



# Town of Reading Meeting Minutes

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## School Committee

Date: November 3, 2022

Time: 7:00 PM

Building: Reading Memorial High School

Location: Library

Address: 62 Oakland Road, Reading, MA

**Members Present:** - Shawn Brandt, Erin Gaffen, Carla Nazzaro, Sarah McLaughlin, Charles Robinson, Tom Wise

**Others Present:** Superintendent Dr. Tom Milaschewski, Dr. Sarah Hardy, Susan Botton, Jayda Hayes

**Minutes Respectfully submitted by:** Susan E Brown on behalf of the chairperson

### 1. Call to Order - Mr. Brandt called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Mr. Brandt reviewed the evenings agenda.

Innovation Pathways – Ms. Jessica Callanan presented on the new program through DESE - Innovation Pathways for RMHS. The presentation in its entirety is available in the packet.

### 2. Public Comment – no public comment

Consent Agenda -Ms. Nazzaro motioned to approve consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Wise. One correction, Allison Wright should be included in attendees list. Motion passed 6-0 as amended.

#### Reports:

1. Ms. Hayes reported that RMHS recently closed the first quarter on Wednesday, report cards will be out shortly, entering a slower month at school. Fall athletics playoff season has begun, Field Hockey, Football and Soccer and Volleyball and Swimming. Robotics will be presenting next week at RMHS and everyone is looking forward to that.
2. Dr. Hardy presented on mentoring program, we are trying to provide PD and training for new faculty members, there is a week-long introduction program in the summer just before schools starts, and another on-going program is the mentor program where a mentor is assigned and then they continue meeting regularly during the school year. A new program for year 2 staff is Mentor Cohorts, they meet regularly and assist with PD, this is a requirement for licensing, 50 hours of mentoring. Another new element is staff development series, it will provide a space to develop relationships and receive training. The last meeting we had was developing high quality relationships with families in the community. We collect feedback to ensure that we are covering everyone's needs.

A new assessment system has been launched at the middle school level to assess reading and math in grades 6, 7, 8. There are lessons being learned in streamlining and implementation and we are assessing how this new system is working, to learn the new platform and then we can assess the data.

Discussion and questions from the committee.

3. Ms. Bottan – reported on the Killam Elementary School tours, prior to the Town Meeting surrounding warrant article 7 and the MSBA Project.
4. Dr. Milaschewski congratulated to Monica Acker who is launching her first children’s book “Brave Like Mom” she is a tutor at Wood End and thank you to Tom Wise for moderating the MASC conference as well.
5. Mr. Robinson reported on the RECC committee to vote on the requests on the pickle ball community to line the various tennis courts in town, the committee voted to not line Bancroft Courts, and to use chalk lines on Washington Street Tennis Courts.

Coalition met and heard a report on the work being done in the schools with the community.

The Hal Croft Track event has been posted and will be Friday November 11 immediately following the Veteran’s Day presentation in the front of the RMHS main entrance. The track dedication will be at the Track.

6. Ms. McLaughlin presented on the RCTV committee open house and ice cream social.
7. Ms. Gaffen reported that SEPAC will meet next week and that she had an opportunity to attend Reading Reflects with Lt. Silva and Dr. Chatterjee, it was a nice opportunity to learn about their roles in the community and about them. There will be more events in the future.
8. Mr. Wise attended the financial forum, final presentation to the ARPA committee after the Select Board meeting, all funds have been approved. There was a presentation regarding seniors in the town being involved in the schools. There was a lot of time discussing the Killam project as well, discussing how to present to the town.
9. Ms. Nazzaro attended the Reading Reflects event, it was a great event with about 60 attendees.

The Joshua Eaton presentation with the singing state trooper for Veteran’s Day it was a great event. The school really presented a wonderful program with the Veterans.

10. Mr. Brandt also attended the JE event it was a fantastic event. There were about 25 -30 veterans it was wonderful.

#### **D. Superintendent Goals –**

1. Dr. Milaschewski presented on his goals for the 2022-2023 school year, the presentation in its entirety is available in the packet.

Questions and comments from the committee.

Ms. Nazzaro motioned to approve the Superintendent's Goals for the school year 2022-2023, seconded by Mr. Robinson, vote passed 6-0.

2. Budget Process – Ms. Bottan requested that we review the goals for the FY 24 budget process. Some discussion and questions from the committee. Further details and budge timeline is found in the packet.
3. School Committee policy - JFABE – Educational opportunities for military children  
Ms. Gaffin motioned to waive the reading of the policy, seconded by Ms. McLaughlin. Vote passed 6-0.

Some discussion and questions from the committee.

Policy JFABF pertains to educational opportunities for Children in Foster Care.

Ms. Gaffen motioned to waive the reading of the policy, seconded by Ms. McLaughlin vote passed 6-0.

Some discussion and questions from the committee

Please find the policy in its entirety in the School Committee Handbook

Ms. Nazzaro motioned to move to executive session seconded by Ms. Gaffen, Roll Call vote – Mr. Robinson, Ms. Gaffen, Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Wise, Ms. Nazzaro, Mr. Brandt.

Mr. Brandt called the open session back to order at 10:21 PM

#### E. New Business

5. Hold public vote on pursuit of potential litigation, the district was approached with the opportunity to join a mass action against Juul Labs, the makers of the Juul vaping device.

Ms. Nazzaro motioned to direct the superintendent not to join the mass action lawsuit against Jewel Labs, seconded by Mr. Wise, Vote carried 6-0.

Mr. Wise made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Gaffen, vote passed 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:23 pm

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