

TOWN OF NORWOOD
School Committee Meeting
Norwood High School Library
Monday, May 9, 2016

A meeting of the Norwood School Committee was held on Monday, May 9, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Mr. James Gormley, Chairman, Ms. Lisa Igoe (arrived at 6:45 p.m.); Mr. Patrick McDonough, Mrs. Michelle Eysie Mullen and Mrs. Myev Bodenhofer.

Administrators Present: Mr. James Hayden, Superintendent of Schools.

Approval of Minutes: None.

Correspondence: Chairman Gormley informed the Committee that they have been invited by Mr. Ted Mulvehill, Veteran's Agent, to march in the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 30th.

Warrants: None.

Public Forum: None.

Announcements: None.

Appearances: None.

Reports: None.

Policy: None.

Budget: None.

Old Business: None.

Personnel: None.

Consent Agenda: Acceptance of (2) Two Donations: Mr. Hayden recommended accepting the following donations:

-High School – Norwood High School PTO - \$7,30.56 (SAT Review Course);

-Bay State Textiles - \$35.00

-Balch	\$43.75
-Callahan	\$37.75
-Cleveland	\$76.25
-Oldham	\$32.75
-Prescott	\$46.25
-Willett ECC	\$15.50
-Coakley M.S.	\$26.00
-Norwood H.S.	\$43.50
-Savage Center	<u>\$30.25</u>
Total:	\$352.00

Mr. McDonough made a motion to approve both donations, which was seconded by Mrs. Bodenhofer. The Committee voted in favor 4-0.

Superintendent's Report and/or Late Agenda: Discussion of Other Town Meeting Articles as Required: Mr. Hayden reviewed that the School Committee Articles for the Special Town Meeting are:

- Article 8 (Long-Range Building Study);
- Article 9 (Request approval to transfer \$300,000 from a projected surplus in FY16 Group Insurance appropriation to the School Dept.'s current year's operating budget. (These funds to be used to pre-pay certain FY17 Special Education expenses);
- Article 15 (Snow and Ice).

New Business: Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles Long Range Building Study:

Mr. Hayden led the discussion regarding the process of creating an RFP for a Building Study should Town Meeting approve Article 8. A draft RFP had been prepared and the School Committee had an opportunity to review and discuss said RFP. It was proposed that a Committee be established comprised as follows:

- 1 Member of the School Committee;
- 1 Member of the Board of Selectmen;
- 1 Member of the Finance Commission;
- Two Town Meeting Members as appointed by the Town Moderator;
- Superintendent of Schools – Non-voting;
- Town Manager – Non-voting;
- Buildings and Grounds Director.

After some discussion, Mr. McDonough made a motion to increase the number of School Committee Members on the Committee to two (2) instead of one (1) and to decrease the Town Meeting Members from two (2) to one (1) to keep an

odd number of Committee Members, which was seconded by Mrs. Bodenhofer. The Committee voted unanimously in favor 5-0.

At 7:10 p.m., the Committee agreed to a five-minute recess.

At 7:15 p.m., Open Session resumed in the auditorium in a joint meeting with the Finance Commission. The full School Committee Board met with the following Members of the Finance Commission: Chairman Joseph Greeley, Mrs. Judith Langone, Mr. Alan Slater, and Mrs. Ann Marie Haley. Town Accountant Thomas McQuaid was also in attendance. Chairman Greeley opened up the discussion regarding Article 8 and the draft Request for Proposals. Chairman Gormley informed that the School Committee took a vote to amend Article 8 to include two (2) School Committee Members and one (1) Town Meeting Member for the new Committee to be established.

Chairman Greeley said the Finance Commission would like the School Facilities Manager involved.

Mr. Hayden said he would be involved as a non-voting member. The Members of the School Committee and the Finance Commission agreed to the following make up of the new Committee:

- 2 School Committee Members;
- 1 Member of the Board of Selectmen;
- 1 Member of the Finance Commission;
- 1 Town Meeting Member as appointed by the Town;
- Superintendent of Schools – Non-voting;
- Town Manager – Non-voting; and
- Buildings and Grounds Director – Non-voting.

There was also some discussion regarding the wording at the end of Article 8.

Chairman Greeley recommended removing the wording “*shall review and comment on the draft alternatives with the consultant prior to the final report being issued*” and adding instead the wording “*and the development of the report*”.

The Members of both Committees agreed to the aforementioned changes.

Mrs. Bodenhofer reminded that the Building Study should include the Savage Educational Center.

Chairman Greeley agreed that all School Department buildings, except the High School would be part of the study.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. McDonough made a motion to accept the amendments to Article 8, which was seconded by Mrs. Bodenhofer. The Members of the School Committee and the Finance Commission voted unanimously in favor.

School Committee Addenda: None.

Executive Session: None.

Adjournment: Mr. McDonough made a motion at 7:30 p.m. to adjourn, which was seconded by Mrs. Igoe. The Committee voted unanimously in favor 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Donna G. Doliner, Clerk
Norwood School Committee