

NORTH READING PUBLIC SCHOOLS
North Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Open Session

Date: May 19, 2014

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: North Reading Town Hall, Room 14

School Committee Members Present

Clifford Bowers

Karen Errichetti

Janene Imbriano

Gerald Venezia

Mel Webster

Staff Members Present

Kathleen Willis – Superintendent of Schools

I. Call to Order Open Session:

Board of Selectmen Chairman Robert Mauceri called the joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee to order at 6:30 PM.

II. Joint Meeting with the Board of Selectmen

The Committees voted on a motion by Mr. O’Leary and seconded by Mr. Venezia to appoint Mr. Sean Delaney as a citizen representative to the Secondary Schools Building Committee. Motion passed 10-0 on a roll call vote.

Following a motion and a second to appoint Mr. Steve O’Leary as the Board of Selectmen representative to the Secondary Schools Building Committee, the Board of Selectmen discussed comments, questions, and concerns associated with the motion.

The Board of Selectmen voted on a motion by Mr. Yull and seconded by Mr. Mauceri to appoint Mr. Steve O’Leary as the new Board of Selectmen representative to the Secondary Schools Building Committee. The motion passed 3-1 with 1 abstention.

At 6:50 p.m. the School Committee moved to Room 10 at Town Hall to continue their separate meeting.

III. A. Superintendent Search Process

The Superintendent Search Process Subcommittee that includes members Mel Webster and Karen Errichetti shared and reviewed a handout that outlines a proposed schedule of

activities that constitutes a new superintendent search process. In addition, Mr. Webster contacted Michael Gilbert, MASC Outreach Director and discussed the pros and cons of an internal vs. an external search. He also contacted other School Committees who recently engaged in this process for their feedback.

The Committee discussed the potential members of an interview committee and the selection process for interested individuals.

The Committee asked the Superintendent to recall details about the process used when she was an applicant and they discussed which activities they would include as part of the new search.

The Committee then discussed their opinions regarding an internal vs. an external search. Following this discussion, the committee came to a consensus to conduct an internal search and will invite Mr. Michael Gilbert to attend the next School Committee meeting to provide an overview of the current search market and recent search processes.

At 7:35 p.m., the Committee voted on a motion by Dr. Errichetti and seconded by Mr. Webster pursuant to MGL, Chapter 30A, Section 21 to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and potential litigation, and to reconvene in Open Session. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

At 8:09 p.m., the Committee voted on a motion by Dr. Errichetti and seconded by Mr. Webster to return to Open Session for the sole purpose of adjournment. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

At 8:10 p.m. the Committee voted on a motion by Dr. Errichetti and seconded by Mr. Webster to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0.