

NORTH READING PUBLIC SCHOOLS
North Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Open Session

Date: April 11, 2016

Time: 7:04 PM

Place: Distance Learning Lab at North Reading High School

School Committee Members Present

Clifford Bowers

Julie Koepke

Janene Imbriano

Gerald Venezia (not present)

Mel Webster

Staff Members Present

Jon Bernard – Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Patrick Daly – Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Michael Connelly – Director of Finance and Operations

Cindy Elmore – Recording Secretary

Visitors: Jenson Kaithamattam (Student Representative – Class of 2018), Ms. Laina Simone (NR Resident), Mr. Dan Tomasello (of the North Reading Transcript)

I. Executive Session

At 6:33 p.m. the Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Imbriano and seconded by Mr. Bowers pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the contract negotiations with the Food Service workers, and to return to Open Session. Motion passed 4-0 on a roll call vote.

At 6:55 p.m. the Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Ms. Imbriano to return to Open Session. Motion passed 4-0.

II. Call to Order Open Session:

Chair Janene Imbriano called the Open Session to order at 7:04 PM.

III. B. Student Input:

Jenson Kaithamattam, Class of 2018 provided the student report and presented his class work.

III. A. Public Input:

No public input at this time.

III. C.1. MSBA/SSBC Update:

- a. Landscape subdrainage has been installed in the area of the new softball field
- b. Layout and structural backfill for the sidewalks at the southeast parking lot at the site of the former high school has begun
- c. Mixing and spreading of manufactured athletic loam at the all purpose field continues (25% complete at the field as of April 6, 2016)
- d. Grading of the slope in the area north of the new softball field and prepping of wetland replication area has begun
- e. A second day of audio training on the audio-visual equipment was held on March 31, 2016
- f. The next SSBC meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2016.

Mr. Webster took this time to update the Committee on the progress of the Athletic Facilities Committee.

III. C.2. Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Update

The Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget for the NRPS was held on April 4, 2016. Mr. Michael Connelly gave an update and recommended that the School Committee further discuss issues presented at the Public Hearing.

III. D.1. Presentation: Mathematics Curriculum Recommendation: First Reading Superintendent's Professional Practice Goal

Dr. Patrick Daly, Assistant Superintendent, provided a report on the mathematics curriculum pilot that has been implemented in the district during the 2015-2016 school year. In accordance with Policy ICF – Curriculum Adoption, a First Reading of the new mathematics curriculum took place.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Ms. Koepke to approve the first reading of the Eureka Math Program grades K-5 and the Big Ideas Math Program for grades 6-12. Motion passed 4-0.

III. E.1. Minutes:

No minutes to review at this time.

III. E.2. Budget Update:

Mr. Michael Connelly, Director of Finance and Operations, presented a need to declare surplus property. The surplus property is a 2014 F150 truck that has been customized to be a HVAC – Technician Vehicle.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Webster and seconded by Ms. Koepke to approve the 2014 F150 truck being added to surplus property. Motion passed 4-0.

III. E.3. Staffing:

No staffing update at this time.

III. E.4. Bids and Donations:

Superintendent Bernard requested the acceptance of the following donations:

- Mr. Robert Nenno: donation of \$100.00 to support upgrades to the North Reading Public Schools' athletic facilities.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Koepke and seconded by Mr. Webster to accept with gratitude a \$100.00 donation by Mr. Robert Nenno to support upgrades to the North Reading Public Schools' athletic facilities. Motion passed 4-0.

- J.T. Hood Elementary School Parents' Association: donation of \$1,724.00 to support the purchase of a sound system and associated accessories for the J.T. Hood Elementary School.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Koepke and seconded by Mr. Webster to accept with gratitude a \$1,724.00 donation by the J.T. Hood Elementary Parents' Association to support the purchase of a sound system and associated accessories for the J.T. Hood Elementary School. Motion passed 4-0.

III. F.1. Subcommittee Reports:

Ms. Koepke gave a Policy Subcommittee update.

Ms. Imbriano gave a Finance Planning Team update.

Mr. Webster gave an Athletic Subcommittee update.

Subcommittee Schedule:

a) SSBC	April 12, 2016	5:30 PM
b) Evaluation Subcommittee	April 14, 2016	3:15 PM
c) Finance Planning Team	April 15, 2016	8:15 AM
d) Policy Subcommittee	April 27, 2016	2:30 PM
e) NORCAM BOD	April 28, 2016	7:00 PM
f) Athletic Subcommittee	May 10, 2016	12:30 PM
g) Athletic Facilities Comm	TBD	2:30 PM

III. F.2. Administrative Report:

- Little School Roof Replacement Project Update:
Superintendent's District Goal #3

The invitation for bids on the Little School Roof Replacement Project has been posted. Final bids are due April 28, 2016. Bids will include pricing for the SBS roof material and an alternate roof material (EPDM) The project remains on schedule.

- ALICE School Safety and Security Program:
Superintendent's District Improvement Goal #2
REMINDER: The ALICE School Safety and Security Program is scheduled to be introduced to the district's faculty and staff during a half professional development day on April 15, 2016.
- North Reading Public Schools District Presentation: "Preparing for Next-Generation Learning, Teaching and Assessment:
Superintendent's Professional Practice Goal
The North Reading Public Schools District was one of two districts invited to participate at a professional conference hosted jointly by the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

III. F.3. Correspondence:

No correspondence at this time.

IV. Future Business:

May 2, 2016	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting, DLL
May 9, 2016	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting DLL
May 23, 2016	7:00 PM	Regular Meeting E. Ethel Little Elementary School

V. Adjournment:

The Committee voted on a motion made by Ms. Koepke and seconded by Mr. Webster to adjourn at 8:48 pm. Motion passed 4-0.

Documents and Exhibits:

1. Student work
2. FY17 School Budget Update
3. PowerPoint: Mathematics Curriculum Pilot Update
4. Policy ICF – Curriculum Adoption
5. Gift Acceptance memo: Mr. Robert Nenno
6. Gift Acceptance memo: J.T. Hood Elementary School Parents' Association
7. Future Ready Schools – MA. Joint M.A.S.S. – DESE Drive-in Conference