

**NEWBURYPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETING & COVID FORUM  
Nock Middle School Auditorium, 70 Low Street, Newburyport, MA 01950  
Monday, October 4, 2021**

**COVID FORUM**

**COVID Public Forum Convened at 6:30 PM**

**Present: Sean Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools; Lauren McDonald, NPS Director of Health Services; Frank Giacalone, Nbpt. Dir. of Public Health; Pam Palombo, Nbpt. Public Health Nurse, Jessica Lasky-Su, DSc, MS; Lars Lundgren, MD, FAAP, Commander Mike Allard (remote)**

**School Committee Vice-Chairman Brian Callahan chaired the Forum. He identified and directed numerous questions which had been submitted by the general public to the Forum Committee. Each question was answered by a member or members of the Forum Committee.**

**The COVID Forum adjourned at 7:44 PM**

**Link to COVID Forum questions: <https://www.newburyport.k12.ma.us/COVID-19/index.html>**

**NEWBURYPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETING**

**Present: Mayor Donna Holaday, Brian Callahan, Bruce Menin, David Hochheiser, Sheila Spalding, Sean Reardon, Steve Cole**

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:**

**Mayor Donna Holaday** called the School Committee Business Meeting of the Newburyport School Committee to order at 7:45 PM. Roll call found all members present.

At this time Vice-Chairman Brian Callahan assumed chairmanship of the meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Warrants:**

**Motion:**

On a motion by **Steve Cole** and seconded by **Mayor Holaday** it was

<b>VOTED:</b>	To approve, receive and forward to the City Auditor for payment the following warrants:
	Warrant 8039    \$361,102.89
	Warrant 8039A <u>\$ 10,115.71</u>
	Total                \$371,218.60

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

## **MINUTES:**

### **Motion:**

On a motion by **Bruce Menin** and seconded by **Sean Reardon** it was

**VOTED:** To approve, receive and file the following meeting minutes:  
School Committee Business Minutes of Monday, September 20, 2021  
Policy Sub-Committee Minutes of August 23, 2021  
Policy Sub-Committee Minutes of September 28, 2021

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

## **SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

### **Finance**

**Steve Cole** reported at their last meeting they discussed the FY21 update.

**David Hochheiser** asked if they were going to have a fundraising conversation at a future meeting.

**Sean Reardon** asked if they could have a joint fundraising/Finance Committee Policy conversation.

### **Policy**

**Sheila Spalding** said they met on September 28 and discussed the following:

- School year calendar
- School calendar of topics
- She thanked Lisa Furlong for her efforts concerning the website.

### **Joint Ed.**

**Sean Reardon** said they will be meeting tomorrow at 12PM at the Senior Center.

**Bruce Menin** said they discussed the Literacy Program.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

**Superintendent Gallagher** reported on the following:

- 28th Focus Group Strategic Planning
- Open Houses - all were well attended  
NHS - September 22  
Nock - September 23  
Pre-K - September 27  
Grades 1 - 3 - September 29  
At the Molin, parents went right to the classrooms.  
He thanked all those concerned for their hard work.

**Bruce Menin** inquired re: Strategic Planning - How are we rolling it out to the community?

**Superintendent Gallagher** said they worked with all involved - over 500 people who participated. He said he would like to have a night concerning this, an open session then have breakout sessions.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Sheila Spalding** said CPAC will meet on October 20.

**David Hochheiser** said Policy talked about surveying.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by **Mayor Holaday** and seconded by **Steve Cole** it was

**VOTED:** To adjourn the Business Meeting of the Newburyport School Committee  
at 8:00 PM.

**Motion Passed Unanimously**