

NORTH READING PUBLIC SCHOOLS
North Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Open Session

Date: October 27, 2014

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: North Reading High School Distance Learning Lab

School Committee Members Present

Gerald Venezia

Karen Errichetti

Janene Imbriano

Clifford Bowers

Mel Webster

Staff Members Present

Jon Bernard – Superintendent of Schools

Patrick Daly – Assistant Superintendent

Michael Connelly – Director of Finance & Operations

Visitors: Mr. Zachary Mullin-Bernstein (Student Representative, Class of 2014), Mr. Sotirios Pintzopoulos (Teacher, NRHS), Emily Zhang and Joseph Tramontozzi (High School students), Mr. Dan Tomasello (of the North Reading Transcript)

I. Call to Order:

School Committee Chair, Mr. Gerald Venezia called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

II. A. Public Input: There was no public input.

II. B. Student Report:

Zachary Mullin-Bernstein delivered the student report.

II. D.1. School Trip-North Reading High School Model United Nations Club

Mr. Pintzopoulos and students Emily Zhang and Joseph Tramontozzi presented a request for attendance at the Harvard Model United Nations Conference on January 29, 2015 - February 1, 2015. The club has participated in the conference in the past. The Superintendent recommended the trip.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Bowers and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to approve the NRHS Model United Nations Club trip to the Harvard Model United Nations Conference in Boston, Massachusetts on January 29, 2015 – February 1, 2015. Motion passed 5-0.

II. C.1. MSBA/SSBC Update:

- The SSBC is scheduled to meet on October 28, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the Distance Learning Lab at North Reading High School. It is anticipated that a response to the “punchlist” items to date will be provided and discussed by the Project Manager at this meeting.
- The steel installation for “E” Building of the new Middle School is set and in place and the welding is ongoing.
- Acid waste piping for the new Middle School science classrooms is complete and has been inspected.
- The AV subcontractor is seeking to be complete and close out related punchlist items at the High School during the week of October 27, 2014. The project team is coordinating with the AV designer to be on site for all functional testing during this same week. Before any trainings with school department personnel are scheduled, the AV designer will participate in all functional testing to ensure system completeness.
- The new brick façade of the Middle School is progressing well and is on schedule.
- The new parapet detail/installation on the new Middle School is ongoing and nearing completion.

Ms. Errichetti requested an update on the matter of NORCAM and their work to be completed along with the AV contractor. Mr. Bowers met last Thursday with the interested parties. Discussions are ongoing. Mr. Webster expressed concern that the School Committee meetings are not able to be broadcast live through NORCAM. Mr. Venezia anticipates raising this issue at the SSBC meeting on October 28, 2014. It is hoped, and expected, that School Committee meetings will be able to be broadcast live from the Distance Learning Lab prior to January 1, 2015.

II. D.2. 2014 MCAS Analysis Presentation

Dr. Patrick Daly presented the 2014 MCAS analysis that he has shared with the School Committee and the community annually, which included a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Webster expressed concern over some schools in the district not meeting their goals, especially at the Middle School. He requested more information on Student Growth Percentile (SGP) and Composite Performance Index (CPI-all schools; particularly at the Middle School). Dr. Errichetti requested some “cohort” data; trends with a particular grade in a particular subject area. What are some of the strategies that have been implemented?

Mr. Webster also requested that Dr. Daly provide the School Committee with an update on the implementation of the Common Core in the school district. A request was made for a presentation before the School Committee in January, 2015 (communicate this meeting to the public via email to advertise the topic as an agenda item).

II. E.1. Minutes:

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to approve the Open Session minutes of October 6, 2014 as written. Motion passed 5-0

II. E.2. Budget Update:

Mr. Connelly provided a monthly budget update that included a comprehensive presentation on ten-year enrollment projections. (A PowerPoint presentation guided Mr. Connelly’s presentation to the School Committee and the community.)

II. E.3. Staffing:

Superintendent Bernard provided an update on the appointment of Mr. Joseph Hehn as the Interim Assistant Principal at North Reading High School.

II. E.4. Bids and Donations:

None at this time.

II. F.1. Subcommittee Reports:

Mr. Webster provided an update of the October 21, 2014 meeting of the Athletic Subcommittee.

Mr. Bowers gave a brief update of the Policy Subcommittee which met on September 18, 2012.

Subcommittee Schedule:

a) Policy Subcommittee	October 30, 2014	3:30 pm
b) Athletic Subcommittee	November 18, 2014	12:30 pm
c) Finance Planning Team	November 21, 2014	8:15 am
d) NORCAM Board of Directors	November 17, 2014	7:00 pm

II. E.2 Administrative Report:

- **Superintendent’s Transition and Entry Plan:** The Superintendent’s transition has been going well. Visits to all schools in the district have been held. Entry Plan meetings have begun and it is anticipated that a presentation of an Entry Plan outline will be made at a School Committee meeting in December with the formal, comprehensive Entry Plan to be presented in February/March, 2015.
- **NRHS Assistant Principal Update:** Mr. Joseph Helm has been appointed Interim Assistant Principal from October 27, 2014 through November 26, 2014. The search for a permanent Assistant Principal at North Reading High School has begun; 38 applications were received and 6 semi-finalist interviews will take place on

Thursday, October 30, 2014. It is anticipated that an Assistant Principal will be appointed in Mid-November with a start date of December 1, 2014.

- **Young Americans Program:** The Young Americans came to North Reading Public Schools on October 19-21, 2014. The program was a huge success; 283 North Reading students participated along with 48 performers from the Young Americans and their director. Thanks are owed to the teachers of the Performing Arts Department: Carla Lister, Allison Kane, Eric Forman, Kristen Dye, Christine Larsen, Chris Tatro and Ruth Clark. A total of \$2,600 was raised and will be used to support the Masquers program.
- **Informational Meeting: Policy LEC - Relations with Booster and Support Organizations:** The Superintendent and the Director of Finance and Operations are scheduled to host a meeting on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 4:30 at the office of the Superintendent to review the recently adopted policy (LEC-Relations with Booster and Support Organizations) for any and all interested persons.
- **NRHS Principal Appointment to the Secondary Schools Building Committee:** The School Committee members are asked to attend the November 13, 2014 joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen to appoint Mr. AJ Loprete, Principal at North Reading High School, as a member of the Secondary Schools Building Committee.

III. Future Business:

Monday, November 10, 2014	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting NRHS Distance Learning Lab
Thursday, November 13, 2014	7:15 PM	Joint Meeting w/BOS, Town Hall, Rm. 14
Monday, November 24, 2014	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting, Distance Learning Lab
Monday, December 8, 2014	7:00 PM	High School Presentation, NRHS DLL

IV. Adjournment:

The Committee voted unanimously on a motion by Mr. Bowers and seconded by Mr. Webster to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. Motion passed 5-0.

Documents and Exhibits:

1. NRHS School Trip Request to attend the Harvard Model United Nations (HMUN) Conference
2. Minutes: Open Session - October 6, 2014
3. FY15 Budget Report
4. NRPS Enrollment Projections
5. PowerPoint presentation by Michael Connelly - Enrollment Projections
6. NRHS Assistant Principal Search Process Timeline