

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

**Regular Meeting of the School Committee**  
*Open Session*

Date: January 4, 2016

Time: 7:10 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

Cindy Elmore – Recording Secretary

**Visitors:** Daniel Madden (Student Representative – Class of 2017), AJ Loprete (Principal, NRHS), Guy and Cathy Lento, John C. Penny Jr., Cheryl Caines, Jeffrey P. Griffin, Kris Mineau, John Barrette, Marie Marchesseault, David Preciado, Joshua Griffin, Jeremy Griffin, Mr. Dan Tomasello (of the North Reading Transcript)

**I. Executive Session**

At 6:48 p.m. the Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Mr. Bowers pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21, to go into Executive Session to discuss the terms and compensation of the Superintendent's contract following the annual evaluation of the Superintendent's performance conducted in November, 2015 and to reconvene in Open Session. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

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

Chair Janene Imbriano called the Open Session to order at 7:10 PM.

**III. B. Student Input:**

Daniel Madden, Class of 2017 provided the student report and presented his class work.

**III. A. Public Input:**

Residents of North Reading were present to share their opposition to HB1577. Several people spoke but it was agreed to have this issue put on the January 19, 2016 School Committee agenda so others could also attend the meeting.

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

- a. A first day of comprehensive training on AV systems was held on December 21<sup>st</sup>. This four-hour training included school administrators and theater/music teachers. A second day of training will be scheduled to complete the process.
- b. The next SSBC meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2016.

**III. C.2. Policy JQE: Pregnant Students**

Policy JQE: Pregnant Students was presented for a second reading.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Mr. Bowers to approve the second reading of Policy JQE: Pregnant Students. Motion passed 5-0.

**III. D.1. Presentation: North Reading High School - New Course Proposals**

Mr. AJ Loprete, Principal of NRHS, proposed three new courses to be considered by the School Committee to be offered to students beginning in the 2016-2017 school year. The following courses were proposed: Digital Illustration: Academic, Advanced Acting and Stagecraft: Honors, and Advanced Placement Music Theory.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Koepke and seconded by Mr. Webster to accept the proposed new courses at North Reading High School. Motion passed 5-0.

**III. C.2. Policy IC: Curriculum Development**

Policy IC: Curriculum Development was presented for a first reading which reflects recommended changes of the MADESE (through the recent Coordinated Program Review (CPR))

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Mr. Bowers to approve the first reading of Policy IC: Curriculum Development. Motion passed 5-0.

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

No budget update at this time.

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

No staffing update at this time.

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

Superintendent Bernard requested the acceptance of the following donations:

- Gary and Virginia Slep's donation of \$50.00 to be used for the purchase of books for the J.T. Hood School Library in memory of Ms. Barbara Kinnie, a former Art Teacher at the Hood School who recently passed away.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Bowers and seconded by Mr. Venezia to accept with gratitude a \$50.00 donation by Mr. and Mrs. Gary Slep to be used for the purchase of books for the J.T. Hood School Library. Motion passed 5-0.

- Mr. Srinivas Ramineni and Ms. Syamala Bandi, L.D. Batchelder Grade 4 Parents, donation of \$500.00 to help fund the purchase of document cameras and wireless keyboards at the Batchelder School.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Mr. Bowers to accept with gratitude a \$500.00 donation by Mr. Srinivas Ramineni and Ms. Syamala Bandi to be used to help fund the purchase of document cameras and wireless keyboards at the Batchelder School. Motion passed 5-0.

- North Reading High School Lacrosse Boosters donation of \$1,712.00 for the purchase of boys' lacrosse team game jerseys.
- The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Koepke and seconded by Mr. Bowers to accept with gratitude a \$1,712.00 donation by the North Reading High School Lacrosse Boosters for the purchase of boys' lacrosse team game jerseys. Motion passed 5-0.

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

Ms. Koepke gave a Policy Subcommittee Update.

Ms. Imbriano gave a Finance Planning Team Update.

Mr. Webster gave an Athletic Subcommittee Update.

#### Subcommittee Schedule:

a)	Turf Field Subcommittee	January 11, 2016	2:30 PM
b)	SSBC	January 12, 2016	5:30 PM
c)	Finance Planning Team	January 15, 2016	8:15 AM
d)	Superintendent's Goals Workshop	January 25, 2016	4:00 PM
e)	Athletic Subcommittee	January 26, 2016	12:30 PM
f)	NORCAM BOAD	January 28, 2016	7:00 PM
g)	Policy Subcommittee	February 3, 2016	2:30 PM
h)	Evaluation Subcommittee	TBD	3:15 PM

**III. F.2. Administrative Report:**

- Informational Program: “Addressing Teen Sexting Behaviors”: Superintendent Bernard has collaborated with the Middlesex County District Attorney’s Office to offer an informational presentation to parents. The presentation will be held in the Distance Learning Lab on January 7, 2016.
- Informational Program: ALICE School Safety and Security Program: Superintendent Bernard along with other district administrators and public safety personnel, including Police Chief Mike Murphy and Fire Chief Bill Warnock, are hosting an informational presentation for parents on the implementation of the ALICE School Safety and Security Program in each of the five schools in the district. The presentation will be held on January 12, 2016.
- School Improvement Plans Mid-Year Report: The School Committee was given School Improvement Plans Mid-Year Report with contributions from the school principals and compiled by the Superintendent.

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

No correspondence at this time.

**IV. Future Business:**

January 19, 2016	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting, Batchelder School Cafeteria
February 1, 2016	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting MS/HS Distance Learning Lab

**V. Adjournment:**

The Committee voted on a motion made by Mr. Bowers and seconded by Mr. Webster to adjourn at 8:16 pm. Motion passed 5-0.

**Documents and Exhibits:**

1. Student work
2. Policy: JQE – Pregnant Students
3. NRHS – New Course Proposals
4. Policy: IC – Curriculum Development
5. Gift Acceptance memo: Gary and Virginia Slep
6. Gift Acceptance memo: Mr. Srinivas Ramineni and Ms. Syamala Bandi
7. Gift Acceptance memo: NRHS Lacrosse Boosters
8. School Improvement Plans Mid-Year Report