

NORTH READING PUBLIC SCHOOLS
North Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Open Session

Date: May 27, 2014

Time: 7:10 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

Michael Connelly – Director of Finance and Operations

Visitors: Ms. Madison Capezzuto (Student Representative), Mr. Matthew Leighton (Student Representative), Ms. Allison Kane (NRHS Performance Arts Teacher), Mr. Michael Gilbert (MASC), Ms. Kim Gunn (Chartwells), Ms. Anna McGovern (Food Services Director), Mr. Chris Callahan (Chartwells), Mr. Dan Tomasello (of the North Reading Transcript)

I. Call to Order Open Session:

Chairman Venezia called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

II. A. Public Input: None

II. B. Student Report:

NRHS Seniors, Madison Capezzuto and Matthew Leighton provided their final student report. They also thanked Superintendent Willis for her dedication to the students in North Reading and her dedication to the North Reading Public Schools.

II. D.1. Young Americans Tour Presentation:

Ms. Allison Kane presented a proposal to host the Young Americans Tour, a 3-day workshop for North Reading students and the community from October 19 to 21, 2014. Six years ago the North Reading School District hosted the Young Americans Tour. Students who pay to participate will miss two days of school in order to practice for the final performances with the tour.

The Committee voted on a motion by Dr. Errichetti and seconded by Mr. Bowers to approve NRPS hosting the Young Americans Tour in October, 2014. Motion passed 5-0.

II. D.2. Superintendent Search Process:

Mr. Michael Gilbert, superintendent search consultant for MASC, attended the meeting and provided his prospective on conducting a search for the new superintendent in North Reading. Mr. Gilbert gave his pros and cons on an internal only search vs. opening the search nationally.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to accept the position for the District to go forward with an internal search for Superintendent. Motion passed 4-1, Mr. Bowers voted no.

II. D.3. Chartwells Food Service Program Update:

Representatives from Chartwells provided an action plan for increasing student participation in the program during the 2014-2015 school year.

II. C.1. MSBA/SSBC Update:

- a) The last SSBC meetings were May 13, 2014 and May 27, 2014.
- b) At a joint meeting of the School Committee and the Board of Selectmen, Mr. Sean Delaney was appointed to the SSBC as a citizen representative and Mr. Steve O'Leary was appointed as the BOS representative.
- c) Mr. Bowers and Mr. Venezia gave a brief update of the progress of the project. The new High School is scheduled to open on time!
- d) The next regular meeting of the SSBC is scheduled for June 10, 2014.

II. C.2. 2013-2014 School Committee Evaluation Results:

Dr. Errichetti and Mrs. Imbriano as members of the Evaluation Subcommittee presented the composite self-evaluation results and facilitated a discussion about the use of these results during a goal setting workshop to be held this summer.

The date of August 6, 2014 at 6:00 PM has been set for the Goal Setting Workshop.

II. D.4. DESE Sheltered English Immersion (SEI) Program Update:

Postponed until the June 9, 2014 School Committee Meeting.

II. D5. Policy Manual Review/Revision – First Reading:

The Policy Subcommittee met with Dr. Errichetti and Dr. Daly on the draft policies prepared by MASC. The Subcommittee decided they would like to solicit input from educators currently using social media technology to gain a better understanding of the existing conditions. Therefore the preparation of this policy has been put on hold.

The Policy Subcommittee presented for the first reading the KGA and KGA-R Policy on the Use of School Buildings and Grounds. Mr. Connelly presented an overview of the Policy as well as proposed fees.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Mr. Bowers to approve the first reading of Policy KGA and KGA-R on the Use of School Buildings and Grounds as amended. Motion passed 5-0.

II. E.1. Minutes:

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Mr. Bowers to approve the Open Session minutes of April 28, 2014 as amended. Motion passed 5-0.

Amendment: Check was written for \$625,000 vs. \$640,000

II. E.2. Budget Update:

None at this time

II. E.3. Staffing:

None at this time.

II. E.4. Bids and Donations:

Superintendent Willis requests that the School Committee accept the following donations:

- Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan’s Office donation of \$500 to help fund the cost of school sponsored, substance free post-prom and post-graduation events.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Bowers and seconded by Mrs. Imbriano to approve with gratitude the donation from Middlesex District Attorney Ryan’s Office of \$500. Motion passed 5-0.

- North Reading Community Impact Team donation of \$1,000 to support the cost of the North Reading High School Mock Car Crash.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Bowers and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to approve with gratitude the donation from the North Reading Community Impact Team of \$1,000. Motion passed 5-0.

II. F.1. Subcommittee Reports:

Chairman Venezia gave a brief update of the Athletic Subcommittee meeting.

Legislative Representative Dr. Errichetti reviewed the recent MASC Legislative Bulletin.

Mr. Webster gave a brief update on the NORCAM meeting.

Subcommittee Schedule:

a) Policy Subcommittee	May 30, 2014	9:00 am
b) Finance Planning Team	June 12, 2014	8:15 am
b) Athletic Subcommittee	June 17, 2014	12:30 pm
c) Evaluation Subcommittee	TBD	

II. F.2. Administrative Report: None at this time

II. F.3. Correspondence: No correspondence at this time

Mr. Webster presented a request from Tantasqua Regional School District for North Reading's support to abandon PARCC, Common Core and return to MCAS.

III. Future Business:

Monday, June 2, 2014	6:00 PM	Town Meeting – NRHS Library
Monday, June 9, 2014	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting, Town Hall
Monday, June 23, 2014	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting, Town Hall

IV. Adjournment:

At 9:13 p.m. the Committee voted on a motion by Dr. Errichetti and seconded by Mr. Webster to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0.

Documents and Exhibits:

1. Student Work
2. Chartwells Food Service Program – PowerPoint
3. 2013-2014 School Committee Evaluation Results
4. Policy KGA and KGA-R on Use of School Buildings and Grounds
5. Open Session Minutes – April 28, 2014
6. Superintendents Request for donation acceptance from Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan’s Office
7. Superintendents request for donation acceptance from North Reading Community Impact Team donation of \$1,000
8. MASC Legislative Bulletin