Call to Order Open Session:**

Chair Janene Imbriano called the Open Session to order at 7:07 PM.

**III. A. Public Input:**

There was no public input.

**III. B. Student Input:**

Jerlin Kaithamattam, Class of 2018 provided the student report and presented her class work.

**III. C.1. MSBA/SSBC Update:**

- a. Punchlist work throughout the middle school and high school continues, items to be addressed through November
- b. Demolition of the former high school is substantially complete at this time; site work continues
- c. Restoration (drain lines, electrical, fields, parking) of the former high school continues. This work will continue through the end of the calendar year, with plantings, lawn seeding, etc. to take place in the spring of 2016
- d. New crosswalk has been installed at the base of the access road to the new middle/high school; appropriate signage has been ordered and will be installed upon receipt.
- e. The next SSBC meeting is November 10, 2015.

**III. D.1. School Trip: North Reading High School Model United Nations Club**

North Reading High School teacher and Model United Nations Club Advisor Mr. Sotirios Pintzopolous and students and representatives of the club, Ben Hui and Emily Zhang presented a request to participate in the Harvard Model United Nations Conference in Boston on January 28-31, 2016. The club has participated in this event in the past with great success. North Reading will join over 3,000 students from all over the world at this event.

*The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Venezia and seconded by Mr. Bowers to approve the North Reading High School Model United Nations Club trip to Boston on January 28-31, 2016. Motion passed 4-0.*

**III. D.2. Presentation: Representatives of the Northeast Metro Tech School**

Ms. Judy Dymont, North Reading's Representative to the School Committee from the Northeast Metro Tech School; Mr. Ted Nickole, Superintendent Director and Mr. Dave DiBarrie, Principal made a presentation on the programs and initiatives taking place at the Northeast Metro Tech School, where students from North Reading are eligible to attend high school vocational education programs. This school year North Reading has 37 students attending.

**III. D.3. Presentation: Community Impact Team's "Trusted Adult Award"**

The North Reading Community Impact Team's Youth Substance Use Prevention Coalition recognizes the importance of adults in the community who serve, either professionally or within their neighborhoods, as trusted people our youth can turn to for advice. The 2015 Trusted Adult Award was opened to the community of North Reading with nominations welcome from any North Reading youth. Students were encouraged to explain the positive characteristics of the adult that they nominated. This year's winner is Ms. Carla Lister, North Reading Middle School Chorus/General Music teacher. Ms. Amy Luckiewicz, North

Reading's Youth Services Director and Middle School student Bridget Grew made the 2015 "Trusted Adult Award" presentation to Ms. Lister.

**III. D.4. Presentation: 2015 MCAS Results**

Dr. Patrick Daly provided a presentation of the 2015 MCAS Analysis and shared the next steps to be taken to improve student achievement. The PARCC results will be presented to the Committee in December 2015.

**III. D.5. 2016-2017 Academic Calendar**

Superintendent Bernard reviewed the proposed 2016-2017 Academic Calendar, which was approved by the School Committee.

*The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Venezia and seconded by Ms. Koepke to approve the 2016-2017 Academic Calendar as presented. Motion passed 4-0.*

**III. D.6. Student Enrollment Projections**

Mr. Connelly presented a report on "Enrollment Projections" for the next 10 years. He reviewed the district's past growth and the information that is used to determine the projections.

**III. E.1. Minutes:**

*The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Koepke and seconded by Mr. Venezia to approve the September 28, 2015 Executive Session minutes as written. Motion passed 4-0.*

*The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Koepke and seconded by Mr. Bowers to approve the September 28, 2015 Open Session minutes as written. Motion passed 4-0.*

**III. E.2. Budget Update:**

No budget update at this time.

**III. E.3. Staffing:**

No staffing updates at this time.

**III. E.4. Bids and Donations:**

Superintendent Bernard requested the acceptance of the following donation:

- Little School PTO: donation of \$460.00 to support the costs associated with first grade Field Trips to Legoland and the Children's Museum.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Venezia and seconded by Mr. Bowers to accept with gratitude a \$460.00 donation from the Little School PTO to support the costs associated with grade one Field Trips to Legoland and the Children's Museum. Motion passed 4-0.

### III. F.1. Subcommittee Reports:

Mr. Venezia gave a report on the October 20, 2015 Athletic Subcommittee meeting.

Mr. Venezia gave a report on the October 22, 2015 NORCAM Board of Directors' meeting.

Mrs. Imbriano gave a report on the October 23, 2015 Finance Planning Team meeting.

#### Subcommittee Schedule:

a) SSBC	November 10, 2015	5:30 PM
b) Athletic Subcommittee	November 17, 2015	12:30 PM
c) NORCAM BOD	November 19, 2015	7:00 PM
d) Finance Planning Team	November 20, 2015	8:15 AM
e) Policy Subcommittee	TBD	
f) Evaluation Subcommittee	TBD	

### III. F.2. Administrative Report:

- Update: Little School Roof Restoration Project/MSBA Reimbursement: A "Roofing Options and Roof Matrix" for the project was received on October 30, 2015. A comprehensive review and discussion of this information will be held at 11:00 a.m. on November 6, 2015.
- President John Adams Impressionist: Attorney George Baker will present his President John Adams Impressionist Program in the Performing Arts Center on November 12, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free although a suggested donation of \$5.00 per person to benefit North Reading Dollars for Scholars would be greatly appreciated. This program is generously sponsored by the Reading Cooperative Bank.
- North Reading's Friends of Hornet Productions Holiday Marketplace: Saturday, November 14, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Middle/High School. The Hornet Holiday Marketplace will have 25-plus amazing crafters and vendors, ten student artists, and a special visit from Santa from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. There will be live music and plenty of tasty treats. There will also be a special kids' room with games, crafts, and a viewing of "The Polar Express." All proceeds will support the Friends of Hornet Productions' Middle School Performing, Visual and Tech Arts Programs.
- PARCC Letter: Copy of letter from the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent sent to the district on October 22, 2015.

**III. F.3. Correspondence:**

No correspondence at this time.

**IV. Future Business:**

November 16, 2015	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting, NRHS DLL
November 30, 2015	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting, NRHS DLL
December 14, 2015	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting, NRHS DLL
		High School Presentation

**V. Adjournment:**

The Committee voted on a motion made by Ms. Koepke and seconded by Mr. Venezia to adjourn at 8:52 pm. Motion passed 4-0.

**Documents and Exhibits:**

1. Student work
2. NRHS Model United Nation Club trip request
3. NRPS Spring 2015 MCAS Analysis
4. School Calendar 2016-2017
5. NRPS Enrollment Projections
6. NRPS Enrollment Projections – PowerPoint Presentation
7. Minutes: Executive Session – September 28, 2015
8. Minutes: Open Session – September 28, 2015
9. Gift Acceptance memo: Little School PTO