

NORTH READING PUBLIC SCHOOLS
North Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Open Session

Date: May 2, 2016

Time: 6:30 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

Dr. Patrick Daly – Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Michael Connelly – Director of Finance and Operations

Cindy Elmore – Recording Secretary

Visitors: Jerlin Kaithamattam (Student Representative – Class of 2018), Ms. Laina Simone (NR Resident), Ms. Marcia Bailey (NR Resident), Ms. Deanna Castro (NR Resident), Mr. Dan Tomasello (of the North Reading Transcript)

I. Executive Session

At 6:33 p.m. the Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Venezia and seconded by Mr. Bowers pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21, to go into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations with the Food Service Workers and to reconvene in Open Session. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

At 6:49 p.m. the Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Koepke and seconded by Mr. Bowers to return to Open Session. Motion passed 5-0.

II. Call to Order Open Session:

Chair Janene Imbriano called the Open Session to order at 7:05 PM.

III. B. Student Input:

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

III. A. Public Input:

No public input at this time.

III. C.1. MSBA/SSBC Update:

- a. Loam placement at athletic fields near completion
- b. Clay infield work to begin following loam replacement
- c. Concrete placement for dugouts has begun
- d. 50% completion of sidewalk prep work (gravel base)
- e. Fence posts installed around softball field; fabric to be installed the week of May 2nd
- f. 50% completion of asphalt prep work of lower parking sites
- g. Ballet bars reinstalled in auxiliary gymnasium
- h. The audit was done on the audio/visual during February vacation
- i. The Superintendent and the Project Manager will be meeting this week on outstanding items
- h. The next SSBC meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2016.

Mr. Webster updated the Committee on the progress of the Athletic Facilities Committee and the money raised for the sodding and irrigation of the all-purpose field. At this time \$103K has been pledged.

III. C.2. Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Vote

The Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget for the North Reading Public Schools was held on April 4, 2016. The School Committee discussed the information presented and gathered at the Public Hearing and the two Fiscal Year 2017 budget workshops. Ms. Laina Simone and Ms. Marcia Bailey made statements regarding their concerns about the prospective budget cuts. Both had concerns about the partial cut of a Foreign Language teacher at the Middle School, and Ms. Bailey also commented on the number of classes with 26 students at the High School.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Venezia and seconded by Mr. Bowers to approve and hereby adopt the final Fiscal Year 2017 School Operating Budget of \$28,546,142; this represents an increase of 3.8% or \$1,051,068 over the FY'16 appropriation of \$27,495,074. Motion passed 5-0.

III. D.1. Presentation: Mathematics Curriculum Recommendation: Second Reading Superintendent's Professional Practice Goal

At the April 11, 2016 meeting of the School Committee, Dr. Patrick Daly, Assistant Superintendent, provided a report on the mathematics curriculum pilot that has taken place in the district during the 2015-2016 school year. A second reading of the new mathematics curriculum took place.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Mr. Bowers to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent that the North Reading Public Schools adopt the "Eureka" and "Big Ideas" mathematics programs for implementation at our elementary and secondary schools respectively beginning with the 2016-2017 school year. Motion passed 5-0.

III. D.2. School Committee Self-Evaluation

Ms. Koepke and Mr. Webster of the Evaluation Subcommittee presented the School Committee's 2015-2016 composite self-evaluation results and facilitated a discussion about the use of those results during a goal setting workshop to be held in the summer.

III. D.3. School Choice Public Hearing and Vote

Ms. Imbriano opened the Public Hearing at 8:49 p.m.

Under the Education Reform Act of 1993 there is a need to hold an annual public hearing on School Choice. Becoming a Choice District means that North Reading will accept students from other cities and towns for enrollment in its schools. Once a student is accepted as a choice student, he or she is a student until graduation or the student opts to withdraw. The district receives an additional \$5,000.00 from the sending district's Chapter 70 funds for each student accepted.

The School Committee discussed School Choice and asked for questions or comments from the audience (there were none).

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Mr. Bowers not to participate in School Choice because the program as it is presently constructed does not ensure that the needs of some of the children of the Commonwealth can be met. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Hearing closed at 8:51 p.m.

III. D.4. Middle/High School Athletic Facilities Committee: Member Appointment

The School Committee approved a new member of the Middle/High School Athletic Facilities Committee. Joe Lidoski is involved with the Athletic Youth Soccer.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Ms. Koepke to add Joe Lidoski to the Middle/High School Athletic Facilities Committee for a one (1) year term. Motion passed 5-0.

III. E.1. Minutes:

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Venezia and seconded by Mr. Bowers to approve the February 22, 2016 Open Session minutes as written. Motion passed 5-0.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Koepke and seconded by Mr. Webster to approve the March 7, 2016 Open Session minutes as written. Motion passed 5-0.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Mr. Bowers to approve the March 14, 2016 Open Session/Budget Workshop minutes as written. Motion passed 5-0.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Koepke and seconded by Mr. Webster to approve the March 21, 2016 Executive Session minutes as written. Motion passed 5-0.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Bowers and seconded by Ms. Koepke to approve the March 21, 2016 Open Session minutes as written. Motion passed 5-0.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Ms. Koepke to approve the April 4, 2016 FY17 Public Budget Hearing minutes as written. Motion passed 5-0.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Bowers and seconded by Ms. Koepke to approve the April 11, 2016 Executive Session minutes as written. Motion passed 4-0-1, Mr. Venezia abstained.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Bowers and seconded by Mr. Webster to approve the April 11, 2016 Open Session minutes as written. Motion passed 4-0-1, Mr. Venezia abstained.

III. E.2. Budget Update:

Mr. Michael Connelly, Director of Finance and Operations, presented a FY16 budget update.

Mr. Connelly also reviewed the results (Corrective Action Report) of the Food Service Coordinated Program Review that was conducted recently in the district. Mr. Connelly also thanked the Director of Food Services and her team for their assistance through the process.

Mr. Connelly reviewed the list of items recommended for funding by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee (CIPC).

Mr. Connelly also reviewed the adopted budget for FY17 for the SEEM Collaborative, of which North Reading is a member district.

Lastly, Mr. Connelly also reviewed the “Agreed Upon Procedures Report on the End of Year Financial Report; June 30, 2015”.

III. E.3. Staffing:

No staffing update at this time.

III. E.4. Bids and Donations:

Superintendent Bernard requested the acceptance of the following donation:

- North Reading High School Hockey Boosters: donation of \$1,128.00 for the purchase of nine new hockey jerseys for the high school hockey program.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Koepke and seconded by Mr. Webster to accept with gratitude a \$1,128.00 donation by the North Reading High School Hockey Boosters to purchase nine new hockey jerseys for the High School hockey program. Motion passed 5-0.

III. F.1. Subcommittee Reports:

Ms. Koepke and Mr. Webster gave a report of the Evaluation Subcommittee meeting on April 14, 2016.

Mrs. Imbriano and Mr. Webster gave an update of the Finance Planning Team meeting held on April 15, 2016 and April 27, 2016.

Ms. Koepke (School Committee Legislative Representative), Ms. Imbriano, Superintendent Bernard and NRHS student Daniel Madden, Student Representative to the School Committee attended the “Day on the Hill” event, sponsored by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees on April 26, 2016. Ms. Koepke and Ms. Imbriano gave a report.

The Policy Subcommittee met on April 27, 2016. Mr. Bowers and Ms. Koepke reviewed policy GBRN: Drug-Free Workplace and JGK/JGK-R: Head Injury/Concussion Policy and Regulations.

Subcommittee Schedule:

a) Athletic Facilities Comm	May 4, 2016	2:30 PM
b) Athletic Subcommittee	May 10, 2016	12:30 PM
c) SSBC	May 10, 2016	5:30 PM
d) NORCAM BOD	May 26, 2016	7:00 PM
e) Finance Planning Team	June 3, 2016	8:15 AM
f) Policy Subcommittee	TBD	2:30 PM
g) Evaluation Subcommittee	TBD	3:15 PM

III. F.2. Administrative Report:

- Little School Roof Replacement Project Update:
Superintendent’s District Goal #3
The Construction Bids on the Little School Roof Replacement Project have been received (April 29, 2016). All of the five bids received have come within the allotted budget for construction for the desired material (SBS roof system). The Project Manager is conducting reference checks presently. The project remains on schedule.

- North Reading to Host the Northeast Massachusetts Youth Orchestras
Two performances of the Northeast Massachusetts Youth Orchestras will be hosted in the Performance Arts Center at North Reading Middle/High School on May 7, 2016.
- Superintendent's Spring 2016 Newsletter
The Superintendent's Spring 2016 Newsletter was distributed across the district on April 25, 2016.

III. F.3. Correspondence:

- Letter of invitation from Trinity Evangelical Church's 200-year anniversary on Sunday May 15, 2016.

IV. Future Business:

May 9, 2016	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting, Distance Learning Lab
May 23, 2016	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting E. Ethel Little Elementary School
June 6, 2016	6:30 PM	Town Meeting Superintendent's Conference Room

V. Adjournment:

The Committee voted on a motion made by Mr. Webster and seconded by Ms. Koepke to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Motion passed 5-0.

Documents and Exhibits:

1. Student work
2. FY17 School Budget Update
3. Policy ICF – Curriculum Adoption
4. North Reading School Committee Self-Evaluation 2015-2016
5. Minutes: Open Session – February 22, 2016
6. Minutes: Open Session – March 7, 2016
7. Minutes: Open Session/Budget Workshop – March 14, 2016
8. Minutes: Executive Session – March 21, 2016
9. Minutes: Open Session – March 21, 2016
10. Minutes: FY17 Public Budget Hearing – April 4, 2016
11. Minutes: Executive Session – April 11, 2016
12. Minutes: Open Session – April 11, 2016
13. FY16 Budget Report
14. Food Services Coordinated Program Review – Corrective Action Report
15. Large Capital Project Update
16. SEEM Approved FY17 Budget
17. Town of North Reading, MA Agreed Upon Procedures Report On The End of Year Financial Report June 30, 2015
18. Gift Acceptance Memo – North Reading High School Hockey Boosters
19. Policy GBRN – Drug Free Workplace
20. Policy JGK/JGK-R – Head Injury/Concussion Policy and Regulations
21. Flyer: An Afternoon of Spring Concerts
22. NRPS – Spring 2016 – Superintendent Newsletter
23. Letter From Trinity Evangelical Church regarding 200-year celebration