

**NEWBURYPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING & BUSINESS MEETING
Senior/Community Center, 331 High Street, Newburyport, MA 01950
Monday, April 3, 2023**

PUBLIC HEARING - FY24 BUDGET

Present: Mayor Sean Reardon, Sarah Hall, Bruce Menin, Steve Cole, Juliet Walker, Breanna Higgins, and Brian Callahan

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Sean Reardon called the School Committee Public Hearing - FY24 Budget Meeting of the Newburyport School Committee to order at 6:30 PM. Roll call found all members present.

FY24 BUDGET PRESENTATION:

Superintendent Sean Gallagher presented the proposed NPS FY24 budget, beginning with an explanation of the new investments, followed by a brief overview of the budget book and the revenue table with projected source of funds. Business Manager Phil Littlehale joined Superintendent Gallagher to review each section of the proposed FY24 Budget book, answer questions, as well as to provide a brief grants overview.

- Superintendent Gallagher will provide members with the presentation from the recent NSSRT Legislative meeting concerning Special Education increases.
- Phil Littlehale will check the Transportation totals on pages 24, 27 and 28.
- Brian Callahan would like a breakdown of the Safety / Uniform expense line on page 24.
- For the next meeting Superintendent Gallagher will clarify which reading supports are for special education versus non-special education.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no Public Comment at this time.

ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING:

Motion:

On a motion by Steve Cole and seconded by Sean Reardon it was

VOTED: To adjourn the Public Budget Hearing Meeting at 7:48 PM.

Motion Passed Unanimously

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NEWBURYPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETING

Monday, April 3, 2023

Present: Mayor Sean Reardon, Sarah Hall, Bruce Menin, Steve Cole, Juliet Walker, Breanna Higgins, and Brian Callahan

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

Mayor Sean Reardon called the School Committee Business Meeting of the Newburyport School Committee to order at 7:49 PM. Roll call found all members present.

At this time Vice-Chairman Sarah Hall assumed the chairmanship of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Martin Desch, 3 Knights Lane, spoke on behalf of the Newburyport Pioneer League board. He asked the School Committee to support the league's request for a waiver to the start/end hours for Eaton Field on Sundays. NPS field use starts at 12:00 on Sundays, but others in the area start at 8:00AM. The league's weekday schedules are full; therefore, the league needs to play on weekends (Sunday).

CONSENT AGENDA:

Warrants:

Motion:

On a motion by Brian Callahan and seconded by Bruce Menin it was

VOTED: To approve, receive and forward to the City Auditor for payment the following warrants:
Warrant 8082 \$271,656.85

Motion Passed Unanimously

Minutes:

Motion:

On a motion by Bruce Menin and seconded by Brian Callahan it was

VOTED: to approve, receive and file the School Committee Business meeting minutes of March 20, 2023.

Motion Passed

Mayor Sean Reardon abstained

REQUEST TO WAIVE WEEKEND FIELD USE HOURS:

Brian Callahan explained that the Pioneer League submitted a request to use Eaton Field on the weekends during hours that conflict with those hours stated in the Community Use of School Facilities policy (FG). Brian stated the current policy is antiquated and the rule is not being applied consistently.

Motion:

On a motion by Brian Callahan and seconded by Bruce Menin, waive the Sunday time restrictions and allow the hours to be like Saturday hours: 9:00AM – 7:00PM.

Motion Passed

Steve Cole voted no

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES:**Finance:**

Brian Callahan said they will meet next Thursday (April 13).

Policy:

Juliet Walker had nothing new to report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Gallagher provided a brief update of the recent IFTAR event and upcoming MCAS dates.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Juliet Walker explained that using Free & Reduced Lunch data to gauge “need” appears to be helpful in capturing the right people who need relief. This information can be used to make suggestions to the transportation policy when it comes up for review.
- Sarah Hall stated that a draft of the 2023-2024 school committee meeting schedule will be reviewed at the next meeting on Tuesday, April 25. The suggested date for the summer retreat will be Monday, August 7th, 4-8PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Mayor Sean Reardon and seconded by Brian Callahan it was

VOTED: To adjourn the Business Meeting of the Newburyport School Committee
At 8:25 PM.

Motion Passed Unanimously