

TOWN OF NORWOOD  
School Committee Meeting  
James R. Savage Educational Center  
Thursday, July 17, 2014

A meeting of the Norwood School Committee was held on Thursday, July 17, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:** Mr. John Badger, Chairman, Mr. James Gormley, Mr. Joseph Montesano, Mrs. Courtney Rau-Rogers and Mr. Paul Samargedlis (arrived at 7:30 p.m.).

**Administrators Present:** Mr. James Hayden, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Alec Wyeth, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Curriculum and Assessment; and Ms. Ann Marie Ellis, Director of Finance and Operations.

**Minutes:** Chairman Badger said that there was one title change to the minutes of June 25, 2014. Mrs. Doliner said the change has been made.

Mr. Gormley made a motion to approve the minutes of June 25, 2014, which was seconded by Mr. Montesano. The Committee voted in favor 4-0.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Warrants:** Chairwoman Rau informed that there were warrants to be signed.

**Public Forum:** None.

**Announcements:** None.

**Appearances:** Chairman Badger suggested moving item *11.* up in the agenda as Mr. Paul Ricciardi is here to answer any questions regarding the proposed night Football Game and Field Hockey Games in October.

Mrs. Rau-Rogers made a motion to move this item up in the agenda, which was seconded by Mr. Montesano. The Committee voted in favor 4-0

Mr. Hayden said that Mr. Usevich was not able to be here this evening, but that the Members have received an updated report on the proposed sports nights (under the lights) from new Athletic Director, Jonathan Longley.

Date/Events

Friday, October 10, 2014	Football	Norwood vs. Wellesley	7:00 PM
Saturday, October 11, 2014	Field Hockey	Norwood vs. Dedham	7:00 PM

Cost Summary

Lights	\$2,400.00
Police Detail (4) Friday	880.00*
Police Detail (4) Saturday	880.00*
Custodians	840.00
Electrician	420.00
Grounds	280.00
	<u>\$5,700.00</u>

\*minimum \$720.00 - maximum \$1,040.00

Other Costs To Be Considered:

Ticket Takers  
Faculty Monitors

Funding:

\$3,000 to be underwritten by a local Norwood business.

Neighbors:

Continue to work to arrange a morning coffee meeting with neighbors.

**Reports:** None.

**Superintendent's Report and/or Late Agenda:** TEC Collaborative: Mr. Gormley has been our liaison to TEC, and informed that it is time to vote on a liaison for next year. Mr. Gormley has served this position for the past two years.

Mrs. Rau-Rogers nominated Mr. James Gormley to serve as liaison for another year, which was seconded by Mr. Montesano. The Committee voted in favor 4-0.

**New Business: Approval of 2014-2015 High School, Middle School, Elementary Schools and Willett Early Childhood Center Student Handbooks:**

The Committee Members received proposed revisions for the 2014-2015 Norwood High School Student Handbook.

Mrs. Rau-Rogers made a motion to approve the changes in said handbook, which was seconded by Mr. Gormley. The Committee voted in favor 5-0

The Committee Members received proposed revisions for the 2014-2015 Coakley Middle School Student Handbook.

Mr. Gormley made a motion to approve the changes in said handbook, which was seconded by Mrs. Rau-Rogers. The Committee voted in favor 5-0.

The Committee Members received proposed revisions for the 2014-2015 Elementary Schools Student Handbook.

Mrs. Rau-Rogers made a motion to approve the changes in said handbook, which was seconded by Mr. Gormley. The Committee voted in favor 5-0.

**Policy:** Approval of Legal References Change for: (1) Exclusions and Exemptions From School Attendance (JHD); (2) Student Rights and Responsibilities (JI); (3) Student Discipline (JK).

Mrs. Rau-Rogers made a motion to accept the proposed policy changes, which was seconded by Mr. Gormley. The Committee voted in favor 5-0.

**Budget:** FY14 Budget Update: Mr. Hayden informed that Ms. Ellis could not be here this evening, but the Members have received their Monthly Budget Report.

Mr. Hayden said that the fiscal year 2013-2014 Budget has been closed out and has ended with a \$0. Balance. Mr. Hayden thanked Ms. Ellis and her staff in the Business Office for their hard work this year with such a tight budget.

**Old Business:** Committee of 21 Update: Mr. Hayden said that at the second Committee of 21 Meeting, he presented a grid comparing local communities consisting of MCAS scores, tax rates, etc.

Mr. Hayden then said at the last Committee of 21 Meeting, it was proposed that they look into hiring a consultant to help with this process at a cost of \$30,000. There was some discussion as to how this consultant would be funded. It was suggested that the Town pay for part of it and the School Department pay for part of it. An RFP has been put out.

Mrs. Rau-Rogers said she would not support the Schools spending any money for a consultant when every year this School Department works hard to educate the students on a limited budget.

Mr. Samargedlis said he feels the Committee of 21 are trying to figure out how to best support the School System with a limited budget. Mr. Samargedlis said he truly feels that many people do not understand the demographics of the students we are trying to educate. He feels this Committee will be all right when they find their rhythm.

Mrs. Rau-Rodgers said the School Department has the information they want to pay a consultant to find out as we were just recently audited.

There was much discussion regarding the Committee of 21 and what they are hoping to accomplish.

Approval of 2014-2015 School Committee Meeting Dates: Mrs. Rau-Rogers made a motion to approve the 2014-2015 School Committee Dates, which was seconded by Mr. Gormley. The Committee voted unanimously in favor 5-0.

2014-2015 School Committee Meeting Schedule  
(All Meetings will be at the Savage Educational Center)

Wednesday, September 10, 2014 @ 7 PM  
**Monday**, September 22, 2014 @ 7:00 PM  
Wednesday, October 8, 2014 @ 7:00 PM  
Wednesday, October 29, 2014 @ 7:00 PM  
Wednesday, November 5, 2014 @ 7:00 PM  
Wednesday, November 19, 2014 @ 7:00 PM  
Wednesday, December 3, 2014 @ 7:00 PM  
Wednesday, December 17, 2014 @ 7:00 PM  
Wednesday, January 14, 2015 @ 7:00 PM  
Wednesday, January 28, 2015 @ 7:00 PM  
Wednesday, February 11, 2015 @ 7:00 PM  
Wednesday, February 25, 2015 @ 7:00 PM  
Wednesday, March 11, 2015 @ 7:00 PM  
Wednesday, March 25, 2015 @ 7:00 PM  
Wednesday, April 8, 2015 @ 7:00 PM  
Wednesday, April 29, 2015 @ 7:00 PM  
Wednesday, May 6, 2015 @ 7:00 PM  
Wednesday, May 20, 2015 @ 7:00 PM  
Wednesday, June 3, 2015 @ 7:00 PM  
Wednesday, June 17, 2015 @ 7:00 PM

**Personnel:** Coakley Middle School Vice Principal Updates: Mr. Hayden was happy to announce that interviews have ended and two candidates have been chosen for the Vice Principal positions at the Coakley Middle School.

Ms. Deborah Romeo (worked in the Lowell Public Schools) has been hired for Vice Principal for Instruction.

Mr. Brian Scully (formerly worked in Randolph, Whitman-Hanson) has been hired for Vice Principal for Discipline.

Mr. Hayden said both of these new staff members will be at the Coakley Middle School in August.

**School Committee Addenda:** Mr. Montesano had none.

Mrs. Rau-Rogers recently spoke with a resident at the Farmer's Market who wanted information regarding how many students played sports last year and how many scholarships were given out

Mr. Hayden said we have a 28% poverty factor in Norwood (Free and Reduced Lunch) and those students qualify for Athletic Scholarships. He added that money should not restrict activities for students.

Mr. Samargedlis had none.

Mr. Gormley recently spoke with a resident who asked if people can make donations towards athletic fees for High School Students. Mr. Gormley reminded that the Norwood Schools gratefully accept donations and the checks should be accompanied by a letter with specific instructions on how the money should be used.

**Executive Session:** None.

**Adjournment:** Mrs. Rau-Rogers made a motion for adjournment at 8:30 p.m., which was seconded by Mr. Montesano. The Committee voted unanimously in favor 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Donna G. Doliner, Clerk  
Norwood School Committee