

**NEWBURYPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
PUBLIC HEARING - FY23 BUDGET
SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETING
Senior/Community Center, 331 High Street, Newburyport, MA 01950
Monday, April 4, 2022**

PUBLIC HEARING - FY23 BUDGET

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Sean Reardon called the School Committee Public Hearing - FY23 Budget Meeting of the Newburyport School Committee to order at 6:30 PM. Roll call found all members present.

FY23 BUDGET PRESENTATION:

Superintendent Sean Gallagher and Phil Littlehale presented an overview of the proposed FY23 budget as follows:

- Budget Process Review
- Summary of Investments
- FY23 Proposed 4-6-22
- NPS enrollment is staying steady
- Changing Demographics are Driving a Change in District Investments
- Budget Book Review

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FY23 Proposed Budget - Mr. Littlehale explained layout/schedule

Steve Cole asked for an explanation of the different positions in Guidance - Mr. Littlehale explained.

Brian Callahan mentioned the 19% drop in Technology and asked what did we get rid of? **Superintendent Gallagher** explained.

Bruce Menin asked in terms of level service budget, what is the total percent increase? He said he appreciated the clearness of the presentation.

Juliet Walker said she appreciated the clarity.

Mayor Reardon asked if everything the teachers asked for is in the budget - answer Yes.

Juliet Walker suggested - demographics - metrics are changing - put it in a different way.

Steve Cole asked about demographics - extrapolate the last few points. Alt. Ed program - is there a capacity in the program - level funded right now. Is there any issue with transportation costs – no.

Bruce Menin questioned Kindergarten numbers next year.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no Public Comment at this time.

ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING:

Motion:

On a motion by **Bruce Menin** and seconded by **Steve Cole** it was

VOTED: To adjourn the Public Budget Hearing Meeting at 7:05 PM.

Motion Passed Unanimously

NEWBURYPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETING

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

Mayor Sean Reardon called the School Committee Business Meeting of the Newburyport School Committee to order at 7:06 PM. Roll call found all members present,

At this time Vice-Chairman Sarah Hall assumed the chairmanship of the meeting.

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 warrants

Warrant 8051	\$ 306,036.94
	<u>5,941.07</u>
	\$ 311,978.01

Motion Passed Unanimously

NHS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

NHS Student Representatives Olivia Hansen and Avery Hochheiser reported on the following:

- Congratulations to Elle Miller, a sophomore, who recently received the Mass. Art Summer Studios Art Scholarship. This is quite an accomplishment as the program recognizes creative artists who demonstrate curiosity and passion about life and art.
- Recently Newburyport Youth Services and the Beacon Coalition announced their Asset Builder Awards which celebrates people and organizations in the community who support the development of healthy assets for young people. The youth award went to Olivia D'Ambrosio and the District's entire nursing team was recognized with the Prevention Champions Award.
- Two weeks ago a beach clean-up was organized by the Friends of Parker River National Wildlife Refuge. The staff from the refuge was extremely impressed by the large number of students who participated in the event. Their thank you letter was definitely a tribute to the community engagement our students take on.

From the Nock Middle School:

- The Nock has wrapped up their March Madness Spirit Days. For this, students participated in various activities to earn points for their respective homerooms. The winning homeroom will be announced later this week.
- Starting after April Vacation, the Nock Middle School will be starting a student council to help promote student voice in school decisions.
- From the Nock Theater Department - on Wednesday, April 6 the cast and crew will be doing three special 25-minute viewings of the production - *I Hate Shakespeare*.

NPS WELLNESS POLICY REVISION:

Sheila Spalding introduced Lauren McDonald, Director of Health Services who provided an overview of the Wellness Advisory Committee, as well as updates made to the Wellness Policy.

Brian Callahan said he did not like ice cream being sold in the Middle School and asked what is being done to limit those.

Sarah Hall asked where parents can learn about the Wellness Policy. Answer - they can e-mail Ms. McDonald, and it is posted in the handbook.

Mayor Reardon suggested editing an item on page 4.

Juliet Walker commented on changes.

SY 2022-2023 NPS SCHOOL CALENDAR:

Motion:

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

VOTED: To support Draft #2 of the SY 2022-2023 NPS School Calendar.

Sarah Hall outlined changes.

Mayor Reardon suggested having a discussion at the end of the year re: Professional Development.

Motion Passed

Brian Callahan voted Present

MODIFY SY 2021-2022 NPS SCHOOL CALENDAR:

Motion:

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

VOTED: To accept the revision on this year's Calendar.

Sarah Hall outlined changes.

Juliet Walker mentioned that there was no need to vote on this.

The motion was withdrawn.

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES:

Finance:

Brian Callahan said they will meet next Thursday.

Policy:

Sheila Spalding said they will meet next Monday.

Joint Education:

Bruce Menin said they will meet tomorrow.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Assistant Superintendent LisaMarie Ippolito reviewed two topics presented at the recent CISL meeting: Student Council 2022 and English Learners (EL's).

High School representatives gave a report.

Julie Walker asked what sort of metrics we use for EL students. Ms. Ippolito explained.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Gallagher reported on the following:

- Website Update - we are working with Blackboard website provider - doing a lot of work. Parents will have an APP to download information.
- Nock/Molin Assistant Principal - meet with two finalists - will announce.
- COVID Update - monitoring cases - gone up - last week 7 staff - 10 students
Good news - inoculations
86% - Bresnahan
69% - Nock
75% - Molin
84% - NHS
- Art Show - great success - thanked Mary Kelley, NEF and teachers for their hard work.

Mayor Reardon inquired as to how many applied for the Assistant Principal position. Answer 32.

NEW BUSINESS:

Juliet Walker said Transportation AdHoc will meet next Monday - they will discuss parent surveys, costs/trends and traffic congestion.

Sarah Hall said the School Committee's next meeting will be Tuesday, April 26 in the Library at Newburyport High School at 6:30 PM. The Monday, June 20 meeting has been moved to Tuesday, June 21 at the high school's Library.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by **Sheila Spalding** and seconded by **Bruce Menin** it was

VOTED: To adjourn the Business Meeting of the Newburyport School Committee
At 7:50 PM.

Motion Passed Unanimously