

NEWBURYPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETING
Senior Community Center, 331 High Street, Newburyport, MA 01950
Monday, December 19, 2022

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Sean Reardon called the School Committee Business Meeting of the Newburyport School Committee to order at 6:30 PM. Roll call found all members present except **Brian Callahan**. All those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

STAFF RECOGNITION:

Superintendent Sean Gallagher recognized Eric Schildge and Brenda Palmisano who supported the Nock initiatives around increasing student voice and ownership of their achievement.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Warrants:

Motion:

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

VOTED:	To approve, receive and forward to the City Auditor for payment the following Warrant:
	Warrant 8076 FY23 \$434,824.48
	<u>A-Warrant \$ 41,899.11</u>
	\$476,723.59

Motion Passed

Brian Callahan absent for vote

Minutes:

On a motion by **Sarah Hall** and seconded by **Bruce Menin** it was

VOTED: To approve, receive and file the following:
School Committee Business meeting minutes of Monday,
November 21, 2022 as amended.

Motion Passed

Brian Callahan absent for vote

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

VOTED: To approve, receive and file the following:

School Committee Business meeting minutes of Monday,
December 5, 2022 as amended.

Motion Passed

Brian Callahan absent for vote

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

NHS students Olivia Hansen and Avery Hochheiser provided the following report:

- Nock news:
Nock Fall Recital was a great success with over 30 students performing. Students are preparing for the Winter Concert on January 11.

Nock 8th grade musicians had a special visit today from the band TOLEDO which is composed of former Newburyport students.

- High School news:
NHS would like to congratulate the music program here at the school who provided a spirited concert last week.

Kudos to the NHS National Art Honor Society on their successful auction on December 10.

NHS students had the opportunity to network with program and project coordinators from many areas of the environmental sector last Wednesday during their Clipper Block.

NHS is offering Forensic Science for our spring semester Endicott College Class. 25 students have signed up - the professor is a crime scene investigator for the Mass. State Police Department.

MCAS & INTERNAL ASSESSMENT - PART II:

Dr. Tom Abrams, Nock Middle School Principal Nick Markos and NHS Principal Andy Wulf presented assessment data, including MCAS.

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES:

Finance Subcommittee:

Sarah Hall said they met last Thursday and discussed the end of year financial report, fundraising as it pertained to athletics.

Policy Subcommittee:

Juliet Walker presented the first reading of the:

- Revision to Walkers & Riders Policy EEAA
Transportation Policy Goals
Bus Fee Recommendations
- Revision to Dress Code Policy JICA

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Gallagher presented the following report:

- 1:1 Apple Lease Update
A parent meeting was held - it presented good feedback. A video will be created and another message will be sent to parents.
- Molin/Nock Winter Concerts
The student performances were amazing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sarah Hall reported that the two January meetings of the School Committee will both be held on Tuesdays instead of Mondays. On January 17 the School Committee retreat will be held at 5:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

Motion Passed

Brian Callahan absent for vote