

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

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

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 **Sheila Spalding**. All those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

At this point **Vice-Chairman Sarah Hall** took over chairmanship of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment at this time.

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 8050 \$431,738.21

Motion Passed

Sheila Spalding absent for vote

Minutes:

On a motion by **Steve Cole** and seconded by **Brian Callahan** it was

VOTED: To approve, receive and file the following:
School Committee Business meeting minutes of Monday, 8-22-2022.

Motion Passed as amended

Bruce Menin voted Present

Sheila Spalding 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 Tuesday, 9-6-2022

Motion Passed as amended

Sheila Spalding absent for vote

MODEL UN CONFERENCE / OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP:

Matt LaChapelle, NHS history teacher, outlined the overnight field trip of the World Affairs & Diplomacy class to travel to Montreal, Canada for the purpose of participating in the Model UN

Conference from Tuesday, November 10 through Sunday, November 13, 2022 at McGill University.

Juliet Walker inquired as to how many buses and approximately how many students would be attending. Answer: 1 bus, 18 students.

Bruce Menin inquired as to how students would be subsidized.

Motion:

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

VOTED: To approve the overnight field trip of the World Affairs & Diplomacy class to travel to Montreal, Canada for the purpose of participating in the Model UN Conference from Tuesday, November 10 through Sunday, November 13, 2022 at McGill University.

Motion Passed

Sheila Spalding absent for vote

INTEGRATED ARTS SPACE UPDATE:

Superintendent Gallagher provided an update regarding the feasibility study sponsored by the NEF to evaluate the Integrated Arts, Science labs, and College & Career Center spaces at the High School.

Sarah Hall inquired if the feasibility study would be ready. Answer = Yes

Juliet Walker asked for a further explanation of the feasibility study.

SCHOOL SAFETY & SECURITY FORUM UPDATE:

Mayor Reardon explained there would be a Public Forum which will be held at the Senior/Community Center on Monday, October 3 at 6:30 PM, prior to the School Committee Business meeting.

Juliet Walker suggested having people submit questions in advance as has been done in the past forums. She inquired if information would be sent out in advance. Answer = Yes

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES:

Finance:

Brian Callahan said they met on Thursday, 9/15 and discussed their meeting schedule, transfers and fiscal year 2022.

Policy:

Juliet Walker said they met on the 12th and reviewed the Lions Club request. The memorials policy applies to this. This is an adequate way to recognize people. They discussed the Policy Manual development.

Motion:

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

VOTED: To approve and forward to Mayor Reardon for signature the proposal from MASC to consult around a full review of School Committee policies at a fee of \$3,500 per year for up to 3 years.

Brian Callahan commented on Exhibit E.

Motion Passed

Sheila Spalding absent for vote

Superintendent Evaluation Subcommittee:

Bruce Menin said this would be tweaked and then get links.

Joint Education:

Bruce Menin said they met tonight before the School Committee meeting and discussed the proposal to the City Council to eliminate the Joint Ed. Subcommittee. He discussed the years past of Joint Ed. and suggested meeting twice a year instead of monthly.

Sarah Hall suggested having a liaison to the City Council.

Steve Cole said one other function of the committee is education funding.

Transportation Advisory Subcommittee:

Juliet Walker said they met last week. She spoke about the survey.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Gallagher reported on the following:

- Staff report:
 - Bresnahan School - 3 retirees, 2 leave of absence, 4 staff members moved
 - Molin School - 1 retirement, 1 moved
 - Nock School - 5 retirement, 2 new positions, 2 moved
 - NHS - 3.5 new positions, 1.5 L teachers, 1 leave of absence, 4 staff moved

Juliet Walker inquired for clarification on NHS.

Steve Cole inquired if there would be any mid-year moves. Answer = no all end of year.

He inquired if there would be any December moves. Answer = maybe.

Bruce Menin said he appreciated that many of the staff would be moving within the district.

- Entitlement Grant Report
 - He explained the grants.
- Student Voice pilot program - he explained the pilot program.

Juliet Walker inquired about getting the entitlement grant bullet points.

Bruce Menin inquired if that changed the demographic of the district.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

VOTED: To adjourn the Business Meeting of the School Committee at 7:29 PM.

Motion Passed

Sheila Spalding absent for vote