NEWBURYPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE NEWBURYPORT, MASSACHUSETTS

School Committee Business Meeting

Monday, December 18, 2023 6:30PM

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Student Activity Account Request – Red Cross Club

CISL Meeting Minutes October 2023 CISL SIP Presentation November 2023

Newburyport Public Schools Newburyport, MA

School Committee Business Meeting Monday, December 4, 2023

6:30 PM, Sr./Community Center, 331 High Street, Newburyport, MA 01950

The Mission of the Newburyport Public Schools, the port where tradition and innovation converge, is to ensure each student achieves intellectual and personal excellence and is equipped for life experiences through a system distinguished by students, staff, and community who: - practice kindness and perseverance - celebrate each unique individual - value creativity; experiential, rigorous educational opportunities; scholarly pursuits; and life-long learning - provide the nurturing environments for emotional, social, and physical growth - understand and embrace their role as global citizens.

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Business Meeting Agenda:

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Public Comment
- 3. Student Recognitions

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*** short recess (2-3 minutes) ***
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- 4. Special Recognition
- 5. *Consent Agenda (Warrant) possible Vote
- 6. Student Representative Report
- 7. *Student Activity Account Request Red Cross Club possible Vote
- 8. Hiring Process Update Director of Pupil Services Position
- 9. Proposed Whittier Building Project Update
- 10. Subcommittee Updates
 - a. Finance Subcommittee Brian Callahan
 - b. Policy Subcommittee Juliet Walker
 - c. Fundraising Advisory Committee Brian Callahan
 - d. CISL Breanna Higgins & Juliet Walker
- 11. New Business

*Possible Vote

Adjournment

The School Committee reserves the right to call **executive session, as provided under Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(2), of the General Laws to discuss strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations, collective bargaining and/or potential litigation.

Newburyport School Committee Meeting Agenda Notes

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AGENDA NOTES

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Business Meeting Agenda:

3. Student Recognitions:

Four grade 8 students will be recognized for their exceptional leadership skills throughout the year on Student Council, as well as consistently being great role models and maintaining a high standard of academic excellence: Ruby Reardon, Luna Mutzabjia, Audrey Roebuck, and Gabby Smith.

Lucia Perrucci, grade 7, will be recognized for her commitment to coursework, leading by example, and always having a positive attitude towards her peers and always looking out for others.

*** short recess (2-3 minutes) ***

- 4. Special Recognition: Mayor Reardon will have a special recognition for outgoing school committee members Bruce Menin and Steve Cole.
- 5. *Consent Agenda (Warrant) possible Vote
- 6. Student Representative Report: NHS student Theo Roberts will provide the report.
- 7. *Student Activity Account Request Red Cross Club possible Vote

 This new high school club is requesting a student activity account. (application attached)
- 8. Hiring Process Update Director of Pupil Services Position

 Director of Human Resources, Pam Kealey, will announce the screening committee members, as well as provide a brief update regarding upcoming meetings and next steps in the hiring process.
- Proposed Whittier Building Project Update: Mayor Sean Reardon will provide an update regarding Whittier Regional's School Committee meeting held on December 13th, as well as possible next steps for Newburyport.
- 10. Subcommittee Updates
 - a. Finance Subcommittee Brian Callahan
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FYI: Upcoming Dates: ✓ Nock School Council: Monday, December 18 @ 8AM

✓ Fundraising Advisory Committee: Monday, December 18 @ 4:30PM

✓ Early Release Day – Friday, December 22

✓ **Holiday Break** – December 25 through January 1

✓ School Committee Retreat – Saturday, January 6 @ 10:00AM

^{*}Possible Vote

School Committee Warrant

WARRANT 8107 FY24

A-Warrant

December 18, 2023

Warrant 8107

\$ 514,990.15

A-Warrant

\$ 13,338.37

TOTAL of Warrant

\$ 528,328.52

STUDENT ACTIVITY ACCOUNT

Request For Recognition Of A Student Organization

The undersigned hereby request the recognition of the following student organizations, including

SCHOOL: Newburyport High School

DATE OF REQUES 30-Nov-23

approval to maintain monies in a	student activity account.	
Suggested Name of Organization:	Red Cross Club	
Reasons for Forming This Organization	ation:	
	•	
Grade Span Gr. 9 -12 How will Adult Supervision be Ad	chieved?: We have a teacher advisor.	
regulations / guidelines / proced Uniform Procurement Act (as rec	the organization will be held accountable for comply ures for fundraising, procurement of goods and serving uired), and the handling of monies.	, .
Student Signature	Teacher / Advisors Signature	Principal Signatur
Madelline Jachman Student (Printed Name)	Conseen Fallon Teacher / Advisors (Printed Name)	A. S. Volf Principal (Printed Name)
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	Completed by Superintendent's Office	
The above organization (sapproved as a	recognized student organization.	
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Superintendent's Signature	Superintendent's (Printed Name)	Date

CISL MEETING

Tuesday October 17, 2023

Attendees

LisaMarie Ippolito, Assistant Superintendent
Allison Byrnes, Assistant Principal Bresnahan
Sandra Swartzkopf, Parent Representative
Kathleen Gustafson, Administrative Assistant
Logan MacKnight, student Representative
Rebekha De Alves, Student Representative
Theo Roberts, student Representative
Breanna Higgins, school Committee Representative
Katy Parsons, Assistant Principal Nock Middle School

Agenda

Last Meeting Follow-up

New Business

- 1. Reviewing the Norms of the committee
- 2. Students Voice
- 3. Administrative Voices
- 4. Early Literacy Screening Guidance
- 5. Meeting Schedule

Notes

• Student Updates Theo began with report on High School

- 20 exchange Students from Germany Spent two weeks with Newburyport Families. In June, 20 Newburyport Students will fly to Germany and spend two weeks with families over there.
- The Ignite Mentor Program lead By High School Librarian Lynne Cote was launched this fall where upperclassmen were assigned incoming Freshman.
- Assistant Superintendent explained a little about the group. Staff training,
 High School Seniors and how it was exciting to watch them evolve into leaders
- High School Accreditation which is moving along nicely
- High School Cheer Team A new addition to the High School Athletics Program started by students. Still in the Trial stage, looking forward to competitions and pep rallies for lower grades.
- Administrative updates,
- Vice Principal Katy Parsons reported, the Ignite facilitators will be working with the Nock.
- JC Pohl held a meeting with the Newburyport Community Parents regarding his presentation he will be holding for Nock Students the following day.

 Presentation was geared toward Resiliency and How to manage difficulties.
- Leadership Summit was held with JC Pohl, Student Council and Clipper City kids to work on a student Driven action plan for the 23-24 school year
- iReady now in its second year. Facility has attended conferences to teach fellow teachers how to use the tool as a resource.
- Voces- Spanish curriculum purchased in the spring. All three grades are now utilizing it.
- Assistant Principal Allison Byrnes: reported that the Bresnahan has been very busy .
- New Math Curriculum iready classroom math Students and Teachers have been loving the program.
- Bresnahan has implemented a contractual enrichment program art club, theater, coloring club. Has been a large success. They are working on finding equity to add more sessions to allow more students to participate.
- School wide assemblies have come back to the Bresnahan.

Students reward golden Clipper tickets - based on safety, Kindness and responsibility. This can be earned individually or as a group.

iReady Math night - still in the works, will be offered to Molin and Bresnahan Families.

School Committee Voice - Breanna Higgins

Breanna Higgins reported the School Committee has begun sending out a newsletter.

November begins budget discussion. Looking for community involvement and budget nights will be held at each school

Next meeting Monday November 23rd. The School Committee will be receiving the MCAS report.

What does the School Committee do? Set Budget, Approve Budget, Set Policies in the District. Dress Codes, Handbooks, Discrimination. The School Committee also evaluates the Superintendent of Schools.

Parent Representative- Sandra Schwarzkopf - reported she was very excited to be a part of this committee.

Assistant Superintendent Ippolito reported on Early Literacy Screening Guidance effective July 1st.

Importance of Literacy Skill Screener:

Evaluate k-3 to see where their literacy skills are at.

Kindergarten tested in November

First - Third screened in Late September.

ELL students are assessed regardless of their level.

Evidence Based tool which is a universal screener

Students are tested twice a year, Fall and Spring, this is to assess the progress between the beginning of the year and the end of the year.

Screeners must be approved by DESE (Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.)

All parents will receive actual reports with in 30 days of Assessment

Services will be determined and implemented. .

Next Meeting Agenda Items

Next Meeting Will be held on Tuesday November 28, 2023 6-7:30 School Principals will share their school Improvement plans.

This will be an extended Meeting.

CISL Meeting

November 27, 2023

Newburyport Public Schools

The Port Where Tradition and Innovation Converge



What is a School Improvement Plan?

School improvement plans are documents that outline the goals, strategies, and actions a school will take to improve student performance and overall school effectiveness.



NHS SCHOOL COUNCIL

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Renee Ames,

Amber Barbere,

Jessica Buchman,

David Clay,

Chris Cain, Stacey Gijsbers,

Declan Hochheiser,

Priya Kaur,

Laurie Kench,

Emerson Leahy,

Rourke Lee,

Andy Wulf



Current Achievement

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PSAT - Reading/Writ

Gr. 10

Gr 11

At and Approach BM

77

79

PSAT - Math

Gr. 10

Gr 11

At and Approach BM

55

66

Goal	Measure	Actions
	Student Achievement	Generate student learning and professional practice goals by curriculum teams that focus on standards in need of student improvement. Teacher goals will focus on student growth in these priority standards. MCAS and PSAT data will be used to identify these standards.
Improve academic achievement	Indicator on MCAS (increase by 5%)- PSAT	Manage common planning time around the following objectives: Develop common assessments, calibrate scoring on assessments, action plan around student learning.
with special attention to	Benchmarks (Increase by	Use assessments to progress monitor student performance for intervention purposes.
students in our high needs populations.	5% on students meeting benchmarks*	Implement professional development that supports teachers' abilities to differentiate instruction and intervene with student learning during the lesson.
		Develop a plan to provide additional support in writing, reading, math, and science for students in need. Use class assessments, PSAT data, and prior MCAS to identify students.
		Continue to develop and support sub-separate programs to help students stay in-district and stay in school.

71

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32

8

BIO MCAS - (M/E)

Low Income

72

69

41

52

All

SWD

HN

MATH MCAS - (M/E)

Low Income

All

SWD

EL

ELA MCAS - (M/E)

Low Income

SWD

EL

72

40

31

8



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Goal	Measure	Actions
		Continue to expand concurrent college courses at the high school.
Increase access to advanced and	Measure on State Accountability Report (Increase by 5 points)	Pursue state innovation pathways the allow students to experience coursework connected with a career path. Possible pathways include: information technology, engineering, healthcare, environmental/life sciences and advanced manufacturing. Continue ongoing work in the arts program and explore opportunities to expand options for students.
		Develop a grade 9 curriculum that allows students to develop a personal profile and explore available career pathways they may consider while in high school.
		Expand business and community partnerships connected to career pathways.

Current Advanced	2023 Rate (%)
Coursework Completion	75.5



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Goal	Measure		Actions	
	Post-Secondary Success Report (Increase in number of students earning a post-secondary degree) Advanced Coursework Measure on State Accountability Report (Increase by 5 points)	secondary plan by end	urriculum by grade-level that allows stude of junior year. Ensure students and parer Year, Services, Career, College).	•
All students leave with a personalized and flexible post-secondary plan and are able to demonstrate competency in skills part of the District's Portrait of a Graduate.			ng skills of the Portrait of a Graduate into see life skills are taught and measured.	subskills. Identify areas within the
		of Google and Microso	incorporate digital literacy into the schoo oft spreadsheets, docs, and presentation. I It least middle school through high school	nsure these digital literacy skills
		Develop process throubefore they graduate.	igh which students showcase life skills par	t of the Portrait of the Graduate
	Class of 2016/17		Current Advanced	2023 Rate (%)
Post Secondary	69.9%		Coursework Completion	75.5



Current VOCAL

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Safety

51

Environment

50

Goal	Measure	Actions
	Results (Grow by 5 points in each area in the next 3 years.) - Become a	Identify priorities to focus on from the VOCAL Survey results.
Become a favorable school climate.		Develop a team the action plans around school climate priorities.
		Generate a way to assess progress in school climate priorities quarterly.
		Engage student council in the problem-solving process around school climate.
		Support instructional innovation through the 1:1 device program as a means to enhance student engagement.

Engagement

50

Climate

50



SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Rebecca Cook Kathleen Petrie Lee Gordon Brenda Palmisano Jacquie Rousseau



Goal	Measure	Actions
and growth of all students by utilizing high quality Baseline assess i-Ready, and/or throughout all curriculum areas. Teaching teams will analyze student work, performance and growth data and utilize this data to 50% or above in	Each academic year, this goal will be measured by:	Formulate and implement common assessment cycle protocols, analysis of viability of assessment data linked to our curriculum maps and direction of our instruction.
	Baseline assessment, -Ready, and/or MCAS data to determine if all Nock students, in grade 6 chrough 8 will achieve a student	Expand Student Support Team (SST)-consult model- Formulate and expand tier one interventions through an on-going bi-weekly child study consult model. SST will support goals in: Identifying at-risk students Implementing team-based interventions and instructional strategies Using student data to assess the effectiveness of instructional strategies Creating a collaborative student-focused culture
	50% or above in math, science, & ELA.	Establish a strong working team of teacher curriculum leaders (CEL) who will facilitate curriculum, assessment and instructional PD by department (content area teams) Common planning time Ongoing vertical meetings to review progress on curriculum, assessment and instruction
		Expand Flex Opportunities for intervention and enrichment:



Goal	Measure	Actions
We will continue to develop, implement, and evaluate programs designed to meet student-specific academic and social needs at all three tiers of intervention. 100% of grade level teams will utilize Student Support Team protocols on a bi-weekly basis including counselors and support staff.	Continue development and on-going evaluation of a grade-level Language Based Program (tier three program for identified students) On-going staff development on data and curricula (OG Training of staff, goal writing, progress monitoring) Data meetings (one per trimester) to track student progress Annual progress reporting to evaluate curricula and student progress	
		Continue development and on-going evaluation of a Bridge for Resilient Youth in Transition (BRYT) program (tier three support system for students returning from long-term absence or hospitalization) On-going professional development with BRYT trainers Expanded role for Coordinator, Instructional Assistant, SAC Build stronger understanding of program with students and families
		Improve the effectiveness of existing intervention program (tier 2 for students not on IEP) and recommend sustainable models for providing flexible, short-term interventions (2022-24); implement flexible interventions (2020-21)
		Expand integration of skills-based instruction across all content areas Round 4 of teacher PD- Train the trainer model Implementation of at least TWO units in all content areas (2022-2023 Begin Discussion to Transition to Skills Based Grading System



Goal	Measure	Actions
100 % students will be exposed to college and career readiness curriculum and begin to build a personalized and flexible college and	 Build MS CAP Grade level ex College Training Career Establish Grade Level 	visits g Visits
career ready portfolio through at least 10 Advisory Lessons, 3 College visits and 3 Pathway lessons.	Ongoing verticeSeek CommuneResearch Grand	ce, MEFA Pathways



Goal	Measure	Actions
Evaluate and Improve the implementation of the District wide initiative for Positive	 90% of students will have less than 1 infraction 	Expand implementation of PBIS (Nock Advantage) SWIS data collection Sustainable acknowledgment system
Behavioral Intervention System (PBIS). Develop and My CAP/SEL Advisory Curriculum that lines	throughout the academic year. Develop 10 MY CAP	Develop and pilot expanded, sustainable wellness and mindfulness program Adjustment of PE curriculum Integration of mindfulness into counseling prevention and intervention Provide mindfulness PD to staff
with district goals around SEL and also College and Career Readiness Pathway	LessonsPrincipal will send at least 1 monthly	Increase Parent Partnership Involvement
Increase School/Home Communication to Support Student Learning and Achievement: The Nock sees parents as	communicatio n and co-chair a yearly school community workshop	Expand student leadership opportunities • Develop Principal- Faculty Student Board- • student data analysis, PBIS/SWIS, student voice • Sustain and Expand Role of Clipper Crew • Clubs: GSA
partners in their children's academic achievement and social development and will continue to encourage parental involvement		Sustain existing intervention and prevention programs Signs of Suicide SBIRT Counselors as mediators Provide Bias, Diversity PD for staff (including LGBTQ) DEI/Parent Advisory Group



Molin SCHOOL COUNCIL

November 14, 2023

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Last Year's Council: Tara Rossi, Leigh Curtis-Pare, Anne Enaire, Alyssa Rabeau, Jamie Lauranzano



November 14, 2023

Goal	Measure	Actions
Academic Goal: 100% of students will demonstrate student growth as measured by common assessments within their content area.	student progress towards grade level benchmarks: MyView assessments, iReady data, class observations. iReady	 Focus on Informed Instruction: Collaborative teams will meet regularly to review student data (including iReady, student work, teacher-developed formative & summative assessments) to identify instructional goals as well as plan and implement appropriate instruction, interventions & enrichment. iReady assessments 3x a year & progress monitoring. Focus on Math Pilot: Two teachers from each grade level will pilot two different programs.
	implemented. 1. iReady data, evidence of Bloom's Taxonomy, MyView assessments, Student written work. 1. OG Training Completed, LB program fully implemented, student data	 Focus on Literacy Instruction: Continued implementation of MyView Reading and Writing. Continued implementation of Keys to Literacy Vocabulary & Comprehension, and Blooms Taxonomy strategies into all curriculum areas, specifically literacy blocks. iReady assessments 3x a year & progress monitoring. Focus on Language-Based programming: Continue work with consultants on identifying the variety of reading and language-based disabilities and matching appropriate programs to the specific student profile. Use data for placement. Focus on Intervention & Enrichment: Increase number of students receiving academic intervention in both math and literacy. Develop programming for students needing enrichment in literacy and math.
	used to place in lit. groups.	



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Goal Measure Actions	
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Academic Goal: 100% of students will demonstrate student growth as measured by common assessments within their content area.

5. Blocks of time were increased for intervention.
Additional interventionist would be needed to increase number of students.
Tier one classroom interventions implemented based on iReady data.
iReady My Path usage.

5. Focus on Intervention & Enrichment:

Increased number of students receiving academic intervention in both math and literacy. Develop programming for students needing enrichment in literacy and math.



November 14, 2023

Goal	Measure	Actions
Social-Emotional Goal: Provide a trauma-sensitive, prosocial framework where all students and staff feel safe, welcomed, and supported.	1. SWIS data-number of referrals, use of SST process, numbers of anchor stamps, number of staff tickets given. BIMAS data, number of students receiving counseling. 2. BIMAS data, number of students in need of intervention in each BIMAS category. BIMAS year-to-year trends.	 1.Focus on Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports & training for staff, specifically new staff: Continue implementation of PBIS. Train new staff on PBIS model. Continue use of trauma-sensitive classroom practices. Train new staff on trauma-sensitivity. Continue use of m mindfulness and yoga in classrooms. 2. Continue to focus on social, emotional, & behavioral functioning of students. Administration and analysis of BIMAS (Behavior Intervention Monitoring Assessment System) twice yearly.



November 14, 2023

Goal	Measure	Actions	
Social-Emotional Goal: Provide a trauma-sensitive, prosocial framework where all students and staff feel safe, welcomed, and supported.	 3. Team created. Notes from staff meeting time for brainstorming. Notes on meeting with PTO reps at beginning of year. Creating additional family nights. 4. PD agendas and notes on staff meetings on biases & stereotypes. Use of educator check-in on culture throughout the year. Evidence of student representation in class. 	 Create team focused on increasing parental/guardian involvement. Identify opportunities for more parent involvement. Continue focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion. 	



SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS

John Gangemi, Stacey Boucher, Kelly Garbarino, Lindsay Rescott, Missy Duguie, Molly Farrell, Christine Fichera, Gillian Guidetti-Myers, Andrea Egmont, John Ricci, Shannon Cormier, Kirsten Rowe, Jamie Sokolowski



Goal	Measure	Actions
The Bresnahan School will utilize student data to guide instruction and measure growth.	 i-Ready Diagnostic Data DIBELs data Formative & Summative assessments demonstrate student progress towards grade level benchmarks: MyView assessments, iReady data. i-Ready Progress Monitoring Data 	 i-Ready Diagnostic Assessment will be administered to grades K-3 in the fall, winter, and spring to identify student needs and inform instruction. Implementation of iReady Math Curriculum with Intervention Program Implementation of MyView Reading, Writing and Comprehension Curriculum DIBELs assessment administered to grades K-3 in the fall, winter, and spring to identify students needs and inform instruction. Implementation of the Wilson Fundations Program in grades K-3. Continue commitment to SBI and LBI programs



Goal	Measure	Actions
Foster a safe, positive, healthy and inclusive learning environment that enables students, staff and parents to develop positive relationships with one another.	 SWIS/Referral data, SST process, School climate survey results, evidence of student learning in self-regulation, relationship building, & academic success. Reflection Sheet data 	 Continued implementation of PBIS Implement Reflection Sheets to be used as a follow up to unexpected behaviors Assess current functioning of TLC and IDC programs for efficacy and alignment with district programs Continue staff education on safe and supportive schools, impact of trauma on learning, and mindfulness.



Goal	Measure	Actions
Family and Community Engagement: Continue discussion on the impact of parent and community involvement on student learning and identify strategies to develop supportive parent/community involvement.	 Feedback from school council Staff training on Seesaw as a tool to streamline communication from classroom teachers and invite parent communication in return. Smore metrics on Community Engagement for Weekly Wednesday Data from google form responses for community events such as coffee hours, Clipper Courses and Veterans Day Assembly. 	 Partner with Nourishing the North Shore, Our Neighbor's Table and Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE) Develop a robust after school program with Bresnahan Clipper Courses and continue partnership with Newburyport Youth Services, Boys and Girls Club and the YWCA Streamline Communication to Families (Weekly Wednesdays, Seesaw) Commitment to Being Green (Composting, Green Team) Improve family access to technology/educational support resources