

WEEKLY UPDATE FROM THE NMRSD SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE MARCH 5, 2017

NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The next NMRSD School Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, March 6, 2017, at 7:00 PM at the high school. Agenda items include the following:

PRESENTATIONS

1. Merit of therapeutic dogs in schools

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- School Year Calendar 2017-2018
- Public Forums for an Athletic Turf Field at North Middlesex Regional High School
- Destination Imagination Tournament
- Photovoltaic Subcommittee

POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE

The Policy Subcommittee recommends the school committee adopt the following policy for (2nd reading):

- IHA Basic Instructional Program

OLD BUSINESS

1. FY18 Budget ~ Discussion & Budget Adoption
2. Brad Brooks, Director of Special Education, recommends the committee extend the three-year (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2017) transportation contract with Van Pool Transportation, for an additional three years July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2020

NEW BUSINESS

1. To authorize the Superintendent to sign and execute said contract with Habeeb Associated to perform the Statement of Building Conditions at Hawthorne Brook Middle School in the amount of \$9,500.00
2. The Superintendent recommends the Committee increase school lunch prices for the 2017-2018 school year
3. Request to allow Superintendent to approve/accept, sign and execute said contract for utilities not to exceed 24 months
4. Approval of the service contracts for Project Adventure for Nissitissit Middle School and Hawthorne Brook Middle School
5. Award of the state contract FAC88 request for quotes for Mower/Tractor to Padula Brothers in the amount of \$38,371.03

6. Approve fundraising at Nissitissit Middle School for a therapy dog for their building

NORTH MIDDLESEX REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

The next meeting of the North Middlesex Regional High School Building Committee will be held on Monday, March 6, 2017, at the high school at 5:00 PM. Agenda items include the following:

PROJECT BUDGET AND SCHEDULE

- a) Schedule ~ CTA ~ 3 Month Look Ahead
- b) OPM/Designer Update/Presentation of Project Progress
- c) Budget

OLD BUSINESS

- a) Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment Procurement Update (Vote Anticipated)
- b) Construction Change Summary – Work Under Protest Review

New Business/General Discussion/Community Outreach

- a) Committee Approval of Change Order #14 (Vote Anticipated)

Maintenance Building Update – During the building committee meeting on October 25, 2016, the committee reviewed three options to address the required renovation of the existing 2-bay garage on the current high school property. The building committee agreed that renovating the existing 2-bay garage was the most economical option. The options were reviewed during the school committee meeting on November 21, 2016. The school committee decided to move forward with the renovation option for a vote during the April/May 2017 Annual Town Meeting in all three member towns.

Artificial Turf Field Update – During the building committee meeting on October 25, 2016, the committee discussed the possibility of adding an artificial turf field to the athletic upgrades for the project. An evaluation of the costs, long term maintenance, potential health concerns and usage needs were conducted over the next two months. A preliminary discussion/presentation occurred at the school committee meeting on December 5, 2016, followed by a formal presentation during the school committee meeting on January 9, 2017. During the school committee meeting on January 9th, the committee voted to bring a warrant article to the upcoming Annual Town Meeting to add an artificial turf field to the high school building project. The article will be brought to a vote during the April/May 2017 Annual Town Meeting in all three member towns.

Note – for both the maintenance building and artificial turf field – it is the building committee’s intent that the funds to cover these items would come from cost savings realized during the current high school building project and would not have an additional impact on our member towns.

Progress continues on the high school building project site. Wall tile and lockers are complete in most areas of the building. The boilers, many of the rooftop air condition units and the elevator are operational. Flooring has been installed in many of the classrooms and installation in the hallways is beginning. Classroom cabinets and marker boards have been installed, and lighting in most areas of the building is operational. The masonry work in the gym and locker rooms is almost complete.

The exterior masonry work continues with the majority of the brickwork complete. The installation of the metal panels is complete on parapet walls surrounding the fly-loft and surrounding the library/media center with trim and finish detail work on-going.

Week of 3/6

- Continue exterior masonry and start interior area
- Continue taping and sanding in auditorium both floors and miscellaneous soffits in gym
- MEP rough in auditorium and mechanical space
- Startup of balance of RTU
- Complete lockers in gym area
- Install marker and tack boards
- Continue finish coat frames in B building and 1st coat Soffits and corridors in A and B building
- Install elevator vent
- Continue VCT B-1 in corridors in D building
- Continue ceramic walls and floors in student bathrooms
- Continue kitchen quarry tile
- Complete frame and glazing CW west elevation
- Continue fascia and metal roofing in A building and media center
- Continue interior SF and glazing in C building
- Continue ceiling grid in media center, and A/E and C buildings
- Insulation of MEP in all areas
- Installing MEP finishes in B and A buildings
- Continue rigging in auditorium
- Continue interior and exterior caulking
- Installing glazing A /B building (protest)
- Closing up ceilings in D building on both floors
- Form and place mock-up colored concrete for sidewalks
- Installing bollards at locking dock area and start exterior rough work grading for site work

A public forum has been scheduled for March 23 at 7:00 PM in the high school gymnasium to provide members of the community with an opportunity to ask questions regarding adding an artificial turf field to the high school building project. We hope all community stakeholders will attend these important forums.

DATES TO REMEMBER

EARLY RELEASE DAYS FOR STUDENTS ON MARCH 9TH AND MARCH 10TH

NMRHS BOYS VARSITY HOCKEY

Congratulations to the boy's hockey team, who defeated Groton in double overtime on Wednesday! Their next game is Tuesday, March 7th at 6:00 PM vs. Wachusett at the Fitchburg Wallace Arena.

NMRHS GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

The girl's basketball team secured the league title in their win over Quabbin. Congratulations!

PEPPERELL YOUTH BASEBALL

Registration is open for spring 2017 baseball in Pepperell. See flyer attached for important information.

NMRS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION:

Throughout the month of March, the Foundation is selling raffle tickets for a chance to win four turf seats to see legendary artists James Taylor and Bonnie Raitt at Fenway Park on Friday, August 11th. (Ten dollars per chance) Raffle tickets are available from NM students, Mrs. Hamel (NM Principal's office), and the Foundation. For more information, contact Sue Boswell at msbswll@charter.net.

PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

Here are the revised dates for this year's epic musical!

Mon: March 20, 2-6 PM, Full Rehearsal

Tues: March 21, 2-7 PM, Full Dress Rehearsal

Wed: March 22, 5 PM, Open Dress Rehearsal Free Performance for Senior Citizens

Thurs: March 23, 2-4:30 PM, Music Rehearsal ONLY w/ Orchestra

Fri: March 24, 7 PM, OPENING NIGHT

Sat: March 25, 2 shows, 2 PM Matinee & 7PM

Contact: Michelle Blake via email at mblake@nmrsd.org

YOUTH ART MONTH

The North Middlesex Regional High School Art Department is pleased to announce that eight students have had their artwork selected for display at the State Transportation Building in Boston in celebration of Youth Art Month!

The show is on display and opens to the public weekdays 9:00 AM-5:00 PM from February 26 through March 31.

Congratulations to the following NM students:

Cassidy H., Melissa I., Brooke M., Catherine N., Alicia S., Hyrum T., Rachel T., Brigitte Y.

NM MUSICIANS

The following NM musicians were selected for the All- State Music Festival and Conference to be held in Boston, March 9-11 culminating with a concert at Symphony Hall. The audition process is rigorous and truly encompasses excellence and skill from our students. We enthusiastically congratulate:

Paige D. - Trumpet

Kyle K. - Choir

Adam K. - Double Bass

Alivia R. - Choir

Joseph T. - Choir

SPRING ATHLETIC REGISTRATION

Begins Friday, February 3rd and ends Sunday, March 5th.

Late registration begins Monday, March 6th and ends Sunday, March 19th. (A non-refundable late registration fee of \$25.00 is applied during this period.)

CAMP INVENTION

Camp Invention will be held at Nissitissit Middle School during the week of June 26th-June 30th. The camp day will run from 8:00 AM until 2:30 PM. Students will engage in a variety of STEM activities as well as team building and problem-solving using real world ideas. Camp Invention is sponsored by the National Inventors Hall of Fame in partnership with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. It is open to all students in grades K - 6 for full participation, and there are limited spots for students in 7-9 as counselors in training. We also will be accepting applications for leadership interns (volunteer positions for students in high school or college). Please contact Branden Judkins (bjudkins@nmrsd.org) with any additional questions.

Camp Invention Promo Video -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9OiFeEzgJwA>

To Register:

<http://campinvention.org/inspire/camp-invention-k-6th/2017-program/>

MESSAGE FROM PEPPERELL SOCCER

Enjoy a night of fun on ST. PATRICK'S DAY with music by DJ JAMO to benefit Pepperell Soccer

When: March 17th, 2017

Time: 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM

Location: Bailey's on the Green

Tickets \$20 each (includes appetizers)

21 +

See attached flyer.

Please contact Marisa Graham for tickets at marisagraham@msn.com

SOCIAL MEDIA AWARENESS 2.0 NEW INFO!

Nissitissit Middle School Auditorium

March 23, 2017

6:30 PM (See attached flyer.)