

NEWBURYPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

NEWBURYPORT, MASSACHUSETTS

**School Committee
Business Meeting – amended (#3)**

Monday, August 16, 2021

6:30 PM

**SC Packet Checklist: SC Business Meeting Agenda August 16, 2021 (amended #3)
SC Meeting Agenda Notes August 16, 2021 (amended #3)
SC Business Meeting minutes 6-21-2021
2021-2022 School Calendar
2021-2022 School Committee Meeting Schedule (amended #2)**

**Newburyport Public Schools
Newburyport, MA
School Committee Business Meeting – AMENDED (#3)
Monday, August 16, 2021**

6:30 PM, Senior/Community Center, 331 High St., Newburyport, MA 01950

to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86766986139?pwd=ckRxSWhkak1TM2pzaUJXbkw0cGtCZz09>

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.

Business Meeting Agenda: The listing of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

- 1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Public Comment**
- 3. *Consent Agenda - (warrants and minutes of 6-21-2021) – possible Vote**
- 4. *Discussion of DESE Guidelines Reopening Schools– possible Vote**
- 5. *Potential 2021-2022 School Calendar Adjustment – possible Vote**
- 6. *2021-2022 School Committee Meeting Schedule – possible Vote**
- 7. Superintendent’s Report: *Opening of School, School Choice, New Hires, Mentor/Mentee, Grants***
- 8. Sub-Committee Reports (if needed): Joint Ed; Finance; Policy; Superintendent’s Evaluation**
- 9. New Business**

Adjournment

*Possible Vote

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 – AMENDED #3**

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**AGENDA
NOTES**

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Agenda:

2. Public Comment

3. *Consent Agenda: warrants, and minutes of 6/21/2021 enclosed - *possible Vote*

4. *Discussion of DESE Guidelines Reopening Schools – possible Vote

Discussion of guidelines as new safety protocols and recommendations are being released weekly.

5. *Potential 2021-2022 School Calendar Adjustment - possible Vote

The first day of school for PK-K students is currently scheduled for Tuesday, September 7th. As the Jewish holiday, *Rosh Hashana*, falls on this date, it is proposed to change the start date for PK-K students to Wednesday, September 8, 2021. (calendar enclosed in packet)

6. *2021-2022 School Committee Meeting Schedule- possible Vote

Proposed meeting schedule is enclosed in the packet.

7. Superintendent’s Report: *Opening of School, School Choice, New Hires, Mentor/Mentee, Grants*

8. Sub-Committee Reports (if needed): Joint Ed; Finance; Policy; Superintendent’s Evaluation

9. New Business

FYI: Upcoming Dates:

- ✓ **New Teacher Orientation (Mentor/Mentee):** August 25, 26, 27
- ✓ **First Day of School for Teachers:** Monday, August 30
- ✓ **First Day of School for Students (Grades 1-12):** Wednesday, September 1

*Possible Vote

**NEWBURYPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETING
Senior Center, 331 High Street, Newburyport, MA 01950
Monday, June 21, 2021**

Meeting Convened at 6:31 PM

Brian Callahan Presided

**Present: Brian Callahan, Bruce Menin, David Hochheiser, Sheila Spalding,
Sean Reardon, Steve Cole**

Absent: Mayor Donna Holaday

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Donna Holaday called the School Committee Business Meeting of the Newburyport School Committee to order at 6:31 PM. Roll call found all members present, except **Mayor Donna Holaday**.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no Public Comment at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Warrants:

Motions:

On a motion by **Steve Cole** and seconded by **Sean Reardon** it was

VOTED: To approve, receive and forward to the City Auditor for payment the following warrant:
\$51,996.58

Motion Passed

Mayor Holaday absent for vote

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

VOTED: To approve, receive and forward to the City Auditor for payment the following warrant:
\$462,797.04

Motion Passed

Mayor Holaday absent for vote

On a motion by **Steve Cole** and seconded by **Sean Reardon** it was

VOTED: To approve, receive and forward to the City Auditor to make payment and deduct the funds from the school's account.
\$15,318.60

Motion Passed

Mayor Holaday absent for vote

Minutes:

On a motion by **Brian Callahan** and seconded by **Sheila Spalding** it was

VOTED: To approve, receive and file the School Committee Business Meeting minutes of Monday, May 17, 2021.

Motion Passed

Mayor Holaday absent for vote

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

VOTED: To approve, receive and file the School Committee Business Meeting minutes of Monday, June 7, 2021.

Motion Passed

Mayor Holaday absent for vote

HIGH SCHOOL MATH TECHNOLOGY PRESENTATION:

Kevin Sheridan, Newburyport High School Math Teacher shared with the School Committee instructional technology best practices that were utilized during this challenging school year. The High School's math department piloted an iPad Pro technology platform. It consisted of the following:

- Visited Beverly High School where they saw different instructional practices and met with administrators.
- Visited Beverly Middle School
- Visited Danvers High School
- Worked pilot program at Newburyport High School
- Continued the pilot program with the math department
- He was tasked with investigating devices that would meet the ends of NHS in a 1:1
- Apple Pilot - outlined and explained
- Spring 2020 preparing for 2020-2021 school year
Apple teacher certification and iPad - Professional development

Bruce Menin asked, in terms of intake, did he notice any difference at all? Answer - things went well.

David Hochheiser thanked Mr. Sheridan for his work and presentation. He said that this was awesome and that teachers were certified. He asked about videos.

Sean Reardon asked if this would be expanded.

Superintendent Gallagher said that this would be an initiative for them.

Steve Cole said this was a tremendous opportunity to allow students collaborative work.

Sheila Spalding said how accessible it is.

SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES:

Finance:

Brian Callahan said they met. There was one transfer of \$10,000 - bus contract. They discussed Food Services - deficit \$40,000.

Policy:

Sheila Spalding presented the following policies - Communications Policy (KAA) (new) and Public Participation at School Committee Meetings Policy (BEDH) (amend)

Motions:

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

VOTED: To approve the Communications Policy (KAA) (new) as presented.

Motion Passed

Mayor Holaday absent for vote

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

VOTED: To approve the Public Participation at School Committee Meetings Policy (BEDH) (amend) as presented.

Motion Passed

Mayor Holaday absent for vote

David Hochheiser thanked **Bruce Menin** who worked on the language for this policy.

Joint Education:

Sean Reardon said they met on June 14. They discussed the MSBA application and the Strategic Plan.

2021-2022 SCHOOL CHOICE UPDATE:

Superintendent Gallagher presented an update and recommendation on School Choice.

Graces	Slots	Applicants	Available
4	7	5	2
6	7	5	2
7	7	5	2
9	15	7	8

NHS Principal Wulf has recommended 5 slots be available in Grade 12.9

Motion:

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

VOTED: To open 5 School Choice slots in Grade 12 at Newburyport High School.

Motion Passed

Mayor Holaday absent for vote

David Hochheiser inquired re: advertising this information and making it available to charter schools and Immaculate Conception School.

Nancy Lysik said it will be advertised in newspapers and put on the district website.

Steve Cole expressed concern for the social aspect of students entering grade 12 re: School Choice. He said this is a tricky time to take on a student.

Sheila Spalding asked if this has been done in the past. Answer - yes

David Hochheiser asked with a smaller senior class, didn't this open up slots in electives to other grades.

Roll Call Vote

Brian Callahan **Yes**
Bruce Menin **Yes**
David Hochheiser **Yes**
Sheila Spalding **Yes**
Sean Reardon **Yes**
Steve Cole **No**

Motion Passed **5 -Yes 1 - No**

Mayor Holaday absent for vote

Superintendent Gallagher spoke regarding Homeland Security approving VISAs which should encourage applicants to the Newburyport District.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Superintendent Gallagher reported on the following:

- It was a great ending for the school year at all schools.
- Grade 8 graduation - it was held outside and was wonderful.
- Grade 8 Day - The grade 8 students went to Newburyport High School where they enjoyed a day of events.
- Molin Awards - The 38th and 39th years awards were presented. He announced the winners of each year's awards.
- He praised everyone in the district who stayed together during the virus - this was his message at the Molin awards.
- Hiring update:
Director of Early Childhood - interviewing
Assistant Principal at Bresnahan School - interviewing
Assistant Principal at Nock School - advertising
2 hires: Health Coordinator - Kim Hawkes and Director of Health Services - Lauren McDonald

STAFF RECOGNITIONS:

Superintendent Gallagher recognized the following people who were retiring:

Assistant Superintendent Angela Bik - 32 years of service
Nancy Lysik - 32 years of service
Cathy Riccio - 9 years of service

Steve Cole gave a speech concerning the retirees.

Bruce Menin thanked each retiree for their service.

Brian Callahan thanked each retiree for their service.

Superintendent Gallagher thanked each retiree for their dedication which was built upon hard work.

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 7:39 PM.

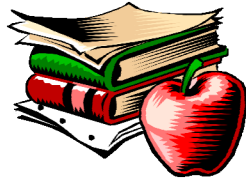
Motion Passed

Mayor Holaday absent for vote

NEWBURYPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Calendar

2021-2022



August

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	T	SD				

September

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			FDS	2	NS	4
5	H	Pk-K	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	ER	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		(20)

October

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	ER	9
10	H	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31					(20)	

November

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	ER	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	H	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	ER	H	H	27
28	29	30			(19)	

December

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	ER	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	ER	H	H	25
26	V	V	V	H	H	(16)

January

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	SD	15
16	H	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31				(19)	

February

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	ER	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	H	V	V	V	V	26
27	28				(15)	

March

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	ER	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		(23)

April

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	ER	16
17	H	V	V	V	V	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
					(16)	

May

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	ER
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		(21)

June

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	ER	4
5	6	7	8	9	Pk-K	11
12	13	14	PLD	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		(11)

T = Teachers First Day FDS = First Day for Students
 ER = Early Release LS = Late Start
 H = Holiday V = Vacation
 SD = Staff Development Day PLD = Projected Last Day

Monday, Aug. 30 First Day of School for Teachers
Tue., Aug. 31 Staff Development Day (no students)
Wed., Sept. 1 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR GRADES 1-12
 Friday, Sept. 3 NO SCHOOL (NS)
 Monday, Sept. 6 NO SCHOOL - Labor Day Holiday Observed
Tue., Sept. 7 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL all Pk & K students
 Oct. 11 NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day Observed
 Nov. 11 NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day Observed
 Nov. 25 & 26 NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
 December 23 thru January 2 NO SCHOOL - Holiday Break
 January 3 SCHOOL RESUMES
 Jan. 14 - NO SCHOOL for Students - Staff Development Day
 January 17 NO SCHOOL - MLK, Jr. Holiday Observed
 February 21 thru 25 NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
 April 18 thru 22 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
 May 30 NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day Observed
 June 5 Graduation Day - Class of 2022
 June 10 Projected Last Day for **Preschool & Kindergarten**
 June 15 Projected Last Day (Grades 1-12) - Early Release Day
 June 16, 17, 20, 21, 22 Snow Make-up Days - if needed
ER - Early Release Days (for staff development)
 September 17, October 8, November 2, December 10,
 February 11, March 18, April 15, May 13, and June 3
ER - OTHER EARLY RELEASE DAYS (staff & students)
 Wednesday, November 24 Thanksgiving Break
 Wednesday, December 22 Holiday Break
G = Graduation Day - Class of 2022 on Sunday, June 5 11AM
 (180 days)

Voted by School Committee 4-5-2021

School Committee Meeting Schedule July 2021 – June 2022

DRAFT 8-13-2021

Voted/Approved _____

NOTES:
 School Committee Meetings are held on the **1st and 3rd Mondays of each month** at 6:30 PM at the Senior/Community Center; (By city Charter, SC meetings shall not meet on the same day as a regular city council meeting, except in case of an emergency.)
 *Exceptions to the rule: *Tuesday, September 7 due to Labor Day; *Tuesday, November 16 - Joint FY22 Budget meeting; *Tuesday, January 18 due to MLK holiday; and *February 28 & April 25 meetings are on the fourth Monday of the month due to school vacation weeks, and not to conflict with City Council meetings.

DATE	TIME	INFO		DATE	TIME	INFO
SUMMER RETREAT Thursday, August 12, 2021	4:00 PM - 8:00 PM	RETREAT NHS Library		Tuesday, January 4, 2022	6:30 PM	Inauguration Organizational/Business Meeting
August 16, 2021	6:30 PM	Business Meeting		*Tuesday, January 18, 2022	6:30 PM	RETREAT Central Office, 70 Low St.
Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021	6:30 PM	Business Meeting		February 7, 2022	6:30 PM	Business Meeting
September 20, 2021	6:30 PM	Business Meeting		February 28, 2022 Public FY23 Budget Forum	6:30 PM	Business Meeting
October 4, 2021	6:30 PM	Business Meeting		March 7, 2022	6:30 PM	Business Meeting
October 18, 2021	6:30 PM	Business Meeting		March 21, 2022	6:30 PM	Business Meeting
November 1, 2021	6:30 PM	Business Meeting		April 4, 2022	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Public Hearing on Budget Business Meeting
November 15, 2021	6:30 PM	Business Meeting		April 25, 2022	6:30 PM	Business Meeting
*Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2021 6:30 PM	City Council & School Committee Joint Meeting FY22 Budget			May 2, 2022	6:30 PM	Business Meeting
December 6, 2021	6:30 PM	Business Meeting		May 16, 2022	6:30 PM	Business Meeting
December 20, 2021	6:30 PM	Business Meeting		June 6, 2022	6:30 PM	Business Meeting
				June 20, 2022	6:30 PM	Business Meeting

** Meeting dates, times and/or locations may be changed, added or deleted, throughout the year.