

NORTH READING PUBLIC SCHOOLS
North Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Open Session / Budget Workshop

Date: March 31, 2015

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Superintendent's Conference Room

School Committee Members Present

Mel Webster
Gerald Venezia
Janine Imbriano
Clifford Bowers

Staff Members Present

Jon Bernard – Superintendent of Schools
Patrick Daly – Assistant Superintendent
Michael Connelly – Director of Finance & Operations

Visitors: Michael Gilleberto (Town Administrator), Robert Mauceri (Chair, Board of Selectmen), Julie Koepke (Community Member), Bob Turosz (North Reading Transcript)

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m. by Mr. Venezia.

II. FY16 Budget Workshop:

The Superintendent provided an opening commentary on the preliminary FY16 proposed modified level services budget. At present, the gap in the FY16 preliminary budget stands at \$407,564. This figure represents a reduction from the previous gap of \$760,228. The reduction in the budget gap is the result of the collaboration work of the Finance Planning Team at its March 31, 2015 meeting. The School Committee discussed a number of possible reductions aimed at closing the gap and achieving a balanced budget. Ultimately, the School Committee endorsed the list of identified reductions presented by the Superintendent and the Director of Finance and Operations. The School Committee asked that this list of reductions be presented at the public hearing on the FY2016 budget on April 6, 2015.

Mr. Connelly provided a more detailed presentation to the Committee which included a review of the budget priorities and proposed budget reductions.

III. Adjournment:

At 7:47 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Webster and seconded by Mrs. Imbriano to adjourn. Motion passed 4-0.