

TOWN OF NORWOOD
Joint Meeting
Norwood School Committee / Board of Selectmen
James R. Savage Educational Center
Wednesday, November 5, 2014

A joint meeting of the Norwood School Committee and the Board of Selectmen was held on Wednesday, November 5, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Mr. John Badger, Chairman, Mrs. Courtney Rau-Rogers, Mr. James Gormley and Mr. Joseph Montesano.

Administrators Present: Mr. James Hayden, Superintendent of Schools and Dr. Alec Wyeth, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Curriculum and Assessment.

Selectmen Present: Mr. Michael Lyons, Chairman, Mrs. Helen Abdallah Donohue, Mr. William Plasko, Mr. Allan Howard and Mr. Paul Bishop.

New Business: Review Resumes of Candidates: Chairman of the Norwood School Committee, Mr. John Badger welcomed the candidates here this evening who wished to fill the vacancy on the Norwood School Committee. The interested candidates were Ms. Amanda Hayes, Mr. Michael Bergeron and Ms. Lisa Igoe. Chairman Badger informed that each candidate would be invited to speak about their qualifications one at a time, with the other two waiting in another room.

Ms. Amanda Hayes was the first candidate. She said she was a life-long resident of Norwood and has been an educator for over 20 years. Ms. Hayes said she is currently employed by St. Catherine's here in Norwood. She added that she has two children who are at good ages for her to make this commitment. Ms. Hayes said she feels she would make a good School Committee Member due to her strong affinity for education.

The Selectmen and the School Committee Members had an opportunity for questions and comments.

Mr. Bergeron said as a former School Committee Member who was working full-time, he felt he didn't have enough time to dedicate to the Committee. He feels that since he is now retired, he has plenty of time to give the Committee and he is committed to giving it his all. He said he has met both of the other candidates and feels both of them also, would make good School Committee Members. He explained that he would finish out the term if appointed and then, if he feels he is making a good contribution, he would run again.

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Ms. Igo said she is a lifelong member of the Norwood Community and has chosen to raise her 3 children here. She has worked as a nurse in the ER at Norwood Hospital and as a nurse at St. Catherine's. She has seen what's worked and what hasn't worked in Norwood. She ran for School Committee as a write-in in 2012 but did not win at that time. She said she has thought of running for a long time. Ms. Igo said she is very interested in making sure our children get a well-rounded education, including the extra-curricula's.

The Selectmen and School Committee Members had an opportunity for questions and comments.

Selection of New School Committee Member: Chairman Badger invited the Candidates back into the room for the voting process.

The votes were as follows:

Mr. Bishop	Mr. Bergeron
Mr. Gormley	Mr. Bergeron
Mrs. Rau-Rogers	Ms. Igoe
Chairman Badger	Mr. Bergeron
Chairman Lyons	Mr. Bergeron
Mr. Plasko	Mr. Bergeron
Mr. Montesano	Mr. Bergeron
Mrs. Donohue	Mr. Bergeron
Mr. Howard	Mr. Bergeron

Mr. Bergeron was declared the new School Committee Member.

The Committee Members had an opportunity to thank the candidates and encourage Ms. Hayes and Ms. Igoe to continue volunteering and running for public office as they both have much to offer.

Adjournment: Mrs. Rau-Rogers made a motion for adjournment at 7:25p.m., which was seconded by Mr. Gormley. The Committee voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Donna G. Doliner, Clerk
Norwood School Committee

