

NEWBURYPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

NEWBURYPORT, MASSACHUSETTS

School Committee Business Meeting

Monday, March 20, 2023

6:30PM

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Newburyport, MA
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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.

Please note: 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. The meeting will be televised locally live on Comcast Channel 9 & streamed via <https://ncmhub.org/share/channel-9/>.

Business Meeting Agenda:

1. Call to Order

2. Public Comment

3. Student & Staff Recognitions

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

4. *Consent Agenda (warrants) – possible Vote

5. Technology Presentation

6. *2023-2024 School Choice Projections - possible Vote

7. *Proposal to form Instruction & Learning Subcommittee - possible Vote

8. Subcommittee Updates

a. Finance Subcommittee – Brian Callahan

b. Policy Subcommittee – Juliet Walker

Proposed Policy Revisions – 2nd reading

** BDE – Subcommittees of the School Committee – possible Vote*

** IB (IGD) – Curriculum Adoption – possible Vote*

9. Superintendent’s Report

10. 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 & Staff Recognitions

Six Bresnahan students are being recognized for consistently modeling the Bresnahan values every day, “*Be safe, be kind, be responsible*”. Congratulations Riley Ostrom, Thomas Sarno, Harrison Sarno, Finn Hinchy, Darragh Hinchy and Madelyn Santos.

Congratulations to Katara Harding, 2nd grade teacher at the Bresnahan Elementary School. She is being recognized for her exceptional work in and out of the classroom, including after school programs, the PTO and various other activities, as well as her dedication to the students and staff.

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

4. *Consent Agenda (warrants) – *possible Vote*

5. Technology Presentation – Lisa Furlong, Director of Communications & Technology, will provide an update of the *NHS 1:1 Device Program*. A list of frequently asked questions is enclosed in the packet. Additional information is available on the Technology page of the high school’s website: <https://www.newburyport.k12.ma.us/domain/116>

6. *2023-2024 School Choice Projections – *possible Vote*

Superintendent Sean Gallagher will provide an update regarding 2023-2024 school choice possibilities. The School Committee will determine the district’s participation and number of students to be accepted, in accordance with the School Choice Policy (JFBB).

7. *Proposal to form Instruction & Learning Subcommittee – *possible Vote*

Breanna Higgins will present the attached proposal to establish a new subcommittee titled Instruction and Learning Subcommittee (policy BDE - Subcommittees of the School Committee).

8. Subcommittee Updates

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9. Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Sean Gallagher will provide a FY24 Budget update and will review upcoming MCAS dates.

10. New Business

FYI: Upcoming Dates:

- ✓ **Early Release Day:** Friday, March 17
- ✓ **Nock School Council meeting:** Monday, March 20 @ 8:15AM
- ✓ **Family Engagement Night:** Thursday, March 23 @ 6:30PM
- ✓ **Bresnahan School Council meeting:** Tuesday, March 28 @ 8:10AM
- ✓ **NYS Parent Speaker Series:** Wednesday, March 29 @ 7:00PM
- ✓ **NHS Presents Fiddler on the Roof:** March 31 & April 1
- ✓ **School Committee Budget Public Hearing & Business Meeting:** Monday, April 3 @6:30PM

*Possible Vote

Frequently Asked Questions

What if our family does not choose to participate in the lease-to-own?

We encourage every family to invest in the iPad Air package. We recognize that some families may already have invested in a device. There are three options for students:

1. Participate in the Lease-to-Own Program
2. Bring your own device (devices will not be supported by NPS tech and must meet certain requirements)
3. Use a loaner device in class as needed. Every classroom will have iPad devices available for student use. There will NOT be computers available for check out overnight, only for in-class use.

When do we need to sign up?

Enrollment will take place from March 6- April 12, 2023. The first payment is due at enrollment. Scholarship information can be found on the [NHS Technology Page](#) and on [MySchoolBucks](#).

How will the devices be serviced?

The NPS Technology Team will manage support for all leased devices. Students will be able to drop their devices off in the Tech Office.

What does AppleCare+ Insurance cover?

We encourage you to read the full [AppleCare+ documentation](#). AppleCare+ covers two incidents of accidental damage per device per year for a \$49 service fee. Students participating in the lease-to-own program will have access to support from the NPS Technology Team.

What are the "bring your own device" requirements?

Please note the NPS Tech department will not service devices outside of the lease program. Student BYOD devices should meet the following requirements:

- Able to run the most recent version of Google Chrome
- Wireless network capable (5ghz wireless AC or newer)
- 10" or greater screen size
- Full size keyboard

How is the cost of this package different than if I purchased at an Apple Store?

The retail price for the iPad Air 64GB is \$599. Through the 'Shop for College' store the price is \$549 but this is only available to college students. The school district is offering the device for \$544. The retail price AppleCare+ on the iPad Air is \$79 and only covers 2 years (\$39.50/year). The school district is offering 4-year coverage for \$109 (\$27.25/year). 4-year coverage is not available through the Store.

All families will qualify for our lease-to-own program guaranteed at 0%.

Can a family decide to join the program any year?	Yes. Enrollment will take place once a year. Lease payments will reflect the number of years your student has left at NHS.
How do I sign up?	All enrollments will happen online at MySchoolBucks.com. You can use your existing MySchoolBucks account or, if you don't have one, create a new one. The first payment is due at enrollment.
What software and apps will be provided by the school?	All apps and software used by the school will be provided free of charge.
Will NHS continue to use Google Workspace for Education?	Yes. Teachers will continue to use Google Classroom and students will have access to the full Google Educational suite.
How will NHS manage what is on each device?	Although the device will be managed by NPS, we want students to see this device as their own educational tool and learn to use it to enhance their learning experience. Students will be able to add apps and software of their choosing. If they choose, families can opt into a more restricted management plan.
How will NHS ensure appropriate use of technology during the school day?	All NHS students are responsible for abiding by the standards of conduct outlined in the Clipper Compass. The NHS technology team ensures all district devices are COPPA and CIPA compliant.
What management tools do the teachers have?	Using Apple Classroom, teachers can temporarily see student screens and lock in apps. Apple Classroom also allows a teacher to share documents and communicate with students to help them stay on task.
Did NHS consider other Apple devices like the MacBook Air?	Yes. Early research included both PC and Apple devices. Once the decision was made to go with an Apple device, both iPads and MacBooks were considered. The iPad Air M1 with a keyboard can do much of what students currently do on a laptop while adding functionality (e.g. Apple Pencil, more flexible cameras, accessibility features) to allow students and teachers to approach teaching, learning and creating in new ways.
What if I miss the sign-up period?	Due to ordering timelines, we cannot accept orders after the closing date. You can choose to join the program the following year.

What is the plan for teacher professional development?

Over the past three years teams of NHS educators and administrators have been involved in piloting and researching 1:1 devices.

NHS math and integrated arts teachers are already using iPads. In addition, staff from the history and science departments have participated in a semester-long iPad Pro professional development program. This team of “super users” are excited to expand the use of iPads to students and will support the growth and development of their colleagues.

The FY24 NHS budget will include a recommendation for a full-time technology integrator. The district already has integrators at the Bresnahan and Nock-Molin schools. Integrators provide ongoing professional development, personalized coaching and direct instruction. This model allows our teachers to grow and learn as technology changes.

The district will continue to work with our Apple Professional Learning team to create customized opportunities for teachers and to support all educators in using the excellent [Apple Teacher](#) resources.

The adoption of any new technology takes time. We expect teachers and students will find many unexpected and creative uses for the iPads. We are excited about the work our integrated arts, math and science teachers are already doing with the iPad. The SAMR model offers a nice visual for how we expect teachers and students to change the way they are teaching and learning over time.

Can we upgrade to the iPad Pro?

The iPad Pro with keyboard and pencil is an excellent choice for students. The NPS leasing program does not have the flexibility to allow for the purchase of different devices, but families can purchase this device directly from Apple.

Why a 1:1 Program?

Access to a reliable and flexible computer is essential for advanced learning. With the iPad Air M1, NHS students will have a device that can grow with them.

Equity: A 1:1 program guarantees that every student has access to a reliable and agile portable device.

Uniformity: By focusing on a single platform, educators can innovate with technology knowing that our systems will support their creativity and our students will be able to access their lessons. Students will have access to onsite technology support for their hardware and software needs.

Creativity: Every day, our students personalize, create and explore using their own devices. The NHS 1:1 program provides a device that will support this same level of innovation and personalization in every classroom. In addition, the iPad provides every student with built in features that allow them to communicate, create, and connect in a multi-media environment.

Accessibility: The iPad's extensive accessibility features provide every student with universal tools to personalize and organize their learning.

Learning Beyond the Classroom Walls: With their own device, every student will be able to continue their learning and creating from home, at the library, or even in the field.

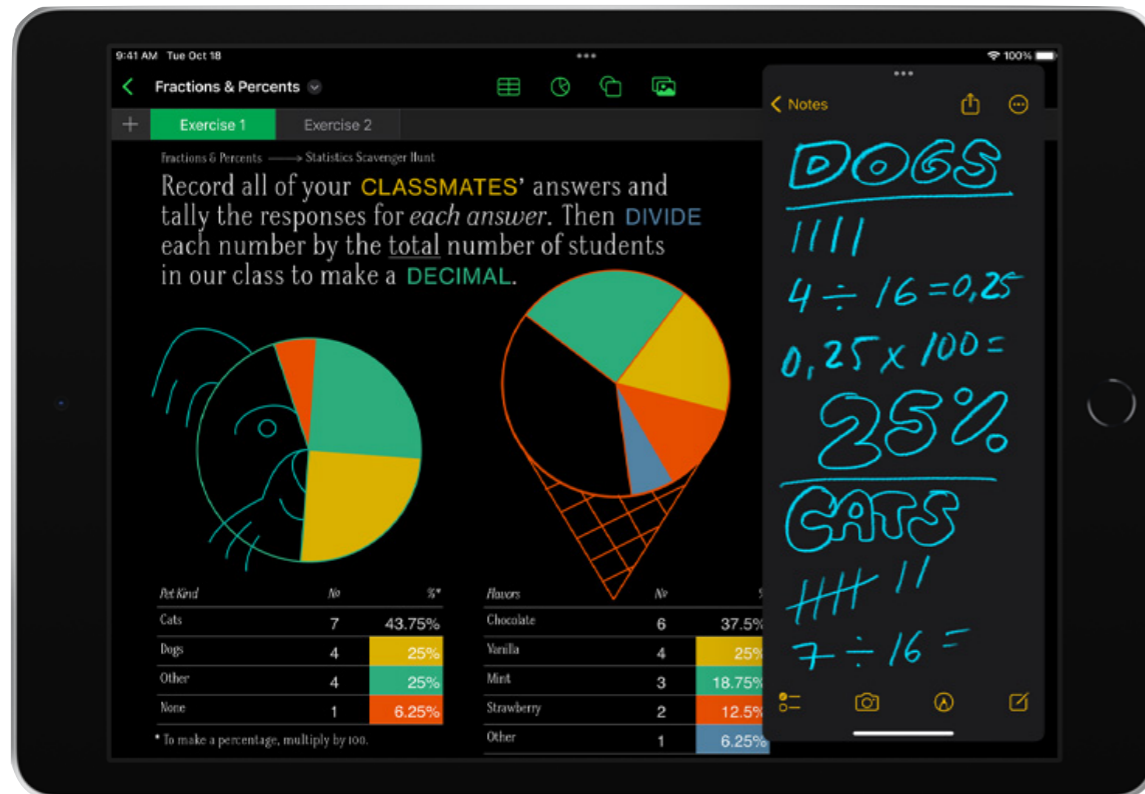
Innovation: The iPad is a flexible and agile device that will allow our teachers and students to “reimagine teaching and learning.” From online assessments to multimedia research and creation, with every student on an iPad Air, we will move forward in our goal of creating a rigorous and engaging education experience at NHS.

Meeting our Portrait of a Graduate Vision: A 1:1 program will make sure every student and every educator has the tools to prepare NHS graduates for their future and meet our Portrait of a Graduate goals.



Why Apple?

Apple has a long history of supporting educational success.



iPad. **Portable.** Powerful.
Packed with potential.

Educational Visioning and Planning

Customized planning encompasses educational visioning, educator professional development, Apple school networking, and device purchase and management solutions.

Instructional Coaching

- Dedicated Apple Professional Learning Consultants
- Apple Learning Programs for Educators
- [Apple Education Community](#) with Online PD Courses and Certifications
- Customized on site consultation

Accessibility Features

Built in features allow for a customizable interaction with content. From reading to creating this device supports all types of learners.

Device Management

- Dedicated Apple systems engineer
- AppleCare Support
- Logistics, management and security systems

Total Cost of Ownership

- Break fix costs
- Trade in value
- App purchasing through Apple School Manager
- Sustainable Engineering

NEWBURYPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SCHOOL COMMITTEE – 3/20/2023

PROPOSED OPENINGS: School Choice 2023 - 2024

Bresnahan Elementary

Grade 1 = 10

Grade 2 = 10

Grade 3 = 5

Molin Upper Elementary

None *(due to class sizes)*

Nock Middle

Grade 6 = 10

Grade 7 = 5

Grade 8 = 5

Newburyport High School

Grade 9 = 20

From: Breanna Higgins

To: Vice Chair Hall

Date: March 7, 2023

RE: Proposal to form Instruction and Learning Subcommittee

Consistent with School Committee Policy BDE, request that the School Committee vote to establish an Instruction and Learning Subcommittee with the following charge:

The Instruction & Learning Subcommittee will serve as a conduit between the School Committee, District, and community and ensure that the instruction and learning of students is the schools' utmost priority. The subcommittee will:

- Review outcomes of the district's curriculum review cycles related to instruction and learning
- Review district assessment data
- Recommend to Superintendent spotlight presentations to share academic progress and successes

This subcommittee shall be dissolved at the end of the month of September of the current calendar year unless the School Committee votes to extend the subcommittee's term.

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- Finance
- Policy
- Superintendent Evaluation

Version Control

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The School Committee wishes to be informed of all new courses and substantive revisions in curriculum. It will receive reports on changes under consideration. Its acceptance of these reports, including a listing of the high school program of studies, will constitute its adoption of the curriculum for official purposes.

SOURCE: MASC

LEGAL REF.: : M.G.L. 71:1; 69:1E

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Second Reading	3/20/23

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FY24 Budget Updates

3.6.23: FY24 Budget Aspirational Budget Summary

Description	City	Medicaid	Choice	Circuit Breaker	Entitlement Grants	Revolving Accounts	ESSER II	ESSER III	TOTAL
Level Service Total	36,714,466	110,000	600,000	2,709,318	700,000	856,487	-	1,050,224	42,740,495
% Chg FY24 Level Service to FY23	4.8%	0.0%	-24.5%	92.2%	0.0%	0.0%	-100.0%	0.0%	6.5%
Staff Adds	872,191								872,191
Non-Personnel Adds	97,750								97,750
Aspirational Budget Total	37,684,407	110,000	600,000	2,709,318	700,000	856,487		1,050,224	43,710,436
Total Adds	969,941								
% Chg FY24 Aspirational Budget to FY23 Approved	7.5%	0.0%	-24.5%	92.2%	0.0%	0.0%	-100.0%	0.0%	8.9%

3.6.23: FY24 Budget, Summary of Investments

District	NHS	Nock	Molin	Bresnahan
Assistant Groundskeeper (46K) Special Education Professional Development (40K) EL/Curriculum Administration (21K) Math Curriculum Resources (35K)	Specialized Programs Administrator (100K) Technology Integrator (67K) .2 Music Teacher (17K) After School Alternative Program Development (38K) NEASC (5K) Global Citizenship (4K)	.5 BCBA (33.5K) Place-Based Education Program Development (45K) Curriculum Resources (world language/science) (11K)	.5 BCBA (33.5K) Grade 4 Teacher (67K) Grade 4-5 Language-Based Teacher (67K)	1.0 BCBA (67K) Health and Wellness Teacher (67K) Math Interventionist (67K) Special Education Teacher (IDC program) (69K) 4 Special Education IAs (PK and IDC) (129K)

3.20.23: Revisions—Budget Neutral or Removed

District	NHS	Nock	Molin	Bresnahan
Special Education Professional Development (40K)— Grant Funded	Specialized Programs Administrator (100K)— Administrative Reorganization	Place-Based Education Program Development (45K)— School Choice Revenue Funding	Grade 4 Teacher (67K)— Watching enrollment numbers	1.0 BCBA (67K)— Prioritization and reorganization Health and Wellness Teacher (67K)— Prioritization and reorganization 4 Special Education IAs (PK and IDC) (129K)— Reorganization
Reduction from 3.6.23 of \$515,000				

3.20.23: FY24 Budget Investments—No Change

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3.20.23: FY24 Budget Summary with Updates

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Staff Adds	306,785					32,615			339,400
Non-Personnel Adds	52,750		45,000						97,750
Aspirational Budget Total	37,074,001	110,000	645,000	2,709,318	700,000	889,102		1,050,224	43,177,645
Total Adds									
% Chg FY24 Aspirational Budget to FY23 Approved	5.8%	0.0%	-18.9%	92.2%	0.0%	3.8%	-100.0%	0.0%	7.6%

Link to 3.6.23 Budget Holder Presentation

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