

NORTH READING PUBLIC SCHOOLS
North Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Open Session

Date: November 30, 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

Staff Members Present

Jon Bernard – Superintendent of Schools

Michael Connelly – Director of Finance and Operations

Visitors: Gabrielle Lanzaro (Student Representative – Class of 2017), Mr. Dan Tomasello (of the North Reading Transcript)

I. Call to Order Open Session:

Chair Janene Imbriano called the Open Session to order at 7:01 PM.

II. A. Public Input:

No public input at this time.

II. B. Student Input:

Gabrielle Lanzaro, Class of 2017, provided the student report and presented her class work.

II. C.1. MSBA/SSBC Update:

- a. Work continues to address the punch list items at both the middle school and high school.
- b. Work continues to review (back punch) items for conformance to plans and specifications.
- c. Installation of decorative stone at plaza and landscape areas is nearing completion.
- d. Work continues to cut and fill areas associated with multipurpose and softball fields.
- e. Installation of light pole bases at lower parking lot areas has begun.
- f. Boulders and other unsuitable materials are being removed from lower site.
- g. The next SSBC meeting is December 8, 2015 and December 22, 2015.

II. C.1. Naming of School Facility

The Committee discussed and voted on the naming of a school facility in honor of Mr. Charles Jones. The decision of the School Committee will then be used to generate an appropriate article for inclusion in the June 6, 2016 Town Meeting Warrant.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Venezia and seconded by Mr. Webster to name the Middle School corridor extending from Main Street to the District Administrative offices in honor of Mr. Charles Jones, former teacher and administrator of the North Reading Middle School, and to submit a Warrant Article to the Board of Selectmen for placement on the June 6, 2016 Town Warrant. Motion passed 5-0.

From the Superintendent's Administrative Report:

Superintendent Bernard reviewed the District's commitment to do the right thing in taking spaces that have been named honoring people at the old high school to the naming of similar locations in the new Middle School/High School. The School Committee was in agreement with Superintendent Bernard's plan of placement of the plaques.

II. D.1. Proposal: Establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee

Mr. Venezia and Mr. Webster made a presentation on the establishment of an ad hoc committee with a specific charge to raise funds for a synthetic turf field complex, the details of which are still being worked out, but at this point may include a turf multipurpose field, perhaps a turf baseball diamond and turf softball diamond, and building to include a concession stand, storage, and public lavatories. Irrigation for a grass field to be constructed might also be part of the scope of the project for which funds would be sought as well. At this time, the membership of the committee is likely to include School Committee members, the Superintendent of Schools, the High School Principal, the Athletic Director, member(s) of Parks and Recreation Department/Committee, member(s) of the Board of Selectman, and community members (to be determined).

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Ms. Koepke to establish a turf fields committee with the charge of raising funds to construct a turf field at the current Carey Park, public lavatories at the current football turf field, irrigation for the grass practice field(s) being constructed and the softball field, and a new concession stand and storage. This would be an eleven member committee with the length of terms (one, two and three years) staggered. Motion passed 5-0.

II. D.2. Presentation: Draft Orientation Packet for New School Committee Members

Ms. Koepke and Superintendent Bernard presented the draft of the Orientation Packet for New School Committee Members. They presented the draft cover letter which is aimed at (1) serving as the introduction to an orientation packet for new School Committee members; and (2) fulfilling an established goal of the School Committee for 2015-2016.

II. E.1. Minutes:

No minutes at this time.

II. E.2. Budget Update:

No budget update at this time.

II. E.3. Staffing:

No staffing updates at this time.

II. E.4. Bids and Donations:

Superintendent Bernard requested the acceptance of the following donation:

- Little School PTO; donation of \$400.00 for an original, commissioned painting from Rob Surrette, a local artist.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Ms. Koepke to accept with gratitude a \$400.00 for an original, commissioned painting from Rob Surrette, a local artist. Motion passed 5-0.

- Little School PTO; donation of \$490.00 to support costs associated with a Grade Four Field Trip to Lowell Mills in March of 2016.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Venezia and seconded by Mr. Bowers to accept with gratitude a \$490.00 donation to support cost associated with a Grade Four Field Trip to Lowell Mills in March of 2016. Motion passed 5-0.

- North Reading Youth Soccer; donation of a new soccer goal and replacement net and base for use by the North Reading High School soccer programs, valued at \$1,600.00

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Mr. Venezia to accept with gratitude a new soccer goal and replacement net and base for use by the North Reading High School soccer programs valued at \$1,600.00. Motion passed 5-0.

- North Reading Touchdown Club and an Anonymous Donor; donation of \$4,095 for football game jerseys.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Venezia and seconded by Mr. Bowers to accept with gratitude a \$4,095.00 donation for football game jerseys. Motion passed 5-0.

II. F.1. Subcommittee Reports:

Mr. Webster gave a report on the November 17, 2015 Athletic Subcommittee meeting.

Mr. Venezia gave a report on the November 19, 2015 NORCAM Board of Directors meeting.

Mr. Webster gave a report on the November 20, 2015 Finance Planning Team meeting.

Subcommittee Schedule:

a) Policy Subcommittee	December 7, 2015	2:30 PM
b) SSBC	December 8, 2015	5:30 PM
c) NORCAM BOD	December 17, 2015	7:00 PM
d) Finance Planning Team	December 18, 2015	8:15 AM
e) Athletic Subcommittee	December 22, 2015	12:30 PM
f) SSBC	December 22, 2015	5:30 PM
g) Evaluation Subcommittee	TBD	3:15 PM

II. F.2. Administrative Report:

- Dedication Plaques: North Reading Middle/High School: Superintendent Bernard proposed a plan for the installation of dedication plaques in the new North Reading Middle/High School.
 - Daniel H. Shay Performing Arts Center: Installed September 2015
 - Barry Kipnes Court: Installed November 2015
 - Francis X. O'Donoghue Library: Proposed change to Francis X. O'Donoghue Media Center; new sign to be made; proposed installation at the High School main office entrance to the Media Center
 - Harold Weisse Music Center: Proposed installation in the Band/Chorus/Music area.
 - Ralph Hudson Science Wing: Proposed installation on level two opposite the science laboratories.
 - William "Bill" Butler Courtyard: Proposed installation at the main plaza near the gymnasium entrance adjacent to the courtyard area.
- Correspondence to Representative Jones and Senator Tarr: A letter has been sent to Representative Jones and Senator Tarr from the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent relative to the Transgender Protection Bill (HB 1577)
- PARCC Score Reports: Individual Student Score Reports for the Sprig 2015 PARCC test are due to be mailed home to families later this week.

II. F.3. Correspondence:

No correspondence at this time.

III. Future Business:

December 14, 2015	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting, NRHS DLL High School Presentation
January 4, 2016	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting, NRHS DLL

IV. Adjournment:

The Committee voted on a motion made by Mrs. Koepke and seconded by Mr. Venezia to adjourn at 8:17 pm. Motion passed 5-0.

Documents and Exhibits:

1. Student work
2. DRAFT: New School Committee Member Welcome letter from Superintendent
3. Gift Acceptance memo: Little School PTO
4. Gift Acceptance memo: Little School PTO
5. Gift Acceptance memo: North Reading Youth Soccer Organization
6. Gift Acceptance memo: Touchdown Club
7. Letter regarding (HB 1577) to Representative Jones and Senator Tarr