

NORTH READING PUBLIC SCHOOLS
North Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Open Session

Date: July 28, 2014

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: North Reading Town Hall – Room 14

School Committee Members Present

Clifford Bowers (not present)

Karen Errichetti

Janene Imbriano

Gerald Venezia

Mel Webster

Staff Members Present

Kathleen Willis – Superintendent of Schools

Michael Connelly – Director of Finance and Operations

Cindy Elmore – Recording Secretary

Visitors: Mr. and Mrs. Mark Favreau, Mr. Dan Tomasello (of the North Reading Transcript)

I. Call to Order Open Session:

Chairman Venezia called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

II. C.1. Naming School Facilities:

Jonathan Favreau initiated a Citizens' Petition to name the renovated Middle School after former Social Studies teacher Charlie E. Jones. Jonathans' parents Mark and Lilia Favreau gave a presentation to the Committee supporting Mr. Jones' reputation and why the Middle School should be renamed to honor him.

The Committee agreed with all that was presented but wants to do further research before adding the vote to the Town Warrant in October. The Favreaus were advised that it is their decision if they would like to continue on and add it to the October Town Warrant.

II. B.1. MSBA/SSBC Update:

- a) The SSBC meetings were held on July 8th and 22nd, 2014.
- b) Mr. Venezia and Ms. Imbriano gave a brief update on the progress of the building project. With only 42 more days until school opens, everything is on schedule.
- c) A draft copy of the schedule for tours of the new High School as well as the date for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Community Open House was reviewed. Once the School Committee agrees on the dates, they will be shared with the SSBC and the public.
- d) The next regular meeting of the SSBC is scheduled for August 12, 2014.

II. B.2. New Superintendent Search Update:

The Superintendent Search Committee led by Dr. Errichetti and Mr. Webster held interviews with two internal candidates on July 24, 2014. Of the two internal candidates Mr. Jon Bernard, NRHS Principal had a majority of votes from the Search Committee; Dr. Patrick Daly was a very strong contender. The School Committee will move forward with the Search Committee's decision to interview Mr. Jon Bernard for the position of North Reading School District Superintendent on August 5, 2014.

II. B.3. DRAFT 2014-2015 School Committee Meeting Dates:

The Committee discussed the proposed 2014-2015 School Committee meeting schedule as presented with two meetings being scheduled in December.

The location of the School Committee meetings beginning in September will be at the new High School in the Distance Learning Lab.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to approve the 2014-2015 School Committee Meeting Dates. Motion passed 4-0.

II. B. 4. October 6, 2014 Town Meeting Warrant Articles:

The only article the School Committee will be submitting for the October 6, 2014 Town Meeting Warrant will be the naming of the new High School art room after Eleanor Dell.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to submit an article for the October Town Meeting Warrant naming the new High School art room after Eleanor Dell. Motion passed 4-0.

II. D.1. Minutes:

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to approve the June 2, 2014 Open Session minutes as written. Motion passed 4-0.

The Committee voted on a motion by Dr. Errichetti and seconded by Mr. Webster to approve the June 9, 2014 Open Session minutes as amended. Motion passed 4-0.

Amendment: Section I – Change Chairman Webster to Chairman Venezia.

The Committee voted on a motion by Dr. Errichetti and seconded by Mr. Webster to approve the June 9, 2014 Executive session minutes as written. Motion passed 4-0.

The Committee voted on a motion by Dr. Errichetti and seconded by Mr. Webster to approve the June 23, 2014 Open Session minutes as amended. Motion passed 4-0.

Amendment: Visitors: Remove Ms. Emma Hoeys' name

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Dr. Errichetti to approve the June 23, 2014 Executive Session minutes as written. Motion passed 4-0.

II. D.2. Budget Update:

Mr. Connelly presented the final review of the FY14 Budget Report. The closeout of 2014 went very smoothly and with a conservative approach to spending the District is in a positive standing going into FY15.

II. D.3. Staffing:

None at this time.

II. D.4. Bids and Donations:

Athletic Director Dave Johnson requests that the School Committee accept the following donation:

- Friends of North Reading Volleyball donation of \$500 to help fund the expenses of the North Reading Girls Volleyball team.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Dr. Errichetti to approve with gratitude the donation from Friends of North Reading Volleyball of \$500. Motion passed 4-0.

II. E.1. Subcommittee Reports:

Mr. Webster gave a brief update of the Athletic Subcommittee meeting that was held on July 8, 2014.

Subcommittee Schedule:

a) Policy Subcommittee	August 5, 2014	1:00 pm
b) Finance Planning Team	August 22, 2014	8:15 am
c) Athletic Subcommittee	TBD	12:30 pm
d) Evaluation Subcommittee	TBD	10:45 am

II. E.2. Administrative Report:

- **PARCC Update:** On June 23, 2014 the North Reading School Committee voted to support the implementation of PARCC testing in grades 3-8 and grade 9 for the 2014-2015 school year. Districts were provided with two decision deadlines, an early deadline of June 30, 2014 and final deadline of October 1, 2014.

As of the June 30, 2014 early deadline, a total of 297 districts made the binding selection with 176 districts (59%) choosing to administer PARCC in spring 2015 and 121 districts (41%) choosing to administer MCAS.

- New Town Administrator Swearing-in Ceremony: On August 4, 2014 the new Town Administrator, Michael Gilleberto, will be sworn-in.

II. E.3. Correspondence:

- Memo from Director of Finance and Operations to Facility Users regarding the increase to Facility Use Fees effective July 1, 2014.

III. Future Business:

Monday, August 6, 2014	6:00 PM	Goal Setting Workshop
Monday, August 25, 2014	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting, Town Hall
Monday, September 8, 2014	7:00 PM	NRHS Distance Learning Lab

IV. Adjournment:

The Committee voted on a motion made by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Dr. Errichetti to adjourn at 8:50 pm. Motion passed 4-0.

Documents and Exhibits:

1. PowerPoint Presentation by Mark Favreau regarding renaming the NRMS
2. Tours and Ribbon Cutting Schedule for the new North Reading High School
3. Superintendent Search info folder
4. DRAFT 2014-2015 School Committee meeting schedule
5. July 9, 2014 Memo from Acting Town Manager regarding October Town Meeting Warrant
6. Minutes: Open Session – June 2, 2014
7. Minutes: Open Session – June 9, 2014
8. Minutes: Executive Session – June 9, 2014
9. FY14 Final Budget Report
10. July 8, 2014 – Gift Acceptance Memo from Friends of North Reading Volleyball
11. PARCC and MCAS Early Decision Update: July 2, 2014 from MADESE
12. Invitation to the swearing in ceremony of Town Manager, August 4, 2014
13. Memo dated June 30, 2014 from Director of Finance and Operations regarding Increase in Facility Use Fees and Updated Rules and Regulations