

**NEWBURYPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETING & COVID FORUM
Nock Middle School Auditorium, 70 Low Street, Newburyport, MA 01950
Monday, October 4, 2021**

COVID FORUM

COVID Public Forum Convened at 6:30 PM

Present: Sean Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools; Lauren McDonald, NPS Director of Health Services; Frank Giacalone, Nbpt. Dir. of Public Health; Pam Palombo, Nbpt. Public Health Nurse, Jessica Lasky-Su, DSc, MS; Lars Lundgren, MD, FAAP, Commander Mike Allard (remote)

School Committee Vice-Chairman Brian Callahan chaired the Forum. He identified and directed numerous questions which had been submitted by the general public to the Forum Committee. Each question was answered by a member or members of the Forum Committee.

The COVID Forum adjourned at 7:44 PM

Link to COVID Forum questions: <https://www.newburyport.k12.ma.us/COVID-19/index.html>

NEWBURYPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETING

Present: Mayor Donna Holaday, Brian Callahan, Bruce Menin, David Hochheiser, Sheila Spalding, Sean Reardon, Steve Cole

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL:

Mayor Donna Holaday called the School Committee Business Meeting of the Newburyport School Committee to order at 7:45 PM. Roll call found all members present.

At this time Vice-Chairman Brian Callahan assumed chairmanship of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Warrants:

Motion:

On a motion by Steve Cole and seconded by Mayor Holaday it was

VOTED: To approve, receive and forward to the City Auditor for payment the following warrants:

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| Warrant 8039 | \$361,102.89 |
| Warrant 8039A | <u>\$ 10,115.71</u> |
| Total | \$371,218.60 |

Motion Passed Unanimously

MINUTES:

Motion:

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

VOTED: To approve, receive and file the following meeting minutes:
School Committee Business Minutes of Monday, September 20, 2021
Policy Sub-Committee Minutes of August 23, 2021
Policy Sub-Committee Minutes of September 28, 2021

Motion Passed Unanimously

SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Finance

Steve Cole reported at their last meeting they discussed the FY21 update.

David Hochheiser asked if they were going to have a fundraising conversation at a future meeting.

Sean Reardon asked if they could have a joint fundraising/Finance Committee Policy conversation.

Policy

Sheila Spalding said they met on September 28 and discussed the following:

- School year calendar
- School calendar of topics
- She thanked Lisa Furlong for her efforts concerning the website.

Joint Ed.

Sean Reardon said they will be meeting tomorrow at 12PM at the Senior Center.

Bruce Menin said they discussed the Literacy Program.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Gallagher reported on the following:

- 28th Focus Group Strategic Planning
- Open Houses - all were well attended
NHS - September 22
Nock - September 23
Pre-K - September 27
Grades 1 - 3 - September 29
At the Molin, parents went right to the classrooms.
He thanked all those concerned for their hard work.

Bruce Menin inquired re: Strategic Planning - How are we rolling it out to the community?

Superintendent Gallagher said they worked with all involved - over 500 people who participated. He said he would like to have a night concerning this, an open session then have breakout sessions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sheila Spalding said CPAC will meet on October 20.

David Hochheiser said Policy talked about surveying.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by **Mayor Holaday** and seconded by **Steve Cole** it was

VOTED: To adjourn the Business Meeting of the Newburyport School Committee
at 8:00 PM.

Motion Passed Unanimously