



# Town of Reading Meeting Minutes

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Board – Committee – Commission – Council:

## School Committee

Date: 2022-07-14

Time: 7:00 PM

Building: Reading Memorial High School

Location: Library

Address: 62 Oakland Road, Reading, MA

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

**Others Present:** Superintendent Dr. Tom Milaschewski

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

A. **Call to order** – Mr. Brandt opened the session at 7:00 pm and reviewed the agenda.

B. **Public Comment** – no public comment

**Consent agenda** - Ms. Nazzaro moved to approve the consent agenda, it was seconded by Ms. McLaughlin with no further discussion, vote carried 6-0.

## Reports

Dr. Milaschewski reported on the DESE District Review, Reading Public Schools were selected to undergo a targeted review, DESE has released the documents publicly and they can be found on the DESE website, there will be a further breakdown of the review at the August meeting.

RPS has 2 new leadership hires, one being Jillian Ashburner as the RISE Director, Team Chair, and the other is Alissa Gallegos as the Barrows Elementary Principal. Thank you to all who assisted with the search process for hiring the candidates.

ESY has begun and a big thank you to Chris Nelson, Allison Wright and Jackie Payton for getting it up and running. A more detailed review of the program will be presented in August.

Mr. Robinson reported on the recreation committee, it was primarily a reorganization meeting, Bob Weiden is the new Chairperson, Eric Gaffen is the Vice Chairperson, there will be a lot more informing regarding the upcoming Birch Meadow project.

Mr. Robinson also reported on the track naming committee, Carl McFadden came in and gave a presentation, it was decided to hold an open session for the next meeting to allow community participation, and then the committee will vote and present to school committee to get it completed by August 31. The next meeting is later in August.

Mr. Wise reported on the recent ARPA meeting, both he and Mr. Brandt attended. There was a presentation by the YMCA and several parents in the town they presented on special education

opportunities in the recreation space, they outlined need for adaptive swim capability as well as mental health classes etc.

There were also escalated request for town forest and from trails committee, the remainder of the meeting was what to utilize ARPA funds on.

Ms. Nazzaro reported that the Killam Building committee is meeting next week.

### **C. Superintendent review timeline discussion**

Mr. Brandt reviewed the timeline from last year's review, the two items to discuss are whether to keep last year's timeline or adjust to a new timeline.

Things to consider are budget, timing in the year for the review so it's doesn't conflict with December holidays, review to remain in two parts being formative and summative. The goal is to allow for appropriate time to review and reflect on goals and delivery on that goal and allow to time to make corrections if needed and keep aligned with academic calendar. This was the first year the committee conducted a formative review.

Ms. Nazzaro made a motion to have school committee provide a formative assessment in early February 2023, and have the summative assessment on or about June 15, 2023, seconded by Mr. Wise, with no further discussion the vote carried 6-0.

Close out sub-committee liaison assignments: the full proposal can be found in the school committee packet. Mr. Brandt will send communication to the committee chairs for each of the boards the school committee members liaise on. The one change with assignments from the packets is Mr. Wise will step in for Ms. Nazzaro on the audit committee, Mr. Wise is also appointed by Mr. Brandt as the chairperson of the policy subcommittee.

### **E. New Business**

MGL requires that all participating districts provide a committee member to sit on SEEM Collaborative and North Shore Education Consortium.

Ms. Nazzaro motioned to have Dr. Milaschewski as the RPS Representative on both SEEM and North Shore Education Consortium committees, seconded by Mr. Robinson, no discussion vote carried 6-0.

Dr. Milaschewski presented on the collaboration with The Center for Educational Leadership at Salem State University, the full presentation can be found in its entirety in the school committee packet.

Ms. McLaughlin motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Gaffen, vote passed 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM