

NORTH READING PUBLIC SCHOOLS
North Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Open Session/Workshop

Date: August 6, 2014

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: North Reading Middle School, Superintendent's Conference Room

School Committee Members Present

Clifford Bowers

Karen Errichetti (arrived at 6:07 pm)

Janene Imbriano

Gerald Venezia

Mel Webster

Staff Members Present

None

I. Call to Order:

School Committee Chair, Mr. Gerald Venezia called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

II. A.1. Naming School Facilities

A draft warrant article was reviewed for the October 6th Town Meeting. The Committee discussed the need to acknowledge the generous gift of \$665,000 and to name an art room in the new High School/Middle School in honor of former North Reading art teacher, Eleanor C. Dell.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Bowers and seconded by Mr. Webster to present to Town Meeting a warrant article: to see if the Town will resolve to name an art room in the new High School/Middle School building in honor of Eleanor C. Dell, a former North Reading teacher. Motion passed 4-0.

There was an open discussion about the possibility of renaming the Middle School. It was felt that there needed to be a procedure in place: Person(s) should come to the School Committee first, there would be a public hearing done through the School Committee; the School Committee would then vote to recommend or not, and go to the Board of Selectmen with said recommendation and then on to Town Meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Webster, seconded by Dr. Errichetti to propose to the Board of Selectmen an amendment to the Town's bylaws about the need of Schools. Motion passed 5-0. (This was before we were informed by Town Counsel that the School Committee has to approve the change before it can go to Town Meeting.)

II. B.1. Policy Manual Review/Revision – Policy LEC: Relations with Booster Organizations.

The Committee discussed revisions to Policy LEC along with new guidelines. Mr. Connelly had provided a draft with information gathered from surrounding towns on their laws/policies in dealing with the booster organizations, PTO's and PA's, and thought that we should include the student organizations as well. This is not meant to discourage the organizations only to help them. The Superintendent will set up a meeting with the heads of the various organizations to have a discussion and get feedback.

III. Executive Session

At 6:49 p.m., the Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Dr. Errichetti pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21, to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and to reconvene in Open Session. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

At 7:29 p.m., the Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster, seconded by Mr. Bowers to return to Open Session. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

IV. Adjournment:

At 7:30 p.m., the Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster, seconded by Mr. Bowers to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0.