

# **School Committee Meeting**

**January 25, 2016**

**Superintendent's Conference**  
**Room**

**Open Session**  
**7:00 P.M.**



## Town of Reading Meeting Posting with Agenda

### Board - Committee - Commission - Council:

#### School Committee

Date: 2016-01-25

Time: 7:00 PM

Building: School - Memorial High

Location: Superintendent Conference Room

Address: 82 Oakland Road

Purpose: Open Session - REVISED

Meeting Called By: Linda Engelson on behalf of the Chair

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**All Meeting Postings must be submitted in typed format; handwritten notices will not be accepted.**

### Topics of Discussion:

- 7:00 p.m.           A. Call to Order
- 7:05 p.m.           B. Public Comment
- 7:10 – 7:15 p.m.   C. Consent Agenda
- Accept a Donation from Samantha's Harvest
  - Accept a Donation from the Friends of Reading Wrestling
  - Approval of Minutes (January 14, 2016)
- 7:20 – 7:30 p.m.   D. Reports
- 1. Students
  - 2. Liaison/Sub-Committee
  - 3. Superintendent
  - 4. Assistant Superintendent
  - 5. Director of Student Services
  - 6. Director of Finance
- 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.   E. New Business
- 1. FY2017 Budget Presentation
    - Answer Submitted FY17 Budget Questions
    - School Committee Vote (A)
- F. Old Business
- G. Information
- H. Routine Matters
- 1. Bills & Payroll Warrants
  - 2. Calendar
- 9:05 p.m.           I. Future Business
- J. Adjourn

This Agenda has been prepared in advance and represents a listing of topics that the chair reasonably anticipates will be discussed at the meeting. However the agenda does not necessarily include all matters which may be taken up at this meeting.

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TO: Reading School Committee

FROM: John F. Doherty, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

DATE January 20, 2016

TOPIC: Accept a Donation from Samantha's Harvest

At our meeting on Monday evening, Rob & Lisa Gibbs and members of the Samantha's Harvest Board will be at our meeting to present their annual donation to the Reading Public Schools. This donation in the amount of \$3,000 will be used to support student services professional development.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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TO: Reading School Committee

FROM: John F. Doherty, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

DATE: January 25, 2016

TOPIC: Accept a Donation from the Friends of Reading Wrestling

At our meeting on Monday evening I will ask the School Committee to accept a donation from the Friends of Reading Wrestling in the amount of \$13,876 to be used to support the purchase of two mats.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

1/21/16

To: Tom Zaya, Athletic Director, Reading Memorial High School

From: Jonathan Fandel, President – Friends of Reading Wrestling (FoRW)

CC: Reading Public School Committee

Subject: FoRW funding and support for equipment procurement

Tom,

Friends of Reading Wrestling has voted on and approved the funding for the purchase of two Dollamur lightweight wrestling mats. The costs for these two mats, including delivery to Reading Memorial High School, is \$13,876.00. Attached is the quote from G & G Athletic Wear, DBA Coaches Corner.

Procuring these two additional mats will provide a vital resource to the team for ongoing and repeated use. Given we are now hosting the MIAA All-States wrestling tournament, having these mats on hand will eliminate the need to pay for rental and delivery of future mats needed to run an efficient tournament this year, and each year moving forward. We feel the above noted costs are a very reasonable expense.

We are requesting your support, and the support of the School Committee, and assistance, in ordering and procuring this equipment as soon possible, so we may begin to maximize their use. Thank you for guidance in the approval and payment process that the Friends of Reading Wrestling organization needs to follow to proceed with this procurement.

Thank you,

*Jonathan Fandel*

Jonathan Fandel

President, Friends of Reading Wrestling

CC: Craig Murphy, Reading Wrestling Coach

Joanne Nastri, Treasurer, Friends of Reading Wrestling

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**507 SW 2<sup>ND</sup> ST**

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**FAX 973 689-9106**

**SONNYCOACHESCORNER@GMAIL.COM**

To: Craig Murphy / (978) 729-9635  
E-Mail: murphcraig@yahoo.com  
Re: Wrestling mat quote for Reading HS

Date: January 20, 2016

We will manufacture and deliver new Dollamur lightweight wrestling mats to Reading High School in Reading, MA. The mat specifications are 1-5/8" thick, 42' x 40' in 7 sections, 6' x 40". Red mats with white circles 30' and 10' in diameter and white starting lines. Dollamur's patented Flexi-Connect hook and loop system is included at no charge, eliminating the need for mat tape.

2 additional loaner mats will be supplied for the Massachusetts State tournament on February 27-28 2016 with 2 mat purchase.

Mat price: 2 mats @ \$6,888 ea	\$13,776.00
State promo discount: \$500 ea	(\$1,000.00)
Shipping:	\$1,100.00
Flexi-Connect hook and loop system: State promo discount	N/C
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$13,876.00</u></b>

Delivery: 4 weeks ARO

Feel free to contact me with any questions at (917) 414-2688

Sincerely,

Jason Bross

Quote is valid for 30 days

*"There is scarcely anything in the world that some man cannot make a little worse, and sell a little more cheaply. The person who buys on price alone is this man's lawful prey." - John Ruskin 1819-1900*



## Town of Reading Meeting Minutes

**DRAFT**

### Board - Committee - Commission - Council:

School Committee

Date: 2016-01-14

Time: 7:00 PM

Building: School - Memorial High

Location: Superintendent Conference Room

Address: 82 Oakland Road

Purpose: General Meeting

Session: Open Session

Attendees: **Members - Present:**

Jeanne Borawski, Linda Snow Dockser, Elaine Webb, Chuck Robinson & Julie Joyce

**Members - Not Present:**

Members Gary Nihan, Student Representative Carl Gillies

**Others Present:**

Craig Martin, Assistant Superintendent, Director of Student Services  
Carolyn Wilson, Director of Finance Martha Sybert, Al Sylvia, Daily Chronicle,  
Student Representative Alex Nazzaro, RTA President Chris Copeland, Birch  
Meadow Principal Patti Beckman, RISE Preschool Director Debbie Butts,  
RMHS Department Head Kristin Killian, Director of Nurses Lynn Dunn, RMHS  
Assistant Principal Tom Zaya, Network Administrator Julian Carr, RMHS  
teacher Danya Mahoney, RPS Budget Parents, Fincom Members Mark  
Dockser, Anne Johnson Landry and Paula Perry, RPS Team Chairs

**Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:** Linda Engelson on behalf of the Chair

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### Topics of Discussion:

#### I. Call to Order

Chair Robinson called the School Committee to order at 7:03 p.m.

#### II. Recommended Procedure

##### A. Public Input

The Chair asked for public input. RMHS Latin teacher Danya Mahoney read a statement regarding the importance of maintaining a strong Latin program.

Chair Robinson thanked her for her input.

##### B. Reports

###### Student

Ms. Nazzaro reported the Martin Luther King Celebration at which the high school chorus will be performing. She then read a statement supporting the need

to avoid the cut in the .4 Latin position. She said there was a lot of talk among the students regarding this cut. The student body is not happy. Ms. Nazzaro currently takes Latin and this class is very important to her. She shared that Latin has a basis in many aspects of everyday life. The classes are excellent as are her teachers.

### Liaisons

Mrs. Joyce attended the Board of Selectmen's meeting on Tuesday night as the Board began their budget discussions.

Dr. Snow Dockser reminded everyone of the Martin Luther King Celebration on January 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. There will be representatives from the GSA and A World of Difference Clubs participating in this year's event. She thanked community business for their support of this huge community event.

Dr. Snow Dockser reminded the community of the Coolidge Middle School production of Alice in Wonderland, Jr. this weekend.

Mrs. Webb recommended that all members of the community should look over the Town Manager's budget overview. The FY2017 budget will be extremely difficult and the community needs to be engaged and take an active role.

### C. Consent Agenda

Mr. Robinson reviewed the consent agenda and asked if any members would like any items removed from the consent agenda.

**Mrs. Borawski moved, seconded by Mrs. Joyce, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried 5-0.**

### D. New Business

#### FY2017 Budget Presentation

#### Special Education Cost Center

Mrs. Wilson reviewed the goals of the Student Services Department, reviewed the programs we currently have and reviewed the findings of the Walker report. Ms. Sybert went on to review the makeup and functions of this cost center. Mrs. Wilson also reviewed the budget drivers which include salary increases, an increase in out-of-district tuitions due to known and anticipated placements and an increase in special education transportation costs and the addition of the 1.0 Social Worker for the SSP Program. Decreases in this cost center include the reduction of .4 FTE Speech & Language Pathologist and a reduction in the use of the revolving fund offset from the Special Education Revolving Fund.

Mrs. Wilson reviewed the staffing changes.

Ms. Sybert reviewed the spending trends, staffing and expenses for this cost center.



The School Committee asked clarifying questions.

SEPAC parent Kate Goldlast read a statement from another parent supporting the addition of the BCBA staff member this year and the need for more to address the needs of our students.

### District-Wide Programs

Ms. Sybert reviewed the Health Services, Athletics, Extracurricular and District Technology cost centers. She reviewed the drivers to this cost center. As with all cost centers, contractual collective bargaining salary increases make up a major portion of the budget. There will also be increases in Extra-Curricular and Athletics offsets.

Ms. Sybert began the review of the individual cost centers.

The Health Services cost center will see increases in the salary line as a result of collective bargaining agreements. This cost center is level funded for all other categories.

Athletics budget drivers include increases in coach's and clerical salaries, facility rental costs and software licensing. There will be an increase in the offset from the Athletics revolving account as well.

Ms. Sybert shared athletic participation numbers which have stayed steady over the past few years, including the year the user fee was increased.

She went on to review the Extracurricular Programs. She reviewed the proposed budget.

Lastly Ms. Sybert reviewed the Network and Technology Maintenance Cost Center. Drivers in this cost center include increases in salaries, staff turnover, the restoration of .25 FTE from the School Transformation grant, software licensing and network hardware.

The School Committee asked clarifying questions.

The Committee was reminded that there is a Financial Forum on Wednesday and the board will meet on the 21<sup>st</sup> at which time they will hold the Public Hearing on the FY2017 budget. The budget presentations will continue with facilities and an overview of grants and revolving funds.

### III. Routine Matters

#### a. Bills and Payroll (A)

Warrant S1629	1.14.16	\$136,177.44
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#### b. Calendar

#### c. Information

- d. Future Business
- e. Adjournment

**Mrs. Borawski moved, seconded by Mrs. Joyce to adjourn. The motion carried 5-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

**NOTE:** The minutes reflect the order as stated in the posted meeting agenda not the order they occurred during the meeting.

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TO: Reading School Committee

FROM: John F. Doherty, Ed.D.  
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DATE: January 20, 2016

TOPIC: Continued FY2017 Discussion and Vote

At our meeting on Monday evening, we will continue our discussion of the FY2017 budget prior to voting the budget as the FY2017 School Committee Approved Budget.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

2015-2016 School Committee Meeting Date

		Calendar Topics		
Jan. 25th	School Committee	FY2017 Budget - Vote		
<b>Jan. 28th</b>	<b>School Committee (Tent.)</b>			
Feb. 8th	School Committee	MTSS/Challenge Day	Office Hours	Joyce-Robinson
		DCAP		
Feb. 22nd	School Committee			
<i>March 1st</i>	<i>Presidential Primary &amp; Local Election</i>			
		Makerspace		
March 7th	School Committee		Office Hours	Nihan-Webb
March 16th	FY17 Budget Presentation			Town Hall
		Grant Update		
March 21st	School Committee			
March 23rd	Fincom - 7:30 p.m.			Vote FY17 Budget & TM Articles
		Know Atom Science Pilot		
April 4th	School Committee		Office Hours	Joyce-Borawski
<i>April 25th</i>	<i>Town Meeting</i>			
		Special Education Update		
April 26th	School Committee			

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2015-2016 School Committee Meeting Date

<i>April 28th</i>	<i>Town Meeting</i>			
<i>May 2nd</i>	<i>Town Meeting</i>			
<i>May 5th</i>	<i>Town Meeting</i>			
May 9th	School Committee	REF Grant Update	Office Hours	School Choice Snow-Dockser-Nihan
May 23rd	School Committee			
<i>June 5th</i>	<i>RMHS Graduation</i>			
June 6th	School Committee	Teacher Recognition	Office Hours	Robinson-Webb
<i>June 20th</i>	<i>School Committee</i>			
1.21.16				

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