

NEWBURYPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETING
Senior Community Center, 331 High Street, Newburyport, MA 01950
Monday, November 21, 2022

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

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. All those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

STUDENT RECOGNITION:

Superintendent Sean Gallagher recognized Sasha Leyon (gr. 11), Jennifer Masone (gr. 12) and Brendan Robinson (gr. 12) for diligently working to bring attention to destigmatizing mental health in schools and the community. Sasha and Jennifer are co-presidents of the high school's Bring Change to Mind Club, and Brendan is the Vice-President.

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 Warrant:
	Warrant 8073 FY23 \$146,288.54
	<u>A-Warrant 6,228.55</u>
	\$152,517.09

Motion Passed Unanimously

Minutes:

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

VOTED: To approve, receive and file the following:
School Committee Business meeting minutes of Monday,
November 7, 2022.

Motion Passed Unanimously

Mayor Reardon recognized the Fall season positive sports:

- Field Hockey Finals
- Volleyball Finals
- Boys Soccer Undeclared Division State Champions
- Boys/Girls Cross Country compete in State finals race

UPDATE FOR PROPOSED OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP - CUBA 2024:

Principal Andy Wulf provided new details for a proposed overnight field trip to Cuba during April vacation in 2024.

Sarah Hall inquired re: the wait list. Answer - There are students on a waitlist who will accommodate if someone who has indicated they are going drops out.

Juliet Walker inquired re: fundraising. Answer - normal fundraising - financial assistance provided if necessary.

Bruce Menin commented that this was a great trip and suggested that an update be provided to the Committee on their return.

Motion:

On a motion by **Sarah Hall** and seconded by **Mayor Reardon** it was

VOTED: To support the planned overnight field trip to Cuba during the April vacation in 2024.

Juliet Walker said this trip meets all requirements.

Motion Passed Unanimously

NEW NEWBURYPORT DISTRICT APPLICATION (APP):

Lisa Furlong, Director of Technology & Communications provided information regarding the launching of a new app., how to download the app, as well as a brief demonstration.

GRANT PROCUREMENT PROCESS MANUAL:

Superintendent Gallagher said a recent state review noted there was a need for NPS to update the operating procedures in relation to grants. In response, the Grant Procurement Process manual was created using the DESE template adding Newburyport information.

Motion:

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

VOTED: To support the Grant Procurement Process manual using the DESE Template adding Newburyport information.

Motion Passed Unanimously

CURRICULUM INSTRUCTION SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

Sarah Hall gave background information regarding the Curriculum Instruction Subcommittee and led a discussion regarding it.

Motion:

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

VOTED: To refer this to the Policy Subcommittee regarding conversation Re: CISL, the history and how the School Committee should operate and then bring forth recommendations.

Motion Passed Unanimously

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES:

Finance

Brian Callahan said they met on the 17th. They discussed interview reports, details of filings, joint meeting with City Council and athletic fundraisers.

Policy

Juliet Walker said they met and discussed MASC review, dress code and transportation.

Joint Education

Sarah Hall said they have not met.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Gallagher provided updates on the following:

- SEPAC - they will meet on the second Wednesday of the month in the Nock Library
- Integrated Arts and NHS Security - three hour visionary session with the architect.
- 1:1 Apple Technology - they have been working the past 2 months gathering feedback. He will provide a report in December - they are developing a FAQ.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Reardon reported on the Lighthouse Auction - a wonderful event - that raised \$150,000.

Juliet Walker said they are appreciative of the staff and all families for their support.

Mayor Reardon asked Committee members to send requests to him for Committee assignments.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion

On a motion by **Mayor Reardon** and seconded by **Juliet Walker** it was

VOTED: To adjourn the Business Meeting of the School Committee at
8:50 PM.

Motion Passed Unanimously