

**NEWBURYPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**NEWBURYPORT, MASSACHUSETTS**

# **School Committee Business Meeting**

**Monday, October 3, 2022**

**6:30PM**

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**Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes August 17, 2022**  
**Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes September 13, 2022**

**Newburyport Public Schools**  
**Newburyport, MA**  
**School Committee Business Meeting**  
**Monday, October 3, 2022**

**6:30 PM, Senior/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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**School Safety and Security - Community Forum: 6:30 – 7:30PM**

- Creating a Culture of Belonging
- Emergency Operation Planning
- Physical Plant Security
- Practice and Professional Development
- Partnerships
- Question & Answer session

**Business Meeting Agenda: 7:30 – 8:30PM**

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Staff Recognition
4. \*Consent Agenda (warrants and minutes 9-19-2022) – *possible Vote*
5. Student Representative Introductions & Student Report
6. \*Proposed EF Cuba Trip April 2024 – *possible Vote*
7. Subcommittee Updates
  - a. Finance Subcommittee – Brian Callahan
  - b. Policy Subcommittee – Steve Cole
  - c. Joint Education Subcommittee – Bruce Menin
  - d. Superintendent Evaluation Subcommittee – Bruce Menin
  - e. Transportation Advisory Committee – Juliet Walker
8. Superintendent's Report: *Boston Globe Dalton Award, Open House, and Tennis Courts*
9. 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**

**Monday, October 3, 2022  
6:30PM @ Senior/Community Center, 331 High Street, Newburyport, MA**

**AGENDA NOTES**

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**School Safety and Security - Community Forum: 6:30 – 7:30PM**

Superintendent Sean Gallagher will present various school safety and security measures (agenda below). Assistant Principal Mike Testa, Facilities Director Steve Bergholm, Student Resource Officer Kyle McElroy, and Sgt. Greg Whitney will be on the panel. Building principals and School Committee members will also be available for questions. Agenda:

- Creating a Culture of Belonging
- Emergency Operation Planning
- Physical Plant Security
- Practice and Professional Development
- Partnerships
- Question & Answer session

**Business Meeting Agenda: 7:30 – 8:30PM**

**3. Staff Recognition**

*Sixteen teachers will be recognized for pioneering the co-teaching models at the Bresnahan. They completed a two-day training with Mary Gehrling (a Co-teaching and Inclusion Specialist from the Collaborative for Educational Services). This model of teaching will transform the Bresnahan to create truly inclusive classrooms. These teachers are at the forefront: Robin O'Malley, Keri Lynch, Julie Carroll, Caitlin Marsh, Nick Bushnell, Kelsey Giovannacci, Chrissy Platt, Becky Chapman, Alex Surro, Katara Harding, Bethany Granoth, Michaela Ayres, Janis Cahill, Julie Malchow, Anne Larnard, and Nonie Olson.*

**4. \*Consent Agenda (warrants & minutes of 9/19/2022) – possible Vote**

**5. Student Representative Introductions & Student Report: NHS students Olivia Hansen & Avery Hochheiser will provide the report.**

**6. \*Proposed EF Cuba Trip April 2024 / overnight field trip - possible Vote**

*Principal Andy Wulf and Visual Arts teacher Aileen Maconi will provide information for a proposed overnight field trip to Cuba during April vacation in 2024. (see attached)*

**7. Subcommittee Updates**

- a. Finance Subcommittee – Brian Callahan
- b. Policy Subcommittee – Steve Cole
- c. Joint Education Subcommittee – Bruce Menin
- d. Superintendent Evaluation Subcommittee – Bruce Menin
- e. Transportation Advisory Committee – Juliet Walker

*Minutes of August 17, 2022 and September 13, 2022 (attached).*

**8. Superintendent's Report: Sean Gallagher will discuss the Boston Globe Dalton Award, Open House & Tennis Courts.**

**9. New Business**

**FYI: Upcoming Dates:**

- ✓ **School Committee Business Meeting:** Monday, October 17 at 6:30PM
- ✓ **Nock School Council Meeting:** Tuesday, October 11 @ 5PM

\*Possible Vote

**NEWBURYPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETING**  
**Senior Community Center, 331 High Street, Newburyport, MA 01950**  
**Monday, September 19, 2022**

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

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**Mayor Sean Reardon** called the School Committee Business Meeting of the Newburyport School Committee to order at 6:30 PM. Roll call found all members present except **Sheila Spalding**. All those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

At this point **Vice-Chairman Sarah Hall** took over chairmanship of the meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment at this time.

**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 warrant:  
Warrant 8050 \$431,738.21

**Motion Passed**

**Sheila Spalding absent for vote**

**Minutes:**

On a motion by **Steve Cole** and seconded by **Brian Callahan** it was

**VOTED:** To approve, receive and file the following:  
School Committee Business meeting minutes of Monday, 8-22-2022.

**Motion Passed as amended**

**Bruce Menin voted Present**

**Sheila Spalding absent for vote**

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

**VOTED:** To approve, receive and file the following:  
School Committee Business meeting minutes of Tuesday, 9-6-2022

**Motion Passed as amended**

**Sheila Spalding absent for vote**

**MODEL UN CONFERENCE / OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP:**

Matt LaChapelle, NHS history teacher, outlined the overnight field trip of the World Affairs & Diplomacy class to travel to Montreal, Canada for the purpose of participating in the Model UN



Conference from Tuesday, November 10 through Sunday, November 13, 2022 at McGill University.

**Juliet Walker** inquired as to how many buses and approximately how many students would be attending. Answer: 1 bus, 18 students.

**Bruce Menin** inquired as to how students would be subsidized.

**Motion:**

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

**VOTED:** To approve the overnight field trip of the World Affairs & Diplomacy class to travel to Montreal, Canada for the purpose of participating in the Model UN Conference from Tuesday, November 10 through Sunday, November 13, 2022 at McGill University.

**Motion Passed**

**Sheila Spalding absent for vote**

**INTEGRATED ARTS SPACE UPDATE:**

**Superintendent Gallagher** provided an update regarding the feasibility study sponsored by the NEF to evaluate the Integrated Arts, Science labs, and College & Career Center spaces at the High School.

**Sarah Hall** inquired if the feasibility study would be ready. Answer = Yes

**Juliet Walker** asked for a further explanation of the feasibility study.

**SCHOOL SAFETY & SECURITY FORUM UPDATE:**

**Mayor Reardon** explained there would be a Public Forum which will be held at the Senior/Community Center on Monday, October 3 at 6:30 PM, prior to the School Committee Business meeting.

**Juliet Walker** suggested having people submit questions in advance as has been done in the past forums. She inquired if information would be sent out in advance. Answer = Yes

**SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES:**

**Finance:**

**Brian Callahan** said they met on Thursday, 9/15 and discussed their meeting schedule, transfers and fiscal year 2022.

**Policy:**

**Juliet Walker** said they met on the 12th and reviewed the Lions Club request. The memorials policy applies to this. This is an adequate way to recognize people. They discussed the Policy Manual development.

**Motion:**

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

**VOTED:** To approve and forward to Mayor Reardon for signature the proposal from MASC to consult around a full review of School Committee policies at a fee of \$3,500 per year for up to 3 years.

**Brian Callahan** commented on Exhibit E.

**Motion Passed**

**Sheila Spalding absent for vote**

**Superintendent Evaluation Subcommittee:**

**Bruce Menin** said this would be tweaked and then get links.

**Joint Education:**

**Bruce Menin** said they met tonight before the School Committee meeting and discussed the proposal to the City Council to eliminate the Joint Ed. Subcommittee. He discussed the years past of Joint Ed. and suggested meeting twice a year instead of monthly.

**Sarah Hall** suggested having a liaison to the City Council.

**Steve Cole** said one other function of the committee is education funding.

**Transportation Advisory Subcommittee:**

**Juliet Walker** said they met last week. She spoke about the survey.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

**Superintendent Gallagher** reported on the following:

- Staff report:
  - Bresnahan School - 3 retirees, 2 leave of absence, 4 staff members moved
  - Molin School - 1 retirement, 1 moved
  - Nock School - 5 retirement, 2 new positions, 2 moved
  - NHS - 3.5 new positions, 1.5 L teachers, 1 leave of absence, 4 staff moved

**Juliet Walker** inquired for clarification on NHS.

**Steve Cole** inquired if there would be any mid-year moves. Answer = no all end of year.

He inquired if there would be any December moves. Answer = maybe.

**Bruce Menin** said he appreciated that many of the staff would be moving within the district.

- Entitlement Grant Report
  - He explained the grants.
- Student Voice pilot program - he explained the pilot program.

**Juliet Walker** inquired about getting the entitlement grant bullet points.

**Bruce Menin** inquired if that changed the demographic of the district.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by **Sarah Hall** and seconded by **Mayor Reardon** it was

**VOTED:** To adjourn the Business Meeting of the School Committee at 7:29 PM.

**Motion Passed**

**Sheila Spalding absent for vote**





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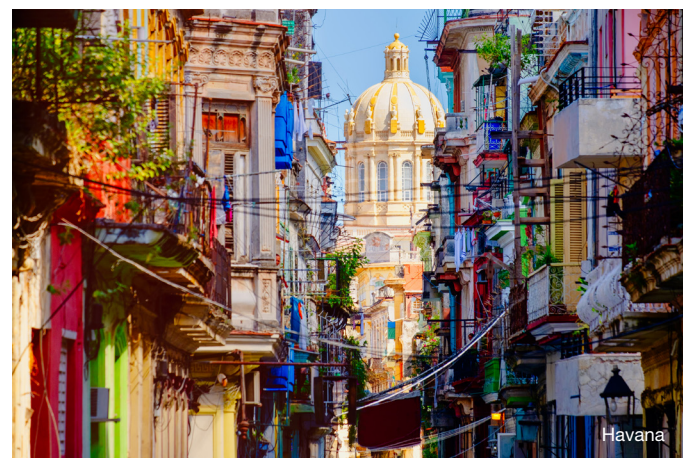
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### Day 2: Havana

- Enjoy sightseeing of Havana and stop at the Plaza de la Revolución
- Engage in insightful conversations with locals at Arte Corte, a community project centered around a hair salon and barber school.
- Visit the Museum of the Revolution, housed in the former Presidential Palace. Admire the museum's beautiful interior details, from the replica of Versailles' Hall of Mirrors to decorations done by New York's Tiffany Studios.
- Learn the game of dominoes, a beloved Cuban pastime, from a local dominoes champion.
- Watch local musicians perform songs inspired by Buena Vista Social Club, a group of Cuban musicians whose self-titled, 1997 debut album sold millions of copies around the world.

### Day 3: Havana

- Travel to the Castillo de los Tres Reyes del Morro, an old Spanish fortress that was built to protect Havana's harbor.
- Visit a community project in Callejon de Hamel, a narrow alley filled with bright and colorful murals and sculptures. Get a taste for Havana's local art as you explore this eccentric backdrop for musicians and rumba dancers.

### Day 4: Havana | Santa Clara | Remedios

- Travel to Santa Clara, a city known for its vast green spaces and traditional dance venues, to visit revolutionary landmarks and get a taste of local music and culture. Discuss Cuba's revolutionary history at the Che Guevara Mausoleum.
- Take in a traditional *trova* music performance and engage with the musicians.
- Continue on to Remedios and take a walking tour of the city.

### Day 5: Remedios | Caibarién

- Learn about the sugar industry in Cuba at a former sugar mill.
- Ride in a steam train to Caibarién, then head to the agricultural and cultural center of the city for a tour.
- Travel back to Remedios, where you'll visit the Museo de las Parrandas, which details the history of Las Parrandas, celebrated annually on December 24.
- Enjoy a lively conversation with local baseball coaches at the city's stadium to learn about the importance of the sport in Cuba.

### Day 6: Remedios | Sancti Spiritus | Trinidad

- As you make your way to Trinidad, visit Sancti Spiritus, one of the oldest European settlements in Cuba. Wander through its charming historic center alongside a local guide, engaging in conversation about its architecture and history.
- After arriving in Trinidad, meet and interact with a local artist to learn about their life, work, and inspiration.
- Learn how to salsa dance alongside local masters, and engage with the performers during a demonstration.

### Day 7: Trinidad | Topes de Collantes | Cienfuegos

- Head north of Trinidad to tour a coffee farm alongside local farmers. Talk about coffee production, as well as struggles that are unique to Cuban coffee farmers, as you walk the grounds together. Enjoy a tasting of fresh, home-roasted coffee.
- Visit the Casa Museo del Café and learn about the history of coffee cultivation and preparation.
- Continue on to Cienfuegos and take a walking tour of this opulent, bayside city.
- Visit the Teatro Tomás Terry, an eclectic and elegant theater located in the city's historical center. Spot its Italian architecture and horseshoe-shaped hall.
- Wander around the decorative and neo-Gothic Palacio del Valle, built between 1913–1917.

### Day 8: Cienfuegos | Bay of Pigs | Havana

- Spend the day exploring the infamous Bay of Pigs, and converse with local experts to learn about its historical significance.
- Join in a discussion with a local marine biologist about the bay's impressive marine ecosystem.
- Visit the Museo Girón and feel echoes of the failed American-led invasion that took place on the beach. Learn more about Cuban history and Fidel Castro's regime during the Cold War.
- Return to Havana and enjoy a farewell dinner.

### Day 9: Depart for home

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**Newburyport School Committee  
Transportation Committee Meeting  
8/17/22 4:30pm**

**Location: Central Office**

**Minutes**

**Attendees: Sean Gallagher, LisaMarie Ippolito, Brian Callahan, Pamela Kealey,  
Juliet Walker**

1. Finalize and schedule survey to Newburyport families re: transportation choices
  - Survey will go out next week and stay open for two weeks. Staff will develop intro text and translation.
2. Reviewed comparative bus fee info from other districts
  - What is the reimbursement policy for districts at the state level? (Phil to look into)
  - Committee suggested adding school budgets to the table for comparison. Juliet will research.
3. Review / discuss draft transportation fee policy options
  - See notes in table, committee to review before next meeting
4. Reviewed email regarding crosswalk safety concern at Toppans and Highland
  - Consider fostering a broader discussion between school and city at large to discuss safe routes to school, this shouldn't be just a school responsibility
  - School crossing guards should be part of the consideration, but shouldn't be the only solution
5. EV Grant Funding update
  - LisaMarie will be attending a meeting with City staff and will update us at the next meeting
6. Next meeting
  - 9/13 at 4pm
  - 9/27 at 4pm



**Newburyport School Committee  
Transportation Advisory Committee  
9/13/22 4:00pm**

**Minutes**

**Location: Nock/Molin School Central Office**

**Attendees: Sean Gallagher, LisaMarie Ippolito, Brian Callahan, Phil Littlehale, Pam Kealey**

- I. Approval of Minutes for 8/17/22
  - Voted to approve
  
- II. Transportation survey – [Survey Summary – Preliminary Results](#)
  - 646 total English, 1 spanish, 13 portuguese
  - Juliet will summarize before next meeting
  - Some highlights – fee is too expensive, distance is too far
  
- III. Review / discuss draft transportation fee policy options –  
[DRAFT Transportation Policy Options](#)
  - See edits in table
  
- IV. EV Grant Funding update
  - See table
  
- V. Next meeting
  - A. Next meeting 9/27 4pm



**NEWBURYPORT HIGH SCHOOL NAMED  
BOSTON GLOBE DALTON AWARD WINNER**

For the second consecutive year, Newburyport High School has earned the prestigious Dalton Award from the Boston Globe. Named after Ernest Dalton, Globe sports editor for 42 years, this award is given to the school with the highest winning percentage across the entire athletic program. The Clippers were named the Division 3 (enrollment of 700-999) winner out of over 40 schools across the state. The article will be in The Boston Sunday Globe on October 2.

Newburyport has won only twice in the 45-year history of this award and is off to a great start this fall in hopes to make it three in a row.

Additionally, Newburyport High School athletics was named the 2021-22 Hyland Award winner for the Cape Ann League. This award is given to the school with the highest rankings in each of the following categories: sportsmanship, academics, participation, community service, and win percentage.