

North Reading Public Schools
North Reading, Massachusetts

Regular Meeting of the School Committee
Open Session

Date: May 16, 2022

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Virtual Meeting (+1 475-441-4825 / PIN: 932 356 195#) meet.google.com/cxq-kauo-muy

School Committee Members Present

Dyana Boutwell

Scott Buckley

Jeff Friedman

Rich McGowan

Noelle Rudloff

Staff Members Present

Patrick Daly – Superintendent of Schools

Michael Connelly – Assistant Superintendent of Finance
and Operations

Cindy Elmore – Recording Secretary

I. Call to Order Open Session

Chair Scott Buckley called the Open Session to order at 6:00 pm.

II. Executive Session:

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Mr. Friedman to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategies with respect to litigation and collective bargaining with the NREA, and to return to Open Session. Motion passed 5-0 on a roll call vote.

Chair Scott Buckley called the Open Session back to order at 6:36 pm.

II. A. Public Input:

Jeff Yull commented about the procedures for public input. Drew DePatie, Janine Largent, and Luke Antolini, addressed the School Committee with their views on the North Reading School District.

II. B. Student Report:

Ms. Shivani Srinkath, Class of 2022, gave her final student report and shared her class work. Shivani is graduating and going to Harvard next year.

II. D.1. J. Turner Hood School Presentation (virtual):

Dr. Glen McKay and students and staff from the J. Turner Hood School presented a showcase of the projects from the student council as well as a student presentation of Eureka Math through the years.

II. D.2. Chartwell's Presentation:

Chris Callahan, Regional District Manager with Chartwell's and Anna McGovern, NRPS Food Services Director, presented a brief update on the status of North Reading's food service program and the plans and goals for the future.

II. D.3. North Reading SEPAC Presentation:

Kathy O'Donnell-Bustin (SEPAC Chair), Kimberly A. Piper, and Nikki Tosi, of the North Reading Special Education Parents Advisory Council provided their annual report.

II. D.4. Solar Energy:

Mr. Buckley gave an update on the proposal with Solect Energy and Power Options involving a solar array system on the Middle/High School roof. At this time the Committee agreed to not go forward with this project because of the 25 year commitment.

III. D.5. School Committee Reorganization:

The School Committee continued the reorganization process to nominate and appoint individuals to the subcommittee positions.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to nominate Mr. Friedman and Ms. Rudloff for the Policy Subcommittee. Motion passed 5-0.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Friedman and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to nominate Ms. Boutwell and Mr. McGowan to the Athletic Subcommittee. Motion passed 5-0.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to nominate Mr. Friedman and Ms. Rudloff to the Evaluation Subcommittee. Motion passed 5-0.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to nominate Ms. Boutwell and Mr. Buckley to the Budget and Finance Subcommittee. Motion passed 5-0.

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Boutwell and seconded by Mr. Friedman to nominate Mr. McGowan and Ms. Rudloff to the Fine Arts Subcommittee. Motion passed 5-0.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Rudloff to nominate Ms. Boutwell to the NORCAM Advisory Board. Motion passed 5-0.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. Friedman and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to nominate Mr. Buckley and Mr. McGowan to the Finance Planning Team. Motion passed 5-0.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to nominate Ms. Rudloff to the Substance Abuse Coalition. Motion passed 5-0.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Rudloff to nominate Mr. Buckley as liaison to the Special Education Parent Advisory Council. Motion passed 5-0.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Boutwell to nominate Mr. Friedman to the Capital Improvements Planning Committee. Motion passed 5-0.

II. E.1 Minutes:

The Committee voted on a motion by Ms. Boutwell and seconded by Mr. McGowan to approve the April 4, 2022 Open Session/Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Workshop minutes as written. Motion passed 3-0-2, Mr. Friedman and Ms. Rudloff abstained.

II. E.2. Budget Update:

Mr. Connelly gave the FY22 Budget update and financial activity through the month of April.

II. E.3 Staffing: No staffing report.

II. E.4. Bids and Donations:

- Andrew Graham: \$50 donation towards Boys Track team - NRHS

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Rudloff to approve with gratitude a donation of \$50.00 from Andrew Graham to benefit the Boys Track team at the High School. Motion passed 5-0.

- Chartwell's: \$1,000.00 donation for two scholarships at the High School.

The Committee voted on a motion by Mr. McGowan and seconded by Ms. Rudloff to approve with gratitude a donation of \$1,000.00 from Chartwell's (Compass Group) to benefit two awarding students at the High School to be selected by administration. Motion passed 5-0.

II. F.1. Subcommittee Reports: No subcommittee updates.

Future Subcommittee Schedule

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| • Athletic Subcommittee | May 18, 2022 | 12:00 PM |
| • Fine Arts Subcommittee | May 25, 2022 | 3:15 PM |
| • Finance Planning Team | May 27, 2022 | 8:00 AM |

II. F.2 Administrative Report:

- Dr. Daly gave a brief update on the DEI Forum.
- Dr. Daly engaged the Committee on Public Comments, time limits, etc.

II. F.3. Correspondence: None at this time.

III. Future Business:

Monday	June 6, 2022	6:30 PM	Town Meeting
Monday	June 13, 2022	6:30 PM	School Improvement Plan Presentations Retiring Personal Honored

IV. Adjournment:

The Committee voted on a motion made by Mr. McGowan and seconded Mr. Friedman to adjourn at 10:02 pm. Motion passed 5-0.

Documents and Exhibits:

1. J. Turner Hood School Presentation Agenda
2. Chartwell's Presentation
3. North Reading SEPAC Presentation
4. School Committee Subcommittees
5. Minutes – April 4, 2022 – Open Session/Budget Workshop
6. FY22 Budget Update Report
7. Gift Acceptance Memo – Andrew Graham
8. Gift Acceptance Memo – Chartwell's (Compass Group)